Welcome back to term 4! Daylight saving added that little extra hurdle for students struggling to get out of bed for day 1. Our term ahead is packed full of exciting prospects, not the least of which will be our School Spectacular excursion and Lindfield East Public School (LEPS) visit in late November and Big Day Out for junior primary. Such is the popularity of our exchange, LEPS actually offer two visits to our school, the second of which will occur next week. The students will be visiting the sights of Menindee and enjoying the hospitality of our students from Monday evening to Thursday.

Also due this term is the Young Women’s and Men’s Walkabout, which will offer the opportunity for our young people to take on an ‘extreme’ challenge and have a yarn with supporting staff about what it means to grow up strong and proud in today’s world.

As part of the professional support we offer our staff, Kerry McInnes our friend and Senior Literacy Advisor, will also be in school in a fortnight to work with staff on the teaching of literacy in our classrooms. Kerry’s experience in curriculum development at state level means that our staff will be well guided through their review of 2014 and planning for 2015.

Part of the exciting work our SRG has been doing has been to keep an eye on our Capital Works program. We’re yet to break dirt here at school, unlike the Pre-School which is flying ahead. I must congratulate Hailey and the management committee for their project management expertise, we’re taking notes!

As we move into the final term we will be reviewing with carers how their students have progressed through the year and look at the preparation of Personalised Learning Plans for 2014. Feedback to parents and carers is formalised through school reports but an ongoing discussion and setting of short and long term goals for each of our students continues to ensure we provide the best education to the students and community of Menindee!

Lastly can I offer again my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the upcoming exams to our HSC students. Remember to stop, breath and ‘smell the roses’, school and the HSC has been part of your journey this far, remember our school motto when taking your next steps. Face the Task! We know you’ve got what it takes!
ATTENDANCE SMS UPDATE. Absences will be SMS’d out to parents. If you don’t want this service please contact Michelle Hasking or any of the front office staff. Also, if your contact details have recently changed, please remember to update them on our files. Ph: 04 80914 409.

IMPORTANT REMINDER. WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. NO PRODUCTS WITH NUTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE PACKED IN CHILDRENS LUNCHES.

Dates to remember

October 9th    School Photos
October 10th   Yr 12 Farewell and Lunch
October 13th-Nov 6th HSC Exams
October 13th—16th Lindfield East visit
November 10th—13th Killara High School visit
November 21st  Year 12 Formal
December 13th   Carols by Candlelight
December 17th   Term 4 2014 finishes
February 5th   Term 1 2015 commences

INFO from the FRONT OFFICE

No school bus Thursday or Friday of Term 4 Week 2.
Attendance

Term four has begun- it seems to get here faster every year!

It is very important that students attend school every day until the end of the year. If students must be absent, you need to contact the school and give a reason. You may be asked to provide evidence (e.g., a medical certificate) if students are away for more than a few days, miss an assessment task, or are away for more than 10 days over the course of the year.

Students should attend on time. If they are late they must remember to sign in at the front office, and should bring a note from home explaining why they are late.

Regular attendance is important for the following reasons:

- Students who miss classes become less confident with their work and fall behind.
- Students in High School must achieve at least 85% attendance to get their ROSA, and HSC credentials (to get year 10, 11, and 12).
- Especially at this time of the year, students are preparing for assessment tasks, and cannot afford to miss preparation time.
- Students must have good attendance to attend excursions, work experience, traineeships, and other opportunities.

Should you have any inquiries or concerns about your child’s attendance, you can talk to me at the school.

Ms Hasking

Head Teacher Secondary Studies
I’d like to take a moment to thank the parents and community members for their feedback and participation in the Vivo parent trial.

All parents will soon be issued with their own login details that allow them to track the amount of Vivo points that their child have earned. This is a great way for you to see how well your child has been behaving and what kind of behaviours they are being rewarded for.

After talking to staff and the School Reference Group, it has been decided that “Speak Politely” is going to be added to our list of values. Learning how to use an appropriate tone of voice and choice of language in different settings is a vital skill both in school and the wider community.

Students in Year 5 to the new Year 12 who have been working well all year will have the chance to participate in the annual School Spectacular excursion later this term. Earning your wristband is one of the requirements to receive an invitation.

Students in Kindy to Year 4 will have the chance to go on the Big Day Out instead.

All teachers will be on the lookout for good behaviour to reward.
Information for our HSC Students!

Exams begin next week, and our students should be studying hard. Exam timetables are set by the state Board of Studies, and are available on the Board of Studies website.

If students are unsure when their exams are, they should see Mr Blows at the school.

