Daryl’s Yarn

This week we see a couple of programs return for 2014 that have proven to provide an incredible boost to our students learning. One of these programs has a new face attached to it, the Early Action for Success program is designed to ensure our K-2 students and their teachers receive expert advice on how to improve literacy and numeracy. At its core is the appointment of an Instructional Leader and we welcome Jo-Anne Kafre to our wonderful school. Jo-Anne has a wealth of experience in early years education and we can’t wait to see how her experience will benefit our students and staff. Please feel free to drop in and have a yarn.

The Allied Health Students in School program sees undergraduate students from the University of Sydney studying Occupational and Speech Therapy screening our K-2 students under the supervision of staff from the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) in Broken Hill. The program, now in its fifth 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 Premiers Reading Challenge. In its first year, the Premiers Reading Challenge saw some 5900 students successfully completed it. The Challenge is now open to students in Kindergarten to Year 9 and close to 250 000 students participate each year. Stay tuned for details of how you can support your student(s) take on this fabulous challenge.

This week we met with parents of students in years 7/8/9 to have a yarn about the middle years approach we’re introducing in order to prepare our students for the heady days of senior school. The year 9 “dip” in performance has been well documented and by adopting a shift in focus for our teachers we hope to maximise the opportunities for real student growth. In the coming weeks we will be publishing some information to assist parents in understanding the plan we’re hoping to introduce. Please feel free to contact the school for further information.

Finally congratulations to The Cultural Dancers, Community Choir, that ‘Hula Girl’ Amelia and of course Will for the fantastic performance at last week’s Charity Fashion Parade. I’ve received plenty of positive comment about the talents of our students! Well done!

Daryl

Principal: Daryl Irvine;
Deputy Principal: Veronica Mafi;
Assistant Principal: Georgia Shephard;
Head Teacher, Secondary: Adam Bailey;
Head Teacher Access: Gavin Blows;
Senior Leader Community: Daniel Fusi;
Language Nest: Fiona Kelly.
Welcome to Term 1

FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS
If your contact details have changed recently can you please inform the front office so we can keep our records up to date in case we need to contact you for any reason. Thank you.

RETURNING FORMS
Parents/Carers/Students are reminded to please return forms for excursions etc at least a day prior to the excursion taking place. This saves a last minute dash to the front office filling out necessary forms or waiting for a receipt etc. Thank you.

Great job to all the parents out there who are taking advantage of and using the new student absence booklets.
Thank you, we at the Front Office appreciate your support.

MARCH
FRIDAY 13th
BARRIER SWIM CARNIVAL BROKEN HILL

23rd-27th
YEAR 12 HALF YRLY EXAMS

THURSDAY
2nd APRIL HARMONY DAY

MONDAY 30TH LINDFIELD EAST VISIT

31st-2nd
4-5-6 JUNIOR LEADERS CAMP

2nd APRIL THURSDAY END TERM 1

Menindee Central School News page 2
Rex Brasting

I have been working on the Central Coast NSW approximately 10 years and I teach Technology.

Wood, Metal, Food, Hospitality, I am excited about the new challenge at Menindee Central School and cant wait to meet Parents of my students.

In my previous life Before Teaching I was a Pastry Chef Baker. I have had businesses in New Zealand, Bathurst and the Central Coast.

I have trained as a technology teacher in the year 2000 and completed my training at the end of 2003. I was then asked to further my teaching experience in a remote town on the Murray River, Barham.

I then moved to the Central Coast to further my career in teaching and have enjoyed the opportunity to develop and hone my skills in this field. I enjoy teaching students of all walks of life and love telling stories about my experiences.

Alick Ngondo

I am the new mathematics teacher at MCS school. I was born in Zimbabwe, Africa.

I started teaching in Zimbabwe in 1992 and moved to England in 2001 to continue teaching until July 2013 in which month I came here to Australia. I have been teaching here ever since! Prior to this, I studied at University of Enrique Jose Varona, Cuba where I earned my degree in education of Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics. In 1999 I completed an MSc in Radio Physics at Wuhan University, China. In 2011 I also earned an MSc in radiation Physics from the University of Swansea in the United kingdom. Living and working abroad was an invaluable experience—not only did it allow me to work with students and hone my craft, it also gave me the opportunity to travel, learn about different cultures, and pursue my biggest passions: Mathematics and Science Learners.

