Principal's Report

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Sergeant Roberts, Daryl and I met yesterday morning to see how we could strengthen our working relationship. This was done in the context of community tension that we saw as a trend away from the good relationships that had existed. The meeting allowed us to discuss certain issues and develop a greater understanding.

We spoke freely and frankly. We agreed that we would like to work more collaboratively in the interest of the community especially as we get closer to Christmas a time of good will to all.

We resolved to make a statement in this newsletter this week and that a weekly meeting would occur until the end of the school year to discuss any issues arising. We will be meeting next week at the police station. This collaboration is a tangible step to make Connected Communities working together a reality.

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME:
All articles for the school news are to be presented to the front office by COB Monday.
Any articles after this time will be added the following week. Please submit documents if emailing, please send in word format.
Thank you. Front office staff.

No Canteen

There will be no canteen open on the 17th, 18th & 19th December.
Sorry for any inconvenience.
**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 50c at: Albermarle Hotel, Australia Post, Coombes Service Station, Darling River Supermarket, Maiden’s Hotel, Red Sands Takeaway

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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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**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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**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.**
Parent Information:

DIGITAL EDUCATION REVOLUTION – NSW (DER-NSW)

Since 2009 the DER-NSW program has successfully delivered over 250,000 laptops to year 9 students, installed wireless access points in over 21,000 learning spaces, provided professional learning experiences to teachers and leaders across the state, developed more than 250 online resources and supported schools with 560 school based Technology Support Officers. 2013 will see the final rollout of 63,500 laptops. Under DER-NSW Menindee Central School received 80 laptops, had wireless access installed in many spaces and a Technology Support Officer employed part time from 2009-2013.

The DER-NSW one to one laptop program has led to enhanced access to computers and the internet for students, teachers and students’ families, plus the movement of teaching practice towards the skills of the 21st century, greater access for students to global information resources and tools and improved motivation and engagement of students. (Source: The 2010-2012 evaluation of DER-NSW by the University of Wollongong)

New arrangements from 2013

The Australian Government’s DER National Partnership Funding finishes at the end of 2013. Students who have already received laptops or alternate technology under this program (i.e. years 10, 11 and 12 2013) will continue to use them under the terms of the Laptop User Charter while remaining at a government school, with transfer of ownership on final completion of year 12. In 2013 there will be a roll out of laptops to schools, similar to previous years. This is to be based on Year 9 student numbers.

In 2013 laptops allocated to schools become school property. Thus any allocations to students are to be done as loans to students. Parents will be required to sign a Laptop Loan Charter. Since the 2013 laptops will not be considered part of the state wide pool, there will be no transfers of laptops between schools unless an arrangement is made between principals. This includes when a student moves to a new school.

It is the decision of our school however to continue the already in place model of laptop distribution and use by students in year 9 with the upcoming allocation of devices that should arrive in early 2013.

Our school will continue to plan how best to continue integration of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) into teaching and learning and to take advantage of emerging technologies and new ICT devices in ways that will best meet the learning needs of our students.
Presentation Night Contributions

The school will be conducting its annual Presentation Night on Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} 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 5\textsuperscript{th} 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.
Parent tips for use in school newsletters and on school websites – 30 November 2012

PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL

Leaving your child at home alone
Making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.

PRIMARY

Developing a team spirit
Team sports help kids to learn that things don’t go their way all the time, and that they need to respect their peers. They also help kids with resilience and how to respond to setbacks.

Confidence in public
Kids need to develop their skills for speaking in front of others long before their 21st birthday. If your tips for keeping nerves at bay during public speaking are limited to imagining your audience in their underwear, here is some advice to help your child prepare for their big moment in the spotlight.

HIGH SCHOOL

Motivating lazy children
Why do some children lead a lazybones life, while others tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?

Body image

For girls
Body image is the number one personal concern for young people aged between 12 and 24, with research showing they feel under more pressure than ever to look a certain way. In a revealing podcast, an expert in the area explains what healthy behaviour is and what parents should be concerned about.

