Daryls’ yarn

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As has been the tradition at MCS, the last week of term two is used to celebrate NAIDOC at school. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. NAIDOC stands for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee is responsible for organising activities on a national level, however its acronym has since become the name given to the week itself. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support the school and celebrate our local Aboriginal community. The following passage has been taken from the NAIDOC website, www.naidoc.org.au

“This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

As the oldest continuing culture on the planet, the living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is intrinsically linked with these sacred places. Sacred places can be geographic feature like a river or lake, a beach, bays, inlets, hills or a mountain ranges or ceremonial grounds, galleries of rock art or engravings or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

Long before European arrival, these places had traditional names - names that now reflect the timeless relationship between the people and the land. Often sacred places are connected with Dreaming stories or tell of the meaning of an area.

This year’s theme was also chosen specifically to highlight and celebrate the anniversary of the ‘Handback’ of Uluru, one of these sacred sites, to its traditional owners on 26 October 30 years ago.

The National NAIDOC Committee encourages all Australians - young and old - to embrace the 2015 National NAIDOC theme.”

A program of events for our NAIDOC week celebrations will be released soon, can I encourage everyone who would like to, to get involved where you can!

Student progress reports will be issued shortly and I encourage all parents and carers to use them as a discussion starter with their student(s) about what they have been doing at school for the first half of the year. On Wednesday evening families will have a chance to discuss the progress of their students with teachers. Please make sure you schedule a time to meet staff. Next term we will be contacting families to do follow up yarns about personalised learning plans and whether any adjustments need to be made in light of a students performance.

Cheers, Daryl
WELCOME TO TERM 2

PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO UPDATE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION REGULARLY WITH THE FRONT OFFICE THANK YOU

NO BUS RUN AM or PM MONDAY 15TH JUNE

REMEMBER SCHOOL STARTS AT ……………………

June 2015

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 14th July
Dear School Community,

We have had a renewed focus this term on improving attendance for students. As a school we like to achieve high attendance rates in comparison with schools across the state, as this means that our students have the best opportunity to learn as they are at school and have the opportunity to engage in learning. We will be continuing to award students with excellence attendance this term. More details will be available next week. I thank all parents for sending in the absence note within the seven day window after your child is absent. We have sent out letters to parents with details of all absences as they appear on our system. If you could please fill in the reasons for absences and return them to the front office/classroom teacher that would be most appreciated. If there is a mistake on the print-out or you have already provided a reason for the absence, we apologise for any error that may have come through the system. Please see the front office staff and they will correct this. I would like to remind all parents and carers that school starts at 9.00am. Some students are turning up late to school. If you could please remind them and assist them in being here at 9.00am, that would help them in being settled and ready to learn in the morning.

As a PBL school our focus at Menindee Central School is on ‘Being Smart’, ‘Being Safe’ and ‘Showing Respect’. We rely on parents and carers to continue to reinforce these positive goals at home. In relation to ‘Being Safe’ could you please continue to talk with your children about the importance of being in the right place at the right time, and keeping their hands and feet to themselves at all times. If you could also continue to discuss with your children about what is meant by respect in terms of appropriate language and following instructions that would be helpful. We work with a few students that need to be reminded of these things and ongoing support from parents and carers does help in the learning process.

I would like to remind parents and carers that uniforms are available at the front office for purchase. It is important that students are warm over winter and our school jumper is excellent. If you are not sure about what is the school uniform is, please phone our front office for details. I encourage all students to be in full school uniform every day.

I would like to thank the Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) for their wonderful support of our students. Their work with the Breakfast Club is most appreciated, as is their new role in assisting teachers with students in the playground. We value their hard work.

I would like to encourage students in Year 12 to continue to work hard and focus on their studies, and to continue to do so throughout the rest of the term and in the holidays. I am very impressed with their wonderful abilities.

Thanks very much for your ongoing support of our students.

Veronica Mafi
Deputy Principal
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CASUAL OFFICE POSITIONS @ 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

RED DAY FRIDAY
JUNE 19th

BROWNIES; LOLLIES; CHOCOLATES;
CARAMEL TARTS; CAKES;

MINI CHILLI HOT DOG PUFFS;
CHILLI/ CHEESE

SOUP & TOASTIE CHEESE SANDWICH

HOT SPUDS/ COLESLAW, CHEESE, PINAPPLE, SOUR CREAM
(PRE ORDERS PLEASE)
ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE/DIALECT

Our school is participating in a trial to improve literacy for Aboriginal students. Mrs. Kafer and Ms. Yarwood have been asked to collect samples of speaking, listening, reading and writing for ten students ranging from Year 5 to Year 10.

The EAL/D learning progression tool was developed by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) during 2011 to support teachers of EAL/D learners. The purpose of this trial is to determine whether the progression tool is a valid and reliable tool for teachers to use when assessing NSW Aboriginal students for whom Standard Australian English or 'school talk' is an additional dialect.

