Not to put too fine a point on it, it’s HOT! This taste of warm weather has ensured the Library and classrooms are a popular place as we recommend to all the students that they limit their time playing outdoors during our lunch break. Can I remind parents to please talk to your students about drinking plenty of water and wearing a hat to school, especially during periods of hot weather. The school bubblers have dual filters that do a reasonable job of removing colour and taste from the water, however we recommend that students come along with a bottle of their own.

For the last couple of weeks we have hosted Speech Pathology students from the Allied Health in School program working with our younger students. This program sees undergraduate students from Sydney and Flinders Universities, studying either Occupational or Speech Therapy, screening our infant students under the supervision of staff from the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) in Broken Hill. The program, now in its sixth year, is a win/win scenario, students, families and teachers gain the benefit of being better informed about a child’s development and the Uni students gain valuable clinical practice on the way to their degree. A report developed by the UDRH students will detail strategies, if required, that will assist the positive growth of students and in some cases provide referral onto the Allied Health team at Broken Hill Hospital. If you would like to know more about the program don’t hesitate to contact the school.

The importance of reading has been well documented and to help encourage our students to read a little more we will be participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. In its first year, the Premier’s Reading Challenge saw some 5900 students successfully completed it. Fourteen years on, the Challenge is now open to students in Kindergarten to Year 9 and close to 250 000 students participate each year. This inspirational number, and the growth in the number of students who now participate, is the result of the support and dedication of our librarians and teachers and the tireless hours that parents devote to reading with their children. Stay tuned for some special “Local Incentives” to help spur on our readers!

Have you completed a Personalised Learning Plan meeting with your child’s teacher yet? If you haven’t, can you please contact the school to ensure this important meeting occurs. Our school system for rewarding good behaviour Vivo Miles and MGoals for monitoring PLP’s are a great way of keeping up to date with all the good work our students are getting up to here at Menindee!


Cheers Daryl
Dear School Community,

Another exciting week of learning at Menindee Central School.

We thank all parents and community members who came to our open afternoon at the school. Students appreciated parents’ involvement and interest in their learning. Thank you to all staff who were involved in preparing activities that included parents. Thanks to Daniel and the students who helped him in preparing the BBQ for parents. The healthy wraps were a great hit with parents.

Congratulations to students who participated in the Barrier Championships in Broken Hill. A great effort by students with two students qualifying for the State Finals in Sydney. A special thanks to Stefanie Halpin, Ebony Browning and Daniel Fusi for organising the activity and accompanying students to the carnival in Broken Hill. Well done everyone!

Our focus for Well-being and Engagement this week is on Showing Respect with a specific focus on Taking Care of Each Other and Following Instructions. Students will participate in learning activities based on these school-wide expectations. We ask that parents continue to support the school in reinforcing these ideas with students.

A number of staff have been involved in additional Professional Learning Activities including traveling to Broken Hill after school to meet with Health Professionals and gain ideas on support for students’ well-being. These professional learning activities are valuable for both experienced and inexperienced staff. I thank staff for their continued commitment to learning the most current strategies for supporting students.

I would like to remind all students to bring water bottles and hats to school.

Regards and thanks

Veronica – Deputy Principal
**Dates to Remember**

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**NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM**

SHIRTS are available for purchase from the Front Office.

**UPDATE OF PARENT & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

In the event of an emergency it is imperative that the school have your current and correct contact details, including Medicare card numbers. We ask you to please come to the Front Office to update your information ASAP.

*Thank you*

**MENINDEE CHILDRENS CENTRE**

Will be holding their AGM on

MONDAY 14TH MARCH 5pm

@ the preschool.

Please feel welcome to come along if you would like to be a part of Pre-School.

**Principal:** Daryl Irvine  
**Deputy Principal:** Veronica Mafi  
**Assistant Principal:** Fiona Kelly  
**Head Teacher, Secondary:** Andrew Nordstrom  
**Head Teacher Access:** Gavin Blows  
**Senior Leader Community:** Daniel Fusi
Dear Parents,

I am really enjoying our Preliminary General Maths class - they are a great group and have settled into the routines and expectations remarkably well. Below is a quick update on what is happening in our class.

