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Term 3 —Week 10

22nd September 2010

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**Kids in the
classroom**



Principal Report



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Another term is almost over and staff and students look forward to the holidays.

The school is currently reviewing our progress and looking to modify or add new directions for our planning for next year.

Next term we will welcome our new Deputy Principal and to the school as well as a new TAS teacher. I am not sure if I have thanked staff that have filled in the gaps left by the lack of a TAS teacher and the efforts they have made to ensure that students have received alternative but allied experiences. Next term will allow us to fill in the gaps.

Friday is the last day for our Year 12 students. After 13 years they now face one last test before they go on to the outside world. We wish them well. We will have opportunities to congratulate them and express our best wishes. This

represents a 80% graduation rate compared to a state wide rate of approximately 70%. The only student who didn't make it to the end was a student who came to us from Broken Hill and whose health reasons precluded here from getting to the end. 50% of our students will graduate with a trade training certificate which is the highest rate yet.

Next term is the beginning of the last year for our current Year 11. This week we will elect two captains and they will be announced at Friday's assembly.

Next term is a busy term major dates will be provided in this week's newsletter. Please note them.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy spring holiday.

Brian Debus



School Diary

Mondays	Adult Computer Class
Tuesdays	Active After School Program
Wednesdays	Active After School Program
Thursdays	Sport, Lifestyle and Rec Adult class—starts at 6pm.

Level Movements

Over the past week the following students have moved up a level.

Level 5 Silver William Briar

Level 5 Bronze: Adrian Briar

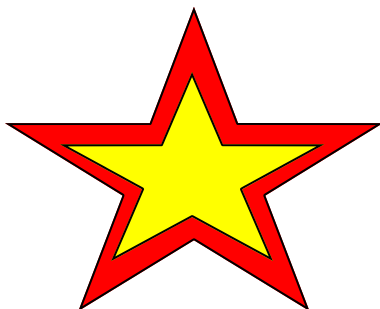
Level 5: Montana Johnson-Newman

Level 4: Adam Hughes, Natasha Hughes, Tahlia Philp and Tayla Newman.

Congratulations to all these students

Assembly Certificates

At last week's assembly the following students received certificates: Kadum Stephens, Feleti Newman, Tevita Newman, Karina Philp, Anthony Kelly, Shane Blore, Robbie Brereton, Djani Kelly, Tylan Philp and Courtney Hempel. Great effort to all these students.



This Weeks Birthdays

22nd September

Mr Rick Ball
celebrates his birthday today.



During the holidays

Wren Dunbar
will celebrate her 6th birthday on
8th October



Ms Vel Ryan also has her birthday
during the holidays



We hope you all enjoy your day

PT Room Statistics

Term 3 2009

Week	Learning	Respect	Safety	Suspensions
9	2	2	-	1

Term 3 2010

Week	Learning	Respect	Safety	Suspensions
9	0	1	5	2

What's on Around Town

Friday <i>25th September</i>	Last day of term. Have a safe happy holiday
Sunday <i>26th September</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWA Meeting 11am at the Uniting Church Hall, Yartla Street A church service will be held in the Uniting Church on Sunday 26th September at 4p.m. The church is open 1 to 2 p.m. Monday to Saturday for inspection and meditation.
Thursday <i>23rd September</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MLALC Meeting—4.30pm at the Land's Council Annual General Meeting to be held straight after General Meeting
Thursday <i>30th September</i>	Menindee Fire Brigade's AGM 5pm at the RTC.
Monday 4th October	Botanical Workshop 2pm—4pm school art room. (see ad page 5)
Wednesday <i>6th October</i>	Ladies' Evening—Community Hall 7pm . (see ad page 4)
Friday 8th October	Family Fun Night - 6pm - free sausage sizzle (see ad page 4)
Monday 11th October	Return to school!


