Principal’s Report

What a great Fete we had on Saturday. We thought we would to cancel it early on in the week but I am happy that it all came together. Despite the cold on the day it was a success. I am sure that we could have done better in a number of areas and yes we could have had more support in numbers but the outcome was the same as last year in terms of dollars. Russell tells me that it was down to the exact dollar for the food. Last year we had also the influx of bikies but that didn’t happen on Saturday.

I want to thank Russell and Georgia Shepherd who provide the backbone of the P&C and other members who contributed so much. I want to thank the P&C members who were there at the beginning to set things up and there at the end to do the tough bits in packing and cleaning up. It was good to see Dena back from her accident. At same time thanks to staff who came along and supported the P&C. Mr Bailey with a broken toe was there throughout and I can’t begin to imagine how cold Tim was with the wet sponges being thrown at him. Well done to everybody.

For the first three days of the week we were missing ten members of staff who took part in the joint AECG/AETD initiative - Connecting to Country. This is being conducted for all Broken Hill Schools Wilcannia and our own school. Members of our staff have done a lot of the work in organising the program and special thanks go to Fiona and Daniel for their input to the organisation. A town colleague provided feedback yesterday that it was great day. Well done.

Yesterday we had the visit of Marilyn Pietsche and Associate Professor of Education from Charles Sturt University. She has come to work on details of a visit in term 4 of students preparing themselves as teachers. They will spend a week here and work with our primary teachers as well as living in a small community. It will a new initiative of the university and we are pleased to be collaborating in this initiative.

Brian Debus
Term 3—Week 9

Date and Time | Event | Involves
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Monday 17th—Wednesday 19th September | WAP Cross Roads year 10-11 Copi Hollow | Whole days

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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/ren to school before this time.

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**Pancake Breakfast Yr 11 Fundraiser**

**WEEK 10 THURSDAY**

20th September 2012

8AM TILL 9AM

BBQ AREA OF THE SCHOOL

$3 FOR PANCAKES AND MAPLE SYRUP

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**GLEE TERM 3 TIMETABLE**

Mondays
3:15-5:00pm

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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.
From the music room.

On Monday 3/09/2012, Mr Bailey and Ms Bub-Connor took 10 students into Broken Hill to participate in a drumming workshop. For 2 hours we all drummed hard and loud (even wearing ear plugs!), and jammed on snare drums, bass drums and tom toms. Some of our students got up and improvised, and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Well done to everyone who demonstrated such a courageous and musical attitude throughout the whole session.

Coming up on Thursday September 13, the Year 8 music students will present a movie evening in the music room. Two movies will be shown: a short film called “Greed”, and a feature length horror film called “Disturbia”.

This event is for high school students and adults only due to the ‘M’ rating of the film to be shown. Please contact Ms Bub-Connor if you would like more info about this.

Details are as follows:

Horror Film Evening!!!
(for adults and high school students)
‘Greed’
&
‘Disturbia’
(rated M)
Time: 7.30 – 9.30
Where: Music Room
When: September 13
Bring: a cushion to sit on (some chairs will be available)
More info: Helen Bub-Connor 8091 4409
Primary:
Felicity Etrich: Fantastic story writing. Well Done!
Rileigh Doyle: Fantastic story writing. Well Done!
Abby Hayes: Fantastic story writing. Well Done!
Lewis Williams: Fantastic story writing. Well Done!

Congratulations to all these students.

Term 3 Attendance as of Week 8 Term 3 2011

Most students are doing very well with their attendance. Remember that if a student is absent from school you must provide a reason within 3 days. You can do that by calling the school office, telling a teacher, or sending in a note. Following is a note you can use.

Name of student ______________________________________
Date/s Absent _________________________________________
Class/ Roll Group _____________
Reason for Absence: -

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Student

Preliminary FINALS timetable 2012

- Students are required to be ready for exams to commence at 9.10am
- Students require black or blue pen and any other necessary equipment to complete their exams
- ALL exams will be held in LINK ROOM 2 (LR2) (otherwise stated).

