The holidays are here and throughout Menindee I can hear the cheers from kids and groans from not a few parents! Term 2 is traditionally a busy term and due to its short length, this year has been especially so. Some highlights of the term include, a successful implementation of new accounting systems as part of the state wide Learning Management and Business Review (LMBR) program, cross country carnival, athletics carnival, half yearly reports issued and a fabulous PBL auction.

A big thank you to everyone who made the athletics carnival such a success, the parent and family involvement was fantastic to see and student participation increased as a result! We look forward to the results from the representative carnivals to come.

This week we are hosting a number of our city cousins from Lindfield East Public school who are here to experience a little of what it’s like to live and work in a small rural town. They will take part in our Connecting to Country staff development, which aims to further connect our staff to this place, Menindee. We will acknowledge through the next three days how important conversation and relationships are to the successful progress of our students and to the eventual closing of the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) program continues to grow from strength to strength and the data shows it’s true impact. As one indicator of our students growth in SMART, SAFE and RESPECTFUL behaviour our suspensions have fallen by 20% over a similar period last year. The auction on Tuesday is a chance for students to celebrate their hard work by ‘spending’ their Vivos. Parents and families will be able to monitor their students progress through the Vivo reward system. Stay tuned for details of this exciting advancement next term.

I wish everyone a great midyear break, safe travels and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 14th of July.

safe and happy holidays
Attendance Report for Term 2

Congratulations to Telicia Briar, Shane King, Ricky Williams, Mackenzie Smith, William Briar, and Nikita Johnstone for your great attendance this term!

Parents/Caregivers please note: If your child is away from school, we need you to send a note or call the office to let us know the reason.

Acceptable reasons include:

- Sick (if for an extended time we need a medical certificate)
- Attendance at a funeral (students can get an exemption)
- Travel to another area for a Dr Appointment, or for a family member in hospital (with a Dr certificate we can provide an exemption)

If you need to take students away on a trip please let us know before you leave so that we can provide work and approve leave.

Students are expected to attend school every day, unless the reasons above apply.

If students have an attendance rate below 85% we are required to report this to region, and the student may be placed on an attendance plan or referred for support.

If you have any concerns about your child’s attendance please see Ms Hasking at school.

Year 12 Standard English have been working hard studying some complicated texts. So far this year they have studied “The Merchant of Venice”, which is a Shakespearean play, and presented a speech about the play, and read a novel called “Tom Brennan”. They have also studied the German Film “Run Lola Run” and made a visual presentation about the visual techniques and themes in the texts.

Year 12 Advanced English have studied “History and Memory” comparing ‘The Queen’ with texts about Freddie Mercury, Read ‘Pride and Prejudice’ by Jane Austen, and studied ‘Hamlet’.

English studies students have completed individual projects about a range of topics including our voting system, anthrax, and an artist named Banksy.

Next term will be revision, revision, revision, as Year 12 prepare for the HSC exams.
**CHC ACTIVITY CHALLENGE**

The Activity Health Challenge has reached the end. Students absolutely smashed the anticipated average of 5000 steps a day. Students now get to keep their pedometers and take them home.

As part of the challenge, we held a lunchtime walking group. We had short walks around town, visiting people and places. This was lots of fun, and I am so proud of the students who took part. Thank you for making it such an enjoyable activity, and well done on a good effort! Also thanks to those people who allowed us to come and visit—your interest and encouragement was valued and appreciated. . Mrs Shephard.

dont forget the 5/6 stall at the markets this sunday....
Using Community Knowledge in the School

Menindee Central School and Merryweather selective High School in Newcastle are collaborating on a project to access and make available to school students some of the deep well of knowledge we have in our community about our environment. Experience has shown that when students find their learning is relevant to their lives they are much more engaged.

Mr Noel Glover, a head teacher at Merryweather HS has visited MCS with Professor James Ladwig several times to promote this project. Menindee Central School students will be interviewing and filming any members of the community willing to take part in this project early next term during NAIDOC week. The footage from these interviews will be professionally edited into a short 20 minute video. Software design students at Merryweather HS will develop a web site or an app so that anyone connected to the web can access this video and students from both schools have been involved in video-conferences to progress the project. It is intended that this project will continue into the future.

This year our focus is the environment, drawing on both Indigenous and European perspective and knowledge. Different year groups have focussed on different areas;

- Years nine and ten have been doing an ecology unit and are interested in the river ecosystem, how it functions and how it was different in the past.
- Years seven and eight have covered the classification topic in science and are interested primarily in the plants and animals of the river and its surrounds.
- Years five and six have been following the Murray Darling Basin Champions run by the MDBA and will produce another short video in the style of the morning show.

If you have something to say please feel welcome to come and share it with our students during NAIDOC week.