Assessment task:

The students have an assessment task on Chapter 2 due this Monday 7 March. Please encourage your child to work through this task and to ask for help from the teacher if need be. The assessment task on Chapter 2 is at the end of the chapter in the text book pg 82-83 consisting of a Multiple Choice and Short Answer Questions which are particularly important. Well done to all the students who have completed their assessment task with a week to spare. To those still working on it, please don’t leave everything till the end as this will “choke” you.

Mathletics:

We have been using the online tutorial Mathletics, and I am very happy with how it is working. The real value of the program is that it requires students to show their working out, not just enter an answer in some cases and let them receive feedback straight away. Time is allocated in class for students to complete set tasks - uncompleted work maybe be finished at home. Please encourage your child to keep up with this work.

Out of class work

A critical step in developing any new skill is practice - this applies to Maths just the same as it does to sport. I have allowed a few weeks for students to get settled into the new routine of their General Mathematics preliminary Course. Class work not completed in class becomes study period work/homework. I have spoken to each student individually about these responsibilities, and I will be in touch soon if your child is still finding it hard to keep up with this routine. Please check your child is familiar with this expectation and is establishing good Senior School habits to keep up with their work.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity of teaching your child.

Alick Ngondo
With the Japanese excursion coming closer and closer, we thought we would share some of the students’ writing on the subject.

**ALSO! Stay tuned for information on a Japanese themed dinner party that will be held to raise the final funds needed for the Japanese excursion.**

This year, I’ll be going to Japan for the first time; in fact it will be my first trip overseas. This scares me but it also excites me. I’m scared because I don’t know what to expect but I also don’t want to disrespect the people and culture by doing something wrong. But in saying that, I’m really excited about a few special things.

1. **First time overseas**
   
   This scares me but it also excites me. This memory of going to Japan will stay with me forever because it will be with some of my closest friends. I think this trip will help me grow as a person by showing me a different cultural experience that I would never see at home. By going to Japan I will be gaining more respect for the Japanese culture. I think the part of the culture that I will gain the most appreciation for is the way they combine western traditions with their Japanese traditions. For instance they don’t eat food with knives and forks, they eat with chopsticks. I don’t do that at home so I imagine I’ll struggle with it. Another is traditionally the Japanese sit at low tables with cushions on tatami mat floor, I reckon my legs will get sore. Another thing that excites me about this trip is that I will want to experience other countries. I’ve always wanted to travel and after this trip I’ll be able to do it again because I won’t be as afraid.

2. **Experience the culture**
   
   I know what life’s like in Menindee so it’s going to be interesting to see what it’s like in Japan. I’m interested in the way the Japanese do the basic things like going to work, school or getting their grocery’s for the week. I want to know if it’s easy or hard to live in Japan and if so, why? After landing in Osaka we will have to somehow learn how to use the public transport system, order and pay for our meals and resolve how we are going to get around to see the sights. Learning about these everyday things will help me understand the Japanese culture better.

3. **Experiencing new food**
   
   While in Japan I will be trying all these different foods that I probably didn’t know existed and that excites me because I would never get to experience those foods in Menindee. My typical daily meals are so boring, so one of the most exciting things about going to Japan is tasting lots of new foods, like seaweed, raw fish and who knows what else I’ll try? While in Japan I will be trying all these different foods that I probably didn’t know existed and that excites me because I would never get to experience those foods in Menindee. The food I’m most excited about eating while being in Japan is sushi. I’ve had sushi before and I loved it so I can’t wait to eat it.
Expressions of interest are called for the filling of Casual School Learning Support Officers (Teachers’ Aides) and SAO’s (School Administration Officers) positions for 2016. Acceptance of an Expression of Interest is not a guarantee of employment. Casual vacancies will be appointed from an eligibility list developed from suitable applicants.

A copy of the role statement is available from the school, however general duties include, supporting teachers and students in classroom activities, assisting in the preparation of class materials and small group work in literacy/numeracy.

