Principal's Report

Sarah Newsome has outlined the great success our students had at the Regional Carnival in Broken Hill. Well done to all students and most will be invited to travel on to the Western District Carnival later this term.

On Friday we will alter our assembly agenda to celebrate successes for our students in two areas: sport and PBL. As many students will achieve success in both areas I hope that we will have a large number of parents present to enjoy the moment.

Students in Year 12 will be asked this week to nominate when they want their computer to be decommissioned so that they can take ownership. As promised the government will give the device to students when they complete Year 12.

Year 12 Wilvandee students from across the schools will soon come together here in Menindee for a special HSC study preparation. Specialists are being brought in to give our students support.

Yesterday inspectors came to Menindee to view Vika Pagano’s industrial technology product. Her small table and locker is a wonderful piece of craftsmanship. She is to be congratulated on her achievement. Likewise it is also a product of the good teaching she has received from Peter Roberts. Well done to both.

Our Fete is coming up so just a quick reminder to put the day aside and support the school. Any assistance you can give the P&C would be appreciated.

Today the advertisement for the position of Principal of Menindee Central School is being published. You would be aware that I will retire at the end of the year so I will not be applying.

When selected the principal will have three months to work in embracing a wide consultation with the community. Additionally the principal will have the responsibility of selecting staff. This will take time as this will be done through merit selection. Currently twelve members of staff will remain with additional staff being recruited.
PBL News

Last Friday saw our first wristband winners receive their awards. And with reports from Brenda, Nippy’s were running out of the canteen with all our wristband wearers making full use of their special privilege of paying only 50c for a Nippy’s milk. This will continue this Wednesday and Friday also.

But there’s more! At a special awards assembly this Friday, even more MCS students will be honoured with their wristbands. Wristbands they have earned for demonstrating our new school values of Being Safe, Being Smart and Showing Respect = 100 tickets.

Next week’s special privileges for wristband wearers will include another ‘cheap’ item from the canteen, as well as a ‘cool zone’ to be announced at this Friday’s assembly.

Another Exciting Stat:
Over the past 6 weeks of this term, 79 of our total school student population have received 1 or less negative mentions!!! Congratulations people: you are the ones who are leading the way in creating a safer, smarter and more respectful school environment.

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Term 3—Week 6

Date and Time | Event | Involves
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Tuesday 28th August | Primary Assembly | 12:30pm
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 | 10:00am – 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.

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.

Reminder

**School photos next Wednesday August 29th 2012**

*Please have money and order form returned to class teacher or front office before next Tuesday 28th.*

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.

**GLEE TERM 3 TIMETABLE**

- Mondays
  - 3:15-5:00pm

**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.*

**Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Eisteddfod yesterday in Broken Hill.**
**Term 3—Week 6**

**Commendable Student works.**

**Literature is based on Life.**

Literature reflects all aspects of life. Disappointingly these include the negative sides of life such as prejudice. Fortunately quite often with prejudice there is a degree of tolerance. In order to gain a better understanding of prejudice and tolerance a number of books were studied, movies watched and a life story portrayed in a stage production. These insightful and very different experiences helped shape my understanding of prejudice and tolerance.

“Of Mice and Men” by John Steinbeck is set in the 1930’s dealing with many of America’s issues, including sexism, racism, ageism, and discrimination against those with disabilities. Steinbeck’s novel tells the story of two hobos, George and Lennie, trying to find work on various ranches and the prejudice they encounter along the way. Most importantly, this prejudice isn’t fought against — those who are discriminated against accept the prejudice against them as a way of life. It seems simply that their role in life is to endure prejudice. Still, at times it seems that the other men of the ranch accept them for their differences. While prejudice explains some of the dealings at the ranch, the characters all socialise with each other to some degree, in spite of the biases they hold. Steinbeck’s demonstration of how people mix and interact with others whilst still holding their prejudices reflects society and the communities we live in.

