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Term 4 — Week 5

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Principal's

This week is extremely busy with students away on an excursion in Canberra and many teachers training or taking part in important activities, which include:

- Language Development program that we are sharing with Wilcannia and Coomealla High.
- Timetable training with a teacher from Wilcannia to improve time-tabling over our Wilvandee cluster.
- Wellness Training. This is a new initiative of Government to bring government departments together to ensure child safety and plug the holes where children's interests sometimes can be forgotten.
- The Situational Analysis and the writing of the preliminary draft School Plan 2009 -2011 that is occurring as part of our inclusion in the Low Socio-economic Partnership. Teachers have been working on this since August and consultation with parents and the community has been included.
- A school audit on work carried out under National Pride which has included Conditional Maintenance which included painting the library, some carpeting and other smaller items, new lights for our hall, a new sound system for the hall, and a sunshade for the infants' equipment. All work has just about been completed with the exception of some minor paths. This is in compliance with the strict conditions on which the money



was given.

We often think that because of our isolation we receive second-best. This is not true, and our school receives so much more. For instance at my grandson's school at Shoal Bay they have one interactive whiteboard. We have one in each room!

I have added the special offer that we took up from Senator Mark Arbib, Minister for Employment Participation, to have our captains visit and work in Parliament in Canberra. I have added Pearl's and Matthew's itinerary, outlining the fantastic opportunities they will enjoy. This is not a once-off. This will continue for our school captains and reward their efforts for the school over each year.

To Senator Mark Arbib and his staff I say thank you. Thank you for this unequalled opportunity!

The itinerary is as follows:

Day 1: Monday 16th November

- Welcome to the Parliament of Australia
- Arrive at the front main entrance at 8.30 am
- Quick catch up with Minister Arbib 9 am
- Session 1: 9.15 am to 12.30 pm in the House Speaker's office
- Session 2: 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm in the Senate President's office

Principal's Report (cont)

- Both students will experience House of Representatives Question Time from the gallery
- Debrief in Minister Arbib's office
- Rejoin school group around 4.30/5.00 pm

Day 2: Tuesday 17th November

- A day in the office of the Minister for Employment Participation
- Students to be picked up early from accommodation at 6.00 am
- Breakfast and check media for issues relating to the Minister's office
- 8 am Staff meeting
- 9 am to 1 pm: Preparing for question time and general research. Gaining an understanding of what different people in the office do.
- Lunch
- 2 pm to 3 pm: Question Time in Senate watched with the team in the Minister's office
- 3.30 pm: Transit to the War Memorial
- 4 pm: Students meet up with school group to observe the closing ceremony at the War Memorial

Day 3: Wednesday 18th November. Meeting the leadership of Parliament

- Students arrive at 8.30 to 9.00 am
- 9.30 am: Quick catch up with the **Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard**
- 11am students to present what they believe are the challenges for youth in regional Australia to Minister for Youth Kate Ellis
- 12.30-1.30 pm: Lunch in the members' dining room with Mike Symon (ALP member for Deakin, Chair Education and Employment caucus committee)
- Rob Oakeshott (Independent Member for Lyne)
- Sussan Ley (Member for Farrer)
- 2.00pm – 3.00 pm: Question Time in the Senate
- 4.00 pm: Afternoon tea with Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin

Brian Debus**Level Movement**

Level 5 Gold: Rodney Nolan and Vika Pagano went to Level 5 Gold this week and Riley went up in Week 3



Level 5 Silver: Brendan Shephard

Level 5 Bronze: James Oates, Damian Holmik, Anthony Campbell, Britny Coff,

Level 5: Marley Darrigo

Fantastic effort to all these students.

Assembly Certificates***Term 4 Week 4 Assembly Certificates***

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at last Friday's assembly: Travis Philp, Dana Newman, Deena Lombardo, Marley Darrigo, Tylan Philp, Naomi Vili, Mitchell D'Ettorre, Viktoria Holmik, Jessica White, Harley Williams, Vika Pagano, Kirsty Pinal, Britny Coff, Anthony Kelly, Rodney Nolan, Leonie Nolan, Nikita Mundy, Trey Cahill, Greg Dutton, Vincent Newman and Feleti Newman.

Well done to all these students!

