Welcome back to our fabulous performers and award winners from their fantastic trip to Sydney. By all accounts our students represented us with exceptional behaviour. Special thanks must go to the organising staff who ensured no detail was spared. This tour was an exceptionally large one as it included members of the women’s choir and special thanks must go to our wonderful colleagues at Lindfield East Public school and the Fat Yabs without whose financial support this trip would just not have happened. Stay tuned for the televised School Spectacular to be screened in its entirety on new years eve.

The year continues to gather pace and in the next two and a half weeks a multitude of tasks will be taking place, one which is a little out of the box is a unit of work our year 5 to 8 students are undertaking. Our students have the task of organising our end of year celebrations and with the guidance of staff have commenced work researching, surveying and planning how to put on the best end of year party ever!

Year 12 formal, Junior primary Big Day Out excursion, Carols by Candlelight, School presentation and the end of year celebration all mean the last few weeks will be incredibly busy here at school. The last day for students will be December 19th. If you have any questions or concerns about the end of year activities please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Daryl Irvine
Term 4—Week 8

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
To subscribe to the distribution list email: menindee-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.menindee-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
Available for $0.50 at: Albermarle Hotel, Australia Post, Coombes Service Station, Darling River Supermarket, Maiden’s Hotel, Red Sands Takeaway

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**Important notice for parents**
Supervision for students is from 8:30am. Please do not send your child/children to school before this time.

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**House T-Shirts** available for $20.00 from the Front Office.

**Student Banking** each Thursday. Please have your money and deposit books to the front office before the start of the school day.

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**Lee Astill**
2nd December

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**Start the term with a nice new school shirt.**
We have yellow and white polo shirts, with the school emblem available from the front office.
Sizes 4 to 16 $20.00
Sizes small to 4XL $25.00

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**SCHOOL BUS Reminder to parents**
Students need to be at their designated collection points in the mornings at the correct time.....
The bus will not wait for students who are not at their stops on time.

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**Date and Time**

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**Changes to the School bus run this week**
Due to the visit from Killara High School this week there will be no school bus run on Tuesday afternoon (27th). Wednesday morning and afternoon (28th), Thursday afternoon (29th) and Friday afternoon (30th).
The School apologises for any inconvenience.

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**If you like Rugby League you’ll love ...**

Want to try something new...

**MIXED OZTAG**
6 pm Wednesday Evenings @ the Town Oval Starting 31st Oct
Great Prizes.. Get a team of 8 or more together or just put your name down and we’ll put you in a team! $20 nomination per team. ESKY sales and entry fee to support Yr 12.
Nominate at the School, Post Office or Police Station
Presentation Night Contributions

The school will be conducting its annual Presentation Night on Thursday 13th December 2012, at the school hall commencing at 6:00pm. The awards presented on the night recognise student achievement and effort in a variety of academic and sporting areas as well as service to the school and local community.

We depend on financial support from individuals, organisations and business houses that the school has contact with throughout the year so that we can purchase prizes for award recipients. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

If you are able to support our Presentation Night, please send your contribution to the front office by Wednesday 5th December 2012.

If you have any questions please contact Georgia Shephard at the school.

The school would like to thank you for considering this matter.

“Parents with Babies”
Music Classes

This Friday
(and every second Friday thereafter)

Where: Music Room
Time: 10.30– 11.15

Calling for performers for Menindee Carols by Candlelight 14/12/12
Contact William Mafi
At the school.
Emotion Poems by 1/2

Happiness

Happiness is yellow like the sun.
It tastes like hot chocolate.
It smells like flowers.
It looks like a rainbow.
It sounds like splashing.
It feels like making a snow angel.
Katelayne

Anger

Anger is a red fiery dragon.
It tastes like a bitter yucky lemon.
It smells like rotting fish.
It looks like someone kicking furniture and not listening.
It sounds like screaming at each other.

It feels like you’re getting annoyed by someone.
Jasmine

Happiness
Happiness is blue like the sky.
It tastes like honey chocolate.
It smells like chocolate melting.
It looks like laughing children.
It feels like snow balls on a winter day.
James

Happiness
Happiness is yellow like the sun.
It tastes like marshmallows on the fire.
It smells like fish and nuggets.
It looks like a rainbow.
It sounds like happy screaming.
It feels like cotton wool.
Tristan

Happiness
Happiness is gold like the sun.
It tastes like marshmallows on the fire.
It smells of flowers in the wind.
It looks like rainbows and fluffy clouds.
It feels just like love.

