Principal's Address

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys & Girls and to our friends and colleagues at Lindfield East and Killara High School

This evening I wish to make a special mention of Leo who is with us after a life threatening illness. Welcome back

I wish to acknowledge the Paakanityi the traditional owners of the land and pay my respects to elders both past and present.

This evening represents the last time I will address you as Principal. It has been a privilege to be in the position and now the time has come to say goodbye.

As I have done in the past I wish to structure my address around the concepts and words – with a little licence – contained in the song For Good from Wicked which you have just heard.

The song looks at the way that people and the relationships: can cause change; show us things and what the possibilities of change can mean. It is a conversation between two friends and adversaries – Elphaba and Glinda. As my time here at Menindee draws to a close it is the perfect time to reflect on the nature of the changes that have occurred here in the last seven years, and to think about what that will mean in the future. Elphaba, when looking at herself says, I’m limited.

I acknowledge that my talents and skills are limited despite my knowledge and experience. I have never claimed nor have I wished to portray a vanity of my self-importance. In particular I regret that I have been unable to engage the whole community all of the time and all students in our work. Many opportunities have been missed. However I have faced the task and given of my all.

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However, even with our inherent human limitations we should never use that as an excuse not to have the biggest of dreams, nor to delay the work towards achieving real and achievable outcomes. Both students and community are capable of so much. Our students are achieving more and are better prepared to achieve than in the past. Our community as a whole is better able to participate with a greater capacity than ever before. Yet there is still so much more that can be done.

So, now, it is up to you – School, Parents and wider community with Daryl as Executive Principal to chart a course that is either new, or based on the foundation that I leave, in a spirit of collaboration and cooperation.

In the song Elphaba also recognises the need,

“…just to clear the air,
I ask forgiveness for the things I’ve done you blame me for
But then I guess we know there’s blame to share”

What is past is past. Plan and work for the future. It is the only way. We cannot change the past, we can learn from it, make our peace and move forward.

Glinda mused,

“I’ve heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason,
bringing something we must learn
and we are led to those who help us most to grow, If we let them
And we help them in return”

And in the song, as the friends are parting Elphaba says,

“It may well be that we will never meet again in this lifetime
So let me say before we part
So much of me is made from what I learned from you
You’ll be with me like a handprint on my heart”

You have a new Principal and I congratulate Daryl on his appointment. The idea of complementing each other is a powerful notion. It is not one-way traffic.

I trust that Daryl will be strong to lead the way. I trust Daryl will be wise, compassionate, understanding and flexible but will always act like the sun in bringing light and truth on all subjects to show that which is not always immediately apparent, and to walk the path forwards with confidence and conviction.

I will always remember fondly my time here at Menindee. Continued page 3
When you are close to 70 years old, time is precious and I will never regret for a moment my decision to come here. I have devoted 10% of my life so far to Menindee and to the school. Indeed this time will be a highlight of my life in regard to nearly fifty years of service to the Department of Education, students and their teachers. I thank everybody – staff students and community for the kindnesses that they have shown to Tricia and me.

I must pay special tribute to Tricia for her understanding over the years. She has given me wise counsel and unconditional support.

Let me conclude: Change has occurred over the past seven and a half years and I do believe that things have changed for the better, but I do believe that an evaluation of this time is something that each of you will need to do in your hearts. What I can say is that because I knew you… I have been changed for good.

I wish you all well, good health and a Happy Christmas with your families.

Changes

These changes have only occurred with the support of both staff and community

- Underground watering of the oval
- Establishment of the farm- including the olive grove and grapevines
- Additional mural including Our Past, Our Present and Our People and a series of heritage books on Menindee families
- Establishment of 2MCS 88 FM radio
- The Menindee Enterprise Park and the unique rail accommodation
- Beautification of school; pillars at front of school
- Greatly improved attendance rates
- Production of series of books including: Changing Times on the Darling, Menindee’s Aboriginal Heroes and School Days
- Art “Department” with a unique Menindee style of painting, the Painted Piano and the Exhibition of Art the Coo-ee Galleries in Sydney
- Sale of student art on board the train, in Sydney and soon to be on line
- Musical achievements such as the performance at the Sydney Conservatorium with Kevin Hunt and Painted Piano
- Menindee Ladies Choir
- Our item at the NSW School Spectacular, Menindee Train bringing students and adult community members together
- Provision for students meeting high standards to take part in overseas cultural experience
- Almost all students now achieving the HSC with almost 50% achieving an additional trade certificate
- Covered playground equipment including an outside gym
- A functioning and high quality canteen
Term 4—Week 11

- A reequipped Hall with a new sound system
- Technology equal to the best across the state: smart boards in every room linked by optic fibre
- The innovation of an Aboriginal Male educator
- The inspiration behind the NSW Governments commitment to Aboriginal Education through the Connected Communities and our inclusion in the tranche
- Staff development programs of high quality featuring Dr Bob Morgan, Dr James Ladwig and Kerry McGuiness
- Expanded local employment of Aboriginales including permanent front office appointment
- Inclusion in 47 pilot school which brought additional funding to the school and its students and innovative use of staff
- One of 229 schools that are part of the Empowering Local Schools which will allow our to be one of the first schools to have the LMBR facility
- Innovative staffing arrangements that have appointed permanent teachers to program funded initiatives such as SiP and Low SES National Partnerships
- Reorganisation of assemblies with a “fresh” approach that builds team spirit and innovative segments
- Adult programs especially in Aboriginal Studies and Music
- Change from LOTE in Year 7 & 8 from teaching German to the Paakantyi.
- Involvement with Board of Studies in a Language Circle that has led to development of a Year 7/8 syllabus, the mostly completed Y9/10 elective and the proposed Y11/12 HSC course
- New awards to recognise staff effort and achievement (Good Job) and the Special Defying Gravity Award, where students focus on their achievement and put in for their awards
- Community Christmas Carols that has been possible by the innovative appointment of a “diversional therapist, entertainer and musician.”
- Establishment of a partnership with Lindfield East Public School and Killara High. This has led to student excursions to different environments, staff development and exchange. From this beginning four other schools in Broken Hill now have city partners

