A big thankyou to start the newsletter to those people who supported our year 12 in their fundraising efforts by attending the recent trivia night, it was a small but vocal group who had a great night. Recently our School Reference Group met to sign off on the construction plans for the school covered outdoor learning areas that will be erected over the basketball court and central quadrangle. The shelter these structures will provide will be a fantastic addition to the wonderful amenities that already exist at the school. The plans have been around for some time, however for such a large project we wanted to ensure that we left no stone unturned in providing this capital works improvement. We have the plans up for viewing in the foyer of the school.

By now some parents and caregivers will have had their PLP conferences, where a plan was developed to support the needs of their student or students. We plan to have met all our parents and carers by the end of this term, only leaving a few days. To help families meet with staff, a meet and greet will occur on the 1st April (no, not an April fools joke) to discuss PLP’s and other school projects such as the middle school approach. Can I encourage everyone to get along for a bite of pizza and good yarns with staff who will be on hand to complete PLP’s and answer any questions. Please do not hesitate to contact your students’ teacher if you need to organise this conference around personal circumstances such as travel or other appointments.

Next week our junior SRC will be attending a leadership camp at Mungo with our Sydney Alliance schools. A fantastic experience awaits them I’m sure.

It’s not too late to help out or join in presenting an item or cooking for our Harmony day celebrations. Thursday, the last day of the term, promises to be a fantastic display of our students talents and taste sensations from around the world!
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.

PURCHASES/EXCURSIONS
If you are paying for anything at the Front Office, please have the correct amount of money with you as we do not keep cash to give change. Thank you

ABSENT BOOKLETS
Reminder to keep using the student absent books. The tear off notes help us all to keep track of your child’s absences. Thank you to those who have been.

2015 SCHOOL PHOTOS
Student envelopes will be coming home early next week for School Photos which are booked for Thursday, Term 2 Week 1. Money does not need to be sent until photo day.

MARCH
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23rd-27th YEAR 12 HALF YRLY EXAMS

WEEPING CLOUDS PERFORMANCE MONDAY 30TH 7:00 PM

MARCH 30th LINDFIELD EAST& OTHER SCHOOLS VISIT

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

P&C AGM TUESDAY 31st MARCH 3:30pm

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL HARMONY DAY

2nd APRIL THURSDAY END TERM 1
4 QUICK QUESTIONS WITH JASMINE MEEHAN

Q: What is your favourite book?
A: The Hunger games

Q: What is your favourite food?
A: Everything

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?
A: Athlete, Lawyer, Teacher,

Q: Who is your biggest role model?
A: Cathy Freeman & Mrs Shephard

TOTALY USELESS FACTS

- 4 medium zucchini, grated
- 2/3 cup self-raising flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 tablespoons roughly chopped fresh basil leaves
- 250g reduced-fat fresh ricotta cheese, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons Azalea grapeseed oil
- 1 small carrot, peeled, grated
- 1 tablespoon frozen corn kernels
- 1 small red capsicum, halved lengthways, sliced

Step 1 Squeeze excess liquid from zucchini. Combine zucchini, flour, egg and basil in a bowl. Add ricotta. Mix until just combined (mixture will appear quite lumpy).

Step 2 Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Spoon 1/4 cup batter into pan, spreading slightly with a spatula. Repeat to make 3 rounds. Press carrot into batter to resemble hair, corn for eyes and capsicum for a smile. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes until browned underneath and top just set. Turn. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until fritters are cooked through. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel. Cool. Repeat with remaining batter, carrot, corn and capsicum. Serve.
# WILVANDEE ACCESS PROGRAM - Half-Yearly HSC Timetable 2015

## WEEK B

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

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CHOIR PRACTICE:
Sunday mornings 12:00 noon
Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm
in the Music Room.
New members, both men & women are welcome.

HARMONIOUS CHORDS

WEEPING CLOUDS PERFORMANCE
THIS MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2015
ALL PERFORMERS & CHOIR MEMBERS
NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 6PM
PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 7:00PM.

PLEASE NOTE: The doors to the hall will be closed at 7 pm and there will be no admittance once they are closed.