School Diary

Tuesday 24/11 /09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 leave fro New Zealand ESSA TEST Yr 8 Youth Forum in BH Yr 10/11 <i>Bus and Driver Needed</i>
Wednesday 25/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed date of The Far Western District Unicycle Hockey Championships Gabor – Bus needed
Thursday 26/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crazy Day!!! PreSchool visit all day. Parent info session P&C Meeting 5PM-7PM (last for 2009)
Saturday 28/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Christmas Pageant and Church Fete
Sunday 29/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jimmy Barnes concert (see advert)
Monday 30/11/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swim School starts - two weeks

Fun Run Sponsorship Forms

Can all students who received a sponsorship form for the Fun Run, please return it to the front office ASAP. We cannot send off for prizes for the students until **ALL** of the forms are in. Even if your child did not seek sponsorship, they will still need to bring in their empty form.

Active After School Program

Hi Folks,

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

The pool is now open so we will be going to the pool for the Active After School Program weather permitting.. Please remember to bring your bathers and towel for a fun, enjoyable afternoon of activity.

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

Remember the more participants we have, the more fun.

AECG Meeting
Wednesday
25th November
2pm
at the school



Class of
2009

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Friday 11th December
6pm in the School Hall
\$20.00 per head and tickets can be
purchased from the front office before
Wednesday 9th December.

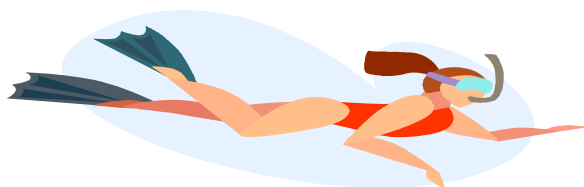
Congratulations to Matt, Nicole, Emma, Simon, Pearl, Felicia and Codie on the completion of 13 years education.

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 30th November and running through to Friday 11th 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 20th November.



Quality Sports

Summer sports are in full swing and Quality Sports in Orange have organised cricket and swimming camps in early January. Both camps will be over three days on 4th, 5th & 6th. January and there are full residential places available at the Kinross Wolaroi School, or participants can just attend on a “live-out” basis.

Dual Olympian Anna Windsor who represented Australia in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000, will head up the swimming camp while some highly accredited cricket coaches will cover all skills of cricket for beginners or the more advanced players.

Camps are open to Boys and Girls in the age group of 9 to 14 years and the full residential cost is \$315 or for day participants it will be \$260. Day participants have lunch and fruit and drinks provided for all three days.

Further details or an application form can be obtained by phoning Quality Sports on 02 63629234 or a form can be downloaded at the Kinross Wolaroi Website under Quality Sporting Services.

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 761 612



Facsimile

To: Centrelink customers/community in general
 Attention: Christmas hampers from St Vincent's De Paul.
 Fax No: various
 Date: 17/11/2009

Need help with a Christmas hamper?

St Vincent's De Paul are inviting people needing assistance with a Christmas hamper to ring them and put your name down.

Ring 8087 5813 by **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER** to put your name down.

If you are a Centrelink customer, you need to get a referral from Centrelink to give to St Vincents De Paul.

Call into Centrelink Broken Hill to request a referral to take to St Vincents De Paul.

**MUST COLLECT THE HAMPERS BY
TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER**



Did you know?

- 850 peanuts are used to make an 18oz jar of peanut butter.
- One kilogram packet of sugar will have about 5 million grains of sugar.
- Spinach is native to the area of Iran, but didn't spread to other parts of the world until the beginning of the Christian era.
- Grapes explode when you cook them in the microwave
- A hard boiled egg will spin whereas an un-cooked or soft boiled egg wont.
- Chewing gum whilst cutting onions can help a person from crying.
- When Gerber baby foods began to sell in parts of Africa, they continued to use their usual packaging, with the cute baby on the front. They didn't realize until later that where they were selling it, it was a common practice to help illiterate people buy things by putting pictures on the wrapper of what was inside.

Jimmy Barnes Concert 29th November 2009

A bus will be leaving from Menindee Central School car park at 3:30pm sharp on 29th November and returning late, for any person who has tickets to the concert and would like to travel into Broken Hill on the bus.

A donation of \$20.00 (paid in advance) will book you a seat.

For further details please contact Adam Bailey on 80914 409.

News Tips from the Department Of Education

Diabetes support

Extra information about student diabetes has been included on the student health section of the Department of Education and Training's website.

