

Menindee Central School

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AUGUST 2018 TERM 3 WEEK 4

**Ed.
week**
#EdWeek18

Today's
schools –
creating
tomorrow's
world



WEDNESDAY

15th August

OPEN CLASSROOM DAY

from 11:30am

1:00pm

ASSEMBLY

followed by

LUNCH

Principal's News

Firstly, I'd like to share the successes of our team that went to Sydney to compete in the Game Changers Challenge. Despite being the only Central School involved in the finals, and the great distances we had to travel, our team of Fuila, Kiara, Chloe, Albert, Tyson, Abby distinguished themselves. While not being the winners, the presentation given by these students was commented on by many who were there as being very high quality. Thanks also has to go to Ms Hunt, Mr Amos and, Niecey for organising the trip and looking after the team.

Next I'd like to remind all of our Education Week activities and assembly. On Wednesday we will have open classrooms where we'd like you show you what happens, as it happens in our classrooms. This will be happening from 11.30 on Wednesday. This will be followed by an Assembly celebrating our successes at 1pm and a Luncheon after 1.30pm. I am sure we'll see all of you there!

I'd like to also congratulate the participants in the Barrier Athletics carnival in Broken Hill last week. Unfortunately due to size considerations, and the wish to give you the best coverage (of all the photos) we are going to hold over the report until next issue. I'll be looking forward to that!

We are also almost finished our wall mural in the South Room (the original brick building). Being guided by practicing artist Blake Griffiths, our secondary students have incorporated local designs and colours into a striking work of art.

Finally, I'd like to share our pride in the Rugby League teams who represented our community.

Both these teams showed us that the content of a person's character is more important than the result of a game. To have tried, and been failed, yet still being proud and holding your head high shows just what our community is made of.

Andrew Nordstrom



Front Office Buzz

FRONT OFFICE Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 3:15pm

Phone: 80914 409 Fax: 80914 377

Email: menindee-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop: Mon-Wed 8:30 –12:00



School Starts @ 9:00am

Dates to remember August-September-October



Every Thursday	School Banking (info from FO)
<u>AUGUST</u>	
Monday 13th– Friday 17th	EDUCATION WEEK
Wednesday 15th	Open Classroom from 11:30 Whole School Assembly 1:00pm
Thursday 16th	Year 11 Primary Industries Excursion
Thursday 23rd	Maari Ma Dental visit
Monday 27th	Jane Carroll visit
Monday 27th - Friday 31st	Marist Brothers visit
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th	Year 11 half yearly exams
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	LEPS visit
Wednesday 5th	Whole School Assembly
Monday 10th - Friday 14th	Mount Hotham Ski Trip
Tuesday 18th	Year 11 2019 Subject information evening
Thursday 20th	MENINDEE ON SHOW
Monday 24th - Friday 28th	Uluru Excursion
Friday 28th	Last day of Term 3
<u>OCTOBER</u>	
Monday 15th	Term 4 commences

Attendance Term 3 Week 3 = 84% 2018

100% attendance awards go to

Whole Class:

Years: 6:

