



# Menindee Central School

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Term 4 — Week 4

11th November 2009

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## Principal's Report

Congratulations Caitlin Coff and Mitchell Fennell (pictured right) who were elected our School Captains for 2010. They also attended a Leadership course on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Thank you to everybody who made the Fun Run a really good school and community activity. I am sorry because of circumstances I was unable to be present. The School Fete also was held on the same evening and I have heard it was a really successful occasion. Thanks also to the "teams" that got together and developed a real spirit. We look forward next year with a little better timing and probably a better time of year.

I missed also our P&C Executive planning session on the Tuesday. Valuable ideas from that meeting are being incorporated into our school plan. It was decided that because of the shortness of the school term to hold only one meeting, on Thursday 26 November. A focus of the meeting will be a demonstration of the integration of technology into learning that is occurring at the school.

The School Certificate and Higher School Certificates will be complete at the end of this week. I trust the students have acquitted themselves well and achieved the best results possible.

School excursions will take place next week, with Year 11/12 students going to Canberra. Pearl and Matt will be doing a week's work experience in Senator Mark Arbib's office. Year 12 students who achieved 85% or better in attendance, participation and study will be off to cultural experience in New Zealand a



week later, accompanied by Bob Hazleger and Cheryl Blore.

It was good to see Shane Blore back at school after his accident. He is a very lucky boy to be alive and reminds us to ensure we all buckle up when we are in a car.

Last Friday we needed to seek parents' support after an incident. I would like to thank those parents who were understanding and helpful. Thanks.

Today, the school students went to the War Memorial to observe the 11am Remembrance Day service. It was good to see such a great turn-out.

This year our school is moving away from the traditional school magazine. We are producing a disk that will incorporate written reports as well as some of the many videos and visual presentations developed at the school. These disks will be playable on any computer. Because we will need to burn them to order, we will seek advance orders with the cost of \$5 each. Please contact the school with your orders. We will display a promotion with a sample from the magazine on our screens throughout the town. Please support us in this new venture. If you are reading this newsletter through email subscription, please contact the school to obtain your copy of the magazine.

***Brian Debus***

## School Diary

Sunday 15/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10/11 Canberra Trip—all week</li> </ul>
Friday 20/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beauty therapy students going to Broken Hill for TAFE if they can fit on the town bus.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 24/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Forum in BH Yr 10/11</li> <li>Year 12 leave for New Zealand</li> </ul>
Thursday 26/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crazy Day!!!</li> <li>P&amp;C Meeting 5PM-7PM (last for 2009)</li> </ul>
Saturday 28/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P&amp;C Christmas Pageant and Church Fete</li> </ul>

## Assembly Certificates

### *Term 4 Week 3 Assembly Certificates*

Vika Pagano, Marley Darrigo, Kirsty Pinal, Tiffany Pagano, Naomi Vili, Tarsha Williams, Anthony Campbell, Blake Garlick-Hooker, Brendan Shephard, Damian Holmik, Tescea Garlick, Jak Sloane, Anthony Kelly, Travis Philp, Toni Clark, Viktoria Holmik, Sarah Williams, Jason Doyle, Braydan Barnes, William Mitchell, Joseph Newman, Kalesha Cahill, Keenan Cahill, Hannah Campbell and Brooke Briar. Well done to all these students!

## Fun Run Money

The Fun Run was a great success. Well done to all of those students who took part. It is now time to bring in your sponsorship forms. So collect all of the money and bring it along with your sponsorship form to the front office. Make sure you indicate which prize you have chosen.

Mrs Fellows can't order the prizes until all of the money is in!

## Active After School Program

Hi Folks,

Well the Active After School program is off and running again this term, every Tuesday and Thursday as per usual.

We are still waiting for the council to let us know when the pool will open. So at the moment we are using the hall when it is hot.

**Please remember that we need permission notes before the kids can go to the pool.**

Hopefully the pool will be available to us later this month so we can use it as the weather gets hotter. Thanks to all who made last terms activities great fun, and we look forward to seeing you all this term. Remember the more participants we have, the more fun.



*Ready Set Go! And the Fun Run is off!*







## Fun Run

The fun run and fete held last Wednesday was a great success. It was great to see both students and community members having a go and getting active! All students who took part put in a huge effort and should be proud of themselves!

Congratulations to the following winners...

