

Menindee Central School

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FEBRUARY 2019 TERM 1 WEEK 2



MCS

its our year 2019

Principal's News

Welcome back to MCS for what is shaping up to be another busy but exciting year! I also extend a very warm welcome to our new staff – Donna Cattanach (Head Teacher, Science), Christian Punch (PE), Liz Clenton (Hospitality), Sarah Jones (K/1), Rachel Johnson (4/5/6) and Curtis Smith (SLSO). Warren Dryden (English) and Jane Owens (Music) are relieving in a temporary capacity until the positions are filled permanently. I would also like to say a big welcome to all new students and parents/family. Welcome to MCS!

Our Kindergarten students have been busy doing the Best Start Assessment with Miss Jones yesterday and today. The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a literacy and numeracy assessment conducted for all Kindergarten. Best Start Kindergarten Assessment identifies student's literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to say a very big thank you to a former student of Menindee Central, Mal Highet, and his team for the donation of water to MCS. Thanks to Mal, classrooms are stocked with bottled water and a water cooling fountain. This highlights the true community spirit of Menindee.

I hope to see lots of parents/families and community at our swimming carnival next week, Thursday 21 February. Go Wills!

*Until next week,
Fiona*



MCS Student, Telicia
with her Australia Day, Young Citizen Award.



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



DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY - MARCH - APRIL

Every Thursday	School Banking (info from Front Office)
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
Thursday 21st	Swimming Carnival
MARCH	
Tuesday 14th	High School Rugby League Gala Day - Broken Hill
Friday 15th	Primary School Rugby League Gala Day - Broken Hill
Wednesday 27th	Cross Country 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Thursday 28th	MSP School Photo's from 8:30am
APRIL	
Wednesday 3rd	Whole School Assembly
Thursday 4th	Harmony Day
Friday 12th	END TERM 1

Fresh drinking water:

Please be assured that there is boxed and bottled water supplied to the school for your child to drink.



Two wire crates are available at MCS to recycle your plastic bottles and cans. One in Primary, the other in Secondary areas. The money from these will go toward the Year 12 fundraising.

Parent Information

- ♦ Permission notes sent home during the week, please sign and return to the Front Office.

General Permissions

Excursion around Menindee

Media

Sunscreen application

Medical

2019 Swimming Carnival

Dental Screening

- ♦ School Uniforms. All sizes available.
Shirts now \$25.00; Hoodies & Jackets \$50.00
Caps & Bucket Hats, all sizes \$10.00 each
- ♦ Student clothing to be clearly named.
- ♦ Contact Details are up to date with the Front Office.
- ♦ Absences remember to contact the FO if your child is away for any reason.
- ♦ Students are **NOT** to come to FO and use the phone, unless an emergency (*which does NOT = after school play dates*)
- ♦ Canteen Recess & Lunch orders can be placed through Red Sands Take-a-way if Canteen is closed. Phone 80914 444.

Any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school

Welcome New Staff

My name is Rachel Johnson and I will be the new 4/5/6 teacher.

I have made the move to Menindee from Balranald with my partner Rob and our two dogs Rex and Zeus.

This will be my fourth year of teaching and I am excited to start working at Menindee Central School. I have worked at schools including Balranald, Clare, Ivanhoe and a few more schools.

I love sports including Athletics, hockey and softball. I also enjoy riding motorbikes, going pig hunting and fishing with Rob.



My name is Sarah Jones and I come from Orange, NSW.

I grew up with three older sisters and a brother. I went to Charles Sturt University in Bathurst and graduated in 2016.

In 2017 and 2018 I worked in Broken Hill teaching Year 1 and 2.

I am excited to be working in Menindee this year and teaching K1.

I love reading and music.

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Office of the
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Parent's guide to online safety

Covering a number of key online safety issues, the Parent's guide to online safety offers practical, issues focused information and advice for parents of children of all ages.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



From Jo-Ann & Tim in Vanuatu

Hello everyone,

We've settled in here at Malowia Guesthouse on the north coast of Efate and things are going well.

We started building the house on Monday. We had about 8 inches of rain in the days before and another 8 inches since. I am still gobsmacked to see so much clean drinking water falling from the sky in great torrents. That's when I think of my friends out west and wish I could sent some to you.

I've attached a journal entry that I made on Monday. It describes a fairly typical day in Vanuatu. You have to laugh a lot over here (to preserve your sanity) and our Vanuatu family provides us with a whole lot of fun. I try to scribble down as much of it as I can every day, the book just writes itself without too much effort on my behalf.

I haven't started at school yet. The kids were meant to start this week, some have, most haven't. Everyone is on some serious 'island-time', I love it, just have to teach myself to be that relaxed.