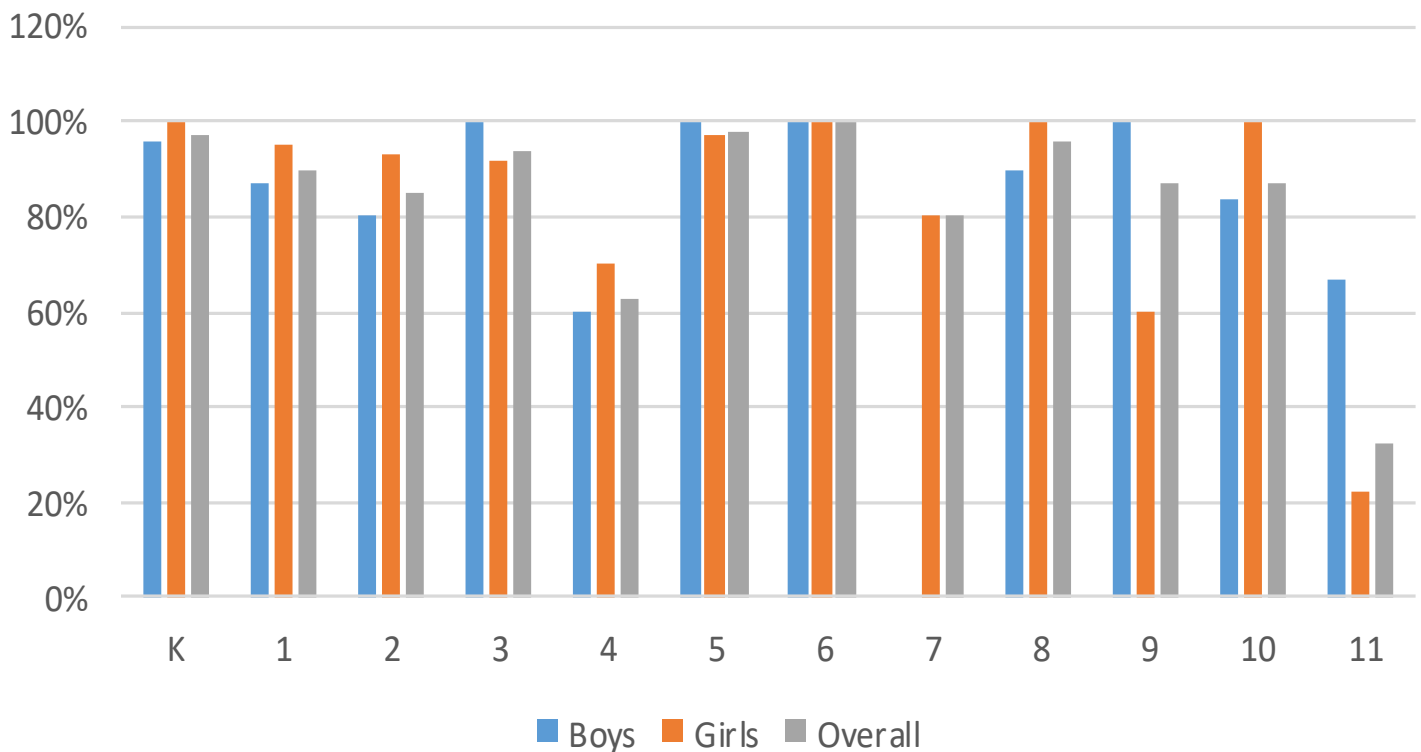
Girls: 84% Year : K; 6; 8; 10:

Boys: 88% Year : 3; 5; 6; 9:

Each week, the classes with 100% attendance rates will receive a certificate.



Chart Title



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**School starts at 9.00am
DON'T BE LATE!**

Give your child every chance to succeed...

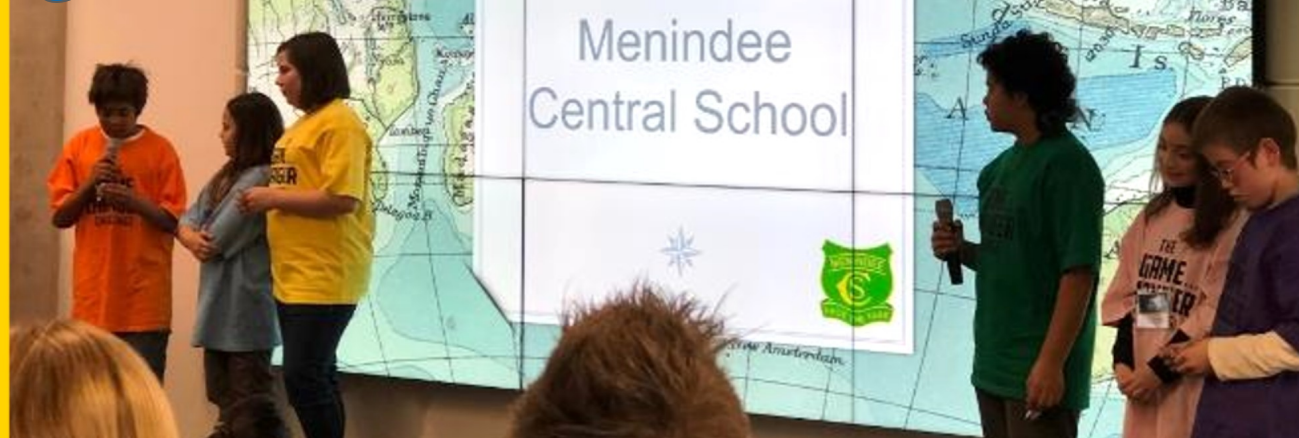
Every day counts!



TEAM MCS with the Secretary of Education Mark Scott.



GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE



For education week, six of our upper primary students travelled to Sydney to participate in the NSW Department of Education's Game Changer Challenge against 7 other primary school teams from across NSW. They were asked to use the design thinking process to solve the problem 'How can tomorrow's schools create the future?' Our students' ideas included using the latest technology to solve this problem and they worked tirelessly over two long days to develop their ideas into a presentation. Our students presented these ideas in front of a judging panel, a film crew, special guests and the rest of the primary schools they were competing against. They did an incredible job representing our school and community during their time at the NSW Education Department's new headquarters in Parramatta. Please come and see their presentation at this week's assembly! Ms Hunt.