Primary Boys – Leo Johnson

Primary Girls – Montana Johnson-Newman

Secondary Boys – Rodney Nolan

Secondary Girls – Leonie Nolan

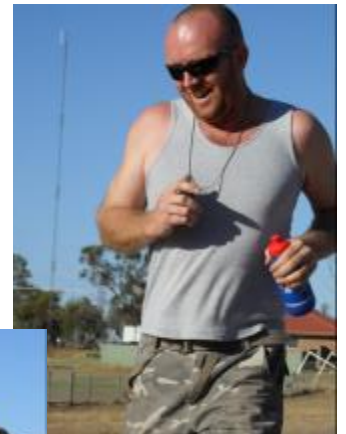
The winning house for the evening was **Burke!**

We would like to thank the following people for their contribution to the evening...

- First and foremost the Menindee Central School P&C who helped to organise the event and ran the BBQ
- All of the community groups and members who have come along to support our event and our students...in particular, the health service, the police and state water.
- The staff, students and community members ran the fete stalls.
- The staff of Menindee Central School gave up their time to ensure the evening was a success.

Congratulations to Emma Philp and Colin Clark who played a large role in helping to organise the event at part of the Max Potential program.

Money raised on the evening is going towards purchasing must needed music equipment, so thank you to all of you for you who made a contribution.



## SiP News

It's has been a crazy start to the term with the presentation of \$50,000 from the National Australia Bank. SiP has been heavily involved from the start: with finding Alice (the dining car) to the final mural.



*Now we have Bruce (our sleeping carriage)*

Last Wednesday evening saw MCS first twilight Fun Run. With great support from the Menindee Health Service, the local police, the Adult SLR class, the Adult Aboriginal Studies class and State Water's sole survivor, Clint. The novelty lap was a great hit with the students and parents.



*The boys doing their best*





This term year 6/7 are focusing on Antarctica. Here are some interesting facts that we have discovered so far.

## Antarctica

Antarctica is the fifth largest continent in the world. Around 95% of Antarctica's land mass is covered by ice. It is located in the southernmost part of Earth.



The landmass of Antarctica is mostly bedrock, and is eight million square kilometres. This landmass is almost totally covered in ice, increasing the size of the continent to approximately 14 million square kilometres, which makes Antarctica about double the size of Australia.



There are many different species of wildlife in and around Antarctica. Penguins flourish on this continent, with species including Chinstrap, Adelie, Gentoo, Rock-Hopper, Emperor and King Penguins. There are five species of seals, and seven types of whales inhabiting the waters surrounding the continent.

There is a mediocre variety of marine life in the surrounding waters of Antarctica. Many of these animals migrate in the colder seasons but they stay for the warmer weather. Many of the marine animals survive the cold because their bodies produce antifreeze to prevent them from freezing to death. There are also many birds such as Snow Petrel, Albatross, Antarctic Skua, Cape Pigeon and many more.



Year 6/7

## 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.

**Luckyball:** 9th November, 1-4-8-14-19-20. No winner. Jackpot \$723.00. Pick numbers 1-20.

**For Hire:** Cherry Picker, 30 foot boom, \$150.00 a day plus GST. Will be in Menindee area soon. Please contact Paul Williams 0402 268586.

**Year 10  
Bingo**

**Thursday 12th November  
6.30pm  
in the Pensioner's  
Hall  
All welcome**

23	01	13	03	12
24	16	09	10	25
02	14	17	32	05
23	07	33		

**Darling River  
Supermarket:**

**Pizza Night**  
*Friday night only*  
**5pm—8pm**  
**Large \$15.00**  
**2 for \$25.00**  
**Delivery \$3.00**

**80 914 288**

## Year 10 Exams

Year 10 have their School Certificate Exams week 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

In between exams and when exams are over each day year 10 students and their readers are permitted to sign out and leave the school grounds. If they choose to stay in the school grounds, they will need to spend their break in one area supervised by a designated teacher. They are not to wander around the school during these times.

***Timetable:***

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	
Computing Skills	9:15am to 10:30am

Year 10 students must keep in mind that these are official exams. If they are late or fail to attend an exam they must be able to present a doctor's certificate or they may not be eligible to receive their Year 10 Certificate.

## CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

Constituted 1 May 1959

Please address all correspondence to:

**THE GENERAL MANAGER**

P. O. BOX 165

Wilcannia NSW 2836

**Council Chambers**

21 Reid St

Wilcannia NSW 2836



**Administration:**

Phone (08) 8091 5909

Fax (08) 8091 5994

E-mail: [council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au)

**Engineering Office:**

Phone (08) 8091 5927

Fax (08) 8091 5175

### POSITION VACANT

#### MULTI-SERVICE OUTLET CO-ORDINATOR – IVANHOE – GRADE 7

Applications are sought from suitably experienced persons for the position of Multi-Service Outlet Co-ordinator based in Ivanhoe. Duties will include the co-ordination and delivery of aged care and disabled services, including community transport, meals on wheels, home maintenance and modification and respite care.

