Week three of term 2 brought with it, the sound of elves busy at work creating little pieces of joy to brighten the hearts of their Moms, Nans and Aunties. I took a peek into a couple of rooms and the pride that hit me as I walked in came bursting from every owner of work that was thrust under my nose! It wasn’t just the primary school rooms that this occurred in, our secondary students were just as proud of their work as their younger peers. It is this sense of accomplishment that we strive to give every student at Menindee Central School. Some moments will come naturally to students when they have an affinity for a subject, others will take some effort and toil.

To set yourself a task, try and then fall short, only to pick yourself up and try again until you master it, is an experience I’m sure we’ve all had and I believe one that provides a sense of accomplishment that is far more satisfying than the achievement that comes with little effort. With this in mind I’d ask you to put a challenge in front of the students at home. In asking them to try something new, to acknowledge that accepting a challenge, taking a ‘safe’ risk and possibly failing, you will be providing an important part of our growth as a person, a building of resilience.

One of the opportunities to test themselves will happen next week when our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students take on their NAPLAN assessments. This set of standardised tests aims to gauge how well our students are performing in literacy and numeracy and are completed by over 90% of students across Australia. However, parents shouldn’t be concerned about special preparation or apply any pressure on students to achieve to any particular level, more importantly students should be encouraged to participate to the best of their ability. Each test has questions that are designed to test different levels of ability, as long as a student applies themselves and attempts all questions, the assessment will provide a picture of a students academic progress. The results are not a useful tool for the comparison of students, their real value lies in helping us design a teaching program that will suit students individual needs and for staff to recognise where additional support and resources need to be targeted across the school.

A challenge of a physical nature occurred on Wednesday when our cross country was run. Congratulations to all the students who participated and to the staff and Mr Smith who ensured the event ran smoothly. Good luck to those students who will be taking on the next level of competition in Broken Hill.

A quick reminder that the school grounds are out of bounds to all non-authorised persons and that entry to the school site is controlled under the Enclosed Lands Act. It is never an appropriate place for play by students, especially in the hours of darkness. While we welcome community use of the school facilities, we ask that you contact the school to arrange for this use. If individuals are seen trespassing out of school hours, particularly after dark, the Police will be contacted.

Can I wish all our mums, nans, grans and aunties a wonderful mother’s day full of the spoiling you deserve this weekend. Thank you for everything you do!

Cheers, Daryl
WELCOME TO TERM 2

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.

TERM 2 LUNCH PERMISSION NOTES: are to be returned to the Front Office by the end of week 2 please. NO PERMISSION = NO SIGN OUT

Thank you

BIG ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 9th MAY

MOTHERS DAY STALL IN HALL
AFTER ASSEMBLY

P&C Meeting
Wednesday
27th May
5pm CC Room
NAPLAN commences next Tuesday with Language Conventions and a writing task, followed by a Reading task on Wednesday. On Thursday NAPLAN will focus on Mathematics assessments. There will be a catch-up day on Friday for any students who may have been absent for any NAPLAN assessments.

A note has gone home to parents of all students who are eligible to take part in these assessments.

**A Mothers Day stall will take place in the school hall after Assembly this Friday. Prices $10.00 and under.**

*Parents please take note, to send money with your child to school...the Front Office Staff will not be responsible for children coming to the FO asking to phone home so they can have money.*

**ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY @ 9am SCHOOL HALL**

**SENIOR STUDY INFORMATION**

YEAR 12 Parent / Teacher Interviews  
Tuesday 12 May 2015  
4-6pm

Year 11 Exams  
18-22 May 2015  
Week 5, Term 2

Gavin Blows  
Head Teacher Access  
08 80914409
City Country Alliance

Junior Leadership Camp – 2015

In the last week of Term 1 we had the opportunity to send our SRC representatives to Mungo to participate in a Junior Leader’s Camp, joining schools from Sydney as well as Buronga, Wentworth and Gol Gol. Our students represented the school extremely well, and participated in all activities with an admirable level of enthusiasm.

This was a great opportunity for our young leaders, and one that they will remember for a long time.

Thank you to Cheryl for being our chaperone for the 4 days.
WELCOME TO TERM 2

CHOIR PRACTICE:
Sunday @ 2:00pm Alto’s only
Tuesday evenings @6:45 pm Whole Choir in the Music Room.

COMING SOON
HULA DANCE WORK OUT FOR ADULTS ONLY
PLEASE SEE WILLIAM IF INTERESTED
STARTS WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY
8:00pm SCHOOL HALL
NO TIME WASTERS
WELCOME TO TERM 2

Winners of the Cobar Rugby League Cup

On the 29th of April the Open boys Rugby League Squad with some players from the under 15 Squad travelled to Cobar. Players stayed in the Cobar School hall for the night and played the gala day on the 30th April 2015 and returned with the winning cup.

Congratulations to the following team members from the open MCS Rugby League Squad:

Coach and Managers:
Leighton Smith & Renee Williams.

The boys played an unbelievable match after being down 18 to 12 at half time and coming back in the second half to win the match 28 to 22 taking out the final against Nyngan.
The following three under 15 boys played for the Cobar High school:
Kade Fennell, Kyle Mitchell, Braydon Barnes.

Unfortunately the Cobar team was unsuccessful in the final against Nyngan and our boys help Cobar team tremendously in defence and attack.

Thanks you also to Amanda and Jane for their help and support in getting the boys ready for the Cobar trip. Without their support the boys would have not been able to get to Cobar.

