It is good to be able to report that our interschool visit from our Wilvandee Partners was a great success. Games were close, students played in a committed but fair way and all students enjoyed the experience. Thanks are expressed to our teachers for their support in doing considerably extra duties to make it such a great success. Food was great and thanks to Sarah and Michelle for their support.

Thanks also to Peter, Jessica and Marissa for their supervision and organisation in the Y7/8 excursion and from all reports students had a great time. It was a real adventure which tested students endurance and resilience.

Later this week senior students will be travelling to Broken Hill, given that our bus is fixed, to the Barrier Carnival. The week before our primary students did extremely well. In particular David Vili was the first zone champion. This is the first time I can remember that we have had a champion at this level.

Also this week our Year 12 students are sitting their HSC Trials. This is an important first step as they head towards the HSC. It is always a particularly difficult time. The sheer pressure is coming to a head and I wish them well. Families are the first line of support and theirs is not an easy job at this time.
Congratulations to all students who have been earning their tickets through being safe, being smart and showing respect.

These tickets will open the way to a range of prizes, and this Friday there will be a special assembly to award those students who have reached 100 tickets with their first wristband.

As a school, we are concentrating on learning what our new school values are, and this is the first step in our PBL journey: being able to remember, demonstrate, and say what they are!

Here’s what some members of our school community have to say about PBL:

“Getting tickets makes you happy, it’s fun to get a wristband. And it gives you something to do.”

   Jason Doyle and Bailey Burt, students

“I can honestly say that my negative mentions have been significantly less since PBL started 4 weeks ago.” – Pru Walker, Maths teacher

“It’ll be good when we can actually start buying stuff with our tickets.” – Year 11 student

Stay tuned for first auction date and first wristband cool zone to be announced shortly.
Term 3—Week 5

Date and Time   Event                                      Involves
Tuesday 28th August  Primary Assembly              12:30 pm
Wednesday 29th August School Photos               All students
Thursday 30th August  Fathers Day Stall School Hall  9:00am
Friday 31st August  Fathers Day Breakfast          7:30am
Wednesday 5th September School Fun Run            All students 1:00pm
Saturday 8th September School Fete                 10:00 am – 1:00pm

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

Medical Records
The School is updating student’s medical allergy records, if there are any changes in your child’s conditions please contact the school so that we can update our records. Thank you

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.

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.

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

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.
Kindy to Yr 6 Students movin ‘n groovin to the songs of Christina Anu’s Chrissy’s Family Island.

GLEE TERM 3 TIMETABLE

Mondays 3:15-5:00pm

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.

Birthday for this week

Riley Barnes 14th

Hope you have a great day.
Attendance

*Remember that all students between 6 and 17 are required to attend school every day. If your child is unable to attend due to illness or family circumstances, you need to inform the school within 3 days and give a reason.

*If your child is in grades 10-12, they will need to produce a medical certificate if they miss more than 10 days in the school year, or if they miss an assessment task as a result of their absence.

The table below shows the attendance percentages for each class so far for this term. Our average attendance rate is 92%.

![Percentage of Students present](image)

This table shows how Menindee Central School’s attendance has improved over the last 3 years. Congratulations! Let’s keep improving!

Ms Michelle Hasking
Head Teacher Secondary Studies
Parties, other social activities and holidays are often very important in a teenager's life, marking the move from childhood to adulthood.

While most young people go through this time having fun and without any problems there are things parents and carers can do to reduce the chance of anything going wrong. You can help to make celebrations and activities safer by:

- keeping up with what is going on in your child's life
- getting to know their friends. You can be interested in their life yet still respect their need for privacy
- talking to your teenager about your concerns, such as hosting a party, going to parties or having separate holidays
- knowing the law about supplying alcohol to people under the age of 18.


This publication is intended as a guide only. The contents do not constitute legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. Persons wishing formal advice on matters referred to in this publication should consult their solicitor.
Apprenticeships with Essential Energy

NSW’s regional electricity network operator is currently seeking motivated men and women for a range of apprenticeship positions serving local communities throughout the state.

For more information and to apply visit essentialenergy.com.au/apprenticeships
Applications open 10 August and close 2 September

GREAT JOB
> THINK SAFE > WORK SMART > LIVE LOCAL > MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Last Monday the preschool celebrated National Aboriginal & Islander Children’s Day. NAICD is celebrated on August 4th each year. We celebrated this important day by opening our preschool doors and invited Elders, community members and all 0-5 year old children and their families. The 2012 National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day theme was “Our Children, Our Culture, Our Way.”

We were very thankful to Kaylene for coming down and joining us for the morning. Kaylene read a book and she helped everybody understand the local Baarkintji terms in the book. Kaylene also sang the Baarkintji version of eyes (miiki), ears (manga), mouth (Yalka) and nose (minta-ulu) in the local Baarkintji language. It was great to see so many children and adults jump at the chance to volunteer and help Kaylene sing these songs. Well done everybody!
Kaylene and Pearl cooked Johnny Cakes

Everybody enjoyed Johnny Cakes for morning tea with lots of people coming back for 2nds & 3rds!

Michelle & Tracey from Toy Library visited to sign up new families. If you are interested in joining this visiting service please chat to staff and we can get you signed up! Thank you to everybody, especially Kaylene for coming along to help celebrate this important occasion!
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: 2-8-9-10-13-14: Drawn 13-8-12: Winners Nil, Jackpot: $2,249.00 Numbers 1-14.

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL NEWS DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IS MONDAY 3:00 PM.

ATTENTION:
All Men in Menindee.

