Happy week 5 everyone! Now that we’ve crested the hill I can feel the pace quickening as we head into the downhill run towards the end of term. Allow me to apologise for an incorrect date in my column last week. The pathways evening as many would have known was actually Wednesday the 12th. By now interested community and students from years 7-10 will have received important information about the 2016 school year and what we intend on delivering at Menindee Central.

One of the exciting reforms due for implementation this year will be the long awaited ‘Bring Your Own Device’ program. The school has worked hard at increasing our ability to deliver lesson content online and is now in a position to join other ‘cutting edge’ schools in providing an unprecedented level of access to education. The concept of a ‘classroom anywhere’ is one that will be further refined as we move through the implementation phase. To ensure no-one is left behind, all students will receive a $200 rebate on the purchase of a suitable device. Mathletics, Moodle/Canvas, MGoals, Portals, all these terms will become part of the language of school over the coming months and Menindee is ahead of the pack when it comes to implementing technology. An information package on BYOD and the options available will make its way home in the next few weeks.

I recently attended an information session on the implementation of a Healing and Wellbeing program. The Wellbeing Framework for Schools equips schools and their communities to support students at each stage of their development and to do this through quality teaching, learning and engagement. Our schools Interagency approach has allowed us to be well advanced in terms of implementation and there will be opportunity for us to enhance the services already offered in support of our students. Further information on the framework is available on the DET website.

Attendance at school has been gradually improving and we celebrated nearly half the school achieving our attendance target of 95% explained absences. We understand that from time to time students will have an absence for one particular reason or another, please ensure when you have a student away that a note or phone call is made to the school to provide an explanation.

We are considering changing our assembly time to 12:50pm every second Thursday, this will allow our senior students to participate in an important opportunity to recognise student success. Please feel free to pass on your thoughts about the change by phoning the school or posting a message to the school’s facebook page. It’s great to see so many likes!

Finally, allow me to thank Deanna Sonter, our exchange teacher from Lindfield East Public School who has been with us for a fortnight. Her professionalism and support for our students has been of the highest standard, thank you and safe travels!

Cheers, Daryl
Dear Parents and Community,

As we reach the half-way week of the term I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate students on their improved attendance this term. This week we are giving out forty-seven awards for high attendance rates in the first half of the term. The students receiving awards are as follows: Malachy, Taya, Albert, Tyesun, Katelayne, Sharneya, Oliver, Jasmine, Telicia, Braxxden, Naomi, Genevieve, Jessie, Whittney, Richard, Shontaye, Fiula, Holly, Neil, Jade, Jack, Jake, Nicholas, Tahlia, Darlene, Lucas, James, Mitchell, Cohan, Brandi, Courtney, Tristan, Liam, Tiffany, Lilly, Shalia, James, Kieharni, Blake, Kade, Joy’Ella, Tyson, Connor, Soane-Malia, Abby, Graham, Tyshon, William and Nikita. If you feel your child is missing from this list please call the front office. This is such a great effort from students and their parents. I encourage all students to keep up the great work. A special lunch for these students is being arranged for this Friday by Daniel Fusi. Thanks Daniel.

There are a number of exciting initiatives in regards to further education happening this term. As a school we see our role not just in providing educational opportunities for students enrolled but as a conduit or facilitator of education for the wider community. In line with this broader view of the school as an educational service provider, the school is working in conjunction with TAFE to facilitate the implementation of the Certificate III in Education support. A number of our staff and members of the wider Menindee Community have expressed interest in undertaking this training. If you are interested please contact the school and we will pass on the details of the course. At this stage the course will commence on the 17th of August.

I would also like to pass on my congratulations to students, parents and staff for a fantastic Pathways Evening on the 12th of August. The evening which commenced with an Expo style presentation was well attended with various employers and employee support agencies represented. Students expressed a keen interest in the school to work displays having the opportunity to talk with each presenter. I thank all secondary staff for once again going beyond their roles in presenting subject area displays and working well into the evening. I congratulate Gavin Blows and Adam Bailey for their excellent presentations. Thanks again to Daniel for his support of the evening.

As we increasingly move towards a digital platform for teaching and learning, staff have recently undertaken training in Microsoft Office 365 and Google Apps. These staff members are keen to share their learning with other staff. It is anticipated that this Professional Development will be integral to delivery of course content over the next few years. More information regarding the school’s ‘Bring Your Own Device’ program will be detailed in future newsletters.

This week, I would like to thank the Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) for their willingness and flexibility in taking on other roles and responsibilities in the school including: supporting our Breakfast Club, bus travel support, undertaking playground observations and providing additional reading support. The SLSOs that have been working at our school are Oakley, Maggie, Kirsty, Stephanie, Renay, Dena, Michael and Denise. These staff members provide students and other staff members with valuable support. Thanks you for your wonderful work and dedication to education.