Last week five of my classmates and myself were lucky to be chosen to take part in the Game Changer Challenge in Sydney.

We boarded our flight in Broken Hill to Sydney, via Mildura. Upon arrival in Sydney we got a mini bus to take us to our accommodation. After dropping our bags off, we went off to get some Pizza. Three hours later we went to the bottom of the hotel and had a meet and greet dinner. We got introduced to the people in the Department of Education and we got all other stuff that we needed for the next 3 days.

Tuesday we listened to two judging panels. The first panel explained what the design process meant and the second panel talked of their experience setting up the Challenge, this was followed by mini workshops.

On Wednesday we got to meet the Ninja Warrior, Jack Wilson. We did some activities with him, then at the end of the activities we got a water bottle with his signature on it.

During the competition we played games with teams from other schools. One of the highlights was playing a game of soccer on the roof of a 12 story building. There were nets all around the building so we could not fall off.

After the presentation we were introduced to Mark Scott from the Department of Education.

My overall experience of the trip was AWESOME and I cant wait to go back and take part in it again next year.

Kiara.

South Room gets a Make Over.



Our year 7-10 students have been beautifying one of their classrooms this week with Blake Griffiths from the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery. Earlier in the term, they visited Blake in Broken Hill and participated in a planning workshop for the mural. This mural work is part of their program for Art and HSIE this term for which they will need to plan and develop a mural representation of different perspectives of the river as a result of their learning, later in the term. Please come and have a look at the mural when you are in school this week.

Personalised Learning Plans

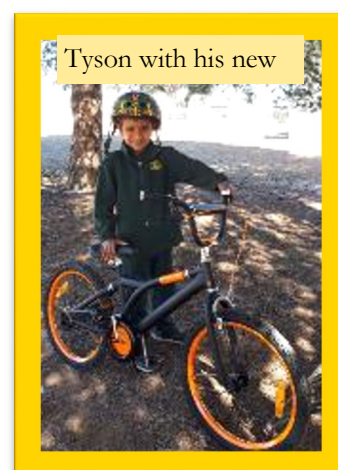
Personalised Learning Plans or PLP's are plans that are created for each student at Menindee Central School.

These plans outline what students interests are, as well as their likes & dislikes. PLP's also outline what students strengths are and what they would like to improve on across all areas of learning; including Literacy and Numeracy, Music, Visual Arts, Science and Technologies.

We would like to update these plans every six months with the help of the students, parents and carers at MCS.

In the next few weeks, we would like to invite parents & carers of students to organise a time to talk with each of you.

We look forward to meeting with each of you in the Ngurta Ngurta Kiira or the Learning Place @ Menindee Central School.



Farewell from Kathleen O'Rourke

For over a year I dreamed of completing a practicum placement here to see what makes this school so special. As you know I come from Sydney where Menindee Central School is spoken of highly in education- and now I know why.

The students here are driven, and genuinely want to learn.

The teachers here go above and beyond to provide an education worth having. The SLSOs, Executive, and support staff here are gems.

Everyone here always made time to help me understand what the Menindee community needed from me. I am still learning and still making mistakes, but I have learned so much that will help me keep getting better. Menindee really is a special place, one I will never forget.

Thank you for hosting me on this placement and welcoming me into your community!



A week on the Mekong River

In the holidays Amphai and I spent a week in the city of Nong khai, in the northern Thai province of Isaan, a large land area that was appropriated from the kingdom of Laos more than 100 years ago.

As opposed to speaking the national language of Thailand, local Isaan people speak Lao, allowing Amphai and I to travel with ease.

In addition to the usual thrills of a visit to Nong Khai, with its wide choice of restaurants, shopping and cinema options, we took a special trip out to Talay Bua Dang - or Red Lotus Lake as it is sometimes called. The lake,

while not more than two metres deep in most spots, covers a large area.



It is heavily peppered with the lotus plants, which flower prolifically throughout the year. In addition to the ornamental uses of the flower and seed heads, the lotus roots are commonly pickled and served as a condiment in Japanese dishes while fried seeds are found in many authentic Vietnamese dishes. Raw seeds are eaten as a snack in Laos.

