This week all parents and carers should have received the NAPLAN results for their children, if this is not the case please contact the school. As I have mentioned before this series of tests is a snapshot of student achievement and progress in literacy and numeracy. Taken over a period of two days, students sit 5 exams covering Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling and grammar) and Mathematics. An early analysis of our results shows we achieve considerable growth for our students with language conventions and mathematics our strongest areas. We still have some way to go in reading and writing and will be working hard to support students in our goal of exceeding the state average in all areas. To do this we need the support of families and will be putting together a range of tools and resources to support families in increasing our students reading and writing ability.

NAPLAN is only useful as a diagnostic tool if students apply themselves and the results for a number of students, particularly in the secondary years, indicates that this was not the case. While NAPLAN is a handy tool for comparison to a national standard, it is not the only indicator as staff make use of a range of assessments to develop a picture of a student’s progress. We are currently in the process of plotting students on a continuum of learning for Literacy and Numeracy and along with the NAPLAN results, this will be used to form the basis for a conversation about the personalised learning plans for our students. Staff will be in contact over the next few weeks to discuss the progress of students towards their learning goals.

Our Head Teacher for the Wilvandee Access program Gavin Blows has taken leave until term 4 and is being relieved by Jessica Tate. It is a busy time for our students in years 10-12 with pathways planning, exams and final HSC preparation adding to a real sense of momentum for our seniors. If you have any questions about the next few months please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Jess.

Finally a big congratulations to our students who represented Menindee Central School at the 20th Ronny Gibbs Rugby League Seven’s tournament in Bourke. The boys have conducted themselves impeccably and displayed a level of commitment and sportsmanship that has become a hallmark of Menindee’s sporting teams. Full reports will be in next week’s news.

Useful site for supporting students at home.
http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home
Dear School Community,

There are a number of interesting activities planned for the next few weeks so lots to look forwards to. This week has brought the writer Jane Carroll to our school. We welcome her and thank her for sharing her stories with our students. As well years 2 and 3 are going on an excursion Friday. Students in years the Secondary School are going to Mildura next week. Students will meet a range of curriculum related learning outcomes. Thank you to the teachers who have made the extra effort to organise excursions for students. We ask that parents send in notes as soon as possible so excursions can be finalised.

The positions for school captains are now open for nominees. Students may nominate themselves or another student in Year 11 for the position. **Students have until Friday the 11\textsuperscript{th} of September to nominate for the position.** Students will be informed about the position by their Year Advisor/Head Teacher (relieving) of the Wilvandee Access Program on Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} of August during a year meeting. Interested students and caregivers are asked to see the Year Advisor/Head Teacher WAP / Head Teacher Secondary Studies/ Deputy Principal for additional information that includes but is not limited to a role statement. School captains must be able to demonstrate and sustain the following: an exceptional attendance and behaviour record, commitment to the school through academic and cultural involvement, leadership and a vision for their leadership.

Based on nominations and student interest (this may require a vote) one to two students will be elected as School Captain. I encourage students to nominate for the positions. I wish to encourage members of the Student Representative Council to continue with their great work in the school. We will be having a combined Primary and Secondary SRC meeting this Thursday to discuss a number of important issues.

**Please be aware that Year 10 students need to submit their subject selections for 2016 by September 4\textsuperscript{th}.** Subject selection is online. Students and caregivers are asked to please contact your year advisor should you have any questions/ concerns. I would also like to remind students and parents to continue to send in notes for absentees. It is really important that any absence is explained within seven days or it remains on a student’s record.

Thank you to all the students who are wearing the correct school uniform. It does look great! I also wish to thank parents and caregivers who have encouraged their children to of wear their Menindee Central School uniform each day.

In addition, I am very pleased that when I have taken a class or visited a class I am able to give out so many behaviour rewards. This settled and hard-working atmosphere is a wonderful sign of students listening, concentrating and doing their best with their lessons. I encourage all students to continue to “Be Safe, Be Smart and Show Respect.”. Thank you for your great support.

*Veronica Mafi  
Deputy Principal*
# Dates to Remember

## AUGUST

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The School Bus will be unavailable for the local run Wednesday 2 September to Friday 4 September.
We have a large number of lost property items in the front office—please come in to the front office to collect your missing bits and pieces.
8 days left for Subject Selection for Year 10 students.

Deadline: Friday 4th September 2015

The students are required to submit their subject selections this year online. The students have been emailed the online form and are required to sign in using their school portal email and password. Students are required to submit this form by no later than Friday 4 September 2015.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please contact Ms Tate.

HAPPY SELECTING!

Congratulations

To Jasmine Meehan for achieving second place in the 800 m race at the Barrier Athletics in Broken Hill last week.
Year 10

Poetry through the Artist’s Lens

Throughout the ages, what we see has inspired men and women to write poetry. Likewise, many famous and not so famous poems have inspired great artworks. In English we have been exploring that link between the spoken word and the visual world. The students have been learning how to write critical essays on poems that they have chosen and then to take their interpretation of the poem and turn it into a visual representation.