Tim and I are set to meet up with the Principal of Ekiye School tomorrow. The main focus for me will be numeracy with Year 1 (first year of school) and English with Year 3 and possibly 4. Up until Year 3, kids work in their village language which is Namakura then they transition to Bislama (pigeon English) for the first 2 years. In Year 3 they begin to learn English or French. Looks like I'll be assisting the French school next door as well. Sacre Bleu!

Tim will be focused on developing a computer lab at Ekiye, a real challenge considering that they only have two small solar panels at the moment. He'll also be trying to fix up their water supply and that will benefit the community as well as the school.

Luckily we enjoy a challenge!

I wish you all a wonderful year and some decent rainfall.

We hope to see you over here one day.

Love from Jo and Tim



2019

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Menindee Central School swimming carnival is on Thursday 21st February at the Menindee Swimming Pool.

A variety of swimming events will take place and we welcome parents and community members to attend the carnival to support their children. Don't forget to bring a seat and some money to purchase food from the BBQ.

STUDENTS WILL START SCHOOL AS NORMAL AT 9:00AM. THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD DURING SCHOOL HOURS – STUDENTS MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE POOL AT 2PM BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN ALTERNATIVELY THEY WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL

A reminder that students must have returned their signed permission notes to their respective teachers ASAP.

We welcome and encourage parents and community members to come along and support the students.

It should be a fantastic day and we look forward to seeing you there!





COMMUNITY NEWS

Menindee Charities-Lucky ball numbers: 1-5-6-13-14-15

Date: 11/2/19

Jackpot: \$ 1423.00

Numbers: 1-17

MENINDEE SES



If you are interested in joining / knowing more—please come along

SUNDAY FEB 24

SES SHED

10:30am - 1:00pm

LUNCH PROVIDED

Marc Coulter - Department Zone Commander attending

Further information please phone 0417 403 740

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

A meeting is being held at the Albermarle Hotel on Monday February 18 to organise the Rally March being held on Sunday March 3.

If you can assist on the day, please contact Barry Stone.

**MENINDEE HAIR BY LEANNE OPEN WEDNESDAYS
AND THIS SATURDAY FROM 9:00AM**

**MASSAGES BY APPOINTMENT
Saturday only Phone Kris on 0429 029 906**

**SALON CLOSED WEDNESDAY FEB 20 - REOPENS FRI MARCH 1
PHONE FOR APPOINTMENTS 0423 045 918**

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD CEREMONY IN MENINDEE



Recipients: L-R

Young Citizen of the Year - Telicia Briar

Citizen of the Year - Stuart Macnitosh

Event of the Year - Menindee Yabbies - Twisted Sisters Presentation Night

THURSDAY SPECIAL

@ The Maidens 80914208

Thai Prawn Salad

\$17.00



MENINDEE TAFE

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**BE EMPLOYED
IN COMMUNITY SERVICES
AND YOUTH WORK**

CHC40413 Certificate IV in Youth Work

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IN COMMUNITY SERVICES
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IN BUSINESS**

Computing Basics

900-80029V01 SOA in Computing Basics
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INDUSTRY**

900-80318V01 SOA in Accounting Basics
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**BE EMPLOYED
IN ACCOUNTING
AND BOOKKEEPING**

Online enrolments for FNS40217 Certificate IV in
Accounting and Bookkeeping now open for 2019

Expressions of Interest for a First Aid Course to
be held in Menindee. Please contact Daphne on
the details below.

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IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

CHC42015 Certificate IV in Community Services

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OR CALL 131 601

*For further information on the above courses, please
contact Daphne on 08 80914 148 or 0437 485 534*



Positions Vacant

Located in Menindee

In these positions, Australian Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal Primary Health Worker in Training

16 month training program until June 2019. (Then subject to ongoing funding)

**Would you like to work with Maari Ma and study for a qualification?
Start a career in health? We work to improve Aboriginal Health and close the gap.**

Study and complete Certificate IV in Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) while learning primary health and clinical skills and providing quality services for the community visiting Maari Ma.

All study will be completed by block release in Broken Hill.

Salary \$41,675 per annum

A great range of benefits including:

- Generous salary packaging (which can increase your take home pay by several thousand dollars)
 - 5 weeks annual leave plus additional paid leave over Christmas period and accrued days off
 - Excellent career development opportunities
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Casual Community Transport Officer

Do you have a current driver's licence, a safe driving record and can carry out basic checks and cleaning of fleet cars?

Do you know the Menindee area, the Aboriginal community and have the ability to work effectively with the community?

The Transport Officer works with the Menindee Health Service team to provide clients access to the health service and specialist appointments

Salary \$26.25 per hour including casual loading.

To find out more about the positions please contact Barb Turner on 08 8091 4209.

TO APPLY - call into the Menindee Health Service and collect a package.

Applications close 5:00 pm Thursday 21st February 2019

A NSW Working With Children Check and National Police History Check are essential for these positions. Having a criminal record will not necessarily stop you from being employed. We will talk with you about it privately.