On return to Nong Khai we made our ritual visit to the temple at the village of Pho Chai where the local Abbott and friend of many years Sri Phet Pakdy gives us his blessings. He's the kind of monk who walks into a pizza shop asking, "Can you make me one with everything?" Yeah, real Zen. In return we make offerings donated by generous friends and family for the benefit and education of those less fortunate.

Fundamental to Buddhism is respect for all living things.



Netball Training

All female secondary students that are interested in attending the Netball Gala Day in Bourke on August 21st to August 23rd are invited to attend Netball training sessions with Mrs Browning.

Where: School COLA

When: Every Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm.

Who: All female secondary students

Any questions regarding training please don't hesitate to contact the school.



Weekend Performing Arts Program

REHEARSALS

Sundays 11:30 Students - 12:30 Choir

Contact William Mafi - 0487 254 542



COMMUNITY NEWS

Menindee Charities-Lucky ball numbers:

Date: 13/8/18 Jackpot: \$ 7.00 Numbers: 1-20 Winners: Nil



Menindee Charities Annual General Meeting

1pm Monday 20th August 2018 at the Op Shop. \$2 membership due.
New members and volunteers welcome.

Menindee Regional Tourist Association Annual General Meeting

7pm Tuesday 21st August, venue TBA. Memberships due - business \$50, individual \$10. Nomination forms for committee positions available at the Information Centre and to be received no later than Tuesday 14th August addressed to: CONFIDENTIAL The Secretary MRTA PO Box 208 MENINDEE NSW 2879. If there are no nominations received for positions, nominations will be accepted at the AGM.

Uniting Church Service



Thank you, Margot Muscat

I would just like to thank the many people of the community who have assisted and asked about Joe of late. We have a great community here in Menindee, many of whom are ageing and, some like my Joe, are living with Dementia. Can we all look out for them please.

Dementia Awareness Month will be happening throughout Australia in the month of September! Dementia Awareness Month is an initiative of Dementia Australia. The aim is to encourage all Australians to become more aware of dementia, to get a better understanding of what it is like to live with dementia and to learn how we can support people living with dementia, their families and carers. This year's theme is Small Actions. Big Difference. Small actions can make a big difference in the lives of people living with dementia.

Thank you.

Margot Muscat

MENINDEE TAFES COURSES

Contact Daphne
at Menindee TAFE
1300 823 393

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN HOSPITALITY ESSENTIALS

Course: Statement of Attainment in
Hospitality Essentials

Course Duration : 1 Week

Course Code: 166-54502V02

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN KITCHEN ESSENTIALS



Course: Statement of Attainment in
Kitchen Essentials

Course Duration : Blended Delivery

Course Code: 166-54533V02

BE EMPLOYED IN HOSPITALITY

Course: Statement of Attainment in
Hospitality Essentials

Course Duration : 1 Week

Course Code: 166-54502V02

Robinson College – RTO 90449 is the High-Risk and Nationally accredited qualification specialist of choice for the local and Far West region of NSW.

Speak to the Administration Team about how you may be able to upskill your team, fully funded!

You may even be eligible for subsidised training funded through the Department of Industry NSW- NSW Government. Even if you are working, you may still be eligible!

Current qualifications on offer:

RII20115	Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
AHC20416	Certificate II in Horticulture
AHC30716	Certificate III in Horticulture
BSB20115	Certificate II in Business
BSB30415	Certificate III in Business Administration
CHC22015	Certificate II in Community Services
CHC33015	Certificate III in Individual Support
FSK20113	Certificate II in Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways



Short courses:

HLTAID001	Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
HLTAID003	Provide First Aid
HLTAID003	Provide First Aid Refresher
HSR/HSC	Consultation Training



Minimum Age of 14 years:

CPCCVHS1001	Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry (White Card)
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HIGH RISK TICKETS: Minimum Age of 18 years:

CPCCLDG3001A	Licence to Perform Dogging
RIIMPO318E	Conduct Civil Construction Skid Steer Loader Operations
RIIMPO320E	Conduct Civil Construction Excavator Operations
RIIMPO337D	Conduct Articulated Haul Truck Operations
RIIMPO338D	Conduct Rigid Haul Truck Operations
RIIWH5202D	Enter and Work in Confined Spaces
RIIWH5204D	Work Safely at Heights
TLILIC2001	Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck
TLILIC2005	Licence to Operate a Boom-Type Elevating Work Platform (Boom Length 11 Meters or more)
TLILIC3003	Licence to Operate a Non-Slewing Mobile Crane (greater than 3 tonnes capacity)
TLILIC3008	Licence to Operate a Slewing Mobile Crane (up to 20 tonnes)
TLILIC4009	Licence to Operate a Slewing Mobile Crane (up to 60 tonnes)



Short courses in partnership with Allens Training – RTO 90909:

22282VIC	Course in the Management of Asthma Risks and Emergencies in the Workplace
22300VIC	Course in First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis
HLTAID004	Provide Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting
HLTVHS005	Conduct Manual Tasks Safely
PUAVVER004B	Respond to Workplace Emergencies (Fire Warden)
UEENEE101A	Apply Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, Codes and Practices in the Workplace (Tag)
UEENEP026A	Conduct In-Service Safety Testing of Electrical Cord, Connected Equipment and Cord assemblies (Test)
UETDRRF06B	Perform Rescue from a Live LV Panel (LVR)

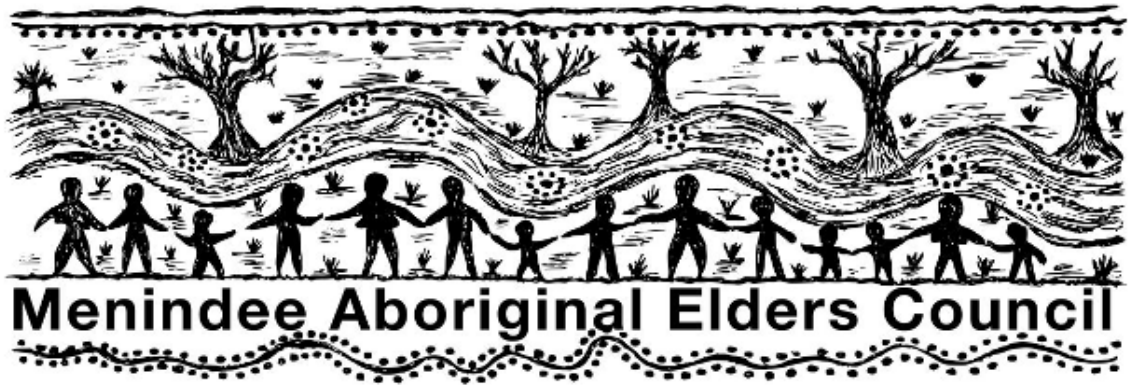
Fully Funded non -accredited programs:

- Tech Savvy for Small Business
- Tech Savvy for Seniors

If you would like more information or to enrol:

Stop by Robinson College to enquire; or Email an expression of interest to administration@robinsoncollege.nsw.edu.au or Phone: (08) 8087 6022 for more information or Enrol online <https://robinsoncollege.nsw.edu.au/course-enrolment-search/> or keep up to date with our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RobinsonEducationCentreLtd>

Vacant Position



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST MENINDEE ABORIGINAL ELDERS COUNCIL: SEEKING NEW MEMBER

The Menindee Aboriginal Elders Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the local Aboriginal community to fill one (1) vacant Elder positions.

The successful Elder candidate will join the existing Council members to take part in the joint management of Kinchega National Park in conjunction with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and are expected to attend a minimum of four meetings a year.

To apply, please write a letter of interest outlining:

1. Your cultural association to Kinchega NP and
2. Your interest in the position

Letters are to be sent to Gareth Telfer at the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, PO Box 788, 183 Argent St, Broken Hill or Gareth.Telfer@environment.nsw.gov.au by Friday 17 August 2018.

More information about joint management at Kinchega can be found at <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/conservation-programs/kinchega-national-park-joint-management-program> or by contacting Gareth Telfer on 08 8080 3210.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



MENINDEE 2018 FATHER'S DAY FISHING CHALLENGE

SATURDAY 1st September 2018 – Fishing 8am to 6pm
SUNDAY 2nd September 2018 – Fishing 8am to 12.30pm

Weigh in = MUST be in line 30 minutes before finish time

Menindee Markets - Footy Passing Comp
Casting Competition & Entertainment
Sunday 12.30pm to 2.30 pm

DARLING RIVER - MENINDEE WEIR POOL
CRICK PARK to WEIR 32

FOOD = BBQ & DRINKS available each day
No Alcohol allowed

Early Registration at the Menindee RTC or Post Office
From Monday 27 August 2018 – OR – ON THE DAY at Crick Park

Adults \$10 - Children U16 \$5

(Parental Permission required with SUPERVISION on the days of fishing)

ALL FISHING LAWS, MARINE LAWS and REQUIREMENTS are MANDATORY
PHONE Menindee RTC 08 8091 4392, Tim 0429 339 566, Paul 0407 441 198
PROCEEDS TO MENINDEE COMMUNITY PROJECTS