MCS will celebrate NAIDOC week in Term 3 Week 1. Stay tuned.
Please name your child’s clothing. This is the time of year when children take their jumpers off as the day gets warmer and just leave them wherever they may be playing. To ensure its return, naming their clothing will make things easier for staff. Thank you. Front Office Staff.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CANTEEN MANAGER**

**ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS NEED TO BE PAID BY THIS WEDNESDAY PLEASE.**

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**Lunches:** Whilst the front office staff do not mind heating your child's lunch (pie, pizza etc:) can you please put the food into a microwaveable container, thawed out and also provide either a spoon or fork for them to eat it with. Thank you, Front Office Staff.

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**School Uniform**

Wearing your School uniform is a sign of respect and politeness. We all honor our School when we wear our school uniform.

*Remember,*

No “Singlets” OR “Thongs”

Students are required to wear shoes to school.

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There has been another report of **HEAD-LICE**

Please check your child’s hair and treat appropriately. Thank you.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

There is a large amount of winter clothing in the lost property at the office. These items will be put out for claiming lunch & recess of next Monday & Tuesday near the main doors of the Front office.

Please come and claim your clothing.

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**INFO from the FRONT OFFICE**

Happy 7th Birthday Fiula

Love Mum, Dad, Shontaye, Kyloh, Family & Friends
ANNOUNCING !!
APRIL BOTTOM SCHOLARSHIP for 2015

$10,000 towards tuition and/or boarding fees
Previous applicants are invited to apply

The Scholarship will be administered by The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia in conjunction with the Late April Bottom’s family. Before her death in 2003, April expressed a desire to help families from the West Darling Parish Region, as it was then known, with the education of their children, in situations where the children had to move from home to study.

Applicants need to –

☐ Be resident in the Parish of the Far West and Broken Hill
☐ Preparing to undertake secondary or tertiary education outside the Parish in 2015
☐ Possess a desire and the potential to achieve, but not necessarily the opportunity

Application Forms can be downloaded at www.bushchurcharid.com.au or contact:

April Bottom Scholarship
The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia
Level 7, 37 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Phone : 02 9262.5017 Fax : 02 9262 5020
Email : robyn@bushchurcharid.com.au

Closing date for applications – 12th September, 2014

Please note there will be no Choir, Private Music/Vocal Lessons, Cultural Dancing or Karaoke for the rest of this term.
All lessons will resume again in Term 3.

See you then.  William Mafi
This week has seen many children absent from preschool due to illness. Hopefully the school holiday period will provide everybody with time to rest and recover and ensure everybody is healthy and eager to start back at preschool next term. The last day of preschool is Wednesday 25th June with Little Kids and Books on Thursday 26th June. The first day back at preschool is Tuesday 15th July. Wishing everybody a restful holiday break and looking forward to seeing everybody after the school holidays.

The last Little Kids & Books session for the term will be on Thursday 26th June 2014 at 10.30am. Come along with your child/ren to Little Kids and Books to join in our story time and take home a great book. Our next book is ‘My First Lift & Learn Numbers’ this bright lift the flap books counts colourful objects from one to ten and is perfect for counting using little fingers.

Our annual State of Origin raffle is almost finished, so get in quick to get your tickets before the third game on Wednesday 9th July. The winner will receive a SIGNED NSW State of Origin Jersey. Tickets are available from preschool families and staff, from the preschool as well as the Maidens and Albemarle Hotels. Tickets are only $2.00 each and the raffle will be drawn on the night or the 3rd Origin game.

Until Next Week
Hayley D’Ettorre
Director/ Teacher
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: 23/6/14 : 3-4-9-12-19-20 Winner: Nil Jackpot: $800.00 Numbers: 1-20 Drawn

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

Reminders for Medications
Residents requiring medications to be brought out from Broken Hill by the community bus need to contact the Menindee Transaction Centre to arrange pick up.
Ph: 0880914392

menindee
community
markets
this sunday
29th June
10 am

weather permitting
RTC
if wet -
CIVIC HALL
SUPPER ROOM
Broken Hill NAIDOC Week 2014 Events

- **Saturday 6th July** – [Rugby League Gala Day](#) 10:00am Kick Off at Lamb Oval (Boughtman St).
- **Monday 7th July** – [Flag Raising Ceremony](#) 10:30am at the Broken Hill Civic Centre Flag Poles (Chloride St) hosted by Broken Hill City Council followed by morning tea.
- **Tuesday 8th July** – [Elders Morning Tea](#) 10am-12pm at the Community Restorative Centre (Argent Street, next door to Warra Warra Legal Service 184-186 Argent St). Yarning circle in regards to our community.
- **Thursday 10th July** – [Free Family Fun Day in Sturt Park](#) 10:00am – 3pm (Chloride St side) including music, dance, traditional food, art, activities, jumping castle, stalls from different organisations, face painting, karaoke, merry-go-round and a special guest appearance from Yamba the Honey Ant. Transport is available at the following times 9:30am Creedon St Bus Stop, 10:00am Patton St Chemist and 10:15am Miani’s McCulloch St. Call (08) 8088 0002 for more information.
- **Friday 11th July** – [Pancake Morning Tea](#) 11:00am at Warra Warra Legal Service (184-186 Argent St).