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| 9.10 – 11.40am| **Standard English** (2.5hrs) 9.10am – 11.40am  
Anthony, Bridget, Leonie, Jak, Harley, Mark.  
**Industrial Technology – Timber** (1.5hrs) 9.10am – 10.40am Bridget | **Biology** (2hrs) 9.10 – 11.10am  
Leonie  
**SLR (2hrs)** 9.10 – 11.10am 
Toni, Anthony, Dana, Tayla, Jak, Harley, Elizabeth, Marcia, Jordan, Dale | **Visual Arts** (1.5hrs) 9.10am-10.40am  
Anthony, Bridget, Elizabeth, Marcia, Kelisha  
**IPT Ivanhoe only.**  
Mark  
**Sports Coaching?**  
Wilcannia Only.  
Marcia, Dale | **Music 1** (1hr) 9.10am – 10.10am  
Tayla, Leonie, Harley | **General Mathematics** (2hrs) 9.10 – 11.40am  
Jak, Anthony, Leonie, Mark, Elizabeth, Jordan, Kelisha |
| 12.40 – 2.40pm| **CAFS** (2hrs) 12.40 – 2.40pm  
Toni, Dana, Bridget, Jordan, Elizabeth, Kelisha, Dale.  
**Music 1 Practical (1hr approx.) in Music room** 2 – 3.10pm Tayla, Leonie, Harley | **E & E Science** Wilcannia only | **No Exams** | **Classes as Normal** |

All the best to **all students** in their upcoming exams. I certainly hope that the hard work you have put in over the year will pay off. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who provide the necessary support outside the school.

All the best

David Purcell (Head Teacher Access)
## Competition Results

### Handicrafts
- **First**: Kris Rush
- **Second**: Karen Page
- **Third**: Karen Page
- **Highly Commended**: Karen Page

### Best Doll/Teddy
- **First**: Margot Muscat
- **Second**: Margot Muscat
- **Third**: Margot Muscat
- **Highly Commended**: Margot Muscat

### Decorated Cake
- **First**: Brenda Mitchell
- **Second**: Jack Dolphin
- **Third**: Kiara Dolphin

### Chutney/Relish
- **First**: Kris Rush

### Staff-Pet Matching Competition
- **First**: Shelley Sutter

### Major Prize Raffles
- **Basket of Goodies**: Dawn Hemple
- **Remote Control Car**: Ernie Roe
- **Children’s Bicycle**: Kris Rush

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P&C would like to thank parents and community for supporting our fete. A special thank you to MCS staff who provided ongoing support in the lead up, as well as all the extra help you provided on the day. Congratulations to those people who won the competitions, but more importantly, thank you to everyone who entered and were prepared to have a go.

- **Russell** cooked up a storm on the bbq—with the BIGGEST hot dogs in town!
- **Jack & Chris** on the Yr 11 Fundraising Stall—Flat out!
- **Dena** did an awesome job on the day (above), and Brenda’s Carousel Cake (left) stole the show. It looked amazing! Well done Brenda

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**Carmel King**

Won putt putt golf and took home the kids golf set.

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**Thank you, Princesses.**
LITTLE KIDS AND BOOKS @ MCC

Where:
Menindee Children’s Centre

When:
Term 3 fortnightly
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

CANTEEN NEWS

HOTDOGS ON SALE AT THE CANTEEN FROM WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

$2.50 with your choice of sauce

$5.00 with cheese & bacon + your choice of sauce

Year 12 DER Laptops

All Year 12 students please bring your red DER Laptop and the unlocking paperwork to the front office this week. On Friday the 14th there will be a support workshop at the school to complete the unlocking process. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Dunbar at the school.

BABY MUSIC CLASSES

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
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: 1-3-4-10-12-16 : Drawn 10-9-2012: Winners Nil, Jackpot: $716.00 Numbers 1-20.

CWP Announcement

(Community Working Party)

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

R.S.P.C.A
Menindee Clinic

When: Wednesday 12th September
Time: 11:00 to 4:00pm
Where: Community Hall
Corner of Yartla and Perry Street

Please phone for appointment 0880877753

Also desex male cats on the 3 day.

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 enquires please phone Alisa Jackson on 0428793890

For a great Saturday night of Entertainment.

Ladies Choir rehearsals this Thursday 6:00pm in the music room at school.
Come along and have fun for an hour.
Volunteers also wanted to assist with the upcoming production

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

Council has received a proposal from Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation to undertake improvements to the Menindee Playground located in Burke & Wills Park, Menindee. The proposal includes the following;

♦ installation of a 10m x 10m shade shelter over the existing playground,
♦ installation of a 6m x 6m shade shelter on the existing concrete slab adjacent to the tennis courts, and
♦ installation of a BBQ and seating installed under the new 6m x 6m shade.