Thank you

Veronica Mafi
Deputy Principal
REMINDER TO PARENTS — UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If you have recently received an Unexplained Absences letter, please return your response to School urgently.

This information is vital to your students attendance data.

ASSEMBLY will now be held every 2nd Thursday at 12:30pm. This is to allow pre-schoolers and senior students to attend. Next Assembly is Thursday 27 August. All welcome.
Hi, my name is Ashlee Jameson and I am the new K/1 teacher at Menindee Central School. I am originally from a small coastal town called Cabarita Beach, which is located just south of Tweed heads.

As soon as I completed university at Southern Cross University I moved out to Broken Hill where I have worked for the past four years.

I have interests in mathematics, English and science. I am really enjoying working at Menindee Central School and am looking forward to meeting more of the Carers.

Ashlee Jameson

I am on a two week teacher exchange from Lindfield East Public School, in Sydney. I love the wide spaces, open sky and austere landscape of Menindee. I have enjoyed spending afternoons exploring the area; watching the pelicans in the river and trying to catch a glimpse of well camouflaged emus beside the road. In my spare time I enjoy reading and listening to music. My favourite part of being a teacher is watching students light up when they have an “a-ha” moment.

Thank you for the experience of teaching at Menindee Central School.

Deanna Sonter

We are very pleased to welcome back Alick Ngondo as our Maths Teacher.

To Kirsty Harris who has completed her Certificate 3 in Educational Support. Well done!
Last week I had the opportunity to experience a week at Lindfield East Public School. I was very hesitant at first, as I am and always have been a small-town country girl. However, I am so glad I went! The staff and students were so welcoming, friendly and helpful. I got to teach in classes right across the school, as well as watch some of the LEPS staff hard at work. The classrooms were all so beautifully decorated with student work, and it was a great opportunity to get some new ideas.

During my visit I stayed with Diane Reid, and I had a great time taking walks around the area looking at shops and houses, and of course, Sydney Harbour. It was an opportunity that I am so grateful to have been able to take up, and thank LEPS staff and students for their hospitality. I would also like to thank Deanna Sonter for participating in the teacher exchange with me, taking on my 4/5/6 class for the week.

Georgia Shephard
Assistant Principal Mentor
Menindee Central School
For the past 9 days Miss Sonter has been a Special Guest at Menindee Central School. Miss Sonter has come to visit us from Linfield East Public School as part of our sister school teacher exchange program.

We have had an awesome time with her. In the classroom Miss Sonter taught us how fractions work. She also helped us with some Ned Kelly drawings and explained to us what onomatopoeia is.

It has been an honour to have Miss Sonter as a guest teacher in our school and we hope she has enjoyed her time here with us and leaves with some great experiences and memories.

Written by Kirsty and Jasmine
K/1 are mad about science!

This week in K/1, we have been experimenting with making play dough. On Monday, we used corn flour and hair conditioner to create snow dough. Below are some pictures of the great fun K/1 had making snow dough this week.
Writing news:
K/1 have been doing lots of amazing writing this term! Our red group is working on writing sentences independently and the green group is writing increasingly longer and more descriptive texts. Below are two writing samples of students from the green group writing responses to a book.

I liked the whale because it is big.
I liked the boat because it can row very fast.
I liked the stingray because it can sting.
I liked the fish because they can swim very fast.

Penguins was diving and swimming in the icy cold water.

I caught a big fish and it was big.
I screamed because it scared me. I told my mom I could do dinner and it was yummy.

Written by Kieharni.
### Teacher Supervision

**TRIAL HSC Timetable Week 6, Term 3 2015**

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### Timetable Notes:
- Students are permitted to go home after exams.
- Exams are conducted in Room 3 (R3).
- Teachers will be absent for their respective exams.
- Timetable is subject to change.
**Questacon**, a hands-on student focused Science organisation which travels around NSW demonstrating varied experiments to students of all ages, is coming to Menindee Central School.

**On Friday August 14** Questacon will deliver three show cases.

From 10 – 11, students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will participate.

From 11.30 – 12.30 students in Years 3 – 6 will take part, and from 1.30 – 2.30pm, the remainder students in Years 7 to 12 will enjoy the activities.

The travelling Science Circus includes two Scientist presenters who will entertain students with their Science magic. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in the fun at no cost.

In addition to the Friday spectacular, Questacon will also be holding a public exhibition in Broken Hill on Saturday 15 August from 10am to 3pm. At this event adults must pay $6, and students / concession card holders pay $5.

