Term 3—Week 1

Last week for me was very busy with the Principals Conference that was held here. Secondary principals from east of Dubbo held their term meeting here. For many they travelled over a thousand kilometres and all were awed by the distance that we take for granted. All principals went away with a great respect for what they saw as they wandered the school during breaks. Peter Cochrane from Walgett watched a game of touch that was self-directed and managed by the students. Many principals commented on the friendliness of our students and the order and purpose they observed in classrooms and in the playground. Others were in awe of the talent our students displayed in musical items presented through the conference and the quality of the art in the art room and through our railway carriage. What impressed me along with our visitors was the performance of Weeping Cloud presented on the railway platform. The musical put away almost twelve months ago was brought out with two rehearsals and was better than the original production. I want to thank publicly staff and parents including our choir that made every part of the conference memorable. Community support was fantastic.

Staff Development Day
The new term began on Monday with a staff development day based on PBL our new discipline system. All staff worked hard and it is now ready to launch today. Parents and students are part of making it a success and a special assembly was organised to-day for the launch.

I must thank Helen Bub Connor, Will Mafi, Rick Ball and Dawn Hemple for their work towards as well as ensuring our tour to Sydney was a success. To have the opportunity to perform at the Sydney Conservatorium was an honour and a great privilege. All parents would have been so proud to see their children so polished, bright and so talented up on the stage.

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Those members of the Women’s choir who had the opportunity were also impressive. I must con-
gratulate Debra King for her courage in standing up and introducing our item. It was outstanding
and they also performed so well.

I must also acknowledge how much gratitude I owe to the eight students who went on the excur-
sion. When I was ill the students care and support will be remembered by me forever. Thank you
Tarsha, Riley, Feleti, Vinnie, Courtney, Tahlia, Taya and Robert.

**Paakanety Language**

This week we are commencing the development of training of “teachers” to deliver the Paakanety
Language. This will be a step that will assist in the development of Language where there are
limited speakers currently. This is being led by Robert Lindsay who has worked within the Lan-
guage Circle led by Kevin Lowe from the Board of Studies to develop a course of study for Y7/8.
This will be expanded beyond to Y12 by the end of 2013. These courses from Y9 to Y12 will be
as an elective or HSC subjects. This initiative is being done within school resources.

Any Paakanety person who would like to join a learning group that we have established should let
the school know as we will be getting underway from the commencement of next week.

Other opportunities will include:
- the continuing Y11 Aboriginal Studies class which meets each Monday from July 23rd.
- A day time learning group that will start on Friday 27th July.
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**School Athletics Carnival**

**Wednesday 25th July**

*Please wear your house colours and bring your voice.*

**School Bus Monitors**

The school bus that operates in town is a service provided entirely out of school funds and as such many people assume that supervision of the students on the bus is undertaken by staff from the school, this is not the case. A driver is allocated and their primary role is obviously to transport students safely home, not the active supervision of behaviour. If students misbehave while riding on the bus, they can face consequences such as being banned from the bus for a period of time. To help keep an eye on things we would like to explore the idea of a community volunteer riding on the bus. If you think you might be able to spare 30 mins once or twice a week please contact the school. All volunteers would be required to sign a working with children declaration before being added to the roster.

**Important notice for Parents**

Supervision for students is from 8:30am. Please do not send your child/ren to school before this time.

**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.*
**Volunteers Wanted**

Menindee Central School K-6 are looking for any parent helpers who are interested in assisting in the K-6 Computer Studies lessons. These lessons are held from 2:10 until 3:10 Monday to Thursday in the connected classroom. You do not require a high level of computer skills, just a desire to help the children in our community to become better equipped in a fast moving technology based world. All interested parents should contact Mr Smith through the school for more details.

Thank you

**HEAD LICE**

We have had parents approach the school with concerns regarding Head Lice.

Could you please check your children’s hair and treat if necessary

Thank You.

**Maths on Mondays**

**Informal** session held after school on Mondays (of course) for parents who would like to explore how maths is taught in school and perhaps refresh their own maths skills

**GLEE TIMETABLE**

**TERM 3**

Junior Glee: Mondays 3:15-5:00

Senior Glee: Thursday 3:15-5:00

House T-Shirts are also 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.