Upcoming School Events

Monday 11th October	Term 4 Commences
Mon 18—Wed 20th October	Year 10 Trial School Certificate Exams
Saturday 6th November	Proposed date for School Fete - TBA
Mon 8th - Fri 12th November	Year 10 School Certificate Exams
Friday 19th November	Year 12 Formal
Friday 26th - Monday 29th Nov	School Spectacular trip to Sydney
Monday 13th December	School Christmas Party
Friday 17th December	Last day of term

**SCHOOL SPECTACULAR WILL
BE ON AGAIN IN NOVEMBER...**

**What behaviour level
are YOU on?**

**Yr 4 and up who are on
Level 5 Gold will be eligible to attend....**



MENINDEE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Annual General Meeting of the Menindee LALC:

Date: 23rd September 2010

Time: Following our General Meeting

Place: Menindee LALC Office

Agenda:

- 1 the Receipt of the Annual Report of the Activities of the Council, presented by the Chairperson, and
- 2 the Receipt of the Audited Financial Statements for the previous Financial Year.
- 3 The conduct of any other business placed on the agenda before the commencement of the meeting

Authorised by Noeline Ferguson acting CEO MLALC



BODY BLISS

MASSAGE & WAXING

Pamper yourself, indulge and relax

Bookings essential

Phone Kris on 0429 029 906

Gift Vouchers available

Kids say the darndest things

- Water vapour gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does.
- Clouds are high flying fogs.
- I'm not sure how clouds are formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.
- When we look at a drop of water under a microscope, we find that there are twice as many H's as O's.
- To most people a solution mean finding the answers. But to chemists a solution is when things are still all mixed up.
- Many dead animals in the past changed to fossils while others preferred to be oil.
- Some oxygen molecules help fires burn while others help make water, so sometimes it's brother against brother.
- We say perfume disappears because of evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.
- Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there.
- Clouds just keep circling the earth around and around and around. There is not much else for them to do.

Kids Club 2010

Christ Church Blacktown Anglican from Sydney is visiting Menindee to hold a Kids Club in the school holidays.

Date: October 5-8

**Where: Community Centre
Menindee**

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

It will be lots of fun. There will be games, craft and other activities to do during the morning.

Wednesday night October 6 - 7.30pm

Ladies night - Come along and learn how to make cards the quick and easy way.

Friday night Family Fun Night - 6.00pm

Free sausage sizzle.

For more information email Karen at
krntuckwell@yahoo.com.au



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ORDINARY MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of an Ordinary Meeting of the Menindee LALC

Date: Thursday 23rd September 2010

Time: 4.30pm

Place: Menindee LALC

Agenda:

- 1 Meeting Open
- 2 Welcome to Country/Minute Silence
- 3 Apologies
- 4 Previous Minutes/ Business Arising
- 5 Correspondence In/Out
- 6 Financial Report
- 7 CEO Report
- 8 General Business
- 9 Date for next Meeting
- 10 Meeting Closed

Authorised by Noeline Ferguson acting CEO MLALC

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Ladies come along to a great night out...

Date: 6th October 2010

**Where: Community Centre,
Menindee**

Time: 7:30pm

Indulge yourself and learn an easy way of decorating cards - its lots of fun.
We will have the privilege of listening to Gail Teale-Sinclair speak - one of the Christ Church Blacktown team members.
There will be a great supper.
Hope to see you there!

Menindee Children's Centre

This is the last week of preschool for Term 3, it has been a very busy term with lots happening and it has been great to see so many new children at the centre.

We hope everybody enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back, eager and excited on **TUESDAY 12th October!**

Until Next Term

Huyley D'Ettorre

Director

The Yarn Up Play Group



Come over to 'The Yarning Circle' at the Menindee Enterprise Park (near the school train). You can come for half an hour, an hour or the whole hour and a half.

You don't need to register, or come every week. Just turn up when you can.



Wednesday

Mornings:

9.00am-10.30am



Become a Burke and Wills Botanist.

Mali Moir and a group of friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens will be in town to try to find specimens of plants that Burke and Wills collected in 1860.

These specimens will be collected, scientifically identified, pressed and then sketched or painted. All of our specimens will be donated to the National Herbarium (Victoria) and the NSW Herbarium.

What!

Join Mali and see how to collect, identify and press plants for scientific use.