The material has been developed in consultation with Diabetes Australia-NSW and draws together expert advice and information on actions that schools can take to support the health of a student with diabetes working on information that parents provide the school about their child's health. For more information contact Kate Lovelace, coordinator student health on 9244 5425 or email kate.lovelace@det.nsw.edu.au or visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/diabetes/index.php

Term dates

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2009 school year for students will be **Wednesday 16 December**. School development days will be held on the last two days of term 4, 2009 (Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December). School development days at the start and end of semesters allow teachers to undergo further professional training.

Thursday 28 January is the first day back in 2010 for most NSW students and **Thursday 4 February** is when students return in the western division of NSW.

Primary school

Allergy info

Allergies are on the rise, particularly in the preschool age group. If you have a child who is allergic, particularly if they suffer anaphylaxis, check out the vodcast in the latest School Parents ezine: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine. There's also a link to more information and fact sheets about living with allergies at: www.allergy.org.au.

High school

ESSA secondary science assessment

This year's ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) will be held on Tuesday 24 November 2009.

ESSA is a mandatory Science pencil and paper assessment for Year 8 students. It tests students' knowledge and understanding of:

- the physical world (forces and energy)
- matter (changes of state, elements, compounds and mixtures)
- the living world
- Earth and space.

For more information see your child's science teacher, the principal or email: essa.program@det.nsw.edu.au

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: 16th November, No winner.
Jackpot \$.00. Pick numbers 1-20.

Uniting Church News: Reverend John Blair will lead a church service this Sunday 22nd November at 10 a.m.



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**

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We live here too.

BINGO

WHERE: ANGLICAN CHURCH

**WHEN: THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
STARTS AT 6.30PM**

**\$3 ENTRY INCLUDES LIGHT SUPPER AND
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE**

**PRIZE AND MONEY GAMES WILL BE
PLAYED**

**MONEY RAISED WILL BE IN AID OF THE
MENINDEE CWA AND ANY DONATIONS**

IS YOUR LICENCE OR REGO SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF UNPAID FINES?

Then drop in to our FREE fine day

If you have a State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) debt, this is the day for you to attend. There will be solicitors & financial counsellors available to help you sort out your fines. If you have any paperwork about your SDRO fines bring it with you, but if you don't come along anyway – we can still help.

Telephone for an appointment or just come on the day. The 'fine day' is an activity of Far West Community Legal Service, Legal Aid, Life Line Financial Counsellor.

**Where: Menindee Transaction Centre.
Yartla Street**

**When: Thursday 26th November 2009
Time: 10am - 2pm Free BBQ**

**Contact: Meg Kelly CLSD Co-Ordinator
Far West Community Legal Centre
5 Chloride Street, Broken Hill 08 8088 2020**

Sunset Strip Trash and Treasure Market

10.30am EST

Saturday 21st November
2009

Sunset strip Community
Hall

\$10 per stall



Morning Tea - Gold Coin
donation

Sausage Sizzle \$2

Phone Pat Pascoe on
0408610008 for more
details

ATTENDANCE: IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

While the effects of irregular attendance adversely impact directly on a student's current progress and understanding, the long term scars to his/her learning are devastating.

Just as research has proven that exposure to the sun as a youngster can cause irreparable damage to his/her skin that will emerge later in life, poor attendance mirrors this.

The gaps in knowledge and understanding accumulated in Years 7 to 10 become a glaring problem in Years 11 and 12. Subject development is a sequential building process that relies heavily on a firm grasp of each section of material. When part is missing the student finds immense difficulty in learning the work and real frustration sets in; this effectively makes school life a genuine chore.

In many senior classes across all subjects, teachers spend much valuable class time trying to fill in the gaps in students' knowledge caused through condoned parent absences. Time is lost on teaching the Years 11 and 12 subject material; a real disadvantage to our students.

This situation can be substantially reduced if not eliminated by saying NO to any student absences other than genuine illness or serious family issues.

Should you require assistance in saying NO to your son/daughter with regard to any matter, including unacceptable absence, please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Level Co-ordinator.

Let's work together to make a difference to your child's future.

Be on Time, Be at School, That's the Rule!

As you may know the National Rugby League made a TV commercial in Broken Hill last Friday three of your school's students Marley Darrigo , Travis Philp and Colin Clark took part in the commercial and must be commended on their behaviour as the shooting of the add took some 6 hours and at times the children were just waiting around. To their credit all of the 22 children were outstanding and were well supported by the attending teaches and parents I would like to thank you and your staff for your assistance . I have attached an article that appeared in the weekend's Sunday Telegraph. (On display in the school office).

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