While the critical essays aren’t ready just yet, there are a few visual representations that are coming along beautifully! This artworks were inspired by Emily Dickinson’s, ‘Hope is the Thing with Feathers’, Edgar Allen Poe’s, ‘The Raven’ and spoken word poet, Sarah Kay’s, ‘If I should have a daughter’.

What’s your favourite poem?
ATTENTION: All parents, students, teachers/staff
All outstanding accounts must be finalised by Thursday 3 September.
Thank you—Noelene & Jess

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The school is seeking expressions of interest for the operation of our school canteen commencing Term 4 2015. The canteen will be required to operate in accordance with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and comply with all necessary regulations and requirements.

Please apply to the Principal of the school no later than Friday 11 September 2015.

Year 12 Tonga Sausage Sizzle
Come join us for a sausage sizzle fundraiser on Sunday 30th August at Coombes’ Petrol Station.
Sausage Sangas $2
With Onion $2.50
Cans of Soft Drink $2
WILVANDEE

@ Menindee Central School

10th-11th September 2015

Basketball
BBQ
Volleyball
Blue Light Disco
Adventure Race
Oz tag

get involved
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY EVENING @ 6:45pm
in the Music Room

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

Contact William Mafi
PCYC Blue Light Disco

WHEN: Thursday the 10th September
WHERE: Menindee Central School Hall
TIME: 6pm ~ 8pm

Canteen facilities are available

FULLY SUPERVISED

NO PASS OUTS - NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL

DANCING! LOADS OF FUN! GAMES!
PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL NEWS DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IS MONDAY 3:00 PM.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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: 6-8-9-16-18-19: Drawn 24/8/15; Winners Nil Jackpot: $842.00 Numbers: 1-19

FOR SALE
* 2 X Shipping containers (both 12m). Container, excellent condition. No leaks. $5,000. ONO.
* 85% Insulated & lined. Double glass doors and 2 windows. Lockable. Excellent condition. No leaks $6,800.00. ONO.
* 10mtr Bus. Has been used as storage/teenage retreat. Fair/good condition. Make an offer. Buyer to arrange removal.
* Brand new in box Chef gas stove $500.
* 2 round fibreglass pipes approx. 3m $45 ea ONO.

MAKE AN OFFER:
Green old style claw foot bathtub + matching kitchen sink.

YARD SALE:
Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September from 7am. Lot 1 Acka Road, Menindee. EVERYTHING TO GO!!
Phone Noelene on 0400 005 462

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BEAUTY THERAPY

MASSAGE · WAXING · PEDICURES
MANICURES · GEL NAILS
EYE LASH · TINTING

Ph Kris 0429029906
Bookings essential

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

Modern Living Expo—Broken Hill Racecourse
Saturday 29 & Sunday 30th August 9am-5pm
$5 Adults Children under 12 free

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Expressions of Interest
Menindee Health Service has available to interested persons:
1 x Superseded Medical Couch (as per photo)

Written offers to be presented to Barb Turner, Health Service Manager
Before COB Monday 31st August 2015.

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

Fred J Potter & Son
Broken Hill's Foremost Funeral Directors
144A Oxide Street, Broken Hill
www.fjp.com.au

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
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.
Media Release

Australian Hearing urges Broken Hill locals to join first ever Big Aussie Hearing Check

With Hearing Awareness Week (23 – 29 August 2015) just around the corner, Australian Hearing Broken Hill is rallying the local community to come together on one special day and prioritise their hearing, as part of the first ever, nation-wide Big Aussie Hearing Check.

During the Big Aussie Hearing Check on 25 August 2015, the Australian Hearing team will offer free hearing checks and provide expert advice to local communities.

Over the course of the week, more than 10,000 Aussies are expected to attend the hundreds of Australian Hearing events taking place at famous landmarks, community halls, RSLs and pharmacies across the country.

Charyse May, Centre Manager of Australian Hearing Broken Hill, said that the Big Aussie Hearing Check aims to give the local community an easy way to care for their hearing.

“While Australians are well-known for loving a good challenge, research shows that getting our hearing checked is one challenge we are not willing to take on, because we’re either too embarrassed or in denial about our hearing loss.”

Australian Hearing is tackling this issue head-on with the Big Aussie Hearing Check, a national awareness day which urges Australians to get their hearing checked, Charyse May explains.

“Hearing loss touches almost every Australian in some way or another. We know that typically people wait for seven to ten years to seek help, which often not only affects the person with hearing loss, but also their family and friends.”

“The Big Aussie Hearing Check is about showing local communities how easy it is to make hearing checks part of a regular health routine. A hearing check takes less than 15 minutes, so there’s no excuse to put it off any longer.”