In brief my philosophy of teaching is that every student is unique and has different interests and learning styles. I want to ensure that I spend an adequate amount of time learning about all of my students and having them learn about me. My goal is for our Lessons to be a community of learners based on mutual respect for all individual differences. I am confident and enthusiastic teacher who is able to teach students across the secondary age range, whilst at the same time encouraging them to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence. I possess extensive knowledge of contemporary teaching methods and have immense subject knowledge, enthusiasm and charisma, as well as a genuine interest in educating others.
4 QUICK QUESTIONS WITH ROSHELLE EDWARDS

Q: What is your favourite book?
A: Rahl Dahl
Q: What is your favourite food?
A: Chilli Con Carn
Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?
A: Singer
Q: Who is your biggest role model?
A: Africa

TOTALLY USELESS FACTS
An Average woman spends nearly 1 year of her life trying to decide ‘What to wear’

HEALTHY LUNCH HACKS

Weet-Bix slice recipe
Weet-Bix slice is always popular and is super-easy to make. Get the kids to help you crush the Weet-Bix to make the base before covering it with a chocolate icing.

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cook Time: 15 mins

Ingredients:
- 4 Weet-Bix, crushed
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 70g butter/margarine
- 1/4 cup of water

Method:
Melt margarine/butter and mix into crushed Weet-Bix.
Add remaining ingredients and press into a greased/lined tin.
Bake 15 minutes at 180°C (160°C fan-forced).
Combine icing sugar with milk, adding just enough milk to create a thick paste.
The slice may be iced while warm.
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Students had a wonderful couple of days in the Art room last week with Karin Donaldson. Ceramic work, hand building clay, paper clay using multiple techniques with an inventive and playful approach—closely connected to the land and river of our environment.

Karin will be returning again in a couple of weeks to assist with the firing of their works.
CHOIR PRACTICE:
Sunday mornings 12:00 noon
Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm
in the Music Room.
New members, both men & women are welcome.

no lessons
There will be no Individual Student lessons Monday 16th March.
William can be contacted through the school on 80914 409.

HARMONIOUS CHORDS
A great performance and night was had by all who attended the St Pats Fashion evening in Broken Hill last Friday.
Menindee Central School, Cultural Dancers, Amelia Yarwood & Community Choir, did us proud!
A big thankyou to the parents and friends who came along to support the performers.
All performers showed professional standards, second to none and it was great working with you all.

William

Performers required for HARMONY DAY
Please see William
National NAIDOC Poster Competition

Each year, the National NAIDOC Poster Competition invites Indigenous artists to submit an artwork depicting the National NAIDOC Theme. The winning artwork, selected by the National NAIDOC Committee, is used to create the National NAIDOC Poster to promote NAIDOC Week across the country. The winning entry also attracts a $5000 cash prize.

The 2015 competition is now open and artists are encouraged to start working on entries which reflect this year’s theme -

**We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.**

Check out the entry form for details.

You can submit your entry [online](#), by [email](#), or by post to:

National NAIDOC Poster Competition
Culture and Engagement Policy Section
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
PO BOX 6500 Canberra ACT 2600
We are happy to announce that we have some new foods in the Canteen.

**SCONES** (variety) .70c  
**SLICES OF CAKE** (variety) .70  
**MUESLI BARS** $1.20  
**COCOPOP or NUTRIGRAIN MILK DRINKS** $2.50  
**UP & GO’S –CHOCOLATE, STRAWBERRY or BANANA** $2.50  
**FARMERS UNION ICED COFFEE 600ML** (Available to Seniors & Staff only) $4.00

There are also 13 different flavours of **FRUIT BOXES** available. Keep an eye out for fortnightly specials.

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27th March  
1st May  
19th June  
24th July  
11th September
Regular preschool attendance is crucial for all children to develop skills and build relationships outside of the home. Each day at preschool children are given many opportunities to talk, read, draw, sing and play! If your child is aged between two years old and school age they are eligible to attend preschool. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the centre on 0880914246 or call in and speak to Centre educators about this. Research suggests that the building blocks for lifelong self-esteem are learnt during the preschool years. This is when your child is growing socially, emotionally and personally. Children need to establish positive social skills and self-esteem to enable them to learn.