Menindee Central School is one of 50 schools that are part of this trial. Letters will be sent out to parents and carers regarding this trial. If you have any concerns or questions, please don’t hesitate to call the school.

Mrs. Kafer and I are looking forward to participating in this trial. By participating in this trial we will get to know the EAL/D learning progression tool better which means we can identify the strengths and weakness better.

Thank you,

Mele Tuipulotu

Year 11 Agriculture exam extended response
Mulesing
Mulesing is the process of removing a 5-7cm layer of skin from a lamb’s buttock area around the anus using no anaesthetic. This process is done to reduce severe infection to the back of the sheep and in some case even death.
Blowfly’s lay eggs and maggots hatch around the area and soon causes infection due to pests eating away at the flesh.
Mulesing is done when the lambs are around 6 months old. Their tales are cut off and males are castrated at the same time.
After mulesing has been done the wounds are sprayed so it doesn’t get infected. This helps with the pain for a few hours after the procedure.
Mulesing is an extremely painful thing, but only lasts a couple of days. It is beneficial for the lambs and reduces the risk of ever getting fly blown. Mulesing is much better than seeing a sheep infected by maggots and flies.
Another thing has been created to allow farmers to not go through the mulesing process. Clamps are placed on the skin that needs to be removed and soon the skin falls off. This means that millions of clamps would go to waste a year.
People make mulesing out to be a horrible thing but what’s a day or two of pain to a life of being fly blown and pain.
Mulesing benefits the lives of sheep and is a positive process to the Australian Industry.
WELCOME TO TERM 2

There are lots of different types of honey which taste different depending on the flowers used to make it.

One bee will only make 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its entire life.

Worker bees, who are all female, are the only ones who will attack you, and only if they feel threatened.

A colony of bees can contain between 20,000 and 60,000 bees, but only one queen bee.

Bee are the only insect in the world that make food that people can eat.

Pete the mail man has set up two bee hives in our AG plot.

Pete will provide expert advice and assistance in the bee keeping at school.

It would take 1,100 bees to make 1kg of honey and they would have to visit 4 million flowers.
Menindee Central School Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival will be held next Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} June. Starting at 9:00am

The carnival will begin at the school with a traditional march. The march will be leaving the school gates on Menindee Street, turn left at Haberfield street, turn left at Candilla street and then through the back of the school gates and onto the oval.

Any community members able to help out on the day would be most appreciated and should contact Menindee Central School.

Drinks will be available from the school canteen on the day. \textbf{Food must be ordered} in the morning from the school canteen on the day.

Year 11 are running the BBQ and selling drinks at Lunchtime

Don’t forget to bring plenty of water, your runners, running clothes, warm clothes for between races, a hat and sunscreen.

Come along and support our students. All community members are welcome!!

\textbf{Hope to see you all there in your house colours and war paint!!}
WELCOME TO TERM 2

WE ALL STAND ON
sacred
ground

LEARN, RESPECT
AND CELEBRATE

Celebrating NAIDOC Week
www.naidoc.org.au

Artist:
Great Grains

Artwork:
We all stand on Sacred Ground

My artwork is a compilation of my photography, drawings, and graphic design work, representing the values and
tones of our indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and their ongoing spiritual and cultural connection to the
land and waters. The dots represent the different people from across our country and create a sense of the
significance of past and sacred places, and how people involved in the time to learn about our history and stories.
Students representing Menindee Central School at the 2015 ANZAC DAY SERVICE
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

GOSPEL CHOIR PERFORMING
in BROKEN HILL
SUNDAY JUNE 21st

WEEPING CLOUDS PERFORMANCE
MONDAY 22nd JUNE - 7PM
SCHOOL HALL

William.
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: (NO DRAW) Drawn 08/06/15 :Winners Nil. Jackpot: $1,151.00  Numbers: 1-17

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

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST.

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
DAVID SEDUNARY

Any family, groups, organisations in Menindee interested in having David speak at their meetings about personal disabilities please phone 08 8088 3816.

AFL PLAYERS WANTED

Men & Women for West Broken Hill Football Club . Please contact Rod Spangler via Menindee Central School . 80914 409

LOOKING FOR:

Besser Blocks,
Good second hand sheets of iron
Clean pod to use for domestic water
Please phone Noels on 0400 005 462

We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 – 12 JULY 2015
Calling Men of Menindee!

Men’s Shed in Menindee is looking for all you blokes that wish to get together with other blokes just like you: to do things, chat about life, the universe and everything, share skills and perhaps we can help YOU with a home project! We got mates, and we got tools!

MEN·in·dee shed

Wed 10am

Annual General Meeting July 15, 2015
(General Meeting First) at 10.am
Please contact Anthony on 0499 883 018
WELCOME TO TERM 2

All presentations start at 6:00pm and finish around 7:00pm.

ALL sessions are open to ALL members of the public, free, tea and coffee, last about an hour and very relevant to our mob.
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 13**th **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

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*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