This week we see a couple of programs return for 2014 that have proven to provide an incredible boost to our students learning. The Allied Health Students in School program sees undergraduate students from the University of Sydney studying Occupational and Speech Therapy screening our infant students under the supervision of staff from the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) in Broken Hill. The program, now in its fourth year, is a win/win scenario, students, families and teachers gain the benefit of being better informed about a child’s development and the Uni students gain valuable clinical practice on the way to their degree. A report developed by the UDRH students will detail strategies if required that will assist the positive growth of students and in some cases provide referral onto the Allied Health team at Broken Hill Hospital. If you would like to know more about the program don’t hesitate to contact the school.

The importance of reading has been well documented and to help encourage our students to read a little more we will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. In its first year, the Premier’s Reading Challenge saw some 5900 students successfully completed it. Twelve years on, the Challenge is now open to students in Kindergarten to Year 9 and close to 250 000 students participate each year. This inspirational number, and the growth in the number of students who now participate, is the result of the support and dedication of our librarians and teachers and the tireless hours that parents devote to reading with their children. Stay tuned for some special “Local Incentives“ to help spur on our readers!
YEAR 11 - TERM 1 2014 - ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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The P&C will be holding its **AGM** on the **26th March at 3:30pm** in the **Connected Classroom, Menindee Central School**. We are looking for a committed and enthusiastic team of parents and community members to assist in the running of school affairs. Tea and coffee will be provided so come along and have your say in selecting the newest executive for the Parents and Citizen's Association.

Amelia Yarwood.
Adult Education and Personal Interest Courses

If you have an interest in furthering your knowledge and experience.  
Would like to get out a bit more of an evening.  
Are considering re-entering education and would like to test the water.

Menindee Central School and NSW TAFE will be offering a range of courses running of an evening.

From The Music Room

Drum Circle got off to a great start last Thursday night. There was lots of fun and laughter as we drummed into a groove... Remember it’s on every Thursday night 6 – 7pm in the music room, all community members welcome.

Also, as of Monday, the Primary Singing Group has begun to rehearse. This is a voluntary group for any Primary Student in Year 3 – 6 who has a love of singing. Once a week we will meet to rehearse songs from all over the world, in all different styles, as well as get a few ‘traditionals’ under our belt such as the National Anthem and the school song.

If your child has expressed an interest, a note will come home in the coming weeks to provide you with an overview of goals and commitment. In any case, if your child is considering joining. I strongly urge you to encourage them! The benefits of singing go way beyond improving your voice and musical skills. Singing has been proven to enhance concentration and learning skills, and maps out pathways in the brain that will benefit you for your whole life.

Please see Helen Bub-Connor if you would like to discuss drumming or singing for yourself and/or your child further.
This is your last week to register to join this elite dance troupe.

Rehearsals are every Monday 3:30 - 4:30pm.

Contact William at the school to enrol. Conditions apply.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to 'reignite your passion for your country', whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories. Attached is a notice for your newsletter in a PDF format. We would appreciate if you could please download this for your newsletter, noticeboard or website.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

"Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures." Sharon, Host Mum

"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop..." Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator
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: 1-2-10-11-12-20; Winner: NIL; Jackpot: $812.00 Pick 1-20

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

**BUSH FIRE DANGER SEASON**

From 1st October to 31st March. A permit must be obtained from permit officers.

G. Rolton
K. Lombardo

**New services @ Body Bliss**

Manicures
Pedicures
Gel Nails
Massage

***New*** Mini Massages
Waxing

Pamper Packs / Gift Vouchers available
All services available by appointment 7 days
Phone Kris 0429 029 906

**CLEANER REQUIRED**

We are looking for a full time reliable cleaner to work at a local Government site in Merindee.

Experience preferred but not essential.
Training and uniform provided.
Position available from mid April

Please send your résumé to:
Joss Facility Management
PO Box 210 Broken Hill NSW 2880
Phone: 08 8082 8100

**Choir Rehearsal**

Come along and have some fun.
Tuesday evenings in the Music Room at School 6pm—7:30pm.
All Welcome
Term 1—Week 7

ALBERMARLE HOTEL SOCIAL CLUB

FEES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE BY 22ND MARCH 2014

- $30.00 SINGLE’
- $40.00 Family

New members welcome
Members draw every Friday night with the raffles

MENINDEE COMMUNITY MARKETS

RTC grounds Yartla St
(quiet shady surroundings)
10am - 2pm
Contact: 0428 914 163

2014 DATES:
23rd February 29th June
23rd March 27th July
20th April 7th September
11th May 5th October

STALLS
$10/SITE
Byo TABLE & CHAIR

ALL WELCOME—FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
FRUIT & VEG; PLANTS; ART & CRAFT;
ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES;
FOOD & DRINKS
SATURDAY NIGHTS – 5pm -11pm. Community Social Night. Children Corner, Raffles, Card Games, Pool, Bowls and Meals.

MARCH – 2nd – 9am Clean Up Day – meet at the Community Hall. 
9th – 11am Members Meeting – SSPA Inc. (Progress).

APRIL - Friday 18th – 21st April – Easter – Golf Clubs Challenge.
Friday 25th April – 11am - Anzac Day – flag raising.

MAY - Saturday 17th – 6pm Volunteer Week Function.


JULY - Sunday 13th July – 11am Members meeting – SSPA Inc. (Progress).
Sunday 27th July – 9am - National Tree Day – Sunset Strip.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER – Sunday 5th – SSPA (Progress) Assn Inc. – Annual General.
Labour Day Weekend – Golf Club - Charity Match.

NOVEMBER Halloween Children's Party

DECEMBER Community Christmas Function.

KEY HOLDERS TO CONTACT FOR HALL & SHEDS ACCESS.

BARRY STONE  0477 127 426
PRESIDENT  70 LAKEVIEW AVE.

COLIN PICKERING  0427 794 467
Treasurer  37 LAKEVIEW AVE SUNSET STRIP

KEITH HARRIS  0429 149 449
TEAM LEADER  9 KINGFISHER AVE SUNSET

MAINTENANCE

THE STRIP – WORKING TOGETHER

SUNSET STRIP PROGRESS ASSN INC.  
(9895710)  
PO BOX 12 SUNSET STRIP NSW 2879.

FULL FIGURE FITNESS

Every Monday from 6pm to 7pm at school hall, all community welcome.
Ring Will to register.

FAT YABS TRAINING

.....EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURS EVENING ,
6-7pm in the school hall.
Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Assistance

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:

Near Menindee Community Hall, Yartla Street

MENINDEE

Monday 10 March 14 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Experienced specialist staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Our staff can assist you with Centrelink, Medicare, Australian Hearing and Child Support payment and service options. They are specialists in rural servicing and live and work in the communities they serve. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.

Australian Government
Department of Human Services
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN 61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist