



Menindee Central School

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Term 3 —Week 4

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The Sturt Peas are starting to bloom — spring must be around the corner—YAY!



Principal Report

This term we have two new teachers, Elizabeth Saafi, who is our new Science teacher, and Prue Walker, our new Maths teacher. Elizabeth moved from Tonga to Australia 18 months ago and moved to Menindee from Campbelltown. We have been without a Maths teacher for so long so it is great to have Prue at Menindee Central.. If you see them around introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Last week was Education Week with lots of activities. The SRC held a fete which raised \$520.00. It was great to see parents and community members support the school..

Education week gives parents and community members to come to the school and see what the students are doing and to get to know their teachers.

On Friday we held a Slave Auction where the SRC members were auctioned off to staff members to help them with their chores during the day. Naomi Vili was a great help to Kris in the front office and can now add numerous office skills to her resume. The auction raised \$247.00.



Elizabeth Saafi



Prue Walker

The Education Week fundraising shows how generous the Menindee community is when it comes to supporting any worthwhile cause.

Lynne

(for Brian)

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Level Movements

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

Level 4: Jesse Studders
Level 5: Mitchell D'Ettorre and Anthony Kelly
Level 5 Bronze: Britny Coff

Congratulations to all these students

Parents,

Would you please check your children for nits, and treat accordingly, as there appears to be outbreak at the moment.

Thank you!



PT Room Statistics Term 3 2009

Week	Learning	Respect	Safety	Suspensions
3	5	0	0	2

Term 3 2010

Week	Learning	Respect	Safety	Suspensions
3	3	1	3	5

This Weeks Birthday

**Riley Barnes is turning 11 on Saturday.
Happy birthday Riley!**



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 - * Pedicures
 - * Paraffin
 - * Acrylic
 - * Gift lines
- Phone Amanda on 0427914616 or 80914616



2010 Science Week



Menindee Central School will be joining schools around the country to celebrate the National Science Week from the 14 – 22 of August. This year (2010) has been selected by the United Nations as the International Year of Biodiversity. To celebrate Australia's own biodiversity, the National Science Week theme for 2010 is "Australian Biodiversity". Biodiversity simply means all the different living species in a specific place whether plants or animals.



During the Science Week different activities will take place at the school during lunchtime from Monday to Friday. Outlined below is a list of the different themes of the activities for Menindee Central School Science Week.

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| Monday | – Biodiversity by Mr Fellows |
| Tuesday | – Rocks by Mrs Shephard |
| Wednesday | - Recycling Art by Mr Harris |
| Thursday | – “Welcome to our Science lab” – Ms Saafi |
| Friday | – Science Jobs Dress Up Competition (to be judged at the assembly) |

There will also be a drawing competition for the best “Animal or Plant Habitat”. Prizes will be awarded for the best ‘Animal or Plant Habitat’ drawing and the best “Science Jobs Dress Up” Competition.

So let's all celebrate the National Science Week on the 14th – 22nd of August. Please do take a moment to appreciate the unique living plants and animals that we have in Menindee.

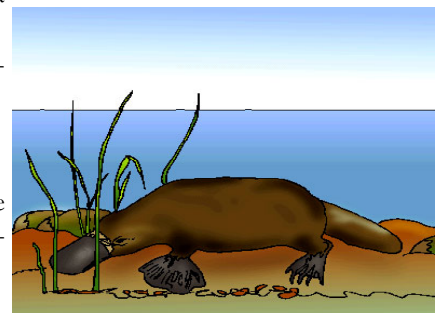


What's on Around Town

<i>Until Father's Day</i>	FATHERS DAY RAFFLE CWA Ladies are raffling a wheelbarrow full of goodies at \$1.00 ticket. On sale around town or see CWA members. Drawn Saturday 4th September. Contact L.Looney (Sec) 80914282
<i>Monday 16th August</i>	P & C. Meeting 5.30pm in the train. ... Agenda for meeting includes Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle for upcoming Election.
<i>Saturday 21st August</i>	The Anglican Church Fete will be held at the Anglican Church grounds from 9.30am—1.30pm. Jams & Pickles, Craft, Cosmetics, Trash n Treasure, Devonshire Tea, Cakes, Biscuits & Slices, Indian Stall, Christian Books & Cards, Sausage Sizzle. All stall holders are welcome. Stalls are \$10 each. Please call the Menindee Rural Transaction Centre on: (08) 80 914 392 to book your stall. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
<i>Sunday 29th August</i>	SUNSET STRIP GOLF DAY The annual Sturt Club Golf Day will be held at Sunset Strip. The event is a 4 man Ambrose. Cost \$20 per head including green fees, breakfast (8am) and lunch (approx 12 noon). Tee-off 9.30 am. Nominations to Adam Bailey or Bob Duncan by Sunday 15 th August.