Proudly supported by Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs, 2BH Hill FM and Maari Ma Health
A big Thank you to Menindee Central School, Menindee Ladies Choir and Menindee Community for paying their respects to the Mafi family during the sudden loss of their much loved husband, father, grand father, great grandfather & uncle.

The flowers, messages and phone calls received have meant so much to William, Edward and the entire family.

They are deeply touched by the thoughts and kindness shown from the Menindee Community.

Thank you.
William & Edward Mafi
Menindee Central School News

Term 2—Week 9

Current Exhibition
Darling River Art Gallery
Within the Menindee Tourist Centre 27 Yarlia Street.

Opening
1-3pm Saturday June 21 until July 21st

Enquiries: Gallery Manager John Clarke 0428736830
The Tourist Centre is staffed by local people and
is usually open from 10am to 3pm each day.
Check by phoning 08/4214

Papers from the Bureau of Navigation
ISUSI & ASMA
An installation of digital documentary, posters, B&W mixed media prints and
drawings and prints on paper and plaster.

Speaking & Healing Project

Warrnambool Legal Centre

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

To attend our Financial Literacy Road show and Free BBQ
Come along and have some fun and talk to different organisations
26th June 2014
Information
Free Give Aways
Menindee Local Park 10am-2pm Menindee Time

LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU COME ALONG

For more Information
please call Jennifer Higgins
08 90215429
Email: jhiggins@centacarewlc.org.au

www.centacarewlc.org.au
Menindee Community Markets
RTC grounds Yartla St (quiet, shady surroundings)
10am-2pm
Contact 0428 914 163

2014 DATES:
Next Market
Sunday 29th June
27th July
7th September
5th October
STALLS
$10/SITE
BYO TABLE & CHAIR
ALL WELCOME-FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
FRUIT & VEG; PLANTS; ART & CRAFT; ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

Bottle and Can Collection for Cancer Research
Just a reminder that Marie is still collecting bottles and cans.
So could people please contact her to arrange pick-up.
Please do not throw them into the bin or at the tip.

Help Marie raise the next $100,000 to donate to the
Garvan Medical Research Centre,
Royal Flying Doctor Service and Greenhill Lodge

Thanking you for your support
Marie Coombe - 80914433

Positions Vacant

Aboriginal Trainee - Water Treatment Plant Operator
Central Darling Shire is located in the far west of New South Wales and offers challenges and experiences that cannot be found elsewhere. Based in the culturally-diverse township of Wilcannia, the successful applicant will become a vital part of both the Shire and the community.
We are seeking an Aboriginal Trainee Water Treatment Plant Operator to join its dynamic and versatile Engineering Department.
This is a full-time position at Grade 2 within Council's salary system.
The successful applicant will hold an unexpired Class C Drivers license. Duties involve assisting the Water Treatment Plant Operator with the operation and maintenance of Council's water supply and sewage services including the Wilcannia Water Treatment Plant.
An understanding of SEO and WHO principles is required for this position.
For further information, and to obtain a position description and information package, please contact the Council's Engineering Department on (08) 6683 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 council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au
Applications close 4:00pm, Friday 27th June 2014.

Brian Wilkinson
Acting General Manager

Central Darling Shire Council
Position Vacant
Truck Driver
White Cliffs

Applications are invited for the position of Truck Driver at White Cliffs with the Central Darling Shire Council.
Duties involve truck driving and plant operation. Suitable applicants may be involved in general labouring and maintenance of community assets and road construction.
The position is part of salaried position with a 9 day fortnight in the position of Truck Driver.
A good level of literacy and numeracy is required. A Class MR Driver’s Licence is essential.
The position has been evaluated at Grade 3 within Council’s Salary Structure. Hours of work are 38 hours per week spread over a 9 day fortnight, allowing for a restored day off each fortnight.
For more information, and to obtain an application form and information package, please contact Council’s Engineering Dept on 08 6683 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 council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au
Applications close 4pm Friday 27th June 2014.

Brian Wilkinson
Acting General Manager
Central Darling Shire Council

Hard Rubbish Collection for Menindee
3rd July 2014

There will be a hard rubbish collection for the township of Menindee on the 3rd of July 2014. All items for collection need to be placed on the nature strip or adjacent to the kerb for pick up by council staff. Please separate goods into the following groups below. Large items for pick up could include:

- Old Furniture (Couches, Chairs, Tables)
- Old Electrical Appliances (Fridge’s, Washing Machines, T.V.)
- Or any other large item requiring removal

For further information please contact Environmental Services on (08) 8083 8900

Brian Wilkinson
Acting GENERAL MANAGER

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Central Darling Shire Council

Hard Rubbish Collection for Sunset Strip
7th July 2014

There will be a hard rubbish collection for the township of Sunset Strip on the 7th of July 2014. All items for collection need to be placed on the nature strip or adjacent to the kerb for pick up by council staff. Please separate goods into the following groups below. Large items for pick up could include:

- Old Furniture (Couches, Chairs, Tables)
- Old Electrical Appliances (Fridge’s, Washing Machines, T.V.)
- Or any other large item requiring removal

For further information please contact Environmental Services on (08) 8083 8900

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