Welcome to week 8! I’m sure we’ve heard it before but time seems to be sprinting by at the moment! With two weeks to go we will be going flat out to fit it all in.

As part of our Work Health and Safety obligations we will be undertaking evacuation and lock down drills. We have been talking with students about their role in an emergency to ensure everyone will be operating safely and calmly. We will try to schedule the drill to occur with the least disruption to classes and when the weather is good. So the drill has an element of surprise, students will not know which day in the next week it will occur. We will be sending an SMS text to all parents AFTER the drill has occurred to reassure everyone that there is no actual emergency.

Over the next couple of weeks we will also be looking to finalise Personalised Learning Plans for this year. If you have not spoken with a teacher from school yet about your student’s plan please contact the school.

There is some confusion, it would seem about the process of students leaving school grounds. School policy is that NO student, senior or junior is permitted to sign out at recess. Some seniors are permitted to sign in late if they have a late class and no period 1 class. Secondary students only are allowed to sign out at lunch and only with signed permission from parents/carers. This is a privilege which is earned by students following our school values of Being Smart, Safe and Showing Respect.

Harmony day is on Thursday the 2nd of April and promises to be another fabulous affair of song, dance and FOOD! If you would like to get involved please contact William at the school. There is funding available for anyone hoping to provide a meal from their cultural background, I wonder if I’ll have any takers for a little Haggis?

On Monday 23rd, the P&C will be holding their AGM. It would be great to see a large crowd there to have a say in a body that provides advice to me in the operation of the school.

Friday is Anti-Bullying Day and I encourage you to have a talk at home about the importance of being a good bystander when students see something wrong going on. Telling someone takes some courage, but that investment in courage pays huge dividends for everyone as we ‘Face the Task’ at Menindee!

Facts about fractions

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Find our more:
Dear school community,

We are missing some books from our sets of readers that we use every day at school. If you find any readers at home we would be very glad if you could return them to school and give them to your teacher.

Every child from Kindergarten to Year 3 has been given a plastic folder to carry reading books between home and school. Please remind your children to bring their folder and books to school every day.

Happy reading!

Jo Kafer

**LUNCH SIGN OUTS** Parents please note:

Students are reminded that the end of lunch bell is at 2:10pm and they need to have signed back in before that time. If students have not signed back in by 2:15 (at latest), FO Staff will be making a phone call home to a Parent.

*Earn VIVOS... right place- right time.*
Jo-Ann Kafer

For the past fifteen years I have worked with Kinder to Year 2 students including four years training in Reading Recovery and Learning Support. Before this I spent ten years working in Collarenebri, Gulargambone and Lightning Ridge Central schools.

I am delighted to have relocated to Menindee with my husband, Tim. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us into the community - it already feels like home.

Our daughter, Georgia, earned her PhD at the University of Queensland and is in her third year of stem cell research in Japan. Most of her schooling was completed at Lightning Ridge which proves the value of a Central School education.

I really enjoy different cultures, languages and customs as well as writing, snorkelling and visiting active volcanoes.

I have often travelled to remote villages in Vanuatu and think of this lovely country as my second home. I have uploaded many film clips about Vanuatu on YouTube under the name 'southpacific2u' which you are welcome to view.

If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to having a chat with you soon. I'm easy to spot; as the kids have so helpfully pointed out to me - I'm the one with the same coloured hair as their Nan.

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**West Darling Swimming Carnival**

On Friday the 13th March MCS took a small team of swimmers to the West Darling Swimming Carnival in Broken Hill to compete in the Regional Swimming Championships. Below is a list of competitors and their placings:

- Pansey Newman 2nd Breast stroke
- Connor Haynes
- Richard Doyle 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke
- William Briar 2nd Breast Stroke, Freestyle and Backstroke
- Maggie and Renee as Community Members
- Mr L Smith as the Bus Driver and Team Manager

The team finished 2nd in the combined relay for the Juniors and it was great to see our students matching it with the best in the region. A phenomenal effort was put in and these students should be proud of themselves and each other! We are looking forward to developing our swimmers and athletes more as the year goes on.
4 QUICK QUESTIONS WITH Jack Dolphin

Q: What is your favourite book?
A: The Hunger games
Q: What is your favourite food?
A: Pizza
Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?
A: A Butcher
Q: Who is your biggest role model
A: My Uncle Adam

HEALTHY LUNCH HACKS

HONEY MUESLI BALLS

225g (11/2 cups) nut-free toasted muesli
120g (3/4 cup) diced dried apricots
80g (1/2 cup, lightly packed) brown sugar
45g (1/2 cup) desiccated coconut
80ml (1/3 cup) honey
50g unsalted butter, melted

Step 1
Process muesli, apricot, sugar and coconut in a food processor until finely chopped. Add the honey and butter and process until the mixture is very finely chopped and holds together when squeezed.