Wren

Happiness
Happiness is purple like the butterflies wings.
It tastes like melted chocolate.
It smells chicken in the oven.
It looks like a rainbow in the sky.
It sounds like children giggling.
It feels like wool.
Tayla

Happiness
Happiness is yellow like the sun.
It tastes like cold ice cream from McDonalds.
It smells like cupcakes in the oven.
It looks like smiling children playing in the park.
It sounds like the wind blowing.
It feels like clouds in the sky.
Trinity
Parent tips for use in school newsletters and on school websites –

PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL

When your teen's new best friend is a bad influence
Best friends are a key part of adolescents’ lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child’s best buddy is a bad influence? Experts discuss different approaches.


PRIMARY SCHOOL

Copying and plagiarism
Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It’s an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware

Help your kids enjoy reading
How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading

HIGH SCHOOL

Exploring careers by subject
Help your child to broaden their ideas about work and career paths. Bullseye posters have been designed to help your child assess career and training options based on 33 subjects. Each includes sample career biographies by young people. Find our more: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/CareersandTransitions/CareerDevelopment/Resources/Pages/CareerBullseyeposters.aspx

Work and study advice
There is a range of school staff who can help your child navigate their way through study and training options. Student support is provided by key people such as careers advisers, transition advisers, year advisers and school counsellors. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/schoolleaveage/options/atyourservice.php
More and more of our students are gaining their new wrist bands each day, and many will receive it at this Friday’s assembly. Which means all ‘wristbanders’ will be able to take advantage of:

50c Nippy’s on Friday this week.

Also, stay tuned for a random announcement from Mr Irvine, inviting all wristbanders to meet and pick up a cool treat sometime during school over the next few days!!!

Next week, there will be a new cool zone announced – and it is guaranteed to be cool in this hot hot weather, and a new special privilege available at Red Sands. Details to be announced shortly.

KEEP TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER....
MEDIA RELEASE

PLEASE NOTE IMAGES TO BE SORTED AND WILL BE SENT ASAP – IF HAVE PARTICULAR REQUEST TO MEET DEADLINE, PLEASE E-MAIL

26 November 2012

Schools Spectacular triumph told local Western performers it really was their time

Local performers are back at their Western NSW schools today still on a high from the generous applause of appreciative audiences at the Schools Spectacular.

Playing to four huge audiences that packed the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Friday and Saturday, the students joined a cast of some 3600 public school students, including Western NSW Region students from:

- Bathurst Public School (D)
- Bedgerebong Public School (SS)
- Broken Hill High School (C)
- Calare Public School (C, D)
- Cobar High School (D)
- Cowra Public School (D)
- Denison College of Secondary Education Bathurst High Campus (C, D, H)
- Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus (D, H)
- Dubbo Public School (D)
- Eglinton Public School (D)
- Lithgow High School (CC)
- Forbes High School (D)
- Forbes Public School (A)
- Menindee Central School (DE, E)
- Mulyan Public School (D)
- Nyngan High School (A, D, H)
- Oberon HS (H)
- Orange High School (FA, C, D, A, T, O)
- Orange Public School (C)
- Peak Hill Central School (A)
- Trangie Central School (A)

Living up to the theme, Our Time, Relieving Director, Sonja Benson said this year’s show has ranked up with the best of the 29 Schools Spectaculars.

"Our theme, Our Time, was inspired by the Stephen Sondheim song and the performers really lived up to that inspiration," Ms Benson said.

"Mr Sondheim wrote from New York encouraging the students in the Schools Spectacular.

"They performed as if they were those he wrote about" the movers, the shakers, those we will read about in tomorrow's papers."

"The Schools Spectacular is more than just a show like no other, for each of the 3600 students who play some part in the event it is an experience like no other.

"There is no doubt it contributes to their success in school, work and life.

"They learn valuable lessons, such as collaborating with others, striving for goals, attaining new heights and sharing the success of a job well done.

"Teamwork, working co-operatively with others and playing a part in the success of an enterprise are not only attributes they can take into life, but they were fundamental to making this Schools Spectacular one of the best ever."
"The Schools Spectacular is a tremendous example of the opportunities, values and excellence that is the core of NSW public schools."

Ms Benson said she was thrilled and proud of how everyone played their part and put enormous energy into their role.

"Everyone was a star in this year’s Schools Spectacular," Ms Benson said.

"Whether a featured artist, chorister, musician, dancer, foyer entertainer, teacher, member of the production team or one of the HSC VET Industries Studies team, the show’s success depended on them."