The play “Noughts and Crosses” by Malorie Blackman shows prejudice through racism. Set in a similar world to our own, the only difference is that the two races are known as noughts and Crosses, and the dark-skinned Crosses discriminate against the lighter-skinned noughts. The book is set around the lives of Callum and Sephy, two teenagers and best friends. However, their parents discourage them being together as Callum is a nought and Sephy is a Cross. But they are determined to maintain their relationship unfortunately in a world where any sort of relationship between noughts and Crosses is shunned; it is easier said than done. Blackman cleverly highlights the discrimination faced by people of different races. However she does it in a way that makes people question their own issues with prejudice and racism.

The film “Invictus” by Clint Eastwood tells the inspirational true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country. Mandela knows only too well the divide in his country as a result of apartheid. Using the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's rugby team to help bring his people together. The film depicts the prejudice and apartheid faced by the blacks. But even greater it shows the tolerance of Mandela and how this tolerance is used to overcome prejudice. Mandela’s tolerance of the white South Africans and the need to include them in the solution is a lesson for all leaders to learn.

Bryce Courtenay’s “The Power of One” is a novel set in South Africa in the 1930’s which details war, apartheid and prejudice. It tells the story of a British boy Peekay growing up in South Africa. He was sent away from his home (and his sympathetic black nanny, who provided him with a lifelong understanding of black South African culture). His first experience with hate and prejudice came at an early age. Peekay was discriminated against because of his race. Peekay uses his tolerance and acceptance of people from a young age to learn lifelong lessons that help him to deal with the forces of racism and discrimination in the best way he knows how. Courtenay’s novel highlights prejudice in the finest form but also show the importance of tolerance and acceptance to get ahead.

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“Weeping Cloud” is a local production that tells the story of a local elder Isobel Bennett. Isobel was taken from her family in Menindee and taken to Melville Island. Her crime was that she was Aboriginal. “Weeping Cloud” follows the journey of Isobel being taken away at age 12, living with the nuns and other girls (also taken from their families), getting married, losing her husband and then later returning home with her children where her family were waiting. Throughout her life Isobel was faced with prejudice, however she overcame many obstacles and incidences by remaining positive and being tolerant of others. Isobel’s nature could teach many people how to stay strong and positive and respect others for who they are.

Literature is based on life. Movies and productions are also based on life experiences. However not all of life’s experiences are positive. Prejudice and tolerance are a part of life that we encounter in different degrees. The books, movies and production studied last term clearly demonstrate the varying examples of prejudice and tolerance. Though each book, movie and production stated above is very different, each one shows the importance of having tolerance and acceptance to build a brighter future whilst highlighting the destructive impact prejudice can have. Everyone can make a difference in their society by building tolerance of others.

Anonymous yr. 10 student

Animal welfare
Is your child fascinated by all creatures great and small or interested in animal welfare? The World of Animal Welfare website features fun interactive games, fact sheets as well as information about the RSPCA. The site is split into sections according to age: 8 and under and 9-13. Go to: http://www.woaw.org.au/
Heading off on holidays

It’s the end of the school year and my teenager wants to go on a holiday with friends to celebrate.

Some young people may decide to go away from home to celebrate. Make time to talk about how you feel and talk openly about your concerns well before the event. Issues you might want to discuss include:

- where they are going and for how long
- who they are going with and your concerns if you do not know these people
- how they are getting there and back
- who else will be there
- where they will be staying
- how they can be contacted
- negotiating regular times to contact you
- organising contact details of other parents
- determining what the cost will be and who will be paying
- having a plan for emergency situations (who might they contact)
- other issues such as safe sex and drink spiking.

If your son/daughter is 18, talk to them about responsible drinking and penalties that apply to adults if they break the law by supplying liquor to their friends who are under 18.

If holidaying interstate or out of Australia, it is important to remember that different laws and penalties may apply.

Places offering accommodation or organised events may have websites you can check.

