This week I have the bittersweet duty of farewelling Georgia Shephard who has received a transfer to Dunedoo Central School. Georgia was appointed to Menindee Central in 2008 and operated as a classroom teacher across primary. Although Georgia came late to the career of teaching she quickly established herself as a quality educator and was recognised for her talents by being appointed to the position of Assistant Principal – Mentor, assisting beginning teachers in their first years in the classroom. Georgia has continued to support a number or early career staff in primary and secondary faculties in preparing and receiving their accreditation as teachers, as a result there will be a generation of teachers who have ‘graduated’ from Menindee Central with a solid grounding in teaching practice.

Obviously the legacy Georgia leaves will not be just with staff. Students from 2008 on will have fond memories of not just a great teacher but a caring person who took the time to get to know each and everyone of her students and their families. Allow me to thankyou Georgia on behalf of the school community for your years of service here at Menindee, it is pleasing to see your skills will now assist another central school in improving the outcomes for their students. Goodbye, safe travels and as they say, don’t be a stranger!

During next week we will be taking students through the process of electing 2016 school captains. This creates a fabulous opportunity to encourage our senior students to take on a leadership opportunity that they will look back on with pride. We will also welcome Wilcannia and Ivanhoe schools who will be here to compete in friendly competition in the traditional Wilvandee spirit.

On Wednesday evening I had the privilege of watching Mali, Telicia, Jade and Whitney from our cultural dance group perform at the Far West Talent Showcase, a fundraiser for support of cancer patients in the Far West. In short, our performers WOWED them! The standard of talent across the night from schools across the Far West was amazing and our girls shone out with their polish and professionalism, plenty of comments from the audience supported my perhaps biased opinion. Well done to the support crew of Denise, Losana and Fiona and of course to William for preparing the girls!

Over the past 4 weeks Jason Carr has undertaken his 4th year practicum with the 2/3 class. Jason was a fabulous addition to the teaching staff of the school and we would like to wish Jason all the best with his future career, perhaps a stint at Menindee Central?

Cheers, Daryl
Dear Community,

Thank you for all of your encouragement of students and teachers this term. It is pleasing to see the way senior students are applying themselves and facing the task. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Year 12 for all their great work. Even though I’ve only known them this year, I believe many of them to be of upstanding character. I wish them all the best for their future work and study plans and encourage them to keep in touch with the school. As a school we will say our farewells to them on Thursday the 17th of September.

I would like to remind students to maintain their high standard of behaviour so that they may be eligible for many of the rewards on offer within the school for positive behaviour for learning. This includes Vivo Auctions and Reward Excursions. Details of these excursions will be available in future issues of the newsletter.

As a school we value maintaining a peaceful and safe learning and working environment for students and staff. Students often need time and resources to learn to sort issues out between themselves as they learn valuable mediation and conflict resolution skills. As such, we are introducing A Friends for Life Program next term for students in Primary school. This term class teachers have been provided with class resources that support pro-social behaviours. Modelling of pro-social behaviours cannot be highlighted enough as an essential factor in the learning process.

Please be mindful that despite this instruction, some issues may be too difficult for students of a younger age to solve. This is where we ask that you encourage your child to speak to a teacher. It is important should there be any issues arising that they are reported at an early stage so they can be sorted out. Students are encouraged to report any unsafe or bullying behaviour to teacher as soon as any issue makes them feel uncomfortable. They can also report to any member of staff including the Deputy Principal or Executive Principal. If staff are fully informed they can respond appropriately.

As a school we need to maintain accurate information about students so as to ensure we can contact parents and carers should any issues arise at school or when students are on excursions. I ask all parents and carers to complete the attached sheet regarding contact information and return it to the front office or your child’s roll call teacher. I would also like to remind parents that should there be any issues of concern that it is important to notify the school at an early stage, as we have requested throughout this year, as concern for student well-being is at the heart of our school and if we are not aware of a concern we cannot address it.

In relation to attendance, it is important that reasons be given for absences on all absentee notes. If the reason is confidential please contact Daryl or myself to explain the absence.

I would like to congratulate students for their great behaviour when traveling by bus. Students are waiting in lines, respecting other student’s space and being sensible when travelling on the bus. I look forward to highlighting some more of the fantastic improvement in behaviour this term in the following newsletter. Some students have made the most improvement I’ve seen over the last few weeks. Keep working well!

Thank you to your continued support of my role in our school.