**MENINDEE CENTRAL SCHOOL**
**QUESTACON TRAVELLING CIRCUS**
**FRIDAY AUGUST 14**
Years K-2 10 – 11am
Years 3 – 6 11.30-12.30pm
Years 7 – 12 1.30 – 2.30pm.
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY EVENING @ 6:45pm
in the Music Room

SHOWCASE
STARRING
SEAN CHULLBURRA
& MCS STUDENTS
FRIDAY OCTOBER 16th
CIVIC HALL

Contact William Mafi
RED DAY  FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

Lots of Treats

Honey Joys, Chocolate Crackles,  Chocolate Brownies  
$.50c  
Cakes & Muffins .30c—$1.50

Mini chilli/cheese hot dog puffs $1.20  
Cup of soup[ and toastie $2.00  
Hot dogs with cheese and sauce $3.00  
Macaroni cheese noodles $4.00

200 ml juices $1.00  
Variety of soft drinks $2.00

*Please pre-order hot food as a limited amount will be available at recess and lunch*.  

REMINDER - ALL OUTSTANDING MONEY TO BE PAID BY 14 AUGUST.
TRASH TO TREASURE

Yr 12 Fundraiser

Sunday, August 16th
10am – 1pm
MCS Tennis Courts

BBQ @ 11:30-1:00pm
Sausage sizzle & drinks available

Stalls available for hire - $10
Contact MCS for stall hire
Dear Parent,

This year we are participating in the Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser and we hope you enjoy the catalogues. Both catalogues are jam-packed full of toys perfect for birthday and Christmas presents.

You will find toys suitable for children of all ages and interests including art and craft, games, puzzles, role play, science, sport, water toys and much more.

**How does your order help our school?** By ordering toys through the Chalk and Parent Direct catalogues, **20 cents of every dollar you spend is donated back to our school** to spend on educational resources from Australia's leading educational supplier, Modern Teaching Aids.

On top of this, if we collect enough orders we will receive a bumper educational toy pack that will be thoroughly enjoyed by your little ones and welcomed by all.

**Ordering is easy.** Simply fill in the order form in the middle of the catalogue and return to us with your payment. We will send your order to Chalk and Parent Direct for processing and your order will be sent back here ready for you to collect. Delivery is prompt and by choosing to deliver back to our school, delivery charges are kept low.

If you can kindly return orders back by **Wed 28 Oct 2015.**

**We are happy to receive multiple orders** from now all the way to Christmas. If you want to place another order at a later date, simply hand in another order form and we will send it off. It's a really easy fundraiser because of the brilliant selection of toys and each and every order (no matter how big or small) helps us massively.

A HUGE thanks from all of us here.

Kindest regards,

Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraising Coordinator

P.s. **Please tell your friends and family** about the fundraiser and let us know if you require additional catalogues or order forms.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

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: 4-6-8-10-11-12: Drawn 10/8/15: Winners Nil Jackpot: $789.00 Numbers: 1-19

MENINDEE REGIONAL TOURIST ASSOCIATION AGM
AUGUST 25th @ 6:00pm

FOR SALE: 2 X Shipping containers. Both 12m
1. Just container, excellent condition. No leaks. $5,000. ONO
2. 85% Insulated & lined. Dble glass doors and 2 windows,. Lockable. Excellent cond. No leaks $6,800.00 ONO

Also 10mtr Bus. Has been used as storage/teenage retreat. Fair/good condition. Make an offer. Buyer to arrange removal. Phone Noelene on 0400 005 462

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

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$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.

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MENINDEE UNITING AND ANGLICAN CHURCHES
The Reverend David Blackmore will lead a combined Church Service at the Uniting Church 2pm 16th August
‘Stories, Songs & Tucker’ beginning in September

Bible Quote: “But now I tell you I love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” Matthew 5:39

HOUSE FOR SALE
Paradise Way, Menindee $120,000
♦ 2 bedroom home
♦ Open plan living
♦ New flooring
♦ Evaporative air conditioning
♦ Gas heating
♦ Cool room and shedding
♦ Freehold 3.5 acres
♦ Fenced

Call 0429 914386
CLEANER REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at local Government sites in Menindee, Tibooburra and Wilcannia - various Full time, Part time and Casual positions available.

Experience preferred but not essential.
Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to:
Joss Facility Management
PO Box 210 Broken Hill NSW 2880 or email jane.mcewan@jossgroup.com.au
Phone: 0409 571 222
Pre-Paid Funeral Information Day

Menindee

Tuesday 1st September 2015
Pensioner’s Hall
Cnr Perry/Menindee Street

11:00am Pre-Paid Seminar

11:30am onwards - Organising Individual Pre-Paid Funeral Plans

For all ages

Morning tea provided

Ph: Cecilia & Jacqui 80873725
or Margot Muscat 80914392

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