Well done to all players, Staff and parents involved to make another successful football trip.
WELCOME TO TERM 2

MCS Cross Country Championships 6\textsuperscript{th} May 2015

MCS held its annual Cross Country Championships on a cool Autumn Day. Starting out the front of the school and heading off around the Crick Park running track. Students in K/1 ran the 1500m track and students in year 2 to 6 ran the 3km track, and all high school students ran the 5km track. It was a great afternoon with many great individual performances and was supported by many parents and careers along the track. Well done to all students, staff and parents involved in a great afternoon.

The Zone Cross Country Championships for Primary school will be held next Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} May in Broken Hill with details and information to be confirmed.

Congratulations to the following age champions for Cross Country 2015:

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WELCOME TO TERM 2

Tickets available from the Front Office at School or at the Menindee Markets on Sunday. Raffle will be drawn after the Markets.

Mothers Day Year 12 Fundraiser Raffle ....

Tickets $1.00 each

Thank you to Kim Irvine for the donation of the hamper.

Don't forget the Mothers Day Stall after Assembly this Friday
Wow Week 3 already! It is great to see our little friends happy to be back at preschool with lots of stories about their holidays and Easter. Last week we were very excited to welcome our new Centre Director and Early Childhood teacher, Amy South. We look forward to everybody welcoming Amy to Menindee and are sure Amy will love being at our great little centre as much as we do!

Don’t forget… Little Kids and Books, early literacy program continues to run fortnightly from 10.30am to 12.00 noon 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. What do you do at LKB?........Enjoy songs, action rhymes, eat a healthy morning tea and share a book together with your little kids.

The dates for Term 2 LKB sessions are
Week three - Thursday 07.05.15
Week five - Thursday 21.05.15
Week seven - Thursday 04.06.15
Week nine - Thursday 18.06.15

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

Shontaye Havili  happy 9th birthday

Love, Mum, Dad, Fiula & Kyloh xxx

Love Aunty Amanda, Felicity & Frank xxx
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 4/5/15 No’s: 1-7-10-11-13-16 Winners Nil. Jackpot: $1,010.00 Numbers: 1-18

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

BODY BLISS
BEAUTY THERAPY

MASSAGE WAXING PEDICURES
MANICURES GEL NAILS
EYE LASH TINTING

Ph Kris 0429029906
Bookings essential

Next Meeting for

Menindee Food Fibre & Business Association Inc

is at 6pm on Tues 19th May, to meet at the Maidens Hotel – Front Bar.

Please call Jess on 0400 005 462 if you have a home for us to rent.

MENINDEE MARKETS
THIS SUNDAY
10-2
RTC CARPARK

For more info, contact 80914 392. Stall spaces available

Tuesday May 26th.

Watch this space for further details or ph Margot at the RTC 80914 392
Blue Light Disco held to Celebrate Youth Week 2015

Even though held a little bit later than the official Youth Week of 10th - 19th April 2015, Saturday nights Blue Light Disco was a great success with 60 school age children + parents and younger siblings having lots of fun dancing to the music of DJ Rowena from the Broken Hill PCYC.

Doors opened at 6pm with sausage sandwiches and soft drinks provided to all who attended. Rowena and Petah (BH PCYC) kept the children entertained for 3 hours with music and games, presenting winners with Gift Cards and prizes throughout the night. The ‘limbo’ proved really popular with kids of all ages lining up to see who was the most flexible. The ‘spoils’ went jointly to Kyloh and Felicity - well done! Chips and drinks were available throughout the night with each child going home with a Youth Week celebration bag.

Funding for the event was received from Central Darling Shire Council and NSW Education and Communities. A big thank you to Rowena and Petah from the BH PCYC for running the disco and supervising; to Wes for cooking the sausages; our behind the scenes helpers and supervisors - Deanna, Irene, Tania and parents; Mavis; Menindee Police; and thanks to Kade, David, Leo, Neil, William, Kyle, Anthony, Bailey and Jacob for helping with the early pack up of tables and chairs. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and hopefully we can celebrate with more next year!!

The Outback Rugby League season kicks off this weekend with a double header in Menindee.

**Junior Games**

10:00 Menindee Yabbies v Wilcannia Boondies (all grades)

**Senior Games**

1:30pm Menindee Yabbies v Wilcannia Boomerangs

3:15pm Menindee Eagles v Parn鲁 Warriors

Full canteen operating from 10am.

Come along and support your team.
Menindee water carting – for residents and businesses not connected to town water

April 2015

The NSW Government, through the NSW Department of Primary Industries’ Office of Water is providing funding to Central Darling Shire Council for the carting of water to residents and businesses near Menindee that are not connected to the Menindee town water supply system.

Who is eligible for water cartage funding?
Residents or businesses who live and operate on properties surrounding Menindee, who rely on the Darling River or their rainwater tanks for their water supply needs are eligible.

Is there any cost to residents or businesses who arrange for water cartage?
Yes. While the Office of Water will cover the cost associated with carting water to your property, you will need to pay $1.72 for every 1,000 litres of water delivered. This is the same cost as those people who live in Menindee township pay. People are limited to 140 litres per person per day. Individual orders for water must be between 1,000 and 20,000 litres.

Why is it necessary to have water carted to my property or business?
The current drought situation has resulted in many rainwater tanks running dry and the water quality in the river being unfit for human consumption.

Can I have water carted for stocking watering?
No. This water is for internal household use, not for outside watering or stock watering.

Do I need to boil this water?
Yes. While the water is treated at Menindee, residents are asked to boil the water before it is used for drinking or cooking, due to the cartage and transfer into rainwater tanks.

How do I arrange to have water carted to my property?
Anyone wishing to arrange to have water carted to their property should contact Margot Muscat at the: Rural Transaction Centre Yartla Street - Menindee Phone: (08) 8091 4392

More information

www.water.nsw.gov.au
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