Step 2
Roll tablespoonful's of the muesli mixture into balls. Place on a lined tray. Place in the fridge for 30 minutes or until set. Store the muesli balls in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 4 days.
## WILVANDEE ACCESS PROGRAM - Half-Yearly HSC Timetable 2015

**ALL EXAMS are in Link Room 3 (MCS and via Video Conference to Ivanhoe CS and Wilcannia CS)**

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**CAPS**
- Teacher Supervision: P1: 9.10 – 10.10 Jessica Tate Frances Lawson-Cohan P2: 10.10 – 11.10 Alik Ngondo
CHOIR PRACTICE:
Sunday mornings 12:00 noon
Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm
in the Music Room.
New members, both men & women are welcome.

Performers required for
HARMONY DAY
Please see William
Harmony Day on Thursday 2nd April
last day of term 1

NO INDIVIDUAL LESSONS AS OF TODAY
FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM
Students in Year 10 have been learning about the genetic code.

As part of the study, mitosis (cell division) and meiosis (cell division that produces sex cells) was investigated.

These posters represent these cell processes.
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!
The Preschool Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 30th March at the Preschool at 5.15pm. All parents, family and community members are urged to attend. The PRESCHOOL CANNOT RUN WITHOUT AN ACTIVE COMMITTEE. Please show your support for your child’s / community preschool and come along.

Don’t forget… 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. The last session for Term 1 will be on Thursday 26th March 2015, from 10.30am – 12.00 noon.

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

ANTIBULLYING DAY
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

As part of Anti-Bullying Day, all classes will participate in lessons and activities designed to combat bullying. Lookout for the ‘sea of hands’ coming to a location near you!
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 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
1/261 Argent Street
Po Box 159
Broken Hill NSW 2880
p. 08 8087 3477
f. 08 8087 2387

www.centaarewf.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
EASTER HAT PARADE

Menindee Central School will be kicking off Harmony Day this year on Thursday 2nd April with the Easter Hat Parade.

We welcome all parents along to join in celebrating the hard work that will have gone into creating these wonderful hats.

All students involved in the parade will have ample time in class to create hats, however if you wish to make a hat at home with your child you may bring this along on the day.

If you wish for your child not to participate in the Easter Hat Parade please make contact with the classroom teacher.

Thank you

Jonathan Smith
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.

- National NAIDOC Poster Competition entry form - DOCX 31KB Word Format
- National NAIDOC Poster Competition entry form - PDF125KB  PDF Format

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
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 16/3/15 No’s2-3-7-8-17-19: Winners Nil. Jackpot: $817.00 Numbers:1-20

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

FREE HEARING CHECKS

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

BODY BLISS BEAUTY THERAPY

MASSAGE WAXING PEDICURES MANICURES GEL NAILS

Closed over Easter
Ph Kris 0429029906 Bookings essential

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.

Menindee Markets
Easter Sunday
RTC carpark

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
YOUR Garden
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS BOTANIC GARDEN, MOUNT TOMAH

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS: GRANDEUR & INTIMACY AN EXHIBITION BY IAN BROWN

Sat 7 Mar – Mon 27 Apr. Ian Brown has spent decades photographing the beauty of the Blue Mountains. This exhibition is a powerful affirmation of the magnificence and value of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Free.

KID’S STORY TIME

Fri 10 Apr, 10 am – 11.30 am or 1 pm – 2.30 pm. A delightful lively reading of popular children’s books. Holiday excellent fun for all the family presented by Entertainment Blue Mountains. Tickets $25 pp.

TOMAHROMA AUTUMN FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BACK TO BACK WOOL CHALLENGE

Sat 2 May, 8 am – 4 pm. Enjoy regional produce, spectacular views and vivid autumn colours at TomahROMA. With local produce and wines, plant sales and featuring the International Back To Back Wool Challenge and the Apple Pie Bake-off! Entry by gold coin donation.

For all autumn events: bluemountainsbotanicgarden.com.au

YOUR Garden
Open Mon – Fri 9 am – 5.30 pm. Weekends & public holidays 9.30 am – 5.30 pm. Bells Line of Rd, Mount Tomah. T: 4567 3000

Celebrate AUTUMN IN YOUR GARDENS
| Saturday 4th | Catholic Church Easter Service | Angela Cicak - |

Don’t let anyone feel left out....

....be a good friend!
2015 AFL
Footy tipping competition
@ Maidens Hotel
$40.00 payable now
comp starts
Thursday April 2nd

NRL Refs here this week doing a course with yr 11 students.
Inset: Neil Mitchell having a yarn with one of the Refs.