We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas

From all the Staff and Students at
Menindee Central School
Earlier this term Toni Clark and Bridget Marlowe were selected by Mildura Rotary to attend the Voyage of Discovery camp held at the Alternative Motivation Life Academy’s Sexton Camp located North West of Victoria inside the Hattah Kulkynie National Park on the Murray River. They participated in various leadership, problem solving and team building activities along with some extreme sports activities like rock climbing and abseiling. Both students enjoyed their experience and would like to thank Tandou for sponsoring them to attend the camp. Below is the students profiles that featured in a catalogue developed by the Voyage of Discovery Camp.

Bridget Marlowe
Mentor: Margaret Muscat
Sponsor: Tandou Limited

My name is Bridget Marlowe and I have just begun year 12 at Menindee Central School. Currently I am working towards completing a business and hospitality traineeship at Menindee Enterprise Park. When I leave school I would like to go through the IProud program which will assist me in achieving my dream of becoming a Police Officer. In my free time I enjoy helping others organise local functions, working at Beyond Café and painting.

Toni Lee Clarke
Mentor: Margaret Muscat
Sponsor: Tandou Limited

My name is Toni Clark and I am currently in year 12 at Menindee Central School. I am looking forward to year 12 as I will have the opportunity to complete my Traineeship at the Menindee Land Council. Recently I completed my SES training so I could become a local volunteer and help my community in emergencies. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends and volunteering at the youth centre.
Term 4—Week 11

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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, Maid-en’s Hotel, Red Sands Takeaway

Andrew Sloane 18th December
Roxanne King 19th December
Jade Cicak 31 December

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

William would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the beautiful Carols by Candlelight last Friday night. Despite the inclement weather it was great to see a good crowd, and the candlesticks glowing from the stage area looked awesome.

SCHOOL BUS — Update...

There will be no bus run through to the end of the year, BUT!

The service will continue with our NEW bus in 2013!

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.

Important notice for Parents

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

Start the term with a nice new school shirt.

We have yellow and white polo shirts, with the school emblem available from the front office.
Sizes 4 to 16 $20.00
Sizes small to 4XL $25.00
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.
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!
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 1-2-10-11-13-17 Winners NIL, Jackpot: $1077.00 Numbers 1-18.

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

Ducks For Sale
$10 each
Contact Bob Looney
Ph: 0880 914 374

GORGEOUS KELPIE PUPPIES

Both Parents excellent workers READY TO GO

Phone Rochdale Station on 80916474/0409104395
If you are interested

P&C Dates for 2013
General meeting Wednesday 20/02/2013
AGM Wednesday 6th March
All Welcome

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

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
December - to be advised but there will be a Christmas Day service on the 25th
Jorge Rebolledo
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0880884404
jorgefrebolledo@gmail.com

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PRODUCER INTERNSHIP - FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION

(Salary Range $43,241 - $51,775 including superannuation)

Blackella Films is an Indigenous owned, independent film and television production company. Our productions include the documentary series First Australians, the telefeature Made and the drama series Rekindled.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hardworking 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 high quality and compelling Indigenous film, television and online media projects. You will be involved in all of the company's activities, acquiring skills in developing scripts, production, financing, marketing and distribution.

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

Please send written applications with full resume and contact details for referees to:

info@blackellafilms.com.au
or post to

10 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 Blackella Films on

(02) 9300 0000 or info@blackellafilms.com.au

This position is a targeted industry development measure supported by the Indigenous Development Office of South Australia.

NSW Education & Communities

Indigenous suppliers and DEC

Good morning,

When you need to source a supplier to meet your business requirements, please consider an Indigenous company.

Indigenous companies supply a wide range of goods and services used by schools, TAFE institutes and DEC offices for their daily operations.

DEC is a member andtakes supportive of the Australian Indigenous Supplier Council (AISC). AISC is an arm of the peak organisation that connects small and medium Indigenous Australian businesses to support them supply goods and services to Government and the private sector.

To find suppliers, please visit DEC’s member portal by following our link DEC’s Indigenous Suppliers Database.

AISC can give you access to an extensive range of goods and services but please keep in mind that there are some items that still need to be purchased from State Contracts. If you have any queries, please contact DEC’s Procurement Support Team on 1300 208 298, option 6.

AISC’s Christmas Catalogue

You can view AISC’s Christmas Catalogue here.

If you require any support finding a supplier in your area or using AISC’s website, please call 1300 055 298

In Perth

A/C/CHC Procurement Officer

Department of Education and Communities

AISC, Member

Healthy Start

Kids Dentist at
The Menindee Health Service
Every Month

Ring Menindee Health Service on
(08) 80 914 209

For An Appointment.
New Clients Welcome
From 6 Months to 17 Years.

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 Melissa Hulce on

(02) 6286 2342 or 0427 457 366 / iymp@auswideprojects.com.au


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THE HON MARK BUTLER MP
Minister for Mental Health and Ageing
Minister for Social Inclusion
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Mental Health Reform

MEDIA RELEASE

27 November 2012

$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-screeab-guide.

For more information, contact the minister’s office on 02 6277 7280
On behalf of the trainees and staff of Menindee Enterprise Park we would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.