Research also reveals that only 15 per cent of adults diagnosed with hearing loss choose to wear hearing aids. The main barriers which prevent Australians from taking action are the way hearing aids look and the fact that hearing loss is recognised as a sign of ageing.

“Today’s hearing aids are sleek gadgets which can be hidden and have been clinically proven to provide better than normal hearing in some cases. Our highly qualified audiologists are here to advise anyone wanting to know more about the latest hearing technology,” said Charyse May.

During Hearing Awareness Week, Australian Hearing will also be offering free hearing checks at the following locations:

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<td>Australian Hearing Broken Hill, Shop 9 Exchange Arcade, 324 Argent Street, Broken Hill</td>
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<td>Uniting Care Ageing, 265 Oxide Street, Broken Hill</td>
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If you miss us during any of these events come to the Modern Living Expo on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August.

With over 67 years’ experience supporting people to hear again, Australian Hearing is Australia’s leading hearing specialist, researcher and largest provider of government funded hearing services. For more information visit www.hearing.com.au.

For more information about the Big Aussie Hearing Check, visit: www.bipaussiehearingcheck.com

ENDS

Media contact: Nicole Allsion P: 8084 4200 nicole.allsion@hearing.com.au

Notes to editors: Hearing checks are free to anyone 18 years old or older. If you are concerned about your child’s hearing loss, speak to your General Practitioner for a referral.


Tenant Support and Education Project

A collaborative partnership between
Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Co-operative
Murdy Paaki Regional Housing Corporation Ltd
Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council

Tenant Support and Education Project Officer - Wilcannia, Menindee

Reports to: Project Manager
Hours of work: 21 hours per week
Supervises: N/A
Salary Package: Negotiable up to pro-rata, $60,000, SCHCDS Industry Award 2010
Duration: Up to 30 June 2016.

Position Summary
Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Cooperative Ltd, Murdy Paaki Regional Housing Management Corporation Ltd and Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council provide Aboriginal housing management services across regional and remote New South Wales. The three organisations have been working in partnership for the implementation of Tenant Support and Education Project (TSEP) funded by the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office.

TSEP is in its second year of operation and aims to support Aboriginal Housing tenants to strengthen and sustain their tenancies through the provision of community education, case management, service collaboration and community engagement through implementation of the following initiatives:

One: Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Two: Community Events
Three: Tenant Case Management
Four: Youth Education Program
Five: Housing Application Support

Tenant Support and Education Project Officer

Background
An opportunity is currently available to join the Tenant Support and Education Project team.

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

The project aims to support Aboriginal housing tenants to strengthen and sustain their tenancies through the provision of community education, case management, service collaboration and community engagement.

Employer
To be employed by Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council, Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Cooperative and Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation acting as a collective partnership.

The Role
The Tenant Support and Education Project Officer will work with the Project Manager to implement five initiatives in the communities of Wilcannia and Menindee.

Status:
Part-time, 21 hours per week. Up to 30 June 2016.

Salary Package
$60,000 pro rata. With salary packaging available.

Closing Date:
5.00 pm Wednesday, 2 September 2015

Applications:
To apply you will need to obtain an application package from Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Co-operative – Suite 2, 31-37 Macquarie Street, Dubbo, Coonamble Aboriginal Land Council - 16 Castlereagh St, Coonamble, or Murdi Paaki Regional Housing - 426 Bende Street, Broken Hill or contact the Project Manager, Danika Tonna, 0408 265 094 or danika.tonna@mlchr.org.au

Your application should include:
- A covering letter (maximum 2 pages) which includes a brief response to the essential and desirable criteria outlined in the position description.
- An up to date resume’ of no more than 5 pages which clearly demonstrates your skills and experience relevant to this position.

Please forward your application marked ‘confidential’ to Danika Tonna, danika.tonna@mlchr.org.au or PO Box 810 Parkes, NSW 2870
Join Lifeline Broken Hill on World Suicide Prevention Day as we walk Out of the Shadows and into the Light.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians under the age of 44. Lifeline believes most suicides are preventable and we all have a role to play.

Show your support for preventing suicide and remember those lost to suicide by joining us on our walk.

Date: Wednesday 10 September
Time: 6pm
Place: Lenns Reserve, cnr Bronde & Bromide St.
RSVP: Lifeline Broken Hill 69377629

By taking part you will be making a difference to people’s lives by raising awareness of suicide prevention.

For more information visit outoftheshadows.org.au

MENINDEE COMMUNITY HALL
THURSDAY SEPT 3 @ 8PM

TICKETS $38.50

AVAILABLE FROM THE VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE OR ONLINE AT www.eventbrite.com.au (OR LIKE WEST DARLING ARTS ON FACEBOOK AND FOLLOW THE LINK)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL WEST DARLING ARTS ON 08 80879035 OR 0428145 814

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