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME:** All articles for the school news are to be presented to the front office by **Tuesdays before 10:00.** Any articles after this time will be added the following week. If emailing, please send in word format.  *Thank you. Kris.*
Year 7/8 Camp – Woodhouse Activity Centre
Piccadilly Valley – Adelaide Hills, South Australia

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Year 7 and 8 students are invited to attend a camp offered by Active Education, a South Australian company that develops and runs outdoor education programs. This camp will be held over 6 days during Week 4 of this term. Students and staff will leave Menindee Central School at 9am on Sunday 5th August and arrive at the camp at approximately 6pm. The return trip will leave the camp at approximately 7:30am on Friday 10th August to hopefully return students to their homes or to the school around 5pm.

Students will travel on the school bus accompanied and supervised by Peter Roberts, one other secondary staff member (to be decided) and one parent/care giver (to be decided) during the camp. The excursion will cost $100 which can be paid to the front office by the Wednesday 1st August 2012.

The Woodhouse Activity Centre is around 30 minutes drive from the Adelaide CBD. The camp is an opportunity for all-round development where students have the chance to:

- experience physical and mental challenges (not too painful, hopefully…)
- develop their problem solving skills
- explore independent and social skills through individual and group activities
- make new friends and have fun (even with the teachers)!

The camp experience equips children with life skills. Students may learn how to live and mix with others and how to make their own decisions and choices. They may also learn how to take responsibility for themselves through simple tasks like tidying their rooms or clearing tables. Some of the activities on offer include; a series of challenging yet fun activities in groups, an Aboriginal Studies program with a local Elder, a bush adventure including bush walking and an overnight camp-out.

A typical day

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*A COMMUNITY SCHOOL WHERE STUDENTS DEVELOP IN A CARING, STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT*
Student accommodation  Students stay in modern bunk style lodges. Room sizes vary and can accommodate from 4 to 8 people. Student rooms have their own bathrooms and a small amount of storage space is provided for each occupant.

Food  All meals are prepared on site by qualified catering staff in a commercial kitchen. Special care is taken to provide food that’s tasty, nutritious, plentiful and follows the schools’ healthy canteens guidelines. Morning tea and supper are also provided and special dietary requirements are catered for on request.

Safety  is a top priority for Sport and Recreation Centres. Some of the ways the camp ensures the experience is a safe one for all concerned include:

  Qualified program staff  All staff are trained and accredited as outdoor leaders and are friendly, caring and experienced.

  Working with children check  Everyone employed at the Camp including casual program staff, administration, catering, maintenance and cleaning staff have undergone the check.

  First aid qualified staff  All Program staff are trained in first aid, resuscitation and child protection guidelines. Program staff provide a 24-hour on-call emergency service.

Money - Students will need to bring approximately $20 - $30 to purchase food travelling to the Woodhouse camp and also for the trip home. Students can bring additional money if they wish to buy any souvenirs. Additional money can be kept in safe storage at the camp’s administration. Safe keeping of money and valuables can be kept in storage at the camps administration. Safety and any loss of money and other valuables will be the responsibility of the students to organise.

There will be more information offered to students and caregivers closer to the date detailing: the most current itinerary, a menu plan and any changes in specific items for students to bring with them.

Attached is some general information about what activities are currently planned for the excursion, a menu selection form and a checklist of what students need to bring.

A reminder will be given in Week 3 about the information above.

This is a school event and all school rules will apply for the duration of the excursion.

If necessary, disciplinary action for negative behaviours will occur and suitable consequences applied.

In addition, student behaviour and/or attendance will be monitored prior to the excursion and if there are any concerns that these issues may impact on the excursion then they may not be permitted to attend.

Please pay $100, sign and return the attached form to the school office before Wednesday 1st August 2012 so we are able to finalise numbers. Any questions can be directed to Peter Roberts at the school.

Peter Roberts                                    Brian Debus
(Secondary Classroom Teacher) (Principal)

I ................................... (Parent/guardian) of ............................................................ from Menindee Central School, give permission for my child/ren to participate in the Woodhouse Camp (5th – 10th August 2012). I also agree that if there are behaviour/attendance issues regarding my child prior to the excursion they may not be permitted to attend.

Signed ____________________________ Date: _____________________________
Year 7 and 8 Camp

General Information and Expressions of interest.

NOTE: This is NOT a Permission letter.

