Here we are, already near the end of week 6. Boy, the term has flown. I would like to start this report with a general word of praise – students at Menindee Central School are excelling in many different areas. We have students producing great work across many academic areas and many are also showing great potential in both the sporting and artistic fields. I see evidence of all of these achievements on a daily basis as I walk around the school. Well done to all. Great stuff!

However, I would also like to remind everyone of one of the schools PBL values - ‘Right Time Right Place’. School is certainly not the place for inappropriate language and general bullying and whilst in class it is not appropriate for students to be using their mobile phones or other electronic devices. It would be appreciated if parents and caregivers could reinforce these values with their children.

This week most of our 5/6 students along with Mrs. Shephard are enjoying the sights (and cold weather!) of Canberra. I have heard that everyone is having a great time. In just over 3 weeks time some our Year 12 students are off to New Zealand while our Year 11’s are heading towards Uluru. Our students are certainly travelling far and wide. These excursions provide them with fantastic cultural and social experiences.

Today and tomorrow our secondary athletics stars are travelling in to Broken Hill to compete in the Barrier District carnival. We wish them all the best in their respective events. On Tuesday I, along with Mr. Blows and Cheryl accompanied 12 secondary girls to Broken Hill on a visit to the local health academy. The students were given talks by Dieticians, Mental Health Workers, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists and other health professionals. It was a highly productive day and I congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour.

A reminder that a meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 5pm in the Connected Classroom for our current Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers. At this meeting students will be given information about the school and TAFE subjects, along with the traineeship options available to them next year. Also at the same time parents/caregivers of Year 7/8 are invited along to attend an information session about our Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program. We hope to see you all there.

Adam Bailey

Acting Principal
**Please name your child's clothing.**

**Lunches.**
Please make sure your child's lunch is completely thawed out when they bring it to school. There are several students who line up to heat their lunch and if there happens to be a frozen one, the other students are waiting longer than necessary. Thank you

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**No bus run this Friday 22nd August AM or PM due to Secondary Athletics Carnival in Broken Hill**

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**INFO from the FRONT OFFICE**

**Dates to remember**

- **August 25th /26th**  
  Yr 11 Fundraiser Bacon & Egg Breakfast $5.00

- **August 26th**  
  Yr 10 Pathways Planning Information Session (see Ad)

- **September 13th**  
  MCS & Community Country & Western Extravaganza

- **September 16th**  
  School Photos

- **September 19th**  
  Last day of term 3
Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 6: School Community

Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.

Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.

Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.

The difference between school and

LIFE?

In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a

TEST.

In life, you're given a test that teaches you a

LESSON.
Term 3—Week 6

Tuesday August 26th - 5pm Connected Classroom

All parents and students please attend this important information session to meet with teachers to discuss career pathways and subject selections for Yr 10’s going into Yr 11 2015.

Supper supplied.

Gavin

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Menindee Central School Half-Yearly Year 11 Timetable 2014

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ALL EXAMS are in Link Room 3 (MCS)
Safe School Bus Travel
The preschool children and families are very fortunate to have the Central School bus run also pick up and drop off our preschoolers. This service offers a safe way for children to get to and from preschool. Menindee Central School volunteers to transport our preschoolers to assist their attendance at preschool, it also helps their transition into school. Road safety is an important part of our preschool curriculum, however young children are not and cannot be made responsible for their own safety around roads and traffic. Adults are responsible for the safety of young children. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practice how to crossing the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus.

To ensure our preschoolers are as safe as possible when travelling home on the bus, preschool children will not leave the school bus until there is a parent or responsible carer able to collect them from the bus to safely accompany them home. If there is not a responsible parent or carer at the bus stop waiting for them, the children will be taken back to preschool for the parent or carer to pick up from there. Remember:

- WAIT on the footpath until the bus has driven away – choose the safest place to cross.
- WATCH until there is no traffic.
- WALK across the road, after looking both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Safety is the responsibility of everyone.