Please forward resume detailing qualifications and experience marked private and confidential to Daryl Irvine by Friday March 4th.
BARRIER SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday the 25th February we took 8 young swimmers to the Barrier Swimming Carnival. It was a great experience for all of our students and many of them achieved personal goals whilst representing Menindee Central School with pride. Genevieve Mafi was an absolute stand out winning the 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Butterfly and achieving a 3rd place in the 50m Backstroke. To top off her evening she broke a record in the 50m Freestyle that has stood since 1976. Bailey Kozik stepped up an age group to compete in the boys 8 years 50m Freestyle and achieved a 3rd place which is another excellent result.

Congratulations to all of the students that competed, you represented Menindee Central School extremely well and challenged the other competitors with your great swimming ability. I look forward to building this representative spirit into the future.

Cheers,
Steph Halpin
Sports Coordinator
This week we were looking at the SHOW RESPECT value. In class we learned to take care of each other and one easy way to take care of each other is to say something nice. Especially when someone looks like they are having a tough time.

Try this fun activity to help take care of each other in the community!

**My Compliment Flower**
- In the middle of the flower write your name.
- The flower will be passed around the classroom for you classmates to write a compliment into one of the petals.
- In return for a compliment, you too shall write a compliment on the flower that comes to you containing someone else's name.
Our current PBL focus is Show Respect and Take Care of Each Other. Teachers will be on the look out for students who are displaying the current focuses on the playground and in class. These will be awarded double Vivo points.

The Primary auction is coming up at the end of term and the Vivo shop (students from 5-12) will be stocked up with new items soon. The Vivo shop can be accessed anytime throughout the term. I will be going shopping for the Primary Vivo auction prizes soon and pictures will be in an upcoming newsletter. The date for the Primary auction will also be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Remember, if you are having any trouble logging into Vivo, please see Mr Walker or Mr Foskett so your password can be reset.

Thank you,
Ashlee Jameson.

Whittney, Sarah & Montana made hamburgers for their lunch last week

K-1 made cookies
K/1 News

Weekly news:
It has been a big week in K/1! I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you to all of the Parents/Carers that came into K/1 on Friday afternoon for our open classroom. It was a fun filled afternoon and the students all had a wonderful time! Please feel welcome to come into K/1 whenever you have any free time, we can always use the extra hands.

Dates to remember:
4th March 2:10pm K/1 cooking
10th March 9:00 whole school assembly
5th April School Photos

K/1 Kitchen:
K/1 are amazing chefs and this Friday we are making pizza pinwheels. We would love you to come and join us at 2:10 pm.

Reminders:
○ Keep sending in home reading folders each day. It is fantastic to see so many reading folders being returned each day!
○ Please remember hats and water bottles as it’s heating up again.
Modified Games & International Games Coaching Courses Menindee

All coaches are required to have a relevant NRL Coaching Accreditation Certificate that is current. The NRL offers the following courses, which you can register for using the links below:

DATE: WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH
TIME 6PM – 10
VENUE MENINDEE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MODIFIED GAMES COACH » 6-12S AGE GROUPS
3 ONLINE & 4 FACE TO FACE MODULES
LINK TO REGISTER:
HTTP://BIT.LY/MODIFIEDGAMESCOACHINGMENINDEE

INTERNATIONAL GAMES COACH » 13S + AGE GROUPS
5 ONLINE & 6 FACE TO FACE MODULES
LINK TO REGISTER:
HTTP://BIT.LY/INTERNATIONALGAMESCOACHINGMENINDEE
**Boundary (noun)**
- A line which marks the limits of an area; a dividing line.
- A limit of something abstract (something you can’t touch), especially a subject or sphere of activity.

As we move through life we encounter many different kinds of boundaries; some more easily recognised than others. Boundaries can be straightforward or they can be complex. A circle made in the sand is a boundary that is easily understood – who ever crosses the line in the sand is either inside the circle or outside but other boundaries such as personal boundaries can be complex because no two people think or act the same way.

There are many different kinds of boundaries. Some simple categories are:
- Physical boundaries: our territory, our land, where we belong, where we must stay etc
- Social boundaries: how we behave, our customs etc
- Intellectual boundaries: what we understand, how we learn, what we think etc

Over the next few weeks, Year 11 will be exploring how the concept of ‘Boundaries’ are shown in the film, ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ which was directed by Danny Boyle.
Parents and Students are reminded that ALL HOT FOOD orders need to be placed at the Canteen by 9:00am for Recess and Lunch orders no later than the end of Recess.