In the early years of a child’s life much of their learning occurs through play. Play IS the work of children. Why is play important? Different kinds of play build different kinds of learning:
• Creativity: when you encourage your child to play, it exercises imagination and helps your child express emotions.
• Role-play: dressing up gives your child a chance to act out scenarios that might otherwise be scary or confusing.
• Messy play: playing with paints, water, mud or in the sandpit is a good outlet for emotions.
• Coordination: climbing over playground equipment teaches coordination, balance and teaches them to assess and take risks.
• Cooperation: games teach your child about taking turns, following the rules, counting and being a good loser. These are tough lessons for any preschooler.
• Talking & laughing: songs, books, reading, riddles and rhymes encourage humour and teaches new words.

The next preschool management committee meeting will be held on Monday 30th March at 5.00pm at the preschool. All parents, family and community members are urged to attend. Please show your support for your child’s / community preschool and come along.

Learning starts from birth and it is never too early to start reading to your child. It only takes fifteen minutes a day to read a book to your child and the benefits of this are many and long lasting! Don’t have any quality book at home?..... bring your child along to Little Kids and Books to join in our story time and take home a great book. Little Kids and Books, early literacy program continues to run fortnightly on the alternate Thursdays to preschool at the Centre, all children aged 0-preschool age and their families are welcome and encouraged to come along. Term 1 dates for these sessions will be
• Thursday 12th March
• Thursday 26th March 2015, from 10.30am – 12.00 noon.

Until Next Week,
Shannon, Casey, Pearl, Marissa & Hayley
Menindee Children’s Centre
0880914246
menindeeprechool@bigpond.com
Menindee Playgroup

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 6th February 2015
Friday 13th February 2015
Friday 20th February 2015
Friday 27th February 2015
Friday 6th March 2015
Friday 13th March 2015
Friday 20th March 2015
Friday 27th March 2015
Friday 3rd April 2015 NO GROUP- Easter

For more information: Phone or visit the team at CentaCare Wilcannia-Forbes
1/281 Argent Street
Po Box 190
Broken Hill NSW 2880
p. 08 8087 3477
t. 08 8087 2387

www.centacarewf.org.au

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MENINDEE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Due to poor attendance at the AGM a new date has been selected.
Without a new committee, there will unfortunately be no 2015 P&C
P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on
Monday 23rd March
Time: 3.30pm
Location: School Library
All Welcome
PBL Update

- The PBL Planning day has resulted in a few key items being actioned. These include setting dates for our PBL explicit lessons, gathering data on student interest for the Vivo shop and the production of new PBL signage.
- Our explicit lesson on the Core Values; Be Safe, Be Smart and Show Respect, was conducted on Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March.
- The following quotes are from some of our Senior students:

  “Listen to your teachers. It helps you to learn better by listening more.”

  “If you be SMART and be open to new things then you may learn new things.”

  “Being SMART helps you achieve what you want as your goal.”

  “Show RESPECT to get RESPECT back.”

- How will you Be Safe? When will you Be Smart? How will you Show Respect this week?
TRIVIANIGHT

Tuesday 24th March @ The Albemarle Hotel

Lots to be won including cash prizes, chocolates, wine and service vouchers. Make a table of 4 - 6 or join an existing one. $10pp. Additional games may incur a cost.

BOOK NOW

Email: amelia.yarwood4@det.nsw.edu.au
OR
Via the front office at Menindee Central School

By participating you are supporting the MCS Yr. 12 students in their efforts to fundraise for their Tonga Excursion. Thank you!
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 9/3/15 No’s:3-7-10-11-18-19 Winners Nil. Jackpot: $792.00 Numbers:1-20

FREE HEARING CHECKS

MENINDEE HEALTH SERVICE
MONDAY 23rd MARCH 10:00AM-3:00PM

DOMESTIC POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES

The NSW Office of Water has funded a standpipe on the corner of Burke and Candilla Streets in Menindee to provide drinking water to fill rain water tanks.

If you are a resident of Menindee that lives in the environs and relies on river water for your domestic use and need help to have this water carted to your home, please call 132391 to make arrangements. Bunty Driver

UNITING CHURCH A service will be held at the Uniting Church on 15th March 2pm.

The Church Fete is scheduled for Saturday 6th June

Why is someone called a “Good Samaritan when they do something”? Find out by reading the story in the Bible.