This week should see the start of our extensive landscaping works begin. This has been a very long process of planning and working out how we can get the best possible outdoor learning area to meet all of the children’s needs. Outdoor learning spaces are a feature of Australian learning environments. They offer a vast array of possibilities not available indoors. Play spaces in natural environments include plants, trees, edible gardens, sand, rocks, mud, water and other elements from nature. These spaces invite open-ended interactions, spontaneity, safe risk-taking, exploration, discovery and connection with nature. They foster an appreciation of the natural environment, develop environmental awareness and provide a platform for ongoing environmental education and sustainability. The outdoor learning area is also always a work in progress as new plants and gardens change and grow.

The National Quality Framework took effect on 1 January 2012 and applies to most long day care, family day care, preschool (or kindergarten) and outside schools hours care services. This Framework aims to raise the quality of education and care across Australian services through the National Quality Standard (NQS). Other changes include improved educator to child ratios, new qualification requirements, and a national assessment and rating process. These changes provide families with information on the quality of care to help them make informed choices about which service will best meet their needs. Preschools, including ours are covered under the Education and Care Services National Law are assessed and rated against the NQS. The process reflects a uniform approach to assessment and reporting across the range of service settings. Our preschool has received notification of our assessment and rating visit, this will happening in the coming weeks. This process involves an Assessment & Compliance Officer from Department of Education & Communities visit our service and spent time observing, discussing and looking at relevant practice, documentation and information. The officer will also take time to talk to families and children to enable them to get an accurate view of our centre.

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Little Kids and Books only has one more session for this term, next Thursday 28th August at 10.30am at the preschool. Our next book is ‘My First 123’, by Pamela Allen. Bring your little kids along to join in the reading and fun and as a host of Pamela Allen's memorable characters snap, stomp and woof and make lots of noise as you count your way from one to ten! This will be the last session for the term, as we have had to cancel the last session due to staff training. The LKB session for Thursday 11th September is CANCELLED.

Our next management committee meeting will be held on Monday 25th August 5.00pm at the preschool. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along.

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

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**Year 11 Fundraising Breakfast!**

**BACON AND EGG BREAKFAST**

**Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th August**

Bacon and Eggs with buttered toast $5

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 11 ULURU MEETING**

A final meeting regarding the Uluru and decisions about the Year 12 excursion will be held in the Connected Classroom at 5:30pm on Friday 5th September.

I look forward to seeing parents and students there.
Children learn through play experience’s

Parents are encouraged to join in their child’s play

Open to all families with children aged 0-5yrs.

Children gain a strong sense of identity, connectedness and well-being while becoming confident learners and effective communicators.

Venue: CWA Hall
Morning Tea provided
come in Play Clothes

School Term: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Friday 15th July 2014
Friday 22nd July 2014
Friday 1st August 2014
Friday 8th August 2014
Friday 15th August 2014
Friday 22nd August 2014
Friday 29th August 2014
Friday 5th September 2014
Friday 12th September 2014
Friday 19th September 2014

For more information: Phone or visit the team at
CentaCare Wilcannia-Forbes

1/201 Argent Street
P.O. Box 199
Broken Hill NSW 2880
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f. 08 8087 2387

www.centacarewf.org.au

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WEDNESDAY SPORT…Yrs 5-10

BIKE RIDING.

Any students wishing to do bike riding for sport, need to get a permission note off Mr Roberts.

Students will also need to bring their bikes and helmets to school for a maintenance check prior to joining the sport. To be able to commence by Wednesday 20th August, you need to bring your bike in before then and inform Mr Roberts to organise your bike check.
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: Drawn 18/8/14 : No’s 6-9-12-13-17-18 Winner: Nil. Jackpot: $992.00 Numbers: 1-18

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

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**MENINDEE REGIONAL TOURIST ASSOCIATION**

**AGM**  
26TH AUGUST 6:00PM  
AT THE CENTRE

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**NEW ! Reminders for Medications**

**Residents requiring medications.**

A new system has been implemented for medication pick-up. Medications now come out daily from Broken Hill with the Mail.

