The term is in full swing and there are plenty of activities about to commence or in planning. Our athletes will soon depart for the primary and secondary district carnivals, please watch out for notes coming home for those students who have been invited to compete. Depending on student numbers we may have some spare seats, if you would like to travel to Broken Hill for any of the carnivals please register your interest on your student’s note or by contacting the school.

Friday of last week we celebrated NAIDOC day and what a fabulous way to finish the first week back after the break. Remembering those Aboriginal men and woman who have served in the defence of Australia was given relevance through the local families who were able to relate stories of their kin who have served. The day concluded on the Menindee Aboriginal Reserve and I must thank the Menindee Aboriginal Land Council who did so much to support our day. Our students worked on the reserve in the days leading up to the event, clearing up and giving the scrub a bit of a prune. A dedicated crew of students and staff did a sensational job keeping everyone fed with Johnny cakes, kebabs and snags, enough to feed an army! Students walked the reserve and discovered, through conversations and the wonderful signage, who lived on the reserve, and a little of what life was like.

The new blinds, carpet, and, for the senior study, a paint job, have given the school a fresh feel and are the first steps in our school improvement program, exciting times ahead. Just as exciting is the big event on this term’s social calendar, the MCS Country and Western extravaganza, will give students a chance to showcase their talents in dance and performance, as well as give community a chance to break out their dancing shoes. Be prepared to strip the willow and boot scoot the night away! Look out for the “Save the Date” notice inside this newsletter.

Daryl
School Attendance Procedures

It is very important that all students attend school every day. Children who miss school fall behind, and the longer they miss, the harder it is for them to catch up.

If your child is unable to attend due to illness or family emergency, please call the school to tell us.

Students with Poor Attendance:

- The home-school liaison officer (HSLO) from Broken Hill reviews our attendance data each term.
- Any student who has lower than 85% attendance will be placed on a personal attendance plan, to try and improve their attendance.
- Students on an attendance plan carry an attendance booklet that teachers sign each lesson to monitor attendance.
- Students on an attendance plan must provide proof of reasons for absence.
- If a student on an attendance plan does not show improvement, the HSLO may contact you.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact the school so we can help you.

Michelle Hasking
Head Teacher Secondary Studies
**Please name your child's clothing.**

**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.

**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.*

**Canteen**
Due to unforeseen circumstances, **NO CREDIT** will be given. However, if you wish to have a In-Credit Balance then please speak to Canteen Staff.

*Julie Smith*

**School Banking**
Every 10 deposits entitles you to a reward: See Lynne

Reminder - **Thursdays** is School Banking Day.

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**INFO from the FRONT OFFICE**

**What is your passion?**

This term, we are working with our year 10 students to make sure that what they learn in school helps them develop their passion, and prepare for work.

Students are developing individual education plans that may include TAFE, work experience, or personal research projects. Later in the term they will also be choosing subjects for year 11 with Mr Blows, and organising traineeships with Mr Bailey.

If you have a student in year 10 we would love to talk to you about your student's education plan.

Please contact Peter Roberts (year advisor) or Michelle Hasking (Head Teacher) to organise a meeting or phone call at a time that suits you.
Year 11 Fundraising Breakfast!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July

Pancakes $2

Pancake with toppings $3

Toppings include: Maple Syrup, Jam and/or Cream

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**BACON AND EGG BREAKFAST**

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th August

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th August

Bacon and Eggs with buttered toast $5

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All breakfasts start at 8:30am in the Menindee Central School Kitchen. Pre-orders can be made through a Yr 11 student or Ms. Yarwood.
YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER

NEW ZEALAND TRIVIA

Thursday
14 August 2014

TEAMS OF 4
$10 PER PERSON

$100 1ST PRIZE

ALBY PUB
YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER
NEW ZEALAND
BINGO
Thursday
31 July 2014
LAND COUNCIL BUILDING
7.30 pm Eyes Down
MCS & Community Extravaganza

coming soon

Entertainment-Live Bands
@ the Menindee Civic Hall

Hoe-down

term 3

Saturday 13th September

term 3

Contact William if you are interested in participating in any way.
**Preschool** is vital step in education for all *young* children. It provides many opportunities for young children to learn and develop across all areas; socially and emotionally as well as many emergent literacy and numeracy skills, it also helps children establish positive routines that children need when they start school.

We still have some **vacancies** available for children who attend preschool, if you are interested please contact the centre on 0880914246 or pop in and talk to us about this. Please remember that parents MUST provide an up to date ‘Immunisation History Statement’ before your child can start preschool (or big school). These can be requested from Medicare by phoning 1800653 809, or downloaded from [http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-childhood-immunisation-register](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-childhood-immunisation-register)

**Little Kids and Books** continues throughout this term, with the next session on Thursday 31st July at 10.30am at the preschool. Our next book is ‘My First ABC’, by Pamela Allen. Bring your little kids along to join in the fun as a host of Pamela Allen's memorable characters, including Mr McGee, lions, monsters and pirates, parade, dance, jump and stomp through the alphabet from A to Z!

The dates for Little Kids and Books for term 3 are

- **Thursday 31st July**
- **Thursday 14th August**
- **Thursday 28th August**
- **Thursday 11th September**.

Until Next Week  
*Hayley D’Ettorre*  
Director/ Teacher  
Menindee Children’s Centre

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**Assembly this Friday**

**All welcome**

Sport Carnival Awards will be presented. Please come along...wear house colours and earn extra points. Support your ‘House’ and child/ren.
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: 21/7/14 : No’s 2-4-7-13-14-17 Winner: Nil Jackpot: $ 902.00 Numbers: 1-19 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

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

2014 DATES:
Next Market
Sunday 27th July
27th September
5th October
STALLS
$10/SITE
BYO TABLE & CHAIR

ALL WELCOME-FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
FRUIT & VEG; PLANTS; ART & CRAFT;
ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES
FOOD & DRINKS

Menindee Fishing Challenge

Father’s Day Weekend
6th & 7th September 2014
All enquires to any Committee Member:
Paul Roberts
Tim Walter
Terry Burt
Irene Hamilton

More details at a later date.

For Sale: 2 tickets to Bob Dylan Concert
Adelaide Entertainment Centre
Sunday August 31st
Phone Kris @ school or mobile 0429 029 906

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Chinese Take Out
Lunch time Fundraiser

Meals on wheels will be having a Chinese Take Out day on Wednesday 30th July from 11.30am to 1.30 pm
All money raised is in support of Motor Neuron Disease in the way of purchasing aids or equipment.

Menu

Entrée — 60 cents each
Mini Dim Sims or Spring rolls
Main — $10
Satay Chicken
Sweet n Sour Pork
Beef and Black bean Sauce
Honey Chicken
All served with Fried or Plain rice and green onion cake

Phone 85914164 before 11am, email through your order
or use the pre-order form below

CHINESE TAKE OUT LUNCH TIME FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Orders to be collected from Meals on Wheels (Old Nursing Service) between 12 & 2 pm. If school has a bulk order, it can be delivered.
Orders received by COB Tues 29-7-14. Thanks
Places are still available for community members to enrol for this course. The Responsible Conduct of Gamling (RCG) is Thursday 24th July. Contact Gavin Blows at the school for enrolment details.
NAIDOC Celebrations at the Aboriginal Reserve