Veronica Mafi  
Deputy Principal
## Dates to Remember

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The School Bus will be unavailable for the local run **Friday 4 September**.
A LETTER FROM MRS SHEPHARD

Dear Staff, Students, Parents & the Menindee Community

Most of you would be aware by now that this is my last week working at Menindee Central School, as I prepare for my transfer across to Dunedoo Central School. After being here for 7 and ½ years, I face this change with mixed emotions – excited and nervous, yet sad to be leaving Menindee.

My family and I have fallen in love with this unique and special part of the world. We’ve seen the lakes empty, then full to almost overflowing, then emptied again. It has definitely been a rewarding experience that few people are lucky enough to share. Mungo, Kinchega, the claypan, the river and lakes certainly are amazing places – right here on our doorstep!

We came here with teenagers, and are leaving with men as my family has grown so much in our time here. I know that their experiences here have helped to shape the people that they are now, and they will forever remember their time here. I have been time and time again overwhelmed at the amount of things this small town is able to achieve, and feel blessed that I have been able to come along for the ride.

Our school may be small, but just as competitive as much larger schools. The staff I have worked alongside have become lifelong friends, and work hard to support students in accessing every possible educational opportunity. I’ve seen parts of the country I’d never seen before through our excursion program, and have felt it such a privilege to share new experiences with the students. Being there when students see snow for the first time, or go on a giant waterslide for the first time, or simply having fun with their friends has been such a rewarding experience, and it is those memories that will stay with me for a lifetime.

Of all the things I will miss, it is the students I will miss the most. It’s been so great to have been able to see them grow from children into young adults. We have some absolutely wonderful students at our school, and I wish them all the best for their future.

It somehow seems fitting that I am leaving around the same time as Year 12 finish their schooling, as these were the students from my very first class at Menindee Central School. As rough and tough as they were, they are a great bunch of people and I am proud to have played a role in their school experience.

Thank you Menindee for your friendship, acceptance and support over the past 7 ½ years. We will always remember our time here, the friends we have made along the way.

On behalf of Russell, Damien, Joshua and Brendan

Kind regards
Georgia Shephard
Year 2/3 has been studying local government. Last Friday year 2/3 visited the Menindee local shire yards and meet Mr. Jones. He explained what the Menindee Local Shire is reasonable for: things like maintain the Burke and Wills oval, marking lines when football is on, collecting the rubbish, looking after the local park’s, telling our visitors and locals if the roads are open and many more jobs that keep Menindee looking it’s best. Mr. Jones also explained that Menindee is a small cog in a big machine, which is our local government.

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A letter of thanks from Jason

Daryl,

I’m writing to tell you how much I enjoyed my prac teaching experience at your school and with your staff. First of all, I would like to thank Nate and 2/3 for allowing me this opportunity to come into your classroom; I enjoyed every opportunity to experience new teaching situations, different techniques and methods that teachers use in their classrooms. I have learned and gain a lot of useful information and suggestions in regards to teaching and maintaining a classroom. It is sure to help me gain confidence and knowledge about how to manage my classroom, as well as how to prepare effective lessons.

I felt very welcome and comfortable with everyone and community, and can’t imagine working in a friendlier environment. I feel this experience will benefit me throughout my future career.

Once again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity of getting hands on experience at Menindee Central School.

Sincerely,

Jason Carr
Ronnie Gibbs Sevens

Last week eight boys from Menindee and four boys from Wilcannia travelled to Bourke for the 20th Annual Ronnie Gibbs 7’s Rugby League tournament.

Although the Under 14’s started off the tournament with a 0-7 loss, an injury to Braydan Barnes in the first moments of the game proved to be a turning point, with only six players left on the field with no reserves. The team managed to find a couple of boys from other towns to join them, and from that point on they were a force to be reckoned with! The team managed to win the next two games to narrowly miss the finals. Congratulations to Kyle and Kade who were nominated to attend the Far West Academy for Sport training. All the boys are to be commended for the spirit in which they played every game.

The Open boys joined with Warren to form a formidable team that was competitive in every game. The Opens team started with two draws and but ended up losing their last game to miss the finals. Neil, Vinnie and Tevita and played with skill and ability to shine for their team. They have all been nominated to attend training at the Far West Academy for Sport. Again, all the boys are to be commended for the on-field attitude.

A big thank you to Jason Carr and Daniel Fusi, who drove the bus and organised the boys throughout the trip. Also, big thanks to Will Mitchell and Riley Barnes for running the water and being on hand throughout the day to help out. A special mention goes to the Wilcannia crew, Kyle Whyman, James, Peli, Tyrone and Blake who joined forces with our boys to make a strong and competitive team.

