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Term 2 —Week 3

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Mali Kelly and Courtney Hempel in the playground



Principal's Report

Finally the Year 9 laptops have arrived. Last night parents and students gathered for the introductory meeting prior to the laptops being given out. This means that the second tranche of computers have been received of the four year program. I must commend all of Year 10 students who have been so responsible with them. It is good to see our students valuing their computers and coming daily with their computers charged.

Next week Naplan tests will be administered to all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

To give our students the best chance we will again provide a special breakfast every morning as a treat prior to the tests.

I fully understand the dilemma that most of our teachers are having to wrestle with over this issue. As ever the optimist I hope that an eleven hour solution can be achieved.

The tests are important as we measure our progress and receive valuable information to inform our parents and our teachers.

At the same time I am not impressed with the misuse of this information. Only last week the Sydney Morning Herald published a highly controversial list of top schools based on dubious interpreta-

tion of the statistics gleaned from the site. This list has not advanced or led to the improvement for any student concerned.

Next week Ralph Wilkinson will be back to work with our students and Jared Dunn our music teacher. I was very impressed last term with what was achieved and I look forward to what happens next .

Bob Morgan will be here as part of the PaCE program. The main objective is to support parents and community participation in the school. We will commence a project that will lead to the publication of a book called Unsung Heroes in Naidoc Week. Bob and Cheryl Blore will work in communities to discover an unsung hero in each family represented in the school. Each "Hero" will be celebrated in Naidoc Week.

Lastly I wish our Netball students the very best tomorrow evening. Their successes are becoming more frequent. We are very proud of their efforts. Thanks to the drivers and coaches who support them each week.

Brian Debus

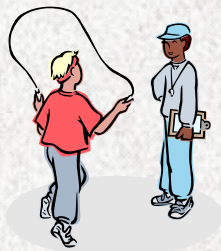
Principal

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump rope for Heart money and sponsorship forms are overdue. Please bring in A.S.A.P.

Thanks

Georgia Shephard
Jump Rope Coordinatort



P & C

The P & C will be having a Mothers Day stall down in the School Hall on Thursday 6th May between 9.00am and 11.20.

Nothing over \$8!!

So don't miss out on a bargain.



Assesmbly Guest Interview - Friday 30th April 2010

Name: Annie Mundy

Where do you work?

Maidens Hotel

Do you live in Menindee?

Yes

What is your favourite sport?

AFL



Name: Barry Philp

Where do you work?

State Water

Do you live in Menindee?

Yes

What is your favourite sport?

Rugby League



NO SCHOOL BUS

Please note there will be no school bus on Friday as it will be going to Wilcannia for a Funeral at 8.30am.

Please contact Oakley Williams or Fiona Kelly if you wish to go on the bus.

Tickets on the bus will cost between \$12 - \$20, depending on how many passengers.



Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable Week 4 (10/05-14/05/10) 2010

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
P1: 9-10	Normal Classes	English	Trainee- ships	Maths (9-11:30)	P1: 9:30- 10:20	Earth
P2: 10-11					P2: 10:20- 11:10	
P3: 11:20- 12:20		<i>Study</i>		<i>Study</i>	P3: 11:30- 12:25	
P4: 12:20- 1:20		<i>Study</i>		<i>Study</i>	P4: 12:25- 1:20	
P5: 2-3:20		English		<i>Study</i>	P5: 2:00- 3:20	

"WOMEN WANTED IN WENTWORTH"

No matter what age you are, where you live in the state or across the borders,
in a town or the outback, **ALL** women are invited to join us for:

**18th RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING
@ WENTWORTH 2010**
**Friday to Sunday
29th, 30th and 31st OCTOBER 2010**

The weekend program begins Friday afternoon with registrations, afternoon tea, and an opportunity to tempt your appetites with "*Tastes of Sunraysia*", *tasting morsels of the local produce*, followed by an evening meal and entertainment at the Wentworth Services Club, where you can relax and catch up with old friends or make some new ones!

With a range of workshops, there will be every opportunity to learn some new skills- try your hand at painting or get started on your family history, participate in a forum, cook up a storm in the kitchen with a Thai menu, or enjoy a tour of The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens
Not to forget the Men's Program, with a range of local tours including vintage machinery or an organic farm, some golf, fishing, rowing or bowls or even a trip to the "Men's Shops".
Childcare is also available for those attending with little people.

Some great Entertainment and Speakers are also on the program.
Bronwyn Roberts from "Let's Laugh", who is one of Australia's most popular and leading experts on the benefits of laughter.