Luke Chapter 10 verses 25-37

FOR SALE

CREAM COLOURBOND SHED 3mx3m
New, still in the box. $550.00
Ph Menindee...80 914 283 or 0427 914 283

Looking to rent a 2 bedroom home for myself and my daughter. Would like for it to be fairly close to Menindee Central School as my daughter attends there. I have recently started working at the school and have no car, so walking distance would be ideal. Please call Jess on 0400 005 462 if you have a home for us to rent. Thank you.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER TO 31ST MARCH

A permit must be obtained from the Permit Officer before lighting or using a fire in the open during Fire Danger Period. Permit Officers: G. Rolton K Lombardo
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<td>Menindee Civic Hall – Fun-Filled Day of pampering, basket weaving, fashion, photography + more</td>
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<td>Wednesday 18th</td>
<td>Basket Weaving at JITDAC from 10am</td>
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<td>Craft at the Pensioners Hall – 9.30am-3pm</td>
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**Concert** - Blossom Hindmarsh 80914308  
**JITDAC** – Tina Philp 80914164  
**RTC** – Margot Muscat 80914392
Wilvandee Sports Tournament - Ivahnge

On Thursday, 5th March, Middle school students travelled to Ivahnge to attend the Ivahnge Sports Carnival. This involved the students leaving Menindee Central School at 9.00am on the 5th March and travelling by bus to Ivahnge with Mr Smith (Secondary) and Renee (Community member). Students then returned to Menindee on Friday 6th March.

Students participated in the carnivals three sports of Newcomb ball, Basketball and Oz Tag over the two days. The competition was against Wicannia and Ivahnge.

These students attended:

Roschell Edwards  
Mackenzie Smith (Best and Fairest)  
Jasmine Meehan  
Lilly Harris  
Tyesun Baker  
Oliver Irvine (Best and Fairest)  
Kadam Stephens  
Pansey Newman (Best and Fairest)  
Richard Doyle

Well done to all the students who attended the sports carnival. A great time was had by all!

The next Wilvandee Sports Tournament will be in Wicannia in Term 2.

Austswim Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course - Dubbo

On Friday the 6th of March, Menindee sent a small team of community members and senior students to Dubbo to complete an Austswim Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course at Dubbo RSL. The team of people included Daniel Fusi, Vikca Pagano, Joe Newman, Paul Hooker and Neil Mitchell. They attended a two day Indigenous training program involving theory and practical lessons to prepare them to become Learn to Swim Teachers. To finalise their accreditation, they now need to complete their CPR certificate and then be supervised while running swimming lessons. The plan is to use these newly skilled swimming teachers later in the year when MCS runs its School Swimming program in Term 4 and to hopefully start running swimming lessons in the Menindee pool for the public next summer/swimming season.
Helping learner drivers become safer drivers free workshop

Increasing your knowledge and confidence as the supervisor of a learner driver

This workshop is designed to support parents, relatives and friends in the supervision of a learner driver. One of Birrang’s accredited driving instructors delivers the two hour workshop for parents and other supervisors of learner drivers. The workshop explains the Graduated Licensing Scheme in NSW and provides practical advice about supervising a learner driver, how to complete the learner driver log book, understanding the benefits of supervised on road driving practice etc.

When: Wednesday, 18th March, from 1pm – 3pm
Where: Menindee Lands Council
Contact: George 0427 300 643

Tenant Support and Education Workshop

Handy Hints & Tips

Workshop content is to incorporate Cleaning without chemicals, any other tips relevant to home and yard maintenance

Where: Menindee Aboriginal Lands Council
Yartla Street, Menindee

When: Wednesday 18th March 2015
10am—12noon

Receive a Gift up to the value of $50
(Limited to the first eligible 25 attendees)

Refreshments provided

For further information call or SMS Birrang on:
0419 132 347

Under the National Partnership Agreement: Remote Indigenous Housing (RINASH) the AHO in partnership with Aboriginal Community Housing Providers in delivering 310 new homes and refurbishing in excess of 700 homes in NSW. An additional commitment under the Partnership Agreement is to provide tenants of those homes with a range of services and programs that assist them to maintain tenancy and develop skills.

Birrang Enterprise Development Company is working with NSW AHO deliver tenant workshops across 19 locations in remote NSW.
@Julie & Jonos’

this sunday

9am-2pm

moving...

everything must go

51 Candilla street....house near the rear gate of the school grounds.