*Thank you. Canteen Manager.*

**MCS Canteen**

Check the Canteen Menu board for Daily Specials

**PLEASE NOTE:** CANS of SOFT DRINK ARE AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY.

**RED DAY**

**TUESDAY**

**8th March**
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: $5.00 (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: 1-2-3-5-9-12: Drawn 29/02/16 Winners Nil : Jackpot: $2,826.00 Numbers: 1-13

FIRE DANGER PERIOD
1ST OCTOBER TO 31ST MARCH

A permit must be obtained from the Permit Officer before lighting or using a fire in the open during Fire Danger Period.

Permit Officers:

G. Rolton
K. Lombardo

NEW BICYCLE LAWS and INCREASE IN FINES

Commencing in March 1st 2016, new Bicycle Helmet Fines will be rising from $71.00 to $319.00. Persons over age 16 must carry photo ID of face fine of $109.00 when riding their bicycle.

Drivers passing a bicycle rider must do so at a safe distance. Safe distance is defined as:

- 60k or less zone - distance of at least 1 metre
- 60k or more zone - distance 1.5 m

Bike riders to keep to left hand side of road.

Penalty for driver - $319.00 + 2 demerit points

Riding a bicycle in a reckless, negligent of dangerous manner, fines have risen from $71.00 to $471.00

Holding onto a moving vehicle whilst riding a bicycle, fines have risen from $71.00 to $319.00

Bicycle riders who do not stop at a children's or pedestrian crossing, fines have risen from $71.00 to $425.00

Any further queries, please contact

Sgt Paul Roberts at Menindee Police Station or go

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Phone Kris on 0429 029 906 to book
### JOIN IN THE DREAMING ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

(JITDAC) Centre is at the Old Nursing Service. Phone 08 80914 164 / Tina 0409439186

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**BINGO**
- @ CWA HALL
- 1st Wednesday of each month
- 10:30am

6th April; 4th May; 1st June:
$10.00 includes Morning Tea/Lunch & 3 Bingo Cards
Plus Raffles on the day @ .50c a ticket.

Come and join us for all these events or just some of them....we would love to see you there, have some fun and socialise at the same time.

**For further information phone the Centre on 08 80914 164 or Noelene on 0400 005 462**

**Also provide a MEALS ON WHEELS Service** - Offering a Cooked Meal & Dessert, Monday—Friday for $5.00 per day.

**SOCIAL SUPPORT** - Assistance getting to and from appointments or to outings.

*Call the Centre 08 80914 164 or Tina on 0409 439 186
8:30 / 11:30 am Monday—Friday*
Central Darling Shire Council

Local Waste 2 Art Competition

1. Entry forms are available from your local CDSCC office at www.centralshire.nsw.gov.au
2. Artworks need to reach your local CDSCC Office before 2pm on Friday 29th April 2016
3. Art Exhibition Opening and Presentation will be held in Menindee on Monday 4th May at 3pm.
4. Exhibition of all entries will run from 6th to 21st May 2016.
5. Winning Local Entries will be forwarded to Council for the Regional Competition and Exhibition being held from 26th June to 18th July 2016.

For further information, please contact: Margie McEwan
Coordinating Menindee Transection Centre
PO Box 97
Menindee NSW 2880
margiem@centralshire.nsw.gov.au

Central Darling Shire Council

PUBLIC NOTICE OF WORKS

Council’s programmed construction and sealing works within Menindee Township and Environs has been scheduled, pending weather, for the following dates.

- Haberfield St Reconstruction – 23/2/16 to 15/4/16
- Wilcannia East Rd (Shamrock Hill) Reconstruction – 23/2/16 to 15/4/16
- Copi Hollow Rd Heavy Patching and reseal – 21/3/16 to 15/4/16
- Menindee Town Street reseals – 11/4/16 to 15/4/16

Working hours are from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday in Town, Monday to Sunday out of Town.

Various road closures and traffic control measures will be in place for the duration of the works.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused by these necessary works. Further information may be obtained from Councils Engineering Department on 08 8083 8800

Michael Boyd
GENERAL MANAGER