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Term 2 —Week 4

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Principal's Report

By the time you read this NAPLAN will be over for another year. I thank parents for their patience as well as the staff. It was the also a difficult time for staff who were divided between their belief in what information that NAPLAN provides and the simplistic interpretation that the media has provided to boost their news.

When the NAPLAN has been marked the school will be provided reports which will be distributed to all parents. The school starts working to make adjustments to teaching and learning and then starts working with individual students to improve individual outcomes.

Bob Morgan is back again. He is working with Cheryl on the PaCE program. One project that they are working on is Unsung Heroes. This will culminate in the production of a book to be launched in NAIDOC Week which will be celebrated from the 21st to 28th May. It will focus on people from the Aboriginal families who have contributed to their families and town but may not have been recognised.

I must commend both Tarsha and Harley Williams who put themselves forward to run last weeks assembly. I am told they did an outstanding job. I am pleased about their level of achievement but even more about their willingness to volunteer. Well done. Both will receive commendation and a Defying Gravity Award this week.

Lastly I am pleased to see Ralph Wilkinson back again. He was out here earlier this year and worked with Jared our music teacher.

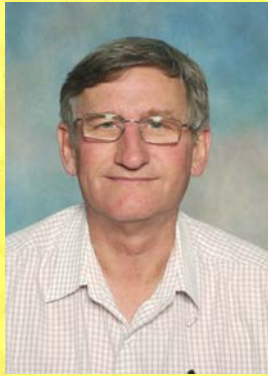
Brian Debus

Principal



Menindee P&C Mother's Day Raffle

Winning Ticket number 6247



Winner: Roy Baulch

Thanks to all those who supported our raffle. We look forward to seeing the results of Baulchy's makeover!

P&C Mother's Day Stall

Thanks to all the parents, students and staff who supported the mother's day stall last Thursday. A special thanks to the students of 5-6, who were responsible for sales on the day. They did a fantastic job!



Level Certificates

Level 4: Jessii Johnson, Jason Doyle, Tori Johnson and Toni Clark all went to Level 4 during the past fortnight

Level 5: Jesse Studders, Tarsha Williams, Karina Philp and Pamela Philp, all went to Level 5 last week. Well done to these students.



Merit Certificates

Ashley Cicak, Tahlia Philp, Courtney Hempel, Jesse Studders, Shan-del Studders, Brooke Briar, Telicia Briar, Haze Roe, Tori Johnson, Neil Mitchell, Jade Cicak, Leo Johnson, Robert Ferguson, Richard Doyle and Colin Clark all received merit certificates at last Friday's Assembly. Great effort kids!



Over 40's Deb

The Official date for the Over 40's Deb Ball is Saturday the 31st July.

There are only a couple of spots left ladies, so if you want to be a part of this event I need your name by Friday

Fiona Kelly

AECG MEETING

Thursday 20th May
4.30pm at the
JIDAC Centre
(Old Health Service)



PIZZAS

THIS FRIDAY AT DARLING RIVER

SUPERMARKET FROM

4.30PM > 7.30PM

ALSO MONDAY - THURSDAY &

SATURDAY 4.30PM > 6.30PM



PICK UP ONLY - MENU IN STORE

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	

Tips from the Education Department

All ages

NAIDOC Week celebrations between the 4th and 11th of July.

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians. Find out more at www.naidoc.org.au

Primary school

Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 in 2011

If you're looking for Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2011, please submit an application form by 21 May 2010. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2010 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2011. You can find out how to apply at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Helping your child with shapes and objects

What can you do at home?

- Use boxes and containers of different sizes to play “stacking” games.
 - Ask your child to help you put away the groceries and talk about which things will stack easily.
- Make biscuits using cookie cutters or make pretend biscuits from modelling dough. Talk about the shape of each biscuit.

More ideas in a variety of languages at

www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/mathematics/numeracy/parents/helping_shapes.htm

High school

Tech tip: Twitter

Twitter is a social networking website that you can sign up for to send out regular updates on what you are doing. The catch is that you need to use not more than 140 characters. Your updates are called ‘tweets’.

What do you need to keep in mind if your children are tweeting?

Twitter users must be at least 13 years old. Your child needs to be conscious of their choice of screen name—nothing that might provoke the wrong type of person being friends with them.

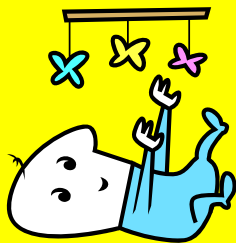
Anything your child says on a tweet can be seen by anyone else looking at Twitter. Remind your child:

- Not to say anything they wouldn't want the everyone to know—this includes any personal information about their school name, address, sports teams, etc.
- To use the settings section to protect their updates from being viewed by anyone who they haven't approved as a follower. This will also keep your child's updates from appearing on the public timeline.
- Never to arrange to meet up with anyone they meet through Twitter unless they speak to you first.
- To choose a username (online computer nickname) that doesn't give away their real name or age.
- If someone says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should tell you.

More information about technology at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

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



Ron and Crystal Spindler

We have settled in well in our new parishes and have survived the Easter Services and finding our way around a new area. Here we have wheat, sheep, and grapes and citrus which is quite different to the West Darling and the Gold Coast. The congregation and community have been very welcoming and supportive, which has been invaluable for us to understand the way things happen here in this culture. The farmers are not stationers, the paddocks have crops not salt bush and we are again on a learning curve. It's been four months now and the year is shooting past.