Local students may appear in the one-hour broadcast of the Schools Spectacular that will be televised across Australia at 6:00pm on Sunday, 16 December on ABC 1 and will be able to re-live the Schools Spectacular experience as they count down to the New Year with a two-and-a-half-hour show on ABC 2.

Media enquiries: Grant Hatch Media Liaison Officer 02 63348080 / 0419 284243

**KEY TO AREAS OF PARTICIPATION**

(Note: Not all areas detailed, particularly most schools with musicians as these lists are still being finalised)

FA = Featured artist
A = Aboriginal Dance Group
C = Combined Choir
D = Dance
DD = Disabilities Dance Ensemble
DT = Dance team
E = Featured Ensemble
F = Foyer Entertainment
H = Boys Hip Hop Dance
JB = Junior Ballet Ensemble
M = Music Team
MM = Millennium Marching Band
MT = Musical Theatre Ensemble

NERC = New England Regional Choir
NERE = New England Regional Ensemble
NERID = New England Regional Indigenous
Dance
O = Orchestra
P = Production team
S = Stage Band
SB = Senior Ballet Ensemble
SS = Small Schools Marimba Band Foyer
Entertainment
T = Tap Ensemble
U = Urban dance crew

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990 and 992 – Talent Development Project graduates, singer/guitarist Chris Rose and rapper/didge/doo performer Bruce Carr who have worked with the Menindee Central School were the focus of the 10,000 strong audiences as they performed the specially written song Menindee Train.
LITTLE KIDS AND BOOKS
@ MCC

Where:
Menindee Children’s Centre

When:
Term 4 fortnightly
Thursday 29th November
Thursday 13th December

Time: 10:30am -12:00pm

What is little kids and books?
A fortnightly activity for families with little kids 0 - 3 years

What do you do?
Enjoy songs, action rhymes, eat a healthy morning tea and share a book together with your little kids.

For more information contact: Prissy & Dimity
(08) 08 80 914 209 Menindee Health Service
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Classified Ads

All submissions for the school news are to be in by Monday 3pm. A written copy can be left at the school/Post Office addressed to ‘SCHOOL NEWS’. Your advert must have your name, address, phone number and signature—this same limit applies to teachers. Every endeavor will be made to print all submitted articles; however, due to a ‘space limit’ some articles may have to be held over or reduced to suit our requirements.

Advertising costs are: $4.40 (basic advert), $11.00 (quarter page), $22.00 (half page) and $44.00 (full page) per week.

Payment is required when placing advert.

PLEASE REMEMBER: IF SELLING A CAR OR MOTORBIKE YOU MUST INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OR ENGINE NUMBER. Adverts without this information will NOT be included, phone 8091 4409.

Lucky ball Numbers 1-6-8-9-14-17 Winners NIL, Jackpot: $989.00 Numbers 1-18.

Pooncarie Cricket Trip

On Sunday December 2nd a Menindee team will travel to Pooncarie to take on the locals in a game of cricket.

Travel will be by school bus departing at 9am.

Expressions of interest to Adam Bailey. Players and supporters welcome.

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

Are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

For further enquires please phone Alisa Jackson on 0428793890

Catholic Church Services

10:00am
1st Saturday of the month
Remainders on Sunday

All Welcome

Christmas Carol Service

The Broken Hill Uniting Church Choir will present a service of carols and reading at the Civic Hall on Sunday 2nd December at 2:30pm.

The choir has been here on previous years and will sing carols old and new, everyone is welcome.

Bush Fire Danger Season

Season 1st October to 31st March

Permits must be obtained from permit office before lighting or using a fire in the open during the fire danger period

Gary Rolton

Owing to the damage of fences & stock on the Menindee common

any unauthorised people caught trespassing will be dealt with by the police

Menindee Common Secretary

Bob Looney

Thank You to Fiula Havili
For the fruit, much appreciated

Susan Dargin

Flying Padre

The dates I will be at the school and the communities are:

December: as required

People can contact me anytime if they need support or a chat.

Church Services

November 25th
December - to be advised but there will be a Christmas Day service on the 25th

Jorge Rebolledo

0459318083
0880884404
Menindee Charities Xmas Fair 2012

The Fair was enjoyed by many even though the day was hot and many were away on school excursions as well as sport activities.

Many thanks to community stall holders who made the fair an exciting place to shop.

There were three winners of the Menindee Charities Xmas Raffle this year.

First Prize won by Lynne Channing was MONSTER hamper including fresh ham, Christmas pudding, voucher for a cooked chicken and a decorated Christmas cake.

