Daryls Yarn

A very special week, during which we commemorated National Sorry Day and kicked off reconciliation week. We marked Sorry Day with a simple ceremony during which we paused for a minutes silence and lit a candle which will burn all this week in our front office as a reminder to students to reflect on the significance of apologising for mistakes made. In particular, remembering those members of the stolen generation who were forcibly removed from their families and harm caused by past government policy. In recognising past wrongs, apologising and committing to make a positive difference in the future, we are taking a positive step in making Australian society a better place for all.

So it is natural then that Reconciliation Week should follow a day of apology, a time now to move forward and our staff will be doing just that when undertake our Connecting to Country program. This special program is designed to introduce new staff and consolidate for established staff, the connection to this place, Menindee, the people who live here and trust us with the education of their children. Connecting to Country is a mandatory component for Connected Community schools, however it makes sense that all schools should recognise that beyond the bricks and mortar of a school are the connections that bind a town and wider society together.

The first element of the professional standards for teachers is “Know students and how they learn”, the first step to knowing them is to know their place, their country. The African proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” adds further weight to the need for educators to make deeper connections with the “village” they serve. Thank you to the AECG and community volunteers who are assisting with this program.

We were extremely lucky to have Sean Choolburra perform at school and lead a number of workshops in Aboriginal dance and song this week. Sean’s reputation as a dancer and musician is only surpassed by his comedic talent! Everyone who came in contact with Sean this week has raved about the experience. Let me apologise though for the mix-up in communication on Monday evening, particularly to those students who made an effort to come over to MEP to meet up with Sean. Rest assured we hope to have him back in the second half of the year and will ensure there is plenty of time for students to connect with this amazing performer.

Finally, good luck to those students heading away this week to Wilcannia for the next round of the Wilvandee sports carnival. Right on cue the weather is due to turn, which will no doubt ensure they will need to take the long way round! Wilvandee sports has a long and proud history and for three small schools, each town can be justifiably proud of the sportsmanship, camaraderie and sheer skill that their students display. Face the Task!

Cheers, Daryl
STUDENT ABSENT NOTE booklets.
Parents are reminded to please use the Absent Books when their child has been away from school. These assist the FO to keep student records up-to-date. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS...due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a delay due to KidzPics printer breaking down and requiring a repair person from NSW.... The photos should be here soon. Thank you for your patience.
WELCOME TO TERM 2

NOT FEELING WELL?

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
Sexuality, Health & Facilitating Groups

Family Planning NSW would like to invite Aboriginal Health Workers to participate in the Sexuality, Health & Facilitating Groups.

Sexuality, Health & Facilitating Groups is a three (3) day workshop designed for Aboriginal Health Workers and other professionals who work with Aboriginal youth (12-19 years) to improve knowledge, confidence and skills in delivering reproductive and sexual health education to Aboriginal young people.

This fun and interactive program aims to raise community awareness of reproductive and sexual health issues.

**When:** Tuesday 9 June to Thursday 11 June 2015

**Time:** 9am - 4pm

**Where:** Musician’s Club, 276 Crystal Street, Broken Hill.

**Cost:** FREE. Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in coming along please call Patrick Duley (Aboriginal Health Project Manager) on 8752 4326 or Jo Lenton on 8080 1632 by the 25th of May 2015.
WELCOME TO TERM 2

CHOIR PRACTICE:
Choir this Sunday @ 2:00 pm
Tuesday evenings @6:45 pm
Whole Choir in the Music Room.

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS WILL RESUME AGAIN NEXT WEEK

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YABBIES
Under 9's
Football Team
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: 2-6-8-9-14-16 Drawn 25/5/15 : Winners Nil. Jackpot: $1,124.00 Numbers: 1-18

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

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2nd hand JOHN DEERE RIDE ON LAWNMOWER has 1275 hours of labour...purchase as is. Please deliver your expression of interest in a sealed envelope to the MCS front office. Price guide $1,000.00 for this model
Closing date Friday 5th June

HOUSIE:
Calling all Housie players! Housie is (restarting) at the Pensioner’s Hall 1pm Saturday 30th May. Call Marlene 80914 384 for further information
All Welcome.

UNITING CHURCH FETE
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH
STALL HOLDERS WELCOME

GROCERY BINGO
This Thursday night @ the Land Council Office.
6:30pm start.
Proceeds to the EAGLES FOOTY CLUB

UNIVERSAL CHURCH FETE
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WELCOME TO TERM 2
FOOD & FIBRE CONTINUED:

Other Business

Use of the buildings (37 Menindee Street, Menindee)
The committee agreed that the repairs and maintenance activities would be the final action of the current committee and that an AGM would be held early July. The next committee will then be responsible for deciding if the buildings will be leased and other related issues. The current committee stated that a formal lease agreement should be used for any future lease.

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm.
Minutes by Irene Hamilton
WELCOME TO TERM 2

Sandra Martin
Colour flow analysis

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VENUE: Menindee Civic Hall
Saturday 13th June 2015
Time: 9.30am to 3.30

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided!

For more information and to register your interest so that we have numbers for catering please contact:

Margot Muscat on 0409 439 232
Ellen Day on 0427 643 761

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