The phone number to organise this is Menindee Health Service, 08 80914 209.

Marie Kelly  
Health Service Manager

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**Invitation to Menindee Community**

On Saturday, August 30th the new Catholic Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, is visiting Menindee. He grew up in the Forbes area and is keen to meet as many people in the district as he can.

You are cordially invited to attend Mass and a morning tea afterwards.

We are also welcoming one of the new priests recently appointed to the Broken Hill diocese, Father Nicholas Falzun.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Father Danny Meagher and this is a chance to say thank you for his time with us.

**When:** 10:00am Saturday 30th August  
**Where:** St Patricks Church, Menindee

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**URGENT RENTAL REQUIRED**

2-3 Bedroom house for couple who lost home and possessions in Broken Hill due to fire.

Looking to make a ‘fresh’ start in Menindee. Daughter already attending Menindee Central School. If you can help, please phone

Jessica on 0448 54 8 980 or  
Noelene on 0400 005 462

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Menindee Central School News

Term 3—Week 6

Menindee 2014
Fishing Challenge

SATURDAY 6 September 2014 – Fishing 8am to 5 pm
SUNDAY 7 September 2014 – Fishing 8am to 1pm
Camp Oven Cook Off Sunday 12.00 to 2.30 pm
Markets - Entertainment

CRICK PARK – BANK FISHING ONLY

Food & Refreshments available each day

Early Registration at the Menindee Rural Transaction Centre
From Monday 1 September 2014 – OR – on the day at Crick Park

Adults $10 - Children U16 $5
(Parental Permission required with SUPERVISION on the days of fishing)

ALL FISHING LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE ADHERED TO

PHONE Menindee RTC 0880914392, COLLEEN 0417741988, Terri 0400388297

PROCEEDS TO MENINDEE COMMUNITY PROJECTS
OVER $4000 IN CASH AND PRIZES
ADVANCE NOTICE

COMMUNITY NOTICE

SUNSET STRIP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP—

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND GOLFING AT SUNSET STRIP

The Sunset Strip Golf Club invites all golfers in the Far West to participate in the SUNSET STRIP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP at Sunset Strip on the Saturday 4TH October 2014. Please reserve the date for a great weekend of golf.

- FAIRWAYS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED FOR YOU.
- A LOW COST OF $20 FOR THE COMPETITION & LUNCH.
- AMBROSE COMPETITION WITH FOUR TEAM MEMBERS.
- NIGHT GOLF WILL BE HELD ON THE FRIDAY NIGHT.
- THE BAR IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SOCIAL ENJOYMENT.

MORE INFORMATION: BARRY STONE

Telephone: 0477 127 426.
Email: allan_1961@hotmail.com
Facebook: sunset-strip-golf-course

ABN: 47976025521     CHARITY NO: CFN/22062
INFORMATION DAY
MENINDEE RTC CENTRE

INFORMATION DAY RTC CENTRE FREE BBQ

COME AND ENJOY A NICE DAY

- FINANCIAL COUNSELING
- RUNNING WORKSHOPS IN THE COMMUNITY
- WHATS ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- FREE GIVE AWAYS

TIME: 10AM-2.30PM

DATE: WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST

WHERE: RTC CENTRE MENINDEE

please call:
Jennifer Higgins 0880873477
Or
Email: jhiggins@centacarewf.org.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

Parents, Carers and Aboriginal Education members do you want to know more about the new and developing Aboriginal Education available that support Aboriginal Education outcomes?

19th August
Venue: Menindee Central School
Time 8.30am

The Murdi Paaki community meetings have been postponed until October. I will keep you informed of any further developments. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sissy Cearns

20th August
Venue: CWA
Time 3.30pm

Tea, Coffee & light refreshments available.