The local Menindee community are invited to make comments on the proposed improvements by lodging a written submission to the Acting General Manager, PO Box 165, Wilcannia NSW 2836, or via fax on (08) 80915994, or email to council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

Submissions will be received until 5pm, **1st October 2012**.

For further information please contact Council’s Environmental Services Department on (08) 80838900.

Mrs Leanne Ryan
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

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**PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council are required to submit proposed financial assistance for Public Exhibition for 28 days.

_That Council submit the Central Darling Arts Association proposal for public exhibition for a period of 28 days and if no submissions are received, contribute $1,000 to the Central Darling Arts Association for the 2012 Central Darling Arts Festival._

Submissions to be addressed to the Acting General Manager and close of business at 5:00pm on Wednesday 19th September 2012.

Mrs Leanne Ryan
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER
SEARCH IS ON FOR TALENTED ATHLETES

Up and coming talented athletes in the Broken Hill region of NSW are being offered support through the Far West Academy of Sport’s (FWAS) Lone Star scholarship program.

FWAS Acting Executive Officer, Matthew Thompson, said the Academy is currently calling for nominations for the 2012/13 Broken Hill Region Lone Star Program which provides support for talented athletes aged between 12 to 18 years who are competing at a regional level or higher.

“The purpose of the program is to support athletes to continue their development in their chosen sport, by providing financial assistance and all-round development opportunities,” said Mr Thompson.

“Successful applicants will have access to education and sport science services including strength and conditioning programs, physical testing and monitoring, personal development support and more.

“In addition athletes will receive from $500 to $1,500 to assist with expenses incurred in participating in their chosen sport.

“The combination of educational and financial support provided by the FWAS will be extremely valuable for developing athletes who are looking to get that competitive advantage and take the next step in their sport.

“Previous athletes selected in the program have gone on to achieve considerable success at a national and international level.

“We just had out last education day with the 2011/12 squad on the 2nd September and they all commented on how much the educational and financial assistance helped them with furthering their sport.”

The FWAS is encouraging all those athletes living in Broken Hill, Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe to submit an application package.

Applications for the program close on Friday 21st September 2012.

To obtain an information package or to find out more please contact the Far West Academy of Sport on (02) 6847 3638.

Media contact: Matthew Thompson (02) 6847 3638
POSITION VACANT
CASUAL SWIMMING POOL ATTENDANT
MENINDEE

Central Darling Shire Council is seeking to appoint a Casual Swimming Pool Attendant for the current swimming season.

Further information, including position description is available by telephoning the Environmental Services Department on (08) 8083 8900, or by email to council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

Written applications should be addressed to the Acting General Manager, marked ‘Confidential’ and received by 4.00pm on Thursday 20th September 2012.

P.O. Box 165
Wilcannia NSW 2836

Leanne Ryan
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

For further information about the Central Darling Shire Council visit the website: www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au/
Save the Date & Celebrate...

Friday 28 September 2012
10am till 3pm
Wentworth Rowing Club Lawns
"Healthy rivers, healthy communities"

Support World Rivers Day and the biodiversity in our iconic Murray and Darling Rivers by participating in the FREE Family Fun Day.

Bring a picnic rug and have lunch on the riverbank,
Catch a carp and win a prize (courtesy of Willow Bend Caravan Park),
River themed local artwork on board the PS Ruby,
research displays and demonstrations, and lots more!

Look for the program at www.irnd.cma.nsw.gov.au
Call Kim T, Susan or Rhonda on 03 5021 9460.

P&C Fete 2012
NOTICE
MUTAWINTJI Local Aboriginal Land Council
invites
MLALC MEMBERS
to attend a meeting to conduct
MLALC business

Wednesday 3rd of October 2012

On park at Mutawintji National Park: stay & camp

Tuesday 2nd  - Arrival, camp set up & dinner.

Wednesday 3rd at 10 am - Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council will conduct its Annual General Meeting for the 2011-2012 financial year, Receive the Audit report and Annual Reports.

Thursday 4th  - Depart Park and head home.

Meals will be provided from the Tuesday Evening through to Thursday Breakfast.