If you like to sing and are interested in being a part of a Male choir, please contact William on 0487254542

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

Flying Padre

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

August: 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
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

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 Anglican Church Services
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All welcome

For further enquiries please phone
Alisa Jackson on 80914 268

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

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LITTLE KIDS AND BOOKS @ MCC

Where:
Menindee Children’s Centre

When:
Term 3 fortnightly
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.

For more information contact: Dimity, Prissy & Carol
(08) 08 80 914 209 Menindee Health Service

CWP Announcement
(Community Working Party).

Community members interested in completing a Certificate II in Community Services please contact Edward at the School.

AECG Announcement

The next AECG Meeting will be held at Menindee Enterprise Park on Wednesday August 22nd 2012 at 9.00 am.

Adam Bailey is collecting the tokens from the Weetbix packs….If you have some you don't want, please phone him at the school.

Happy birthday Mum, (Susan)
Have a wonderful day on Monday, 20th August
Love Shontaye, Fiula
Kyloh and Dad. xxxx
Central Darling Shire Council

Position Vacant

Labourer

Menindee

Applications are invited for the position of Labourer at Menindee with the Central Darling Shire Council.

Duties involve general labouring associated with town streets and community assets as well as other road construction and maintenance. Suitable applicants may be involved in truck driving and other equipment operation or will be offered the opportunity to gain further skills.

A good level of literacy and numeracy skills is required. A driver’s licence class C is essential. A class MR driver’s licence is desirable.

The position has been evaluated as Grade 2 within Council’s Salary Structure with a current Entry Level rate of pay of $729.00 with a range up to $844.00 dependent on the attainment and demonstrated application of certain competencies required for the position. Hours of work are 38 hours per week spread over a 19-day month, allowing for a rostered day off each month.

For more information, and to obtain a position description and information package, please call Joyanne Williams on 08 8083 8800. Applications must be in writing and addressed to The General Manager, Central Darling Shire Council, PO Box 165 WILCANNIA NSW 2836 or by e-mail to williamsj@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 4pm Friday 31st August 2012.

Tim Drew
General Manager

P. O. Box 165
Wilcannia 2836
**SPORT**

**Junior Yabbies!**

Good Luck to the U/14’s playing in the semi-final this weekend!

Training on Tuesday and Thursday.

18/08/12 Menindee Vs Silver City @ 12:30, Lamb Oval.

26th Grand Final, Broken Hill

1st September Junior Presentation!

**Broken Hill Basketball Brings you the Adelaide 36s**

The Adelaide 36ers will be conducting coaching clinics on 18th & 19th August free of charge for all children age 5 and over. If you are interested in attending this once in a lifetime opportunity please send an email to bhill36sviit@mail.com with your childs name and age. You do not need to be currently playing – Everyone is Welcome!

**Coaching Clinic times are (Please bring a ball if you have one)**

- Children aged 5 to 10 – Saturday 18th Aug 9.30am to 10.30am
- Children aged 10 to 15 – Sunday 19th Aug 9.30am to 10.30am
- Children aged 15 & over - Saturday 18th Aug 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

There is also a Meet & Greet/Sportsman night on Sat 18th from 7.00pm to 9.30pm where there will be an opportunity to learn more about basketball and meet the players with interactive sessions during the night. Tickets are $10 each with children under 18 free. Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Happy 13th Birthday
Riley Barnes
Love Mum, Dad, Brayden and Pop.
Have an awesome day. xxxx

Please note
The markets that were to be held on Saturday 25th August, have been deferred to Saturday 2nd

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RSVP to: Blossom Hindmarsh 08 80914308 or
Margot Muscat 08 80914392 by Monday 20th
Voicing concerns

Mildura school will keep Aboriginal language alive

By Allyson Fonseca

KEEPING the Aboriginal language alive in schools was the focus of a recent meeting at Mildura’s Two Rivers College.

About 20 people gathered for a Paakanjji Language Circle meeting on Wednesday to focus on what is regarded as the language of the Darling River from Mildura to Queensland, with the word Paaka meaning river.

Kayleen Kerwin, Menindee Central School Paakanjji teacher, said it was important the language was taught in Mildura.

“It’s currently only being taught at two schools – in Menindee and Broken Hill – and it will be a long process, but it will get started in Mildura,” Ms Kerwin said.

“We are establishing contact with the Mildura community through Two Rivers school.

“It is hoped we will be able to forge a strong network with communities of the Lower Darling and build on our resource-sharing and development.

“This is about bringing people together – we want the Paakanjji elders involved to guide young ones with their teaching up and down the river.”

College principal Barb Wilson said the school was more than happy to help.

PLAN OF ACTION: Paakanjji Language Circle members – Ivan Johnson, Steven Harris, Mary-Anne Marton and Kayleen Kerwin – want to ensure future generations can learn the Aboriginal language.

“Two Rivers College is very proud to host the first Paakanjji Language Circle meeting in Victoria, we’ve been working with the people from Menindee for more than a year,” Ms Wilson said.

Paakanjji Language Circle Member Ivan Johnson said: “It is important for the language to be learnt at school, from primary to secondary, with the younger kids first.”

Fellow circle member Robert Lindsay agreed. “This is about bringing back Aboriginal language into schools.

“A strategy has been approved by the New South Wales Government, who believe that Aboriginal language should be incorporated into the extracurriculum,” he said.

“They have allowed for us to develop an adult education group full-time that goes on for 18-months, that will allow five Aboriginal people with enough competence to take the language back into the classrooms.

“There is a whole lot of knowledge out there to be shared.”
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