- Plans have been made for a Year 7/8 camp during Week 4 of Term 3.
- It will be at Woodhouse Activity Centre in Piccadilly Valley, Adelaide Hills, SA.
- Students and staff will leave Menindee Central School in the morning of Sunday 5th August and arrive back in Menindee in the afternoon of Friday 10th August.

Accommodation

4 nights in a bunk-house 1 night camping

Activities offered during the camp include:

Group Development
Aimed to improve student initiative, group skills and problem solving abilities, programs include:
- Rope games, orienteering, trust games, and cooperative challenges.

Challenge Hill
Students will be pushed to their limits by climbing, crawling, sliding and swinging through various obstacles.

TURN OVER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS
OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

- Bush Walking to the Mount Lofty Summit and the Heysen Trail.
- Overnight camping with Uncle Wally (Indigenous instructor) featuring damper and fish cooking.
- Aboriginal studies featuring an artefacts session, boomerang making and a bush tucker walk.

More Activities
Visit to Monarto Zoo and experience programs including a Guided Safari tour.

For more camp information visit:

active education
www.activeed.com.au  phone 08 8370 1500
AND

WOODHOUSE ACTIVITY CENTRE
Ph: (08) 8339 3333
www.woodhouse.org.au

Students need to bring:
For the bus:
- Snacks and drinks,
- pillow/blanket, ipod/phone.
At camp:
- Cold weather clothes,
- Socks and underwear,
- toiletries—towel, soap, shampoo
- shoes, thongs for showers,
- Hat and sunglasses,
- Sleeping bag, pyjamas

Cost:
- Students will need to pay $100 for the camp at the school office.
- Students will need money to buy lunch on the drive to camp.
- All meals are catered for in the camp fee including a packed lunch for our return trip.

- Electronic devices like mobile phones, ipods etc are not permitted at the camp.
- They will be kept in locked storage at the camp and returned for the trip home.

Additional Information.

If students or parents/guardians have any questions about the information provided and/or are interested in joining the camp as a supervisor please ring:

Pete Roberts at Menindee Central School on (08) 8091 4409.

We may be able to fundraise to help us get there.

If you have any ideas and are willing to help it would be greatly appreciated.
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Classified Ads

All submissions for the school news are to be in by Tuesday 10:00am. 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 endeavour 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 80 914 409.

Lucky ball Numbers: Drawn 16-7-12: 2-5-6-10-11-14 Winners Nil, Jackpot Numbers 1-15.

Please remember that the school news deadline for advertisements is Tuesday at 10:00am.

Wanted To Buy
Fordson and Ferguson tractors for spare parts.

Contact Ron Page on 0428288777

Need Maintenance in Menindee.
Service now available
Business-Rural-Residential

- Trade Qualified Welder (all types)
- Painting (House; inside or out)
  - Plumbing
  - General Maintenance

Reasonable Hourly Rates
No local travelling fees - Professional service

Phone 04 6748 4741
ABN: 92268479657

Ladies Choir rehearsals
Monday nights 6:00pm in the music room

Don't forget Bingon Thursday Nights
24th May 6:30pm

UP THE MIGHTY YABBIES

Flying Padre - Jorge Rebolledo
The dates I will be at the school and the communities are:

July: 24th
August: 7th, 14th
September: 11th, 18th
October: 16th, 23rd
November: 13th, 20th
December: as required

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

Church Services
July 29th
August 19th
September 23rd
October 28th
November 25th
December - to be advised but there will be a Christmas Day service on the 25th

Jorge Rebolledo
0459318083
0880884404
jorgefrebolledo@gmail.com

Attention: All Men in Menindee.
If you like to sing and are interested in being part of a Male choir, please contact William on 0487254542....

C’mon Guys... Give us ladies a run for our money...

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Menindee Central School News
LITTLE KIDS AND BOOKS
@ MCC

Where:
Menindee Children’s Center

When:
Term 3 fortnightly
Starting:
Thursday 26th July
Thursday 9th August
Thursday 23rd August
Thursday 6th September
Thursday 20th September

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.

COMING SOON TO MENINDEE

GALA NIGHT WITH LOCAL STARS
Welcome back to a new term, I hope everybody enjoyed a nice break. It was great to see so many excited faces back at preschool seeing friends they’ve missed through the holidays and enjoying settling back into our preschool routine. We still have preschool vacancies for three year old children (attendance-Monday & Wednesday) and four year old children (attendance-Monday, Wednesday & Thursday). If you are interested in sending your child to preschool please pop in and have a look around our beautiful centre and have a chat with our staff about enrolling your child.

