Week 2 has flown by and with it a couple of wheels have swung into motion. One of our Covered Outdoor Learning Areas (COLAs) has been erected with the second due for completion in the next few weeks. These fabulous additions to the facilities of Menindee Central School will offer something that has been sorely lacking from our list of teaching spaces, namely a place for students to undertake outdoor lessons without being cooked by the midsummer sun or, as has been the case of late, being a little damp! We will be looking to provide a name for the two COLAs and one idea is to run a naming competition, stay tuned to for details.

This Friday we have a number of visitors arriving for a symposium or mini-conference hosted by the Country schools of the ‘City Country Alliance’. The aims of this group are lofty, however I’m sure given recent events in major cities, everyone can see how they form a critical part of building a healthier society.

CCA aims;

*Improving intercultural understanding - reducing stereotyping - improving an appreciation of diversity - increase awareness, understanding and empathy towards cultural groups - reducing racism/acts of intolerance - sense of place, community and an understanding of rural and urban life, cultural confidence - sense of self within a diverse Australia and improving sense of socioeconomic diversity."

It is pleasing to note that the genesis or birth of this group can be found in the initial partnership between Menindee Central School and Lindfield East Primary, now in its 6th year. The CCA is expanding, with 20 schools keen to participate in this worthy endeavour.

This Friday our Year 7-10 students will take the time to develop their Term 3 Personal Interest Projects and after having seen the development of Term 1 and 2 projects, I am excited at the prospect of what will come this term. It is worth noting that their personal interest projects are not just kids ‘doing what they want’, divorced from learning, they are in fact an important part of developing students ability to investigate, plan and deliver on goals they set. Opportunities for learning are then extracted by teachers and aligned to curriculum. For an example, a student who perhaps develops a menu for hosting a family event will work out quantities, a budget and dietary requirements and then cook the meal and in doing so will have ticked off outcomes for maths, PDHPE and Food Technology. Please take the time to ask students what they are taking on this term for their PiP.

Next week we welcome back Kerry McInnes who assists staff in developing their classroom practice and approaches to delivering literacy. Kerry has been a regular visitor to the school over the last 4 years and enables us to gain a fresh perspective on whole school progress from a ‘critical friend’.

*Cheers, Daryl*
Dear School Community,

Next week is Education Week. During this week we celebrate the great work of students and staff within the school. We are looking forward to seeing many parents and carers at our school events including the assembly and the open classroom activities. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events.

This term’s renewed focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning will see student involved in lessons about resolving conflict in all years. Students will learn to stop, breathe and keep their cool. We would appreciate parents and carers reminding students of these strategies at home as these are useful strategies for students beyond the school including on the sporting field. This term, our Student Engagement and Well-being team will be focussing on continuing to develop and implement specific programs for different year groups to assist students to build their resilience.

I am pleased to see the students dedicated approach towards their studies at the start of this term. I am looking forward to seeing more of their creative work as they are very talented students. Our team of dedicated staff are always willing to go out of their way to support students. We will be looking at more students having work place experiences this term where they have the opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities. Once again, I thank local businesses and services for giving our students the opportunities to learn. Your support is most appreciated.

We have had a quite a number of recent new enrolments at the school. We welcome these new students and their families to our beautiful school and town. As a Central School are proud of the high standard of education we work to deliver to students and their families, despite the obvious disadvantages in being a long distance from additional service providers and facilities.

As an Executive Staff we seek to model education as being life-long and to provide training opportunities for all staff within the school, ensuring their professional knowledge is both current and relevant. We continue to look for education opportunities for members of our wider community. I thank staff for participating in training opportunities and professional learning events, some of which are after school hours and involve a great deal of organisation and travel.

I would like to thank all the staff and wider community for their on-going support for my role as Deputy Principal. I do think we have made a tangible difference to students’ well-being as evident in the last health check presented by Daryl at the end of last term. I believe a positive and pro-active approach is indeed key to success for students and I am encouraged by a similar approach to education from staff.

Thank you

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

Student Medical and Family Contact details are currently being updated. Should your phone number have changed or your child’s medical conditions, contact to the Front Office ASAP would be appreciated. Thank you.