Susan Chase, SA Telstra Business Woman of the Year.

A Gala Dinner on Saturday evening with pre- dinner drinks on the bank of the Darling River, is to be followed by a Theatre Dinner with the local company Ratbagz providing an entertaining evening with their production "*Greece is the Word*"

"The Big Breakfast" on Sunday morning, a few more workshops and speakers, then all too soon, the weekend will come to an end when we say farewell to our friends.

Wentworth has enough accommodation for everyone, with motels, cabins or even a houseboat moored at the venue, so come along and have a GREAT weekend!

For further information, contact Cathryn or Chris or visit our website

www.bendigobank.com.au/wentworth

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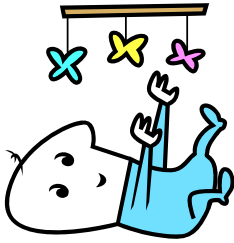
Rural Women's
Network
A network to support & inspire

WENTWORTH
Services Club



The Yarn Up Group

Wednesday
mornings:
9.00am>10.30am



**MEET NEW PEOPLE
AND HAVE A CUPPA
AND LET YOUR BABY
PLAY.**

**Come along and
have a yarn.**



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.

Church Corner



Uniting Church News: Flying Padre Rev. Blair is leaving for a new appointment in Canberra. His final church service in Menindee will be this Sunday at 10am. Come along and say farewell - all are welcome to attend.

Anglican Church News: The next Anglican Church service will be on Sunday 23rd May at 10.00am at the Anglican church. This service will be taken by Rev. Sandra Bryson.

Menindee Children's Centre News

This week we have started an exciting new fundraiser. Billy G's Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough is the easiest way to make delicious fresh cookies! Simply thaw out, scoop the frozen dough from the tub and bake scrumptious fresh cookies in just minutes. There are four delicious flavours available and the dough comes in 1.3kg re-sealable and re-usable tubs. Each tub makes 52 cookies and each tubs lasts for up to 4 weeks in the fridge or 12 months in the freezer, you can also refreeze it! There are four yummy flavours available: Choc chunk, Triple Choc, White choc chunk macadamia and ANZAC, all for only \$14/tub. If you would like to order any please contact the preschool on 80914246.

Until Next Week
Hayley D'Ettorre
Director



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL
Constituted 1 May 1959

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the May 2010 meeting of the Central Darling Shire Council will now be held in the Wilcannia Customer Service Centre Meeting Room on Tuesday 18th May 2010 commencing at 9am.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Tim Hazell
GENERAL MANAGER

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.

Lucky ball: Drawn 3/5/2010. Numbers 2-12-13-16-18-19. Jackpot: \$816.00. No winner. Pick 1-19.

Paid Advertisement

As Federation Representative at MCS I wish to inform you on behalf of the staff that we will be taking action to prevent the NAPLAN testing from going ahead. At a Federation meeting, staff called on the principal and executive staff to support the industrial action. These motions were carried by a majority of the staff.

A final motion was carried unanimously that a public information campaign be carried out to inform the public of the Federation's position. Please read the following open letter from the Federation so that you may be better informed of the issues surrounding the Federation moratorium against the NAPLAN test.

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The teachers at our school are writing to you to explain why we oppose the publication of school league tables. We hold these views strongly because the creation and publication of the school league tables by the media will undermine the educational outcomes of your children.

Recently, commercial media organisations created and published school league tables using the 'NAPLAN' data from the federal government *Myschool* website. NAPLAN is the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests given in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. In NSW, legislation has previously stopped newspapers publishing league tables.

Now media organisations are demanding the right to publish their own score cards on schools. They make up these tables in order to make money. Politicians are now allowing the media to produce a spurious ranking which names and shames schools of their choosing. This is wrong and we can't allow it to continue.

The NAPLAN tests were designed to assess each child in aspects of their literacy and numeracy. The purpose was to find out more about what each child can and can't do so that we (teachers and parents) can help them do better. Teachers do not oppose the tests if they are used to help students learn. We strongly oppose the misuse of student's test scores to rank students and schools against each other.

The NAPLAN test has a place but schools do much more than teach literacy and numeracy. The over-emphasis on a given test in one week every 2 or so years will force teachers to cut other parts of the curriculum such as history, geography, music and PDHPE.

We can't let this happen. School league tables have already severely undermined the quality of education in England and the United States. At present, Australian school performance is far above the performance of these countries. We can't let misguided politicians import the known failures of over seas governments into Australia. The education of our children is too important.

