Welcome back to term 3! With the colder, darker months upon us it is difficult to drag yourself out of bed in the morning especially if you happen to have an age that ends in 'een. As difficult as it is, arriving at school on time ensures students receive important information that may be handed out at roll call and are on hand to make the most of the first lesson. I have particularly impressed with how most of our students have started this term and it won’t take much effort to reduce our percentage of late students.

Term three is an exciting term for a number of groups of students. For year 12 it marks the last term of their formal schooling with the HSC only just around the corner, while year 11 are making decisions about their pattern of study for when they start their HSC in term 4. Year 8 will also be making subject selections later this term, a fantastic opportunity to try a subject area out in preparation for exploring real world opportunities and future pathways.

For year 10 students that post-school time is only just around the corner and the choices they are soon to make can have a positive impact on the path they follow after high school. These decisions can often seem bewildering and to assist students and families we have planned a series of events over the next couple of weeks aimed at raising awareness and developing a pathways plan for each student. We pride ourselves on being able to offer a range of subjects that allow us to tailor a student’s education in a way that larger schools can only dream about.

Subject choices for the HSC will only be one part of the pathways puzzle that we hope to assist with. All year 10, 11 and 12 will be attending the Broken Hill Careers Expo next Wednesday to raise awareness of the range of employment opportunities that exist in our own neighbourhood. Late term 4, students will also head to Canberra. A big part of our aspirational program of excursions, the Canberra trip again gives students an opportunity to see just what is possible out in the ‘big world’. Students and staff will also start putting the groundwork in on Traineeship possibilities and may have already contacted prospective employers. If you feel you are in a position to offer a traineeship and don’t know what’s involved, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Adam Bailey to find out how we can assist. More information on subject selections and traineeships will be out in next weeks newsletter.

The next round of athletics carnivals will also take place soon and those students who did well at our carnival will be invited to participate at the next level, watch out for details of team training, especially relays.

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Dear School Community,

Welcome back to Term 3. I would like to thank staff for their great work in organising NAIDOC week celebrations at the end of last term. We hope you all had a restful break and are refreshed ready for a great term ahead. I was very pleased to come back to Menindee. It is a great town surrounded by beautiful country and amazing birdlife.

This term promises to be as busy as usual. The focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning will continue. The program was greatly bolstered by the enthusiastic response to the VIVO auction at the end of last Term. Please see Mr Peter Walker if you have any suggestions for prizes for next term. Our focus will remain on continuing to improve attendance this term. In particular, we are focussing on partial absenteeism. If you could please support us in ensuring that your child is at school on time and returns after lunch on time, that would be most appreciated.

Anyone visiting the school is asked to visit the front office. In order to minimise disruptions to students’ learning, we request that parents dropping off lunch for students please leave it at the front office, rather than going to the classrooms. The office staff will ensure that the lunch or money get delivered to students. Primary staff have requested that students bring a hat to school even though it is winter. They have also asked that students in Primary bring sports equipment that is labelled as there have been issues with ownership. The school will also provide footballs for Primary students to play with.

Staff have also asked that parents and carers remind their children that the school has an Anti-Bullying Plan. A revised copy will be sent home to parents and carers this month. Students are reminded that they are required to keep their hands and feet to themselves at all times.

It is pleasing to note the great attitude demonstrated by some year 10 students as they look forward to planning their future studies and career options this term.

I wish staff and students well for the remainder of Term 3

Veronica Mafi
Deputy Principal
REMEMBER
SCHOOL STARTS
AT……………………

Student Medical and Family Contact details are currently being updated. You may receive a phone call with regard to this matter. It is important that we can get in contact with parents for the wellbeing of their child. Should your phone number have changed or your child's medical conditions, contact to the Front Office ASAP would be appreciated. Thank you.

Term 3 Lunch Permission Notes (Yellow) are to be returned to the Front Office by Friday of next week please. Most secondary students have one, please ask your child for theirs if you have not yet signed and returned. Thank you.

Please remember to NAME your child's clothing and belongings.

EDUCATION WEEK

ASSEMBLY
12:30 PM
Education Week 2015

27th July—1st August

Open Classrooms from 11:30—
12:30, followed by

Education Week Assembly

Thursday 30th July from 12:30
pm in the school hall.
Why not bring a packed lunch
and have lunch with your child at
school after the assembly?

“Education is the most
powerful weapon
which you can use to
change the world.”
Nelson Mandela
RED DAY 24TH JULY

CHEESE & CHILLI PUFFS $1.20
CUP OF SOUP WITH TOASTIE CHEESE SAND-WICH $2.00
2 MINUTE NOODLES $2.00
MACARONI CHEESE MEALS $4.00
HOTDOGS WITH SAUCE & CHEESE $3.00

VARIETY OF CAKES & MUFFINS .30c-$1.50
CHOCOLATE BROWNIES .50c
CHOCOLATE CRACKLES & HONEY JOYS .50c
CARAMEL TARTS .70c
CHOCOLATES .40c-$2.00
LOLLIES FROM .05c

200ml JUICES $1.00
VARIETY OF SOFT DRINKS $2.00

PLEASE PRE-ORDER HOT FOODS AS A LIMITED AMOUNT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RECESS AND LUNCH
CHOIR PRACTICE:
Choir will re-form in Term 3.
Stay tuned for Times.
New members, both men & women are welcome.