Second Prize won by Marcus Rosenberg (Richmond, Melbourne) was a LARGE Christmas hamper which included everything for a fabulous festive Christmas feast.

Third Prize won by Karly Fennell was a hamper of Christmas goodies including a decorated Christmas cake.

Members of Menindee Charities contributed to the hampers, which raised more than $700.

We wish to thank Jimmy Rudd for all her wondrous organising skills for the success of the day and hope she recovers her good health rapidly.

We also thank all those who helped on the day and wish everyone a happy and safe festive season.

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Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I write this email to you all today.

Over the past few months we have been dealing with several significant family challenges, which unfortunately are not finding the resolution we had hoped.

Because of these now overwhelming family situations, we have made the difficult and heartrending decision to return back to Sydney.

While we do not want to leave, we feel that our family must take priority at this point in time.

God only knows why things happen when and how they do and I (Jorge) for one, am having difficulty understanding this particular course my life is taking.

God only knows why things happen when and how they do and I (Jorge) for one, am having difficulty understanding this particular course my life is taking. But even though our time in Broken Hill has been cut short, we have had the most amazing experiences over the past 2 years and thank each and every one of you for the friendship, support and kindness that you have shown us.

Frontier Services has been very understanding and gracious and rest assured they will find a replacement who will love the bush and its people as much as we have.

I (Jorge) will be patrolling in November and December and will vacate the position in February 2013.

Grace and Peace

Susan and Jorge
JOHN WILLIAMS MP  
Member for Murray-Darling

will be available for appointments in Menindee on

**Friday 23 November 2012**

Please contact the Broken Hill Office on **(08) 8087 3315** to make an appointment.

Email: murraydarling@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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We would like to thank the Menindee Fat Yabs team for their generous donation to the preschool. This money has been spent on purchasing new equipment to use in the outdoor learning area to further support the importance of regular exercise and leading a healthy lifestyle. After lengthy discussions the children decided they would like to use the funds to purchase a playground set which includes various ball, bats, launchers, jumping sacks, beans bags, skipping ropes and frisbee's etc. We are also purchasing some pumps for our water play and a rock climbing wall to add to our obstacle course. We look forward to using these new resources and thank the Fat Yabs for this generous donation, it is very much appreciated!

Hayley D'Ettorre  
Director/Teacher
REMOTE JOBS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM 2013-2018

JOBS AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Call for Expressions of Interest for the conduct of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program 2013-2018

The Australian Government is making major changes to remote employment, participation and community-development services, including Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP).

The new Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) will provide a simpler, more integrated and flexible approach to services in identified Remote Regions from 1 July 2013.

A call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to conduct RJCP activities was released on 2 October 2012. To access the EOI interested parties must register with AusTender at www.tenders.gov.au. Once registered, the EOI can be downloaded from AusTender.

All organisations interested in conducting the RJCP activities are encouraged to apply, including smaller organisations that may form part of a provider partnership. All applicants will need to demonstrate their ability to work with communities in the regions they apply for, as well as the capacity to deliver services.

From 8 - 19 October 2012, Information Sessions will be conducted in the Remote Regions to discuss the EOI process with potential applicants. In addition, two web conference sessions will be conducted for those interested who cannot attend a face to face session in a Remote Region.

The locations of the information sessions are provided in the list below.

All enquiries about the EOI and to book in to attend an information session or web conference session must be directed to the Employment Services Hotline or mailbox:

DEEWR Employment Services Purchasing Hotline: 1300 733 514
(Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Canberra time)
Mailbox: espurchasing@deewr.gov.au

For more information on the EOI, visit www.deewr.gov.au/esprocurement
For more information on the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, including maps of the regions, go to www.deewr.gov.au/rjcp
Inquiries on the Remote Jobs and Communities Program can be directed to:
Mailbox: remotesservices@deewr.gov.au
LET'S LAUNCH THE
MENINDEE
CULTURAL GARDEN

Western CMA & Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council

Wednesday, December 5
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Official Opening by The Hon. Sussan Ley
Federal Member for Farrer

Special Guest Appearance by David Shillington -
Captain of the Canberra Raiders

Onsite at Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council
Yartla Street, Menindee
BBQ Lunch Provided
Beyond Cafe
Menindee Enterprise Park

OPEN EVERY WEEKEND — ON SUNDAYS
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Cappuccino
Flat White
Hot Chocolate
Latte
Tea
Spiders
Milkshakes
Thickshakes
Cheesecakes
Pancakes
Mini Pavlova

Special Guest Artist
Helen Bub-Connor
From 3:00 pm