If your teenager is going to Schoolies Week, the Queensland government has a website that covers accommodation, organised activities and celebrating safely. (www.schoolies.qld.gov.au)

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Alcohol: Celebrations and Supply
Information for parents

Hosting a party

70 people turned up at my teenager's party. Only 40 were invited. The police were called. We found out later that information about the party was on the internet.

Careful planning well ahead of the party date by you and your teenager will help to make sure that parties are fun and safe. Consider some of the tips below.

- Decide how long the party will go for and if some areas are to be off limits.
- Send personal invitations to guests.
- ‘Party proof’ your house. Lock away valuables and items that may easily be broken.
- Let the neighbours know about the party.
- Enlist the help of friends and older family members to set up the party and supervise.
- Organise party activities to introduce a fun element and take the emphasis away from drinking.
- Let the local police know that you are having a party.
- Make plans in case someone becomes intoxicated, sick or there is an emergency situation.

As the host parent you should be aware about the law on supplying alcohol to minors. (Refer to section: Alcohol, young people and the law). Consider:

- is there going to be alcohol? If so, do not serve alcohol to people under the age of 18
- what you will do if people under the age of 18 bring alcohol to the party or others want to supply them alcohol? Will they be asked to leave? Will the alcohol be confiscated and given to their parents after the party?
- making sure there are plenty of non-alcoholic drinks, water and food available
- having a plan for how you will respond if guests arrive intoxicated or bring alcohol and other drugs.

For more information about hosting parties you might like to look at the websites listed on the page, Going to a party.

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HOSTING A PARTY
Alcohol Celebrations and supply information for parents
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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: 1-2-5-6-8-9: Drawn 24-8-12: Winners Nil, Jackpot: $2,471.00 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...

Need Maintenance in Menindee?
Service Now Available
Business-Rural-Residential
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Reasonable Hourly Rates
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Flying Padre

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

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

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

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

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

For further enquiries please phone Alisa Jackson on 80914 268

New in town

Any ladies who would like a nice relaxing massage ring or text me on 0488026095
Greg

Ref G 1

Ladies Choir rehearsals Tuesday nights 6:00pm in the music room at school.
Come along and have fun for an hour.
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.
Menindee Markets

10:00 am—2:00 pm
RTC Carpark

Stalls $10.00

Phone Margo 80914 392 for more information

FATHERS DAY

Craft
Food
Bric a brac
Plants
And more

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Naturopath, Registered Nurse, Massage Therapist
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- Lack of Concentration
- Recurring 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
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47 Menindee Street
Menindee
NSW 2879

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- Iridology

Phone: (08) 8091 4232
0488 425 944

Sherryl Baskin ND
Term 3—Week 6

Media Release

Tuesday, 14 August 2012

Updated flow advice for Lower Darling River

The NSW Office of Water today advised landowners and communities in the Lower Darling River Valley of increased flows to the Lower Darling River.

Releases from Weir 32 will increase to 7,000 megalitres per day by the weekend.

Acting NSW Water Commissioner, Tracey Barton, said that inflows of just over 12,000 megalitres per day are now arriving at Menindee Lakes.

"Releases need to be increased to ensure that the maximum surcharge level in the Lakes is not exceeded."

"The total storage volume at the end of the event will also be maximised to supply downstream water requirements for the upcoming season."

Currently, 4,000 megalitres per day is being released to the Lower Darling at Weir 32 and almost 2,000 megalitres per day is flowing from Lake Cawndilla into the Great Darling Anabranch.

"These releases are likely to continue over the next few weeks."

Ms Barton said that these releases are still within the channel capacity of the Lower Darling River which is about 9,000 megalitres per day or 3.28 metres gauge height at Weir 32.

The NSW Office of Water is monitoring river flows in the Barwon-Darling and further advice regarding expected flows will be issued by Wednesday 22 August 2012.