See how to sketch them accurately so they are a record for botanists in the future. (So important!)

Mali loves it and would love to show you what she does.

Come and join Mali for a 2 hr workshop.

You will also be able to watch botanic artists at work and look through microscopes to identify plant parts.

When: Monday 4th October 2pm – 4pm

Where: Menindee Central School

Cost: Priceless! (But free for you)

Please contact Lynne at Menindee Central. Numbers limited. First in best dressed.

Learn what Botanic Artists do.

It is a good opportunity for the kids especially to see how scientists / scientific artists work.

We are happy to have adults or kids attend and we have a list of the plants that Beckler collected and the longitude and latitude so we will be going to the same spots!

(Beckler studied medicine at the University of Munich. He graduated in 1855 left Hamburg on 30 September 1855 on the *Johann Cesar Godoffroy*. He arrived at Moreton Bay on 2 February 1856 and then lived variously in Ipswich, Brisbane, Tenterfield and Warwick. An old professor from Munich put him in touch with Mueller and Neumayer. In January 1859, Beckler was working at the Melbourne Hospital.

On the recommendation of a work colleague at the Melbourne Hospital, Dr William Gilbee (a member of the Exploration Committee of the Royal Society of Victoria), he was appointed to the VEE at an Ordinary meeting of the Exploration Committee held on Friday, 13 July 1860, as Scientific Observers' Botanical Observer on a salary of £300 p.a.

He resigned at Menindee between the 14th and 21st October 1860 but waited for replacement. After leaving the VEE he appeared at the Commission of Enquiry and then sailed to Germany. He died in 1914.

(Taken from www.burkeandwills.net.au.)



Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register.

Sue Silveira, Research Fellow Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children contacted the Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid about the Australian Childhood Vision Impairment

Register.

This project is sponsored by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, in partnership with children, families, eye health professionals, low vision service providers and children services. The Register aims to capture data on Australian children who live with vision impairment.

We currently have 220 children registered, including children who are blind and vision impaired.

Data from the Register is shared with researchers and in planning for better services for children.

However, children and their families are not identified in any way. Parents are able to find out details about the Register, and register their child at the following website:

<http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/research/ozviskids.asp>

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SCHOOL NEWS DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IS TUESDAY AT 12PM.

Classified Ads

All submissions for the school news are to be in by Tuesday 1pm. 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 endeavour 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.

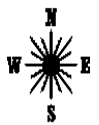
Advertising costs are: \$4.40 (basic advert), \$11.00 (quarter page), \$22.00 (half page) and \$44.00 (full page) per week. ***Payment is required when placing advert.***

PLEASE REMEMBER: IF SELLING A CAR OR MOTORBIKE YOU MUST INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OR ENGINE NUMBER. Adverts without the above information will NOT be included, phone 80 914 409.

WANTED TO BUY: 7 X 5 TRAILER. RING RON 80914143

FOR SALE: LG 7 kg Front Loader Washing Machine, \$350.00; 3 & 2 Seater Lounge Suite Choc Brown, \$600.00. Both items in excellent condition. Ph 0429029906

Lucky ball: Drawn 20th September: 1-2-4-8-9-10. No winner, jackpot \$2,051.00. Pick numbers 1-14.



Central Darling Shire Council

Menindee Waste Depot – Changes to Opening Hours

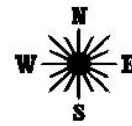
Council has reviewed the operation of the Menindee Waste Depot and advises the following changes will occur.

- Longer opening hours on Saturday – New opening times from 1pm to 3pm; old opening times (9am to 12noon) to remain as well.
- Closed on Mondays

These changes will start on 1st October 2010. For further information please contact Council's Environmental Services Department on 08 80838900.

Tim Hazell
GENERAL MANAGER

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Wilcannia NSW 2836



POSITION VACANT CASUAL SWIMMING POOL ATTENDANT MENINDEE

Central Darling Shire Council is seeking to appoint a Casual Swimming Pool Attendant for the current swimming season.