For these and other reasons we want the government to again put in place laws to stop league tables being published in any print, electronic or other media.

Please contact your child's teacher if you require further information on this matter. It is important to us that teachers and parents work together to ensure schools have the best chance to provide a quality public education for all children.

Yours sincerely,

Tim McIntyre
Federation Representative

PT room statistics Week 3 2010

Week	Learning	Respect	Safety	Suspensions
1	1	1	0	1
2	3	0	2	4

PT room statistics Week 3 2009

Week	Learning	Respect	Safety	Suspensions
1	4	2	3	4
2	2	1	1	2

Reminder NAPLAN Next Week

Australia Wide for testing

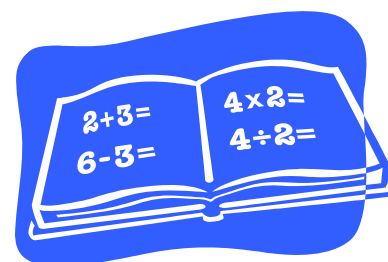
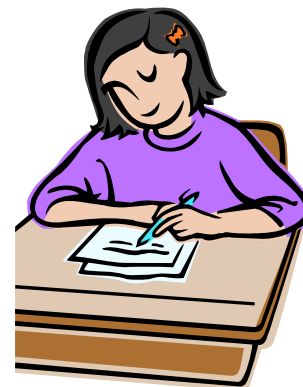
For Years: 3, 5, 7 & 9 in Literacy and Numeracy

Dates:

Tuesday May 11: Language Convention & Writing

Wednesday May 12 - Reading

Thursday - Numeracy 1 (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)
& Numeracy 2 (Years 7 & 9 only)



Outback Rugby League

There will be a rugby meeting on Tuesday 11th of May at 5.30pm at the Yarn Up Circle (near the train).

Registration for senior players must be paid by this Friday 7th May. The cost is \$20 for the season. You must be registered to play this Saturday against the Saints.

For more information please contact me at the school on (08) 80 914 409

Fiona Kelly
Secretary



Random *Student* Interview

Name: Cameron Philp

Age: 14

Where were you born?

Broken Hill Base Hospital

What do you like to do on the weekends?

Fishing and camping

Winter or Summer?

Winter

What is your favourite subject at school?

Sport

What song is stuck in your head at the moment?

I made it - Birdman, Lil Wayne, Jay Sean and Kevin Rudolph



Amusing Pic of the week



Chong's 10 Completely Useless Facts

- Sloths take 2 weeks to digest their food.
- Human birth control pills work on gorillas.
- There are 4,300 different species of ladybugs in the world.
- There is an average of 50,000 spiders per acre in green areas.
- A fly can react to something it sees and change direction in 30 milliseconds.
- Men have more blood than women. Men have an average of 5.7 litres compared to women who average 3.31 litres of blood.
- The right lung takes more air than the left lung.
- The largest Great White Shark captured was 11.2 metres long and weighed 1,088.2 kilograms.
- At 101 years of age, Larry Lewis ran the 100 yards in 17.8 seconds. Setting the record for runners aged over 100.
- Andy Roddick had the world record for the fastest tennis serve. He aced Vladimir Votchkov in a Davis Cup match in 2004 with a whopping 249.4km/h serve.



Keep your eye out next week for 10 more useless facts!!

MARSHALL'S CARPET CLEANING

Marshall will be here between the 6th May
and the 14th of May.

To make an appointment to have your carpet
cleaned or for more information please
contact Marshall on 0419 636 830



THE MENINDEE ABORIGINAL
COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY



THE NEXT M.A.C.W.P MEETING WILL BE
TUESDAY THE 25TH MAY AT 6.00PM.

VENUE WILL BE DECIDED NEXT WEEK.

CHERYL JOHNSTONE
SECRETARY

This Week's Birthdays

Thursday 6th May



Mali Kelly

Friday 7th May



Mrs Fellows

My Dream

As I sit down to
watch the sun,
it's like a dream come true
but suddenly pitch black clouds
cover the sun so it makes my dream
fade away
I just sit here and hope
for my dream to stay
I then watch how dark it goes
and soon I see the twinkling stars
I stare as the star shines into my eyes
Then I realise that it is my dream
calling out to me, so I reached out to
grab what is rightfully mine
and without a blink my dream
returns.

So what I'm saying is....
....Never give up on a dream

By Naomi Vili