For boys
Body image issues don’t only affect girls and young women. Some boys also worry excessively and unnecessarily about their weight and the way they look. This podcast discusses the signs to look for when your child has body image issues and what you can do to help.
**Hip Hop Music Workshops**

Two weeks ago, all students who were at school participated in some very cool music workshops with some young artists from the group “Heaps Decent”.

These people helped students out with writing their own raps and lyrics, making up beats, and then recording them.

Below are some of the efforts of some of our students:

MY NAME IS DAVID
I WATCH TV
FLICKING THROUGH THE CHANNELS
FROM HALF PAST THREE
SURFING EACH CHANNEL
ALL DAY LONG
I JUST WISH THERE
WAS SOMETHING GOOD ON.
-David Vili

I LIKE MUSIC,
TORI IS MY NAME
I LISTEN TO SONGS
AGAIN AND AGAIN
NICKI MINAJ AND ONE DIRECTION
I WATCH X FACTOR, AND I FEEL A CONNECTION. – TORI JOHNSTON

ON ANOTHER FIELD TRIP AGAIN…
GONNA GET SOME TIME TO BE ALONE
FEEL THE SILENCE FOR A FEW SECONDS
MY BROTHERS AND I LIVE IN THE PUB
DAD’S THE BOSS,
MUM COOKS THE GRUB.
WE HAVE A DOG, WHO DIDN’T DO RIGHT
RUBBED THE WET PAINT, AND NOW HE’S WHITE! (SARAH WILLIAMS)

IT’S DJ AJ IN THE HOUSE,
I’M PLAYING MY TUNES, AND I’M PLAYING ‘EM LOUD.
I CAN PLAY DANCE, OR PLAY HIP HOP,
ONCE I START, I NEVER STOP. (AJ BRIAR)

We look forward to hearing the finished versions of our songs!!!!
Positive Behaviour
For Learning
BEING SAFE
BEING SMART
SHOWING RESPECT

Wristbanders!
50 c Nippy’s from the canteen this Wednesday and Friday…
Cool Zone: this week is the Art room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Show your wristband to gain entry…
Stay tuned to find out about our Red Sand Specials!!!

Wear your wristband with pride…
Keep Taking Care Of Each Other….

PARENTS AND BABIES:
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
End of Year / Christmas Baby Music Class

When: Friday December 7
Time: 9.30 – 10.45
Where: the South room, next to Kinder’s.
Bring: your dancing shoes, your singing voice and a sense of humour!! (and your babies..)
CLOSING DOWN SALE
AT THE CANTEEN
EVERY THING MUST GO !!!
WHILE STOCK LASTS

PIZZA, SPAGHETTI, BURGERS, NUGGETS, TOASTED
SANDWICHES, EGG & BACON MUFFINS, ORIENTAL
& SPICY BITES, CHICKEN WRAPS  AND MORE—
EVERY THING THAT CAN BE SOLD WILL BE SOLD!!!
DISCOUNTED PRICING ONLY TO THOSE WHO
PRE-ORDER HOT FOODS
CHIPS, DRINKS & FROZEN TREATS
GET IN QUICK, ONCE IT’S GONE IT’S GONE!!!
STARTS TUESDAY DECEMBER 11 UNTIL
FRIDAY DECEMBER 14
CASH ONLY
2013 Preschool Enrolment Information

In 2013 families with preschool children are offered the following.

Four year olds—The children who will start ‘big’ school in 2014

(Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of 2014 if they turn five on or before 31 July in that year.)

Full days Monday to Thursday.... No Preschool Fridays. EVERY Thursday will be spent at the Central School in the preschool transition class with preschool educators.

Three year olds—The children who will NOT start school in 2014

Are offered THREE full days each week, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, OR alternatively three half days or a mixture of full and half days.

Two year olds—The children who will turn 3 after July 2013

Are offered ONE FULL day each TUESDAY at preschool. Or alternately a half day on this Tuesday.