The Platypus

- The platypus has webbed feet (to aid with swimming) and a bill that resembles a duck bill.
- When the first settlers found the platypus and sent sketches and a pelt to scientists back in Britain they thought it must be a hoax or a mocked up animal – they even checked whether several other animals had been stitched together to make it.
- Natural predators of the platypus include snakes, crocodiles, water rats, goannas, hawks, owls and eagles.
- The platypus is often nocturnal, but not always, if the sky is overcast they may come out during the day – they seem to be shy creatures.
- It was once said that the platypus is proof that God has a sense of humour.
- The platypus has been used as a mascot at sporting events and also appears on the 20c coin in Australia. The platypus was one of the mascots at the Sydney 2000 Olympics in Australia along with an echidna and kookaburra.
- The platypus uses its tail for storage of fat reserves and the weight of the animal can be between 700 grams to 2.4kg – quite a variation in size.
- The platypus is one of the few venomous mammals.
- It's also a monotreme which means it lays eggs when producing its offspring.
- The male platypus has a spur on its hind legs which contains venom capable of causing severe pain to humans. The female has a spur but it does not produce venom.



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.

Lucky ball: Drawn 9/08/2010. Numbers 3-5-8-10-12-15: Jackpot: \$1,317.00. No winner. Pick 1-15.

For Sale: 15 HP Yamaha outboard electric start and pull start ac. Serial no 684-c 5300264w. \$1500 Phone 80914 517.

For Sale: Holden Statesman 1995, Immaculate condition. Rego; SA, WPM 426. Further enquiries Phone 04 2902 9906

Joke of the Week

A drunk walks up to a barkeeper one day and says, "If I show you a trick will you give me a free drink?" The Barkeep says "Depends on how good of a trick it is."

The Drunk reaches into his pocket and pulls out a frog and places him behind the piano. The frog starts to play the sweetest jazz riff the barkeeper has ever heard. He pours the drunk his drink.

The drunk, after killing his drink says, "If I show you another trick can I have another free one?" The barkeep says "If it is anything like that last one, you can drink free all night." The drunk reaches into his other pocket, pulls out a rat, sets it on top of the piano, and the rat starts scating along with the frog."

Impressed, the barkeeper starts to pour drinks as fast as the drunk can drink 'em. After several hours, a big time Hollywood agent walks in, sees the act and frantically asks the barkeeper who it belongs to. The barkeeper points to the drunk who is passed out on the floor.

The agent wakes him up and says, "I will give you 1 Million dollars for that act." The drunks says "not for sale". The agent says, "Ok, 100 grand for just the scating rat." The drunk say, "deal" The agent writes the check and leaves with the rat.

The barkeeper looks at the drunk and says, "Are you nuts? You had a Million dollar act that you just broke up for a wimpy 100 g's?"

The Drunk says, "Relax, the frog is a ventriloquist"



Menindee Wetlands Project

MENINDEE LAKES WETLANDS PROJECT

Regional Development Australia Far West NSW will present the proposal for the Menindee Lakes Wetlands Project to the Menindee community on Tuesday, 17 August 2010, at the Civic hall from 6-7pm.

CEO Linda Nadge said all Menindee residents were welcome to attend the presentation which maps out potential economic and environmental benefits for the community.

"This is a really exciting project for the Menindee Community and we really want residents to come along, hear the ideas and actively contribute to the proposal.

"The aim of the presentation is to actively involve community views in the vision which is to preserve the unique biodiversity of the area and its significance to its traditional owners, while ensuring jobs and a sustainable future for people in the area."

Following a meeting with Menindee elders on 5 August 2010, Mrs Nadge said she believes the project will be well received by the community.

"We have received some very encouraging support and overall, positive feedback from the traditional owners.

"The unique attribute of the Menindee Lakes Wetlands Project is that the entire Menindee community will benefit and the outcome strikes a positive with parties including the pastoralists, tourists, water suppliers and consumers.

"If Menindee residents who attend the community presentation support the project, RDA Far West NSW will then identify a project leader, seek funding and continue on with the planning process."

Mrs Nadge said the community meeting will be presented with a proposal that seeks to gain support from all stakeholders in the Lakes system, including youth in the region who may be keen to learn about an alternative future for them, "One with sustainable environmental solutions and on-going jobs," Mrs Nadge said.