COMING UP TERM 3

Auditions for free *one on one* music lessons after school to be held on Wednesday 15th of July in the Music Room from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

- Singing / Vocal
- Keyboard / Piano
- Guitar / Bass Guitar
- Drums

Kindergarten to Adult. Spaces are limited, so if you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity with William, then just turn up on the day.

You must be willing to commit to a program....

Contact William Mafi
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.


LOOKING FOR:

Besser Blocks,

Good second hand sheets of iron

Clean pod to use for domestic water

Please phone Noels on 0400 005 462

NOTICE FROM MENINDEE POLICE

Please be aware that it is an offence to use the Railway Bridge to cross the River.

Fines of $400.00 for each offence will be issued.

Sgt Paul Roberts.

UNITING CHURCH

A Church Service will be held in the Uniting Church at 2:00pm on the 19th July.

Bible Quote: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God!”

Matthew 5: 9

Do you have a home for a single mother and school aged daughter to rent in Menindee? If so, please phone Jessica on 0427 565 976
National Tree Day

Sunday 26th July 2015
School Tree Day Friday 24th July 2015

Central Darling Shire Council will be distributing trees for National Tree Day this year. Trees will be distributed to ratepayers, residents and schools of the Shire. Two trees will be available per household until resources are depleted.

Pick Up Points for Trees

Ivanhoe       Ivanhoe Multi Service Outlet
Menindee      Menindee Rural Transaction Centre
Sunset Strip  Sunset Strip Post Office
Tilpa         Carol Williams
White Cliffs  White Cliffs Shop
Wilcannia     In front of Council Chambers

Please Note: Trees will be available for collection on Friday 24th July 2015.
Term 2

Maybe you know someone who is lonely?

Give them a call – drop by and say ‘gday’, let them know when things are on in town. Sometimes all it takes to help someone feel as if they’re important is to simply let them know they belong as part of the community.

actbelongcommit.org.au

Help others to get involved.

There are lots of jobs to do in sporting clubs and community groups, and sometimes it can feel like it’s the same people doing it all the time. But our community wouldn’t be what it is now if you only knew how – maybe all they need is to be asked!

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Give someone a lift!

Is there someone you know who can’t always get around town? Offer to give them a lift to the shops or help with transport to the shops or to whatever is on in town. Sometimes people who are disabled or sick or old can’t get to things by themselves, so they might just stay home instead. Can you help?
We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.
There are thousands of educational resources available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

**It’s time to register**
Whether you’re a new or returning school it’s time to register. Use your unique User Name and Password provided in the letter sent to your School Principal or Early Learning Centre Director. Visit teaching.com.au and follow the registration instructions from there. If you can’t locate your User Name and Password, you can contact Modern Teaching Aids Customer Service on freecall 1800 251 497.

**It’s simple to participate**
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

**Same great partnership with MTA**
We’re proud to say we’re partnering once again with Modern Teaching Aids – Australia’s biggest supplier of resources for schools. This means you can choose your resources based on your unique needs, across every category possible including Science, Sports, Mathematics, English, Arts & Crafts, and more.

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**Next Steps**

**Inform and encourage your school community**
Be sure to encourage your parents, teachers, and kids alike to support the Woolworths Earn & Learn program by collecting Earn & Learn Stickers at their local Woolworths between 15th July and 8th September 2015. Templates for emailing and writing to parents can be found on teaching.com.au.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet**
Once collected, the Stickers need to be stuck onto a Sticker Sheet. Please print out Sticker Sheets for your students. These can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

**Use your Earn & Learn Collection Box**
Put your Collection Box in a prominent place at your school. Be sure to let everyone know to place their completed Sticker Sheets in the Collection Box.

**Nominate for a Collection Box at your local store**
Visit your local Woolworths to nominate your school for a Collection Box that will be displayed in store. Each store will have up to five boxes, so be sure to get in early and claim your box. You’ll need to ensure that you regularly empty your box to enable customers to keep filling it up with Sticker Sheets. At the end of the program, you’ll need to compile all of your completed Sticker Sheets to send back to Woolworths – a mailbag will be provided closer to the time.

For more information, including Sticker Sheets and answers to frequently asked questions, please go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
Attached Junior Membership Form—they are such great value—15 years and under—$7.00 comes with a gate pass in their name. They can come and go as often as they please.

Colouring in competition entries forms are available from the front office.