Performers required for HARMONY DAY
Please see William

NO INDIVIDUAL LESSONS FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM
Wow, This term is flying by so quickly! The last day of term one is (next) Wednesday 1st April 2015 and preschool will resume on Tuesday 21st April 2015. The preschool’s Easter celebrations will be held on Wednesday 1st April with parents and family members welcome to come along, more information will be sent home soon. All preschool children and families are asked to attend the Harmony Day celebrations on Thursday 2nd April at Menindee Central School to perform their item which they have been learning for several weeks and enjoy the festivities of the day, it will be great!

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 and 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
2015 Winners of The Outback High School Cup March 25th.

Well done to the MCS Under 15 and open Rugby League Squads that played at Broken Hill on March 25th. They all played with great intensity and passion. Many comments from other schools complements our boys on their sportsmanship and encouraging inexperienced players. Congratulations to the following boys: Braydon Barnes; Hake Hayes; David Vili; Kyle Mitchell; Vincent Newman; Tevita Newman; Kade Fennell; William Mitchell; Riley Barned; Leo Johnson; Joe Newman; Neil Mitchell; Feleti Newman; Robert Ferguson: A big thankyou to Daniel Fusi and Jan Fennell for helping our boys achieve. Also to the parents and family members that also supported and encouraged our boys.

A great day of football. Leighton Smith  PDHPE Teacher & Sport Coordinator Menindee Central School
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
EASTER HAT MAKING

Menindee Central School will be making easter hats from 2:10pm on Tuesday 31st March in preparation for the Easter Hat Parade. All students in K/1/2/3 will be involved and parents are asked to join us in the infants classrooms.

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
RED DAY THIS FRIDAY. 27th March

2 DIM SIMS WITH FRIED RICE $3.50
2 SPRING ROLSS WITH FRIED RICE $3.50
HOT SPUD WITH HAM, PINEAPPLE, COLESLAW & CHEESE $5.50
CHILLI CON CARNE WITH CRISPY TORTILLA & SALAD $6.50
SNACK PIES $2.00
SNACK PASTYS $2.00
MINI HOT DOGS WITH CHEESE & SAUCE $1.50
CUP A SOUP WITH TOASTED CHEESE SANDWHICH $2.00
2 MINUTE NOODLE CUPS $2.00
WARM CINNAMON DONUT .50c
JELLY CUPS .70c
FAIRY BREAD .25c a slice

VARIETY OF CHOCOLATES, LOLLIES & MUFFINS

NO SCHOOL BUS RUN NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 30th PM
TUESDAY 31st AM & PM
WEDNESDAY 1st AM & PM
THURSDAY 2nd AM

The bus will not be running in these dates and times due to students attending the Mungo Junior Leaders Camp.
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 23/3/15 No’s:8-10-11-12-13-17 Winners Nil. Jackpot: $853.00 Numbers:1-19

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

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 Community Markets
Easter Sunday
RTC carpark
10am-2pm

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
Earth Hour

www.earthhour.org.au

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement for the planet organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

The event is held worldwide annually encouraging individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the last Saturday in March, as a symbol for their commitment to the planet.

It was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide.

Today, Earth Hour engages a massive mainstream community on a broad range of environmental issues, with Climate Change being a common theme to most concerns.

Earth Hour this year is on Saturday March 28, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.
JOIN YOUR RDA

Expressions of Interest for New South Wales are encouraged by 7 April 2015

Would you like to give something back to your community? Are you interested in leading a committee who will focus on your regions economic development?

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is seeking regional leaders with vision, drive and business experience who are able to foster strong communication between local communities and the Australian, state and local governments.

Your skills will help build networks within the business, industry and education sectors of your community. You will facilitate wide consultation at all levels of government and develop solutions for regional economic development.

Expressions of Interest for Chair, Deputy Chair and Committee positions are sought from highly motivated and experienced people who are knowledgeable about the economic strengths and challenges of the region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

www.rda.gov.au
1800 505 938 (Mon–Fri 9am-5pm AEST)
rdaeoi@infrastructure.gov.au
CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF TERM ONE WITH AN EASTER HAT PARADE (STARTING AT 11.30AM) AND HARMONY DAY AT MCS.

ALL WELCOME.....
ASSEMBLY, ENTERTAINMENT & LUNCH

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL COMMENCING @ 12:30pm