ENROLMENT AFTERNOON FOR ALL CHILDREN

If your child will be attending preschool in 2013 they must be enrolled by the end of this term. On Monday 17th December, between 1pm—4.30pm we are having an enrolment afternoon at preschool. So come along and join us for afternoon tea and get all your child’s enrolment info ready for a fresh start in 2013. PLEASE BRING ALONG

- Your child’s Birth Certificate
- Current Immunisation details (Eg. Blue Book)
- If you wish to set up Centrepay through Centrelink to pay fee’s, please also bring along your Centrelink Customer Reference Number.

Uniforms (optional)..... We have sizes 2, 4, 6 & 8 available in polo shirts and windcheaters.

Polo Shirts $18.00 & Jumpers $21.00. These are available to purchase anytime.

Preschool staff and committee would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!

We thank everybody for their support throughout 2012 and look forward to your continued support in 2013!
LITTLE KIDS AND BOOKS
@ MCC

Where:
Meninadee Children’s Centre

When:
Term 4 fortnightly
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

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 2-3-5-7-10-12 Winners NIL, Jackpot: $1017.00Numbers 1-18.

Pooncarie Cricket Trip

On Sunday December 2nd a Menindee team will travel to Pooncarie 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.

GORGEOUS KELPIE PUPPIES

Both Parents excellent workers READY TO GO

Phone Rochdale Station on 80916474/0409104395 If you are interested

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

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

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

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

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PRODUCER INTERNSHIP - FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION

( Salary Range $43,241 - $51,175 including superannuation)

Blackfella Films is an indigenous owned, independent film and television production company. Our productions include the documentary series First Australians, the telemovie Made and the drama series Redfern Now.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hard working Indigenous person to take up a paid internship as a producer within the company for a period of up to three years. The position is based in Sydney, and applicants should be able to travel for work if required.

You must be committed to making quality and compelling Indigenous films, television and online media projects. You will be involved in all of the company's activities, acquiring skills in developing stories, production, financing, marketing and distribution.

The successful applicant must have good written and oral communication skills. Some experience in media production is preferable but not essential. Further training will be provided in addition to hands-on experience.

Please send your applications with full resume and contact details for referees to:
info@blackfellafilms.com.au or post to 12 Cecil St Paddington NSW 2021

Applications close on 7 December 2012.

All shortlisted applicants will be advised by 15 December, and should be available for interview on 21 December 2012.

It is expected that the successful applicant will be available to commence work in January 2013.

All enquiries should be directed to Blackfella Films on 02 9350 4000 or info@blackfellafilms.com.au

This position is a targeted industry development measure supported by the Indigenous Department of Tourism Australia.

Next February marks the 5th anniversary of the apology to the Stolen Generations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It is a very important time for us to have opportunities to reflect on the importance of this occasion as well as continue to build our community understanding of the importance of the apology.

As such the Healing Foundation is pleased to be releasing a micro grant funding round to assist communities across Australia to commemorate and celebrate the 5th anniversary of the national apology on the 17th of February 2013.

This year’s theme Healing our Past, Building our Future celebrates people, programs and activities that, since the Apology in 2009, are building on healing young people, Stolen Generations, Elders and families in our communities.

The grants will help communities across our nation:

- To celebrate the people, programs and activities in our communities that are healing our Stolen Generations members and strengthening our communities.
- To raise awareness of the National Apology and tell the story of the Stolen Generations.
- To highlight the history and issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities and the healing that has taken place.
- To bring together our communities, young and old, Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Grants available are from $500 to $1000 and will enable communities to hold events that assist communities to come together and commemorate and celebrate the apology in their local community.

Applications close on the 15th of December 2012, and all applicants will be advised of the outcome of the funding round in the week of the 17th of December 2012 so that you have time to plan your events before the apology.

We look forward to receiving your applications and supporting your events across the country.

Lisa Hillen
Programs Director
p 02 8234 4402 f 02 8232 6854 m 0487 779 119

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program Canberra

Is recruiting new candidates NOW

Indigenous young people aged 16 – 24 from remote areas who wish to relocate to the Australian Capital Territory to engage in higher education, pursue an apprenticeship, cadetship or traineeship may be eligible to join our program. We provide subsidised, supervised and supported accommodation in the ACT along with mentoring, career planning and numerous other support mechanisms so that young indigenous people can achieve their goals.