This position is graded to Grade 7 within Council's salary system with a commencing salary of \$854.20 per week.

Please contact the Executive Manager, Mel Brown to obtain an Information Package on 08 8083 8900, or by email [hr@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hr@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au)

Written applications should be addressed to the General Manager, marked 'Confidential' and be received by 4pm, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

P.O. Box 165  
Wilcannia  
NSW 2836

Tim Hazell  
General Manager

*K/1 really enjoyed  
their art class with Mr  
Ball last week.*





# Children's Week Fun Afternoon



Menindee Children's Centre  
would like to invite children  
under the age of 5 and their  
family to come along and  
celebrate with us!

**When:** Thursday 12th November

**Where:** Menindee Children's Centre

**Time:** 12.00pm–3.00pm

A yummy BBQ Lunch will be provided.



**We have lots of fun activities for you and  
your family.**

Jumping castle      Paints  
**Playdough**      and lots more !!!

## **MENINDEE**

### **C.D.E.P.**

#### **Summit Employment & Training**

- Assistance with community projects
- Program co-ordination to enhance the future of Menindee
- Vacancies for interested persons

Call in and see Trevor  
Johnstone, 33 Menindee  
Street Menindee, or phone  
0418 761 621

## **Swimming School**

Students in years 2-7 are invited to take part in the School Swimming Scheme again this year.

This is a great opportunity for your child to receive swimming and water safety instruction. The program runs for 10 days starting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and running through to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like your child to take part in the program please return the permission note attached to the back of the school news by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



## SPORTS &amp; HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Sports T-shirts in House colours have arrived and will be available for \$20 from the Supermarket. All enquiries please contact the school on 8091 4409.



## NOVEMBER

**Simulation Clinic opens wide**

The Charles Sturt University (CSU) School of Dentistry and Health Sciences has revealed the first completed section of its new multi-million dollar dentistry teaching facilities in Orange. The Simulation Clinic features 60 mannequin heads and state-of-the-art simulation equipment giving each student a practical introduction before working with patients. "Over two days students were inducted into the teaching clinic by CSU Simulation Clinic Manager Mrs Lorraine Wenham and were given an Infection Control Induction by infection control nursing specialist Mrs Sandra Wharton from GWAHS," said senior lecturer Dr Sabrina Manickam.

**Venues announced for Course Information Sessions**

Charles Sturt University will run course information sessions in Sydney and its regional campus cities. CSU staff will be available to discuss university options with students, including course preference, ATAR results and living and learning at CSU. All information sessions will run from midday to 6pm at the following venues:

Albury-Wodonga, Monday 21 December, Nowick Theatre, cnr Olive and Guinea Streets CSU City Campus  
Bathurst, Monday 21 December, Gymnasium CSU Bathurst Campus  
Orange, Monday 21 December, Administration Building, CSU Orange Campus  
Wagga Wagga, Monday 21 December, Convention Centre, CSU Wagga Wagga Campus  
Dubbo, Tuesday 22 December, Library Dubbo Campus  
Sydney, Tuesday 5 January, 2010 SGA, 63 Oxford Street

**Getting HSC help online**

As Year 12 begins for those NSW senior high school students sitting the Higher School Certificate next year, they are reminded that study resources outside of school are available, such as the *NSW HSC Online* website. With material for 48 HSC subjects, supplemented by advice on study strategies and the availability of past examination papers and markers' comments, this is a reliable source of information for anyone studying the HSC. Visit *NSW HSC Online* at [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au)

**CSU Scholarships very accommodating**

Scholarships offered through Charles Sturt Foundation at CSU are now open and can be applied for online at [www.csu.edu.au/student/scholarships/foundation](http://www.csu.edu.au/student/scholarships/foundation). As well as these scholarships, Charles Sturt Foundation is offering 15 Charles Sturt Foundation Accommodation Scholarships in 2010 which are available on the Bathurst Campus only. There is a separate application form for these scholarships. Information on these scholarships can be found at <http://www.csu.edu.au/student/scholarships/foundation/bathurst.htm#fb8>

## Planned supply interruption

### Improving your network

**Where?**

Network improvements will take place resulting in a temporary interruption to supply in the townships of **Menindee, Wilcannia, White Cliffs and all rural properties fed from those towns, including Emmdale, Sunset Strip and Copi Hollow.**

**When?**

Between **midnight Tuesday 17 November 2009 until 6am Wednesday 18 November 2009 and midnight Wednesday 18 November 2009 until 6am Thursday 19 November 2009 (EDST)**, weather permitting. Country Energy apologises for any inconvenience to customers.

