**Daryls’ yarn**

This week has seen some old friends with new faces in town, I refer of course to Lindfield East Public School who have 14 students and 2 staff visiting for the week. The partnership with LEPS is in its 5\(^{th}\) year and shows no sign of becoming ‘old hat’. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of our secondary students, ‘veterans’ of past visits, come and greet LEPS off the train and helped with various functions and activities through the week. It really shows how generous in spirit and proud of their home town our students are.

It is perhaps a timely reminder for students hoping for the return visit to Sydney, that the School Spectacular excursion requires students to demonstrate a commitment to school in our three values. By being smart, safe and showing respect they will be earning their way to the trip of a lifetime, a couple of simple measures are maintaining 85% attendance and having no suspensions, something the majority of our students have no problem in achieving.

The partnership with LEPS has now grown to other schools in our region and Sydney and collectively we have decided to use the name City/Country Alliance. The original goals remain the same though, to have students experience cultures and societies distant from their own. With the affirmation of each students culture through visits and sharing of language and social events we hope to diminish that most malevolent of social ills, racism. If we all know a little more about each other we are affirmed in our right and acceptance generally follows. It is generally fear of the unknown and misinformation that drives discrimination.

Early next term we will be hosting a number of schools and some politicians who will gather to talk about how we, as schools and communities can work better at removing racism from our society. Thanks to all the students and staff who worked well beyond their normal working hours and assisted this week. We wish LEPS a safe journey home.

We plan to celebrate NAIDOC week during the last week of term and would like to ask any parents or community members who would like to be involved in helping to plan and organise an event to please contact the school.

*Cheers, Daryl*
WELCOME TO TERM 2

NO BUS RUNS
THURS ARVO
OR FRI MORNING
THIS WEEK

Reminder:
Please name your children’s clothing
and other belongings.

June 2015

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Notes:
Dear Community Members,

Thanks for your wonderful support for students at our school, whether this is in terms of providing work experience and traineeship opportunities or giving a word of encouragement to students. We continue to see great work and leadership potential from our students.

In the school’s recent Connecting Community Program it was very pleasing to see students taking up the role of teachers, in helping teachers at the school learn about Aboriginal culture. I congratulate all those students involved for their patience and enthusiasm. It was very challenging for teachers to become students again! I would like to personally thank all staff involved in the organisation and presentation of learning activities. This was one of the most valuable professional learning programs I have attended.

We would like to celebrate the academic achievement of students at our school at the end of this semester and are looking at the idea of awards being presented in the final week of Term 2. This proposed initiative’s purpose is to celebrate student achievement half way through the year, in addition to the end of the year, to further encourage students to ‘give their best’ all year. More details of awards will be available to parents and carers as details are confirmed.

The administration staff, who work tirelessly in the front office, are to be congratulated for their superb work in maintaining administrative matters within the school. I would like to remind parents and carers to hand in notes explaining any absence, within seven days of the absence. If you know that your child will be away, prior to the absence, please complete the appropriate form at the front office for an exemption from school. Attendance and engagement at school is important. I encourage all students to maintain a high attendance record as they learn a valuable work skill. Interestingly, an employer recently said, that ‘turning up to work and turning up on time’ were the most important work skills that students demonstrated.

I would like to remind all students to wear warm clothes as it has been very cold lately. Jumpers are available from the school. I had no idea that it was this cold in Menindee! It is also important that students wear hats in the playground. If you don’t mind checking that a hat is packed in your child’s bag, that would be most appreciated.

Once again, I would like to remind parents and carers that should they have any concerns regarding the engagement or well-being of their children, they are most welcome to contact any of the staff at the school.

Thanks very much for your ongoing support and encouragement of our students and staff.

Veronica Mafi – Deputy Principal
**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....**

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Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON’T BE LATE!

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CASUAL OFFICE POSTIONS @ MCS**

MCS are looking for interested persons to fill casual position/s in the Front Office.

For a detailed position description please contact the school on 08 80914 409

Applicants will require a Working with Children Check

Please email or send your resume marked confidential to

The Principal
Menindee Central School
PO Box 88.
Menindee
NSW 2879

Email: DARYL.IRVINE@det.nsw.edu.au
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.

HARMONIOUS CHORDS

Congratulations to Kyle Mitchell (Drums) & Tahlia Philp (Bass Guitar) who accompanied William last night for their first Weeping Clouds performance.