The Menindee Lakes Wetlands Project stems from a detailed review of research data in the public domain, conducted by Lindy and Simon Molesworth.

Both Mr and Mrs Molesworth will be in attendance at the community meeting which will be lead by RDA Far West NSW CEO Linda Nadge.

Culture <> Biodiversity <> Respect for Land
Tradition <> Restored History <> Values



INVITATION

Menindee Lakes Wetlands Project

A brief presentation on an alternative future for Menindee:
an economically sustainable township bustling with excitement,
entrepreneurialism and leading the way in environmental tourism,
specialising in wildlife observation, outdoor activities and Australia's
leading provider of traditional Indigenous cultural experiences ...

- Hear the facts about this project proposal
- See where your children could be working; learn about business prospects
- Discover the alternative future – see the "vision"
- Ask any questions and express your true feelings and views about this project

Presentation by RDA Far West CEO, Linda Nadge

Guests: Lindy & Simon Molesworth AM, QC

(Local pastoralists; promoters of the preservation of cultural heritage)

The Vision Potential ...

This project preserves the unique biodiversity of the area and its significance to its traditional owners. Key benefits include jobs and a sustainable future for people in the area. It promotes harmonious outcomes for all stakeholders – traditional owners, residents, pastoralists, tourists, regulators, water suppliers and water consumers, small and large business and industry.

Date: Tuesday, 17 August 2010

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Venue: Menindee Civic Hall

For further information please contact
RDA Far West NSW - (08) 8087 8383

*If the community supports this proposal, the RDA Far West NSW
will seek to identify a project leader!*

The Yarn Up 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**



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information
commissioner
new south wales

Right to Information Roadshow

Would you like more information on your right to access government information?

The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) is running a Right to Information Roadshow across New South Wales to help people learn about new ways to access government information.

The roadshow will visit Broken Hill on 23 August 2010.

New rights to government information came into force on 1 July 2010. This means state government agencies, local councils, state-owned corporations and Ministers and their staff now have to work differently to provide easier access to more information than ever before.

A free information session for the public and community organisations will explain how to access government information under the new system and outline the OIC's role in assisting government agencies, monitoring compliance with the new law and investigating complaints.

The information session for government agencies will provide education, advice and assistance on how government staff can comply with the new legislation.

Come along and have your questions answered.

free information sessions

when: Monday 23 August 2010
Government staff session: 9.00am to 10.30am
Morning tea: 10.30am to 11.00am
Community session: 11.00am to 12.00pm

where: Demo Club, 231 Argent Street

bookings: email icinfo@oic.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 INFOCOM by 15 August 2010.
Please include your name, contact details and agency (if applicable) and indicate which session you would like to attend.

visit www.oic.nsw.gov.au
or call 1800 infocom 1800 463 625

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FITTING NEWS

NEW LAWS:

CLARIFICATIONS AND AMMENDMENTS

Since the release of the new laws in March this year, we have received many varied enquiries, there have also been some amendments to the Road Rules. The amendments and clarifications to the common enquiries are summarised below:

Buses with over 12 seats (including the driver's seat): The drivers of these buses are exempt from the new child restraint regulations, meaning that the driver would not be fined if any of the child passengers are not restrained in an approved child restraint



APRIL BOTTOM SCHOLARSHIP
for 2011

\$8,000 towards tuition and/or boarding fees

Previous applicants invited to apply

Applications are now being received for the April Bottom Scholarship for 2011. April Bottom was a resident Menindee. Before her death in 2003, she expressed a desire to assist families from the West Darling Parish Region with the education of their children, in situations where the children have to leave the region to acquire the necessary education.

The Scholarship of \$8,000 will be administered by The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia in conjunction with the Late April Bottom's family.

Selection criteria

- ☐ Young person resident within the Anglican Parish of the West Darling (includes towns, areas & properties surrounding Menindee, White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Tibookburra, Tilpa, 60kms west of Ivanhoe in NSW; & Cockburn SA)
- ☐ Undertaking secondary or tertiary education outside the Parish in 2011
- ☐ Possess a desire and the potential to achieve, but not necessarily the opportunity

Application Forms can be downloaded at www.bushchurchaid.com.au or contact :

April Bottom Scholarship
The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia
Level 7, 37 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Phone : 02 9262 5017 Fax : 02 9262 5020
Email : robyn@bushchurchaid.com.au

Closing date for applications – 17th September, 2010