Testing and Assessment will be held in the Australian Capital Territory 15th – 17th January 2013

Cost: Free for Eligible Candidates – Travel, Accommodation and Meals provided

Please send your Applications to the IYMP Coordinator by Friday 21st December 2012

For more information or an application form call Michelle Nielsen on (02) 6283 5142 or 0407 457 366 / imymp@auswidprojects.com.au

Agriculture and Water Resources Agency, Government of Australian Capital Territory

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MURRAY-DARLING COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO DEVELOP YOUNG LEADERS

A local project that encourages Aboriginal young people to become more involved in the community will share in a new $5.1 million initiative, Youth Opportunities, the Member for Murray-Darling John Williams announced today.

The Griffith Skills Training Centre will receive a $99,724 grant to support its Driving for Training, Education & Community Engagement project aimed at 37 young Aboriginal people aged 18 to 25 years across western NSW, including the communities of Ivanhoe, Wilcannia and Menindee.

The project will assist young Aboriginal people to gain a drivers licence as well as improve their language, literacy and numeracy skills, increasing their employability and involvement in community activities.

Mr Williams said he and the Member for Murrumbidgee Adrian Piccoli and the Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries welcomed the funding.

“We all benefit when young people are more involved in community life and I’m sure this funding will be greatly appreciated by the communities of Ivanhoe, Wilcannia and Menindee,” Mr Williams said.

An initiative of the NSW Government, Youth Opportunities aims to improve access to youth-led and youth-driven activities in locally based sport and recreation, cultural and other activities.

The Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello, who is responsible for Youth Affairs, said more than 30 projects across the state that will help young people become leaders in their local communities had received funding under Youth Opportunities.

“Research shows that with proper support and opportunity, young people can address a range of risk factors in their lives and play a greater role in their communities,” Mr Dominello said.

“This includes young people living on society’s margins and at risk of disengaging from our community, who will respond to local mentoring and support.

“Enhancing their skills and confidence also increases young people’s opportunities to link with training and employment.

“A portion of the Youth Opportunities funding is also being set aside for targeted initiatives in key project areas or to address a particular youth issue.

“Given the right opportunities, the young leaders we nurture today will hopefully become the elder statesmen society can turn to in the future.”

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Contact: John Williams 0438 808 722
$4.5M to Help Prevent Suicide in Indigenous Communities

Up to $4.5 million in funding for projects to tackle the high rate of indigenous suicide are now available for application until 21 December.

Minister for Mental Health Mark Butler said community-led projects targeting suicide prevention were an important part of addressing issue.

“Funding for projects specifically targeting suicide prevention in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is a vital part of the Government’s suicide prevention strategy.”

“We have redoubled our efforts in suicide prevention through our $166 million Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package and $126.8 million National Suicide Prevention Program. Together these programs invest $292.8 million in vital programs and services.”

“Five community-based Indigenous suicide projects received $1.5 million last year and now a further $4.5 million is being offered to help fund further community-led projects to tackle Indigenous suicide,” Mr Butler said.

This funding compliments the Federal Government's work on suicide prevention for indigenous communities including the establishment of an advisory group to inform the development of Australia’s first national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy.

“We’ve also committed $10.1 million through the National Suicide Prevention Program for activity specifically targeting Indigenous peoples and their communities.”

“As part of the governments mental health reform package $206 million was provided to double the size of the Allied Psychological Services program which includes $36.5 million for Indigenous specific psychological services which are delivered in a culturally appropriate manner which will support around 18,000 Indigenous Australians.”

Mr Butler encouraged people interested in learning more about the strategy to visit www.indigenoussuicideprevention.org.au

Guidelines for applications to the Supporting communities to reduce the risk of suicide (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component) can be downloaded via www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-scrsab-guide.

For more information, contact the minister’s office on 02 6277 7280
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

Sana & Harley

From 3:00 pm
will be held on Friday
14th December 8pm
on the school oval, behind the train.