HSC exams are a big deal- they are marked externally at a state level, and our students compete with year 12 students across the state. The marks they get in their exams make up 50% of their total Year 12 mark. Teachers at the school are happy to provide extra tuition and support, and are teaching classes as normal this week.

We should be seeing our year 12’s here at school getting ready for the exams.

If you have a student doing year 12 you can support them by:

- Encouraging them to study- they should be doing at least 1 hour/day/subject
- Encouraging them to distress by exercising
- Encouraging them to eat healthfully
- Understanding that they are under a lot of pressure, and being patient with them
- Ensure they have the resources they need- pens, pencils, rulers, calculator, rubber, water- to take into exams with them.
- Making sure they get a good sleep and a healthy breakfast before exams.

All the best,

your teachers at MCS.
It’s that time of year again……………….

Lindfield East Public will be visiting our school next week. Year 5/6 from Menindee Central will be involved with a lot of the activities for the week with the Lindfield East Students.

Invites will go out to family members of the students involved. We hope to have you there for some great food, fun & chats.

Photo’s and reports to come!

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### Menindee Excursion 13-17 October 2014

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<td>Check in at 9.30am at Airport</td>
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<td>(Please make sure you have a good breakfast)</td>
<td>9.00 am Table Cruise Tour</td>
<td>8.30am VC Conference with LEP5 parents</td>
<td>7.30am (EST) Leave MCS travel to Broken Hill</td>
<td>10.15-11.15 Royal Flying Doctor Museum</td>
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<td>6.20am Train Depart Sydney</td>
<td>11.10am – Recess</td>
<td>9.00am All LEP5 students &amp; teacher tour</td>
<td>Now running on BH time</td>
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<td>Students to bring packed morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</td>
<td>11.30am Local Town Tour</td>
<td>Kinchega Wooshed Returning @ 12.30pm</td>
<td>8.15am (BH Time) 8.45am EST School of the air visit</td>
<td>12.00pm Depart to Sydney (BH Time)</td>
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<td>Phone calls to parents Circus activities</td>
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<td>7.30pm Dinner – Hot Dogs</td>
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<td>8.30pm Prepare for bed</td>
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**Flight Details:**

Parental pickup from:

Rex Terminal

Menindee Central School News page 6
Not-for-profit student exchange organisation AFS is on the lookout for volunteer host families and schools in the local area to welcome a group of exchange students arriving on February 6, 2015.

We would really appreciate if you could place the attached flyer either in your next school newsletter, print out and hang around the school or take parts of it to include in your daily notices.

The students on the attached flyer are all arriving in February and will be here to attend a local high school, live with a host family and become an Australia and do as we do. All students come on the correct student visas, which means students get funding from the government as any normal Australian student.

Hosting an AFS student in your school and local community is so rewarding - it brings the world to your classrooms, and for the host family hosting them it gives them the chance to see how others live.

Should you require additional information, or would like me to post out some materials I can be reached at 02 9215 0077 during work hours or via email at Jason.heath@afs.org.

Thank you for your time, and I hope we will be able to have one of our students placed in your school or with a great school community family.
Year 12 reward excursion to New Zealand

Kia Ora!

This year two students; Shane and Kyle, attended the Year 12 trip. Attendance on the trip requires 85% at school, great behaviour, and completion of all assessment tasks. The year 12 excursion aims to reward student effort and also to expose students to new experiences.

The trip was a fantastic experience. In Auckland we visited a bilingual Maori school, went on a sail boat tour, during which we saw whales up close, and had a quick tour of the city.

We then travelled to Rotorua where we went on luge rides, attended a Maori Hangi, and saw boiling mud pools. We also went to a kiwi breeding centre and had a few turns on the ‘big splash’.

In Taupo, we saw a beautiful lake and amazing geothermal hot pools-natural spas.

Wellington lived up to its “Windy city” reputation and our tour included a view of massive waves and a touch of sleet. The addition of snow-capped mountains on the drive there convinced us that this was a cold place to be.

While in Wellington we attended the planetarium and saw buildings of historical and cultural value. We also played a few games of pool and bowling, which was a great way to wind down after a busy day.

The students were excellent representatives of our school, showing fantastic behaviour throughout the trip and even singing an Australian song for our Maori friends.

Thank you to all staff and community members who helped with the fundraising effort, to the students for their excellent behaviour and participation, and to the staff who gave up some of their holidays to supervise the trip.