Rev'd Ron Spindler
Anglican Parish of Aria Park/Ardlethan

Rev'd Crystal Spindler
Anglican Parish of Barellan/Weethalle with Barmedman

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 pre-school on 80914246.

Until Next Week
Hayley D'Ettorre
Director

**Burke Wills and
Mitchell Sports
Shirts Available
at the school.**

\$20 a shirt.

**All sizes
available!!**



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL
Constituted 1 May 1959

PUBLIC NOTICE

Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors

As a result of the recent meeting of Council on the 20th April 2010, Council resolved to submit the proposed changes to the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors in accordance with section 166 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

A copy of the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy are available from the Main Shire Office. PHONE (08) 8083 8900 FAX (08) 8091 5994.

Council call for submissions in relation to this matter to be addressed to the General Manager and delivered to Council by 5pm on the 2nd June 2010.

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 10/5/2010. Numbers 3-7-15-16-18-19 Jackpot: \$841.00. No winner. Pick 1-19.



Lower Murray Darling

CMA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Community Planning & Information Forum

Menindee Civic Centre, Menindee

10.00am Thursday 20 May 2010

Registration from 9.30am (EST)

Tea/Coffee on arrival.

Prompt start at 10.00am

10.00 am	Welcome to All Welcome to Country	Mark King (Chair) Evelyn Bates (Elder)
	<i>Purpose of Forum is to increase understanding of NRM issues, to increase community engagement in NRM and to consolidate Community/CMA collaboration</i>	
10.10am	Information Session LMD CMA's Role	Mark King
10.15am	LMD CMA Financial Incentives & Targets CFOC Funding	Lesley Palmer (General Manager)
10.30am	Invited Speakers	
10.35am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Drought Relief Situation 	Danny Byrnes (NSW DII)
10.40am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Grazing 	Greg Curran (Regional Veterinary Officer NSW DII)
11.00am	Q&A from audience on above sessions	Mark King
11.10am	Invited speaker:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water update 	Barry Philp (State Water)
11.30am	Q&A from audience	Mark King
11.40am	<i>Morning tea</i>	
12noon	LMD CMA speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMD CMA projects; in partnership with the Menindee Aboriginal Community 	Mark King Ronni O'Donnell (Catchment Officer Aboriginal Communities)
12:15pm	Q&A from audience	
	Panel Discussion	Mark King
	Ask your questions to the CMA on issues important to you!	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native Veg Act, Invasive Native Species (INS) How can the CMA best assist you and your NRM & farm business? CMA can offer capacity building, conference attendance, visit industry leaders 	
	Summary of issues and discussions	Mark King
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future directions – strategic actions for landholder groups and the CMA Partnerships and processes for working together 	
1.00pm	<i>Close & BBQ lunch</i>	
	All family members & children welcome	
	IMPERATIVE: MUST RSVP by 17 May 2010 for catering purposes susan.wallia@cma.nsw.gov.au or bonnie.pettett@cma.nsw.gov.au Phone: 03 5021 9460	

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PT room statistics Week 4 2010

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

PT room statistics Week 4 2009

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



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Internal Audit Committee

The Central Darling Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest within the Western Division from persons to fulfill the role of Chairperson of the Internal Audit Committee.

It is noted that remuneration is to be provided for all members of the Internal Audit Committee.

If you are interested in becoming the Chairperson of this committee, please contact the General Manager, Mr Tim Hazell on (08) 8083 8900.

Those applicants who have previously applied, need not reapply.

Expressions of Interest close at 4:00pm on Friday 4th June 2010 and addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 165, Wilcannia NSW 2836.

Tim Hazell
GENERAL MANAGER

Outback Rugby League



There will be training today and Friday at the Town Oval starting at 5.30pm for all grades (Women, Premiers and Seniors).

Congratulations to the Yabbies Women and Premier Teams for there win/massacre over the Saints last weekend, well done guys. The rugby will be held here in Menindee at the Town Oval on Saturday where the Yabbies will take on the Wilcannia Boomerangs starting at 11.30am. There will be Women's, Premiers and Seniors games played.

We hope to see Shane Hindmarsh there with all his skill and wisdom!!

On Wednesday 19th May there will be a Domestic Violence Workshop held in the Library at 4.00pm hosted by Susan Lindsay, Dixie David Peachey. All Premier and Senior players MUST attend this workshop.

Fiona Kelly
Secretary

Random *Student* Interview

Name: Tristan Hindmarsh

Age: 5

Class: Kindergarten

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Yes, I have a brother named Cohen. He is 2, and then hes gunna be 3 and then hes gunna 4..... (continues until he hits 7)

What is your favourite colour?

Blue

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Teacher

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Go over peoples houses

Do you have any girlfriends?

Nope!!



LOL!

Amusing Pic
of the week



What a stud!!

Chong's 10 Completely Useless Facts

- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- A zebra is black with white stripes.
- Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails.
- A giraffe can clean its own ears with its tongue.
- Some species of worm will eat themselves if they can't find food.
- It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Camels have 3 eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.
- Its against the law to have a pet dog in Iceland.
- In 1836 a pig was publicly executed in France for the murder of a child
- An Ostriches eye is bigger than their brain.



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



Tuesday - Britny Coff(15)



Wednesday - Ashley Cicak (6)



Friday - Hazel Roe (9)



New Year 9/10 Laptops