Please register your attendance at both meetings with -
Clayton Spencer, MLALC Acting CEO by calling 0428874164
Email:- mutawintjilalc@hotmail.com

Important information for the Local Aboriginal Land Council meeting
Current members of the Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council will be able to attend this meeting. If you are a voting member of the land council, you will be able fully participate in the meeting. To confirm your status as a land council member, call Clayton Spencer, MLALC ACEO on 0428874164.

Mileage
A mileage payment will be available to drivers who produce receipts for fuel costs travelling to Mutawintji National Park in their own vehicles for the meeting. Payment aim to assist people attending the meeting but may not cover all travel costs. Mileage forms are available at the meeting. One payment per vehicle.
No responsibility will be taken for any damage done or repairs needed to vehicles travelling to the meeting.
If you are travelling by bus or train to get to the meeting, keep your ticket and receipt and you may be reimbursed.
Please note that airfares cannot be reimbursed. There will be no organised transport to the meetings.

See us on Facebook for all the latest MLALC news and updates:-
www.facebook.com/MutawintjiLocalAboriginalLandCouncil
Beyond Cafe
Menindee Enterprise Park

Sunday 2:00pm—5:00pm

Support our students by supporting your community

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

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MEDIA RELEASE: NSW State Knockout Challenge

NSW Health partnered with the NSW Rugby League to reduce the prevalence of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities. Rugby League, and especially the Aboriginal Knockout, is an integral part of contemporary Aboriginal culture and a powerful way to connect with Aboriginal people.

To motivate people to manage their risk factors (or chronic disease), a weight loss challenge was offered in Aboriginal communities intending to participate in the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. The challenge was known as the NSW State Knockout Challenges.

The weight loss challenge involved 13 Aboriginal communities entering teams of 25 Aboriginal people (over 18 yr) motivated to lose weight. The 13 teams from across NSW had a combined starting weight of just over 32,000 kg.

The challenge was held from 14 May to 31 August 2012 with the winning community receiving $70,000 to promote healthy lifestyles – a portion of which can be used to enable team/s to participate in the Knockout.

The Menindee Fat Yabs were announced as the inaugural winners of the NSW State Knockout Challenge with 12% weight loss. La Perouse followed in second with 10.2% and in third place Bidgee United with a 5.4% weight loss.

As a requirement of the challenge Menindee Health Service and local GPs verified and documented the weight loss of the team.

The NSW State Knockout has reaffirmed with the Fat Yabs the need to get serious about weight loss to combat chronic diseases. The challenge provided a platform for the Fat Yabs to address weight loss as a group which has proven to be a success.

With the support of a local Aboriginal role model, Daniel Fusi, the Menindee Fat Yabs were able to participate in a program which included daily group walks, zumba classes, fitness circuits and training with the Menindee Yabbies Football team. Daniel is commended by the Fat Yabs for his willingness to help out, share success and tips, develop exercise programs and in providing the needed motivation.

Participants who were also part of the Menindee Yabbies Football team advised that without doing the NSW Knockout Challenge for the twelve weeks prior to the Grand Final they would not have had the fitness to carry them over the line to win the Grand Final.

Menindee is a remote community that does not have access to gyms or other exercise facilities. What they do have is a ‘never say die’ attitude and a willingness to work together to achieve the team’s goals and to do what is in the best interest of the community. This sense of community is highlighted further as the Menindee Fat Yabs will donate a proportion of the prize money to community organisations including the Menindee Children’s Centre, Health Service, Golf Club, Soccer Club, Menindee Central School and the Menindee Yabbies Football Team.

The pride and happiness that the Challenge has provided the Fat Yabs and the community of Menindee is something that cannot be explained.
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Menindee Central School is going to create a mural of the current students and family groups at our school. If you would like your child’s name to be placed on the mural please indicate below.

Child’s/children’s name: ________________________________

Family name: ________________________________________

Connections to other family groups:

____________________________________________________

For example:

Child’s name: John

Family name: Smith

Connections to other family groups: Jones, Harris

We are looking forward to showcasing the students, their family groups and their interconnectedness through this mural and hope that you can assist us with this project.

It is expected that the Governor’s office will unveil the mural in November.

If you require further Information please contact Shelley Shoemark, PaCE Project Officer at the school.

Due date this Friday 14th September.

Brian Debus  Rachelle Shoemark
Principal  PaCE Project Officer