Expected River Levels and Flow Rates

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Media contact: Burty Driver – 0407 405 234

Our news releases are on the web: www.water.nsw.gov.au Follow us on Twitter @WaterNSW

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MEDIA RELEASE

Regional Arts NSW’s 2013 Country Arts Support Program Now Open

Applications for the 2013 round of Regional Arts NSW’s Country Arts Support Program (CASP) are now open.

The CASP provides small grants to arts and community organisations and local arts councils in regional NSW for short term, locally initiated arts projects. The program aims to assist locally determined cultural activities.

Grants of up to $3,000 are available to groups and organisations based in regional NSW for projects occurring between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2013. The outcome of applications will be advised on 30 November 2012.


The closing date for applications is 2 October 2012.

Applicants must read the guidelines and speak to the Regional Arts Development Officer (RADO) for their region before submitting an application. West Darling Arts services the Far West including Broken Hill, Menindee, Tibooburra, Wilcannia, Wentworth and Ivanhoe. West Darling Arts contact details are 0860879035 or mail.toctt7@pmail.com

The Country Arts Support Program is devoted to Regional Arts NSW by the NSW Government through Arts NSW.

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Health

Far West Local Health District

MENTAL HEALTH

Menindee

Keeping Well Primary Health Worker – Men’s Health

PFT, Salary: $45,818–$57,482 pa, Recruitment No: 94735, Enquiries: Marie Kelly, (08) 8091 4209 or mkelly@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 01/09/12.

• Being Male and being Aboriginal are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 31(2h) and section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.
West Darling Athletics Carnival

Last week 7 MCS students including Beau Jesser, Taya Biggs, Gregory Dutton, Tevita Newman, Joseph Newman, Tiffany Pagano and Naomi Vili travelled to Broken Hill to compete in the West Darling Athletics Carnival. The students put in a huge effort throughout the carnival and represented our school well. They should all be proud of their efforts. Although we only had a small number of students representing MCS we dominated in several events and impressed the crowd with our talent. The level of support and encouragement the students showed each other throughout the carnival was also outstanding. Many of our students have been selected to represent the Western region at the next carnival and we wish them all the best.

A Special congratulation to Beau who was age champion! Tevita and Joe were also 3rd runner up age champions. Go MENINDEE!!!

MCS was came 4th overall out of all the schools that competed – a massive achievement with only 7 students!

Congratulations to all the students and their excellent achievements. Well done!

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MENINDEE YABBIES 2012 Grand Final Day Schedule

Jubilee Oval—Sunday 26 August 2012.

ALL BROKEN HILL TIMES
Gates open at 9.30
Under 10’s 10:00
Under 12’s 11:00
Under 14’s 12:00
100m Dash for Cash 1:00
ORL season awards presentation 1:15
Senior game 2:00
Presentation 3:40
Gates close at 5:00
Menindee Central School P&C Fete

WHEN: Saturday 8th September 2012
WHERE: Menindee Central School
TIME: 10am – 1pm
WHAT'S ON:
* Market stalls * BBQ Lunch * Putt Putt golf * Milkshakes
* Snacks * Cooking * Competitions * Drinks
* Ice Cream * Activities * Show bags * Lucky dips * Art display & much
more

Please contact MCS on 0291460914 if you would like to
book a stall at a cost of $20.

# more information on the
cooking / pet competitions
will appear in
MCS school news

Extra order forms
for Show bags are
available from the
Front Office.

Beyond Cafe
Menindee Enterprise Park
closed this Sunday

COMING SOON TO MENINDEE
MUSICAL THEATRE
WITH
LOCAL PERFORMERS
FEATURING FAVOURITES FROM.
Disco

Date: 30/08/2012
Time: 6pm – 9pm

Yr. 11 Fundraiser Disco
6pm—7pm K, Yr1, Yr 2
7pm—9pm Yr3-12

Bring: your dancing shoes

There will be a canteen run
by Year 11, selling
- Chips
- Chocolate
- Drinks
- Glowsticks!!!!!

School Hall
Week 7
Thursday
6pm– 9pm
Cost : $4 entry