Further information, including position description is available by telephoning the Environmental Services Administration Officer, Mrs Adelaide Elliott, (08) 8083 8900, or by email to council@centraldarwin.nsw.gov.au

Written applications should be addressed to the General Manager, marked 'Confidential' and received by 4.00pm on Friday 1st October 2010.

Tim Hazell
GENERAL MANAGER

The school has registered for the Coles Sport for Schools program.

When you shop at Coles, please keep your docket and send or bring them into school and place in the box in the front foyer. We will get \$1.00 for every \$10.00 spent in the store so this will be a great way to get new sporting equipment for our school. The program runs from 2nd September until 31st October so please bring your dockets in. Also if possible ask your friends and relatives for their dockets – they will be greatly appreciated.



Aboriginal Trainee Field Officers Parks and Wildlife Group

Have you a passion for caring and promoting country?

Do you want to earn while you learn?

Positions located in Coonabarabran area, Lachlan area, Bourke area, Glen Innes area, Mathoura, Moama, Byron Coast area, Highland area (Fitzroy Falls), Coffs Coast area, Kyogle area, Mutawintji National Park and Hunter Coast area (Nelson Bay)

Are you interested in:

- working in conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources within the NSW National Parks?
- protecting the environment and motivating people to be environmentally responsible?
- assisting with nature and cultural activities?
- undertaking a Conservation and Land Management Certificate II?



Our one-year Aboriginal Traineeship Program offers you these opportunities!

At the completion of the traineeship, the position located at Mutawintji National Park may lead to permanent employment.

Check out www.jobs.nsw.gov.au for more details including the selection criteria or contact Hala Daher at hala.daher@environment.nsw.gov.au, or (02) 9585 6780.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package to apply.

Applications close 8 October 2010.



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Tuesday, 21 September, 2010 – 11.30AM

SES PUBLIC MEETING IN MENINDEE

The State Emergency Service will be conducting a public meeting on Sunday 26 September 2010. The purpose of this Public Meeting is to seek support from members of the Menindee community to re-establish the Menindee SES Unit which was inactivated last month due to the departure of some senior officers.

Far West SES Region Controller, Graeme Craig said "It is important to have an effective Unit functioning in Menindee". "I am keen to meet with members of the local community who are prepared to make a contribution to ensure the Menindee SES Unit returns to service as soon as possible".

In the initial stages, it is expected that intensive training will be undertaken to bring the Unit up to an operational standard. This training will be conducted mainly on weekends. There is some flexibility available so the training program will be negotiated with the volunteer Members of the re-established Unit.

The SES has three main sections that new Members can participate in, Rescue, Operations and Unit Support. There is a role for almost anyone who is prepared to volunteer their time to support their community.

The meeting will commence at 4.00 pm on Sunday, 26 September at the Menindee Transaction Centre at 51 Yartla Street. Senior SES Officers will be there until 6.00 pm to discuss any questions that potential applicants may have.

All applicants are required to undergo a national criminal history check as part of the application process. Any questions regarding this process can be answered at the meeting.

"I encourage any Menindee community members who are interested in joining the SES or who would like further information to attend the meeting", Mr Craig Concluded.

Applicants require 100 points of identification. It would be helpful if potential applicants could bring their identification with them as this will expedite the processing of the application.

If you can't attend the meeting but are still interested in joining the Menindee SES Unit, please phone the Far West Region office on 02 6836 4944 and an application pack can be sent to you.

End

For further information contact:

Graeme Craig, Region Controller (02) 6836 4944

*The worst in nature
the best in us*

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Brains Alive

At the start of the month the students participated in a 'Brains Alive' workshop.

As you can see they had an interesting time of it.





2010 Vibe Alive Bendigo



Students of MCS have returned from another successful trip to the Vibe Alive Festival!

This year's festival was held in Bendigo, Victoria. Two teams performed their dances on stage in front of large audiences, and received praise from the judges for their efforts. They also engaged in a variety of activities including painting, careers expo, storytelling and much, much more.

Thanks to parents, staff and community members who supported this year's Vibe excursion. Without your support, experiences such as these simply would not be possible.

As you can see from the photos, we all had a great time.