The winner of our State of Origin Raffle was Amanda McMillan (ticket BLUE A18) drawn by Noeline Ratcliff at Maiden’s Hotel. Thank you to the Maiden’s and Albemarle Hotels for holding the raffle and to everybody who sold and purchased tickets…. Better luck next year NSW.

Also thank you to everybody who ordered cookie dough, we hope your enjoying yummy cookies and your continued support is much appreciated.

Our next management committee meeting is next Tuesday, 24th July at 5.15pm, all welcome and encouraged to attend.

Until Next Week
Hayley D’Etторre
Teacher / Director
Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council invites its Members to attend a “Land Dealing Meeting”

Date: 18th July 2012

Time: 5pm

Venue: Menindee Land Council Office in Yartla Street

The purpose of the Meeting is to allow members the chance to decide whether to approve or not approve entering into a Headlease and / or Funding Agreement between the Menindee Land Council and the Aboriginal Housing Office. Entering into the Agreement will give the Aboriginal Housing Office an interest in the following properties:

1. Sec 21 lot 6 Darling St, Menindee, NSW 2879. Folio identifier 6/21/758669
2. Sec 17 lot 6 Yartla St, Menindee, NSW 2879. Folio identifier 6/17/907731
3. Sec 24 lot 11 Paringa St, Menindee, NSW 2879. Folio identifier 11/24/758669
4. Sec 10 lot 11 Menindee St, Menindee NSW, 2879. Folio identifier 11/10/758669
5. Sec 40 lot 3 Henley St, Menindee, NSW, 2879. Folio identifier 3/40/758669
6. Sec 34 lot 12 Holding St, Menindee, NSW, 2879. Folio identifier 12/34/758669
7. Sec 25 lot 12 Cnr Bourke & Paringa St, Menindee, NSW, 2879. Folio 12/25/758669
8. Sec 38 lot 10 Maiden St, Menindee, NSW, 2879. Folio identifier 10/38/758669

Authorised by Noeline Ferguson CEO Menindee LALC

menindee.lalc@bigpond.com
abn 14 372 566 732
Happy 18th Birthday for Wednesday 18th July to Rodney Nolan

Wishing you a great day, Rodders.
Enjoy your party
With lots of love from all your family.

Adult Art Classes
A new adult art class will be starting on Wednesday afternoon 3:20pm to 4:30pm each week after school.

Rick Ball will be there to help with ideas and use of materials. This group will be good for both beginners and those folk with more experience.

Being human, is all you need to bring.

Starting Wednesday 9th may 2012

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IMPROVING HEALTH NATURALLY

Naturopath, Registered Nurse, Massage Therapist
Wellness Coach & Consultant

Do you suffer from...

- Infertility
- Pre/Post Menstrual Syndrome
- Menopause Symptoms
- Poly Cystic Ovaries
- Other Hormonal Issues
- Rheumatoid/Osteo Arthritis
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Lack of Concentration
- Repeating Colds/Flu Symptoms
- Sore/Stiff Muscles
- Depression
- Sleep Disturbances
- Shift Work Syndrome
- Weight Problems
- Any other health problems

Then I can help you. Take the first step towards better health...

Advanced Diplomas in
- Naturopathy
- Nutrition
- Western Herbal Medicine
- Homœopathy

Sheryll Baskin ND

Certificates in
- Pre Hospital Emergency Care
- Massage
- Reflexology
- Iridology

Bachelor of Nursing
47 Menindee Street
Menindee
NSW 2879

Phone: (08)8091 4232
0488 425 944
BEYOND CAFE

Come along and check out our new menu

Soup & Damper .... $5.00
Nut Sundaes.... $4.00

Pancake
  w/. Maple syrup & icecream.... $3.50
Cheesecakes.... $4.00
Mini Pavlova.... $3.50

Sticky Date Puddings
  w/. butterscotch sauce & Ice-cream.... $4.00
Bread & butter slice.... $4.00

Assorted cakes.... $3.50

Homemade Fresh Cakes

Entertainment By
William & Edward
The Satellite Subsidy Scheme is now available in your area.
Applications close 10th August 2012.

Australia is switching to digital-only TV. Households in Menindee, Copi Hollow and Sunset Strip, will need to receive digital TV from the new Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service after the analog TV signals are switched off.