**Why do we do this?**

To improve and maintain the network and ensure a reliable and efficient supply to customers.

**Helpful tips for supply interruptions**

- To help protect sensitive electrical appliances, such as televisions, computers, microwave ovens, set top boxes etc., switch off and unplug these appliances prior to the advertised time.
- Ensure you store enough water if you use electric pumping for your household water supply
- Avoid opening your fridge or freezer. Deep frozen food will generally remain frozen for 24 hours if the door is left closed
- Switch off stove hotplates, ovens and any other small appliances in case you're not home when supply is restored.

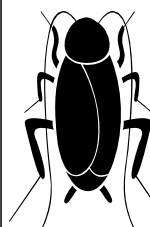
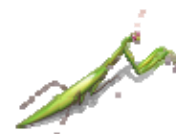
For more information please call **13 20 80**

**countryenergy**

**We live here too.**

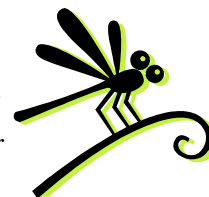
## Totally Useless but Interesting Facts

The longest insect is a "stick bug" from the rain forests of Borneo. The largest specimen ever recorded is in the Natural History Museum in London. Its body length is 12.9 inches. Its total length including its legs is 20 inches!

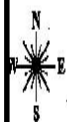


*The fastest land moving insects are the tropical cockroaches. They can move 50 body lengths per second. This would be equivalent to a human sprinter running the 100 yard dash in 1 second or approximately 200MPH!*

*Did you know that dragonfly larvae develop under the water and have a unique method of locomotion? They have jet powered butts! They rapidly eject water from their anus to propel them for short distances. Also that dragonfly larvae use their jet butts to help them catch and eat up to 300 mosquito larvae a day?*







**CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL**

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**PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council are required to submit proposed financial assistance for Public Exhibition for 28 days.

*Council propose to offer financial assistance of \$2,474.00 to Menindee Central School*

*Public submissions are to be addressed to the General Manager and delivered to Council by 4pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009*

Tim Hazell  
GENERAL MANAGER

**CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Nominations for Australia Day Awards  
for 2010 are now being accepted by  
Council  
until close of business on Friday 6th No-  
vember 2009.**

**Nominations will be received in each of  
the following categories:  
Young Citizen of the Year; Citizen of the  
Year; Event of the Year**

**Nomination forms are available from all  
Council offices.  
Tim Hazell**



**Central Darling Shire Council**

**Hard Rubbish Collection for Menindee  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

There will be a hard rubbish collection for the township of Menindee on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. All items for collection need to be placed on the nature strip or adjacent to the kerb for pick up by council staff. Please separate goods into the following groups below. Large items for pick up could include:

- Old Furniture (Couches, Chairs, Tables)
- Old Electrical Appliances (Fridge's, Washing Machines, T.V.)
- Or any other large item requiring removal

For further information please contact Environmental Services on (08) 8083 8900

Tim Hazell  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

### MESSAGE TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS



Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our school curriculum for students in Years 2-7.

The Department of Education and Training School Swimming Scheme is an intensive swimming program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme is conducted over ten days.

Instruction will take place at the Menindee pool under the instruction of qualified teachers. The Scheme will continue **daily for two weeks** from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no charge for students to participate in this program.

Each child should bring a swimming costume, a towel, a blouse or shirt and hat and warm clothing on a cool day. It is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg. an SPF 15+ broad spectrum, water resistant sun screen reapplied regularly. A T-shirt or rash shirt is also recommended.

If you would like your child to participate in the scheme I invite you to complete and sign the form below and return it to the front office.

#### Privacy Notice

The personal information provided on this consent form, will be used by the Department of Education and Training for general administration and communication and other matters of welfare relating to your child at the School Swimming Scheme. While the provision of this information is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that all details are completed. Failure to do so, may impede the resolution of welfare issues should you not be able to be contacted. This information will be stored securely. Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child's name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a Newspaper, on Television or on the School Sport Unit Website [www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au)

If you have a concern with this occurring, please contact the Principal immediately.

Principal

*[Signature]*

Date

*[Signature]*

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**RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

#### SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to the attendance of my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ at the School Swimming Scheme classes to be held at the Menindee Swimming Pool from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Travel will be by a combination of bus and walking (on days the bus is unavailable).

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise the seeking of such medical assistance on my behalf that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed

*Parent/Caregiver*

Date