Thank you also to all the cast and crew for another great performance.

William.
Science

COLES GRANT RECEIVED!

The Science faculty has been awarded a grant from Coles supermarket to the value of $1100.

This project will start in Term 3. The money is to be used towards the construction and development of a native bush medicines garden.

In the garden we will plant local native plant species that the students, their families and the local community know to be valuable bush medicine resources. People are invited to offer plant specimens or suggest plant species they believe would be valuable resources.

In order to satisfy the grant conditions a record of the garden’s development through photographs and a diary need to be maintained. This will contribute to some of the secondary students work in terms three and four.

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**Meninidee Children’s Centre Inc.**

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Menindee NSW 2879

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Exciting news from Menindee Preschool, as of Thursday the 11th of June 2015 we will commence the transition to school program and will be at the school forinightly. This is something that I know the children are looking forward to as much as the staff. For those children who will be coming along for these sessions please remember to bring a hat, bottle of water, lunch and a change of clothes.

The next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday the 9th of June at 5:15pm**. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it. This meeting will be looking at the Action Plan developed for the preschool by Care West as part of the Preschool Operation Support Program. For more information please ask at the office. If you are interested in becoming a member your support and time would be appreciated, come along to the meeting and for just $2 you can become a member.

Amy
Former MCS Student Harley Williams celebrated his recent graduation from his Hospitality Course in Alice Springs, with a visit from his Menindee Family.
Welcome to Term 2

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: 9-10-11-15-16-17 Drawn 01/06/15 : Winners Nil. Jackpot: $1,151.00  Numbers: 1-17

Body Bliss
Beauty Therapy

Massage - Waxing - Pedicures
Manicures - Gel Nails
Eye Lash - Tinting

Ph Kris 0429029906
Bookings essential

Please note the School News Deadline for advertisements is Monday 3:00 pm.

Lorraine King

Congratulations on reaching this milestone.

Have a wonderful day

From all your loving family

Garage Sale

Thursday thru to Monday

10 Kingfisher Drive

Sunset Strip

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Sunset Strip Progress Association donate bed to Menindee Health Service

In June 2014, the Sunset Strip community and Sunset Strip Progress Association Inc. commenced a charity appeal for $3,500 to purchase an examination bed for the Menindee Health Service.

The Yellow Ribbon Charity Golf Day was held over the Queen’s Birthday weekend.

Further fund raising was on-going throughout 2014 with the Lions Club, Lower Darling Cotton Growers and Broken Hill Rotary donating to the appeal.

Normally, Menindee businesses support the Health Service but poor patronages by tourists who are affected by the lakes drying are having difficulty supporting at this time.

Sunset Strip Golf Club donated $1,600 from its own funds to make up the difference, Barry Stone SSPA Past President concluded.

The Menindee Health Service is very appreciative of the efforts of the Sunset Strip Progress Association and its supporters in raising the funds to purchase the bed for the health service, said Acting Health Service Manager, Barbara Turner.

“The bed will enable us to increase and improve services to patients on a daily basis,” she said.

PHOTOGRAPH

Barry Stone President SSPA – telephone 0477 127 426.

Colin Pickering Treasurer SSPA – telephone 0427 794 404 27 794 467.

Barbara Turner, Health Service Manager Menindee Health Service – telephone 08 8091 4209

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UNITING CHURCH SATURDAY JUNE 6TH

Starts at 9:00am - 12:00 noon
Hot food / drinks/ plants/
bric-a brac and much more

Contact Margot
80914 392

New Stall holders WELCOME
WELCOME TO TERM 2

Calling all...

WILD WACKY WONDERFUL WOMEN

Come to a unique fabulous and fun personal development day with Sandra and Natalie

You are invited

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

THIS IS A FREE AND FUN DAY!

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 08 8091 4392
Ellen Day on 0427 639 761

Sandra Martin
Colour flow analysis
- The right colours ensure you look vital, healthy, bright and energetic
- Feel more confident and empowered for all aspects of our life
- Save time and money when you shop

Natalie Shepherd
Know your core values and silence the negative thoughts to create a better life

Australian Government

House with No Steps

NSW Government Department of Primary Industries

This event is part of the Australian Government's Drought Assistance Package