NO BUS THIS FRIDAY
AM or PM

P & C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
5:00 pm CONNECTED CLASSROOM

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

ASSEMBLY
12:30pm

EDUCATION WEEK

NO CANTEN

July 2015

NO BUS
Interface—a global corporation focused on developing and supplying environmentally friendly flooring surfaces to government around the world, has awarded to Science department a grant of $1000.00.

The money is to be used to developing sustainable practices at Menindee Central School. The project will teach the students skills which they can practice at home and in the future.

The student research and implementation of this work will take place this term….stay tuned!

Peter Walker  
Head of Science

They’re back……A case of headlice has been reported. Please check your child/childrens hair and treat accordingly. Treatments are available at the Menindee Health Service.

School canteen will be closed this coming Monday. Students who require recess and lunch will need to come to the front office to order. Orders will be from Red Sands.
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
CHOIR PRACTICE:
Choir will re-form in Term 3.
Stay tuned for Times.
New members, both men & women are welcome.

COMING UP TERM 3
Classes will commence next week

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

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.

Lucky ball numbers: 1-10-14-16-17 Drawn 20/7/15: Winners Nil Jackpot: $729.00 Numbers: 1-20

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

GIVE AWAY…..
ADORABUBBLE CUTE & CUDDLY KITTENS X 4
Please contact Kirsty on 0427 878 280

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

Kayleen Kerwin and Family would like to thank Staff, & Students at MCS for their support on the recent passing of Karlene.
MENINDEE PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION AGM
3PM MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2015
At the Pensioners Hall, followed by General Meeting. $5.00 membership due. New members welcome. Come along and have input to keep the Assoc. running.

Menindee Pensioner Assoc Quilt Raffle won by Coralie c/- Miraga.
Thank you to all who purchased tickets & Pam Brereton for donating the beautiful quilt.

MENINDEE CHARITIES AGM
2PM MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2015
At the Pensioners Hall, followed by General Meeting. $2.00 membership now due.
New members most welcome. Come and support your local Heath Service by volunteering at the Opp Shop. See Jimmy on Tuesdays.

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
- Menindee Centre
- Sunset Strip
- Tilpa
- White Cliffs
- Wilcannia

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

Please Note: Trees will be available for collection on Friday 24th July 2015.
Community Wellbeing Festival

Join us for a great day out where you'll enjoy rugby league, games and activities organised by community and community groups in your town to help you ACT - BELONG - COMMIT to being mentally healthy!

Menindee
Burke and Wills Oval
1st August
10:00am

do something... Being active—physically, socially, mentally and spiritually - is the basic building block for good mental health

do something with someone... Feeling part of something—even something like a football crowd, boosts our mood.

do something meaningful... Making a deeper commitment to an interest or group, brings a greater sense of self and greater satisfaction from your efforts.

www.actbelongcommitnsw.com.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 all the work. But sometimes there are people in our community who would help out if they 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 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?

belong

Maybe you know someone who is lonely?

Give them a call - drop by and say ‘hi’. Let them know when things are on in town. Sometimes all it takes to help someone feel important is to simply let them know they're not forgotten. Let them know they belong as part of the community.
It’s back!

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

It's simple to participate!

1. Log in at www.teaching.com.au and follow the registration instructions from there. If you cannot locate your User Name and Password provided in the letter sent to your School Principal or Early Learning Centre Director, visit www.teaching.com.au and log in using your User Name and Password, you can contact Modern Teaching Asia Customer Services on 1800 477 254.

2. Find the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet for every $10 spent (excluding tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

Next Steps

Inform and encourage your school community.

We're proud to say we are partnering once again with Woolworths Kids Club, providing you with the opportunity to earn your Woolworths Rewards across every category possible including Science, Sports, Mathematics, English, Arts & Craft, and more.

Some great partnership with MTA.

We’re excited to announce our partnership with MTA. Be sure to encourage your parents, family, and friends to support Woolworths’ MTA! You can print out the MTA Sticker Sheet and place it in the Collection Box.

For more information, including Sticker Sheets and answers to frequently asked questions, please go to woolworths.com.au/learnandlearn.