Colin Foskett
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.

P&C are holding a **Fathers Day Stall** on Friday 4 September.

Classes will be able to choose a gift from the stall throughout the day.
ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS, PARENTS & CARERS

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!

Year 12 Tonga Sausage Sizzle

Come join us for a sausage sizzle fundraiser on Saturday 5th September at Coombes’ Petrol Station.

Sausage Sangas $2
With Onion $2.50
Cans of Soft Drink $2
Language Nest

Paakantji Language Circle Meeting

The Paakantji Language Circle has been meeting each term for the last eight years, and last week held a meeting at Dareton Public School. People from Wilcannia, Broken Hill, Dareton and Mildura attended, as well as Fiona Kelly, Kayleen Kerwin, Amanda King, Pansy Williams, Robert Lindsay, Daryl Irvine and Daniel Fusi from Menindee.

Junette Mitchell opened proceedings with a Welcome to Country. Chris Evans, from the NSW Board of Studios, showed us a new HSC course called Aboriginal Languages, which is ready to go next year.

On the second day, the Language Circle expressed its intention to become the reference group behind the Paakantji Language and Culture Hub that has been established in the area.

The next meeting of the Paakantji Language Circle will be at Wilcannia on Thursday/Friday 22-23 October. All community members are most welcome to attend.

West Darling Secondary Athletics Carnival

21.08.15 - Zinc oval

On Friday 21.08.15 MCS took a strong team of athletes into the West Darling athletics carnival at Zinc Oval, Broken Hill. Students competed in Track and Field events and a great day was had by all students and staff. Students who attended and excelled in the carnival were: Steven Newman, Richard Doyle, Jason Doyle, Kade Fennell, Kyle Mitchell, William Mitchell, Neil Mitchell and Tevita Newman. Thank you also to Mr Brasting and Maggie Doyle for assisting on the day.

Mr Smith
Sport Coordinator
Wilvandee Sports Carnival @ Menindee
Thursday, 10th & Friday, 11th September, 2015
Program & Plan of Events – All welcome!!!

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PCYC Blue Light Disco

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

Canteen facilities are available

DANCING!
LOADS OF FUN!
GAMES!

No pass outs - No smoking or alcohol

Fully supervised in
ATTENTION: All parents, students, teachers/staff

All outstanding accounts must be finalised by Friday 4 September.
No credit will be given after 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.
CHOIR PRACTICE:  
TUESDAY EVENING @ 6:45pm  
in the Music Room  

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

Contact William Mafi
Buy toys and gifts to help fundraise for our school!

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

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.


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**MASSAGE** - **WAXING** - **PEDICURES**

**MANICURES** - **GEL NAILS**

**EYE LASH** - **TINTING**

Ph Kris 0429029906

Bookings essential

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**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

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**COMMUNITY MARKET**

**FATHERS DAY**

This weekend

Sunday 6 September

10.00am—1.00pm

At Menindee Rural Transaction Centre

Contact Margot on 80914 392 to book your stall…. $10.00.

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**Menindee Regional Tourist Association AGM**

Tuesday 6:00pm 8th September 2015, followed by a General Meeting. All welcome.
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

CONGRATULATIONS

All Menindee Yabbies sides have made it through to the Outback Rugby League Grand Final to be held at Memorial Oval Broken Hill this SUNDAY 6 September 2015

We will know later in the week the kick off times for all grades and encourage everyone to come and support all teams.

- Under 7’s
- Under 9’s
- Under 11’s
- Under 13’s
- Under 15’s
- Seniors
Want to work at the election?

NSW Aboriginal Land Council election
Saturday 31 October 2015
For more information call 1300 135 736 or visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au/alc_election
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 to preventing suicide and remember those lost to suicide by joining us on our walk.

Date: Wednesday 19th September
Time: 4:30pm
Place: Lions Reserve, cnr Blenner & Bromide St.
RSVP: Lifeline Broken Hill 50777920

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 0428145814

STONES IN HIS POCKETS
BY MARIE JONES
Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are concerned a number of contact details for our parents or caregivers are out of date and we may be unable to contact you to discuss your child. This is of particular concern should there be a medical emergency for your child.

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that details are up to date. Please take the time to provide your current phone numbers and address to ensure we are able to contact you if required:

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Please return your updated information to your child’s class teacher or to the front office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Daryl Irvine
Executive Principal

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