For more information
Phone: Shannon Barnes
0431 99 11 50

Endorsed by the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons trespassing or intending to trespass on the Menindee LALC property’s known as the Old Mission and Appin Station.

Unless you have prior permission to enter the property “DO NOT ENTER”.

Police have been contacted and anyone caught trespassing, or driving off the main roads cutting down trees and collecting wood without permission will be prosecuted.

DO NOT CUT DOWN TREES ON APPIN FOR WOOD.
YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED IF YOU ARE CAUGHT.

Information can be obtained from the Menindee LALC office only.

For any enquiries please contact Noeline Ferguson on 08-80914541.

Noeline Ferguson
CEO MLALC
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Menindee LALC

16.7.2014
Menindee Central School News

Term 3—Week 6

Menindee
Child Safe Organisations Seminar
11 September 2014

The Office of the Children’s Guardian is running a free Seminar to assist participants with implementing best practice principles for Child Safe Organisations in their workplace.

The session is being held at the CiWA Hall, Perry Street MENINDEE on 11th September from 10am to 1pm.

What you will learn:

- Tools to make our organisation more child-safe
- Ideas around policies, procedures and guidelines
- Risk management strategies
- What your obligations are under the Working With Children Check
- Complaints handling procedures

Click here to register now!

Broken Hill
Child Safe Organisations Workshop
9th September 2014

The Office of the Children’s Guardian is running a free workshop to assist participants with implementing best practice principles for Child Safe Organisations in their workplace.

The session is being held at the Aga Parson’s Rest Centre, Blanda Street BROKEN HILL on 9th of September from 10am to 4.00pm.

What you will learn:

- Tips and tools to make our organisation more child safe
- Policies, procedures and guidelines
- Situational prevention
- Risk management strategies
- Your obligations under the Working With Children Check
- Recruitment of staff /volunteer and selection tips
- Complaints handling procedures

Participants will receive a workbook with helpful information and templates.

Participants who remain for the entire duration of the workshop will also receive a certificate of attendance.

Wilcannia Child Safe Organisations Seminar

The Office of the Children’s Guardian is running a free Seminar to assist participants with implementing best practice principles for Child Safe Organisations in their workplace.

The session is being held at the Wilcannia Rural Transaction Centre, 35 Reid Street WILCANNA on 10th September from 10am to 1pm.

What you will learn:

- Tools to make our organisation more child-safe
- Ideas around policies, procedures and guidelines
- Risk management strategies
- What your obligations are under the Working With Children Check
- Complaints handling procedures
Central Darling Shire Council

Position Vacant

Roads and Assets Engineer

Applications are invited for the position of Roads and Assets Engineer with the Central Darling Shire Council.

This is a Professional Civil Engineering position, assisting the Director Shire Services in the planning, design and execution of works and services associated with the Shire’s operations in general and specifically responsible for the management of Council’s RMCC arrangements with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and management of Council’s Asset Management System.

The position has been evaluated as Grade 14 within Council’s Salary Structure with a current Entry Level rate of pay of $1707.30 with a range up to $1976.60 dependent on the demonstrated application of certain competencies required for the position.

For more information, and to obtain an information package, please call Sissy Thompson on 08 8083 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 at 12 pm Friday 22nd August 2014.

Michael Boyd
General Manager

To Giveaway Pig Dog Pups

Wolfhound/bulldog x bullterrier/greyhound
4 female 3 male

Phone or text 0417424020
Donna McInnes
MCS & Community Extravaganza

Hoe-down

Entertainment-Live Band
‘Mother & Other Pluckers’
Menindee Ladies Choir
MCS Students
Community members

Tickets on sale now @ $6.00 per head
Tables are catered to seat 10 people,
so get in early and book yours.
See William for bookings.

7 pm
Saturday 13th September
@ the Menindee Civic Hall