Ms Hasking
Mental Health Month 2014
Be... You Neak... Be Deadly
Enter the Deadly Factor

WANTED
Singers
Dancers
Snake Charmers
Comedians
Acrobats

Alcohol and smoke free event

PRIZE CATEGORIES
Junior Ages... Middle Ages... Adult Ages... Mixed Groups
Encouragement Award
Special Guest Judges... Also Deadly MC

Registration is FREE
Numbers are limited
registration form on the back

Evening meal is provided
Date: 16th October
Time: 5.15pm
Where: Menindee Civic Hall

Entry forms to be returned to Maari Ma or CentaCare by the 3rd October 2014.
either hand delivered or email to:
Corina Kemp  email: corina.kemp@maarima.com.au
Kate Phillips  email: kphillips@centacarewf.org.au

all talent welcome
Talent Show Entry form
Complete all sections

Performing Where

☐ Dureton (13th October)  ☐ Broken Hill (14th October)  ☐ Wilcannia (15th October)  ☐ Menindee (16th October)

Individual Act ☐  Group Act ☐

1. The length of the act should be no more than 5 minutes
2. Music should be saved onto a CD or as a wave file (NOT DVD or MP3) Supply to the organisers before the performance date.
3. Please NOTE any props required will need to be supplied by the performers
4. Consent is required from all performers. Parent/Guardians are required to sign for each performer under 18 years. This acknowledges that all parties understand and agree to the performers’ participation in the talent show. This consent grants permission to take photo/video images for use in news release, web or printed for publication to promote this event. This consent authorises the use of these images without compensation.

Only one person of the group should complete the entry form.
(if under 18 a parent/guardian must sign the entry form and accompany the child to the event)

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Please print VERY clearly! DO NOT use an email address that you do not check often. If more than four people in a group act, add the name and information on the bottom of the form.

5. Type of talent (tick categories below)
☐ Dance  ☐ Song  ☐ Skit  ☐ Other (Please specify other)

6. Title of Performance (or group).

7. Brief description of Act (lip Sync, Dance, Magic Act, Vocals, juggling, etc).

8. Will performance include Props? Yes ☐ No ☐
   • if yes to #4 Please explain in space below (i.e, 2 tables, 1 chair, music stand....)
   • Special setup or arrangement required? Yes ☐ No ☐ time needed to set up
   • If you have any special needs or requests not listed on this form, please be sure to note that here in detail

Performer/Student Name

Performer/Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Any other information (eg-disability)

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Kate Phillips  email: kphillips@centacarewfl.org.au
Corina Kemp  email: corina.kemp@maarinma.com.au
BECKLER’S BOTANICAL BOUNTY
THE FLORA OF MENINDEE: 150th COMMEMORATIVE COLLECTION
5th Annual Field Trip to Menindee NSW – September-October, 2014
Project Leader: Mall Moir

Special Botanical Exhibition
A thank you to the Menindee community

Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September to Sunday 12\textsuperscript{th} October (inclusive)

Menindee Visitor Information Centre
Darling River Art Gallery
27 Yartla Street Menindee

Open daily: 10AM - 2PM

We would like to thank the Menindee community for their warm welcome and support given generously to our group over the past five years. It is for this reason that we have chosen Menindee as the place for our very first exhibition.

We have been collecting and painting some of the same plants as Dr Hermann Beckler did around Menindee in September – October 1860.

In the area, approximately 120 plant species have been identified to document and illustrate. Species are collected for the National Herbarium of Victoria and the New South Wales Herbarium

Inquiries
John Clarke – 0428 736 630 (Menindee Information Centre)
Anne Lawson - 0438 702 859  Beverley Wood - 0407 315 632
beckiersbotanical.blogspot.com
becklers.botany@facebook.com
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK

Are you an Aboriginal person?

aged 17-25 Years?

Come along to an information session just for you. Find out about real opportunities and assistance in gaining employment through New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP).

Where: Life Line Centre – please enter through Argent Lane

When: 16th October 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

For further information please contact Sissy Ceams or Julie Philip 04 8888 5700

CRICKET MATCH
MENINDEE V TANDOU
Upcoming game Sunday 26th October in Menindee. 10am start.
Contact Adam Bailey if interested.

AECG AGM
23rd October 6pm at the train

MENINDEE CHARITIES SHOP
has had a makeover, SO, call in and check out their new look.
Open Mon-Fri 10-12, grab a great bargain from one of the friendly staff.
coming soon
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH
2014
7:30pm
kids activities
carols start at 8:30pm
entertainers wanted
see William

William can be contacted on 0487 254 542
Beyond Cafe
Menindee Enterprise Park

News

Party on Argent &

KReations

Will be holding stalls at Beyond Café this Sunday the 12th October 2014 From 11am till 2pm Great Xmas present ideas

Standard Sunday Menu
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