VAST is a new satellite TV service that will provide the same number of channels available to viewers in capital cities as well as a regional news channel. The Satellite Subsidy Scheme offers eligible households a subsidised installation of VAST equipment.

How to apply
To find out if you are eligible for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme and to apply, call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13 (8am-10pm AEST, 7 days) or apply online at: www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy

Free VAST Demonstration Event
As the contracted service provider of VAST installations in New South Wales, Skybridge are offering a free demonstration and information event for local residents to see the VAST service first hand. Skybridge VAST Specialists will be on hand to address any questions regarding the new VAST service.

Your local VAST Demonstration Event will be held at:

Venue: Menindee Civic Hall
Town: Menindee
Event: Friday 20th July, 5pm-6pm

Closing date
Applications for households in regional and remote New South Wales close on 10th August 2012.
Friday 6th July 2012

NETBALLERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND FWAS TRIALS

The Far West Academy of Sport (FWAS) is encouraging all eligible netballers to try for a place in its 2012’s Netball Development Program.

The trials will take place on Sunday 22nd July in Warren are open to all netballers turning 15 years of age in 2012. From the trials, a squad of a maximum 12 players will be chosen.

Athletes selected into the program will attend a training day in September before travelling to Sydney on the 22nd and 23rd September to participate in the Netball NSW 15’s development weekend. At the development weekend, athletes will have the opportunity to play alongside and against athletes from the other regional and metropolitan academies of sport.

“There is plenty of netball talent in the Far West and I would encourage all netballers turning 15 years to try” said Far West Academy of Sport Executive Officer, Matthew Thompson.

“The program is part of the Netball NSW’s development pathway and is a great starting point for any netballer wanting to further their skills and be noticed by the right people.”

At the conclusion of the development camp, Netball NSW will select up to 60 athletes to take part in a Talented Athlete Program (TAP), where they will receive elite coaching. Netball NSW also uses the weekend to identify potential future athletes for State and development squads.

“The program also provides athletes a great opportunity to get a taste of the Academy program before it commences with trials in late October.”

For further information or an application form please contact the FWAS on (02) 8847 3638 or your local netball association.

STRONG PERFORMANCE BY FWAS TENNIS SQUAD

The Far West Academy of Sport (FWAS) tennis squad put in an outstanding performance at this year’s Tottenham Tennis Tournament which was held on the 30th June and 1st July. The tournament attracted over 60 players from across the region and provided stiff opposition for the squad.

The FWAS squad got their preparation underway with a tight training session on Friday afternoon under the guidance of Nathan Wilkins, Community Tennis Officer – Central West Region and Academy coach.

FWAS Head Coach, Ken Wray, was ecstatic with the squad’s performance, with every player making it to the semi-finals in one or more of their events.

“The squad’s performance at the event was outstanding, and I am really happy as they should be with their results and efforts,” said Mr Wray.

“The results show that all the hard work that the players are putting into their training is paying off.

“With the tournament being a round robin it provides the players with a great opportunity to play a lot of tennis over two days and work on their tournament play which is coming along in leaps and bounds.”

“The Tottenham tournament is a good lead up to the next three tournaments that the squad will be participating in, with their next tournament being Coonabarabran in late August.”

The FWAS would like to thank the Tottenham Tennis Club for once again hosting such a great event in the region and looking after the FWAS athletes.

Tournament Results

- Bridget Bennett (Tottenham) – Runner Up 14 years girls singles, Winner 14 years girls doubles
- Lily Beeks (Coonabarabran) – Runner Up 10 years girls singles, Runner Up 16 years doubles, Runner Up 16 years mixed doubles
- Dean Clark (Trangie) – Winner 14 years boys doubles
- Dwayne Anderson (Nyngan) – Winner 14 years boys doubles, Runner Up 14 years mixed doubles
- Zara Hoare (Nyngan) – Winner 14 years girls doubles, Runner Up 14 years mixed doubles
- Clayton Mckinnon (Coonabarabran) – Runner Up 16 years boys doubles, Runner Up 16 years mixed doubles
- Jacob Ashley (Trangie) – Runner Up 16 years boys doubles
- Dennis Bennett (Tottenham) – Runner Up 16 years girls doubles
- Daniel Stanley (Warren) – Sportsmanship/Encouragement award

Media contact: Matthew Thompson (02) 8847 3638