

# Menindee Central School

## Minintitja Parlku



connected communities  
*link up and learn*

**March 2020**

**TERM 1**

**WEEK 7**



**Swimming -West Darling Representatives:**

**Fiula, Albert, Shontaye & Jorja.**

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**THROUGH ADVICE FROM  
THE NSW DEPT OF EDUCATION  
ALL MEETINGS, ASSEMBLIES,  
EXCURSIONS, SPORTING &  
GENERAL SCHOOL EVENTS ARE  
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**MCS is regularly  
updated by the Department.  
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Facebook and Skoolbag sites**

Coronaviruses are a type of virus that can affect humans and animals. Some coronaviruses cause illness similar to the common cold while other coronaviruses cause more serious illness, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

COVID-19 was first reported in Wuhan City in China in December 2019. Cases have now been confirmed in multiple countries around the world. While there is still much to be learned about infection with COVID-19, it appears that the illness is much less severe than SARS or MERS, and some people with the infection may have only a mild illness.

## Close contact

A close contact is someone who has been face to face for at least 15 minutes, or been in the same closed space for at least 2 hours, as someone who has tested positive for the COVID-19 when that person was infectious.

## Isolate yourself at home and monitor your health closely

If you have been identified to have had close contact with someone who is confirmed to have infection with COVID-19 while they were infectious, you must:

- Isolate yourself at home until 14 days after you were last exposed to the infectious person. You should not leave the house, except for seeking medical care. You should stay in a different room to other people as much as possible, and wear a surgical mask when you are in the same room as another person and when seeking medical care. Use a separate bathroom if available. Do not go to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transportation, taxi services or rideshares.
- watch for signs and symptoms:
  - fever
  - cough
  - shortness of breath
  - other early symptoms to watch for are chills, body aches, sore throat, headache and runny nose, muscle pain or diarrhoea

## If you develop symptoms

- If you are seriously unwell and it is an emergency, call 000 immediately.
- Continue to keep yourself apart from other people as much as possible (eg in a different room).
- Wear a surgical mask if you have one.
- Call your local public health unit on 1300 066 055, they will assess you and advise on what to do next.
- If you can't contact the public health unit, see a doctor, preferably at a hospital emergency department, as soon as possible.
- **Phone the emergency department before attending so** they can make arrangements for when you arrive to prevent spread of infection to others.
- Do not travel on public transport, use taxis or ride-shares and do not attend any public places.



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



## MARCH / APRIL

<b>EVERY TUESDAY</b>	<b>Homework Centre open BER Room (see poster)</b>
<b>EVERY THURSDAY</b>	<b>School Banking NEW BANKERS WELCOME</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Thursday 19</b>	<b>Dental Screenings</b>
<b>Friday 20</b>	<b>Primary Assembly- 12:45pm CANCELLED</b>
<b>Monday 23</b>	<b>Theatre Group perform in Broken Hill @ Civic Centre</b>
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	<b>Jane Carroll</b>
<b>Thursday 26</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly 12:45 CANCELLED</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>School Photo day information being sent home Primary Assembly - 12:45pm (Hall) Cross Country Carnival</b>
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	<b>Harmony Day CANCELLED</b>
<b>Thursday 9</b>	<b>Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 1</b>

◆ **Permission Notes**

◆ **Student Drink Bottles**  
*These were provided for students to keep on their desks or in their classrooms*

◆ **Touch Base**  
*We appreciate your calls to let us know if your child is absent.*



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS

## THURSDAY APRIL 30th

- ◆ All students are required to attend school that day and wear their School Shirts.
- ◆ Parents, please ensure you have the correct money in your child/family envelope as there will be no change available from the school.
- ◆ Credit Card / Online payments are also available.
- ◆ There will be no booking up of photos.

A timetable and further information about Photo Day will be sent home with students closer to the end of this term.

# ATTENDANCE

09-03 / 13-03

## Overall %

Boys

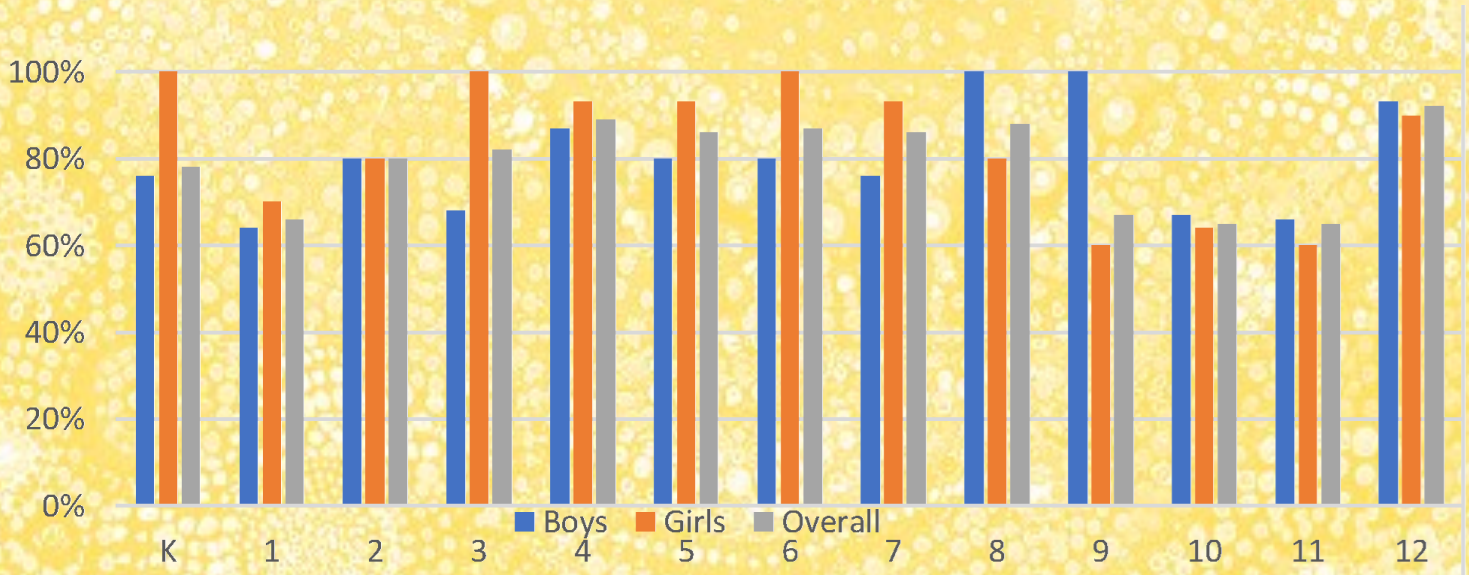
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Girls

83

Overall

79



<p><b>190</b> DAYS <b>100%</b></p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p><b>183</b> DAYS <b>96%</b></p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p><b>179</b> DAYS <b>94%</b></p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p><b>175</b> DAYS <b>92%</b></p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than <b>18</b> days absence less than <b>90%</b></p>  <p>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)</p>
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**Student behaviour expectation focus for last week was the front office.**

Students took part in lessons regarding being responsible, resilient and respectful when visiting the front office last week.

### K/1

We continued on our Jolly Phonics learning adventure by revising s, a, t, i, p, n last week. We did lots of practice writing our names and the sounds we are learning. We continued to practice our skills in counting forwards and backwards as well as learning to recognise the number of dots on a dice. In science we explored sources of light. We learnt about the similarities and differences in our families and we continued to move our bodies safely when we run, spin and jump. In K/1 we learnt why sun safety is important and we did some experiments related to the concept of hot and cold.

### 1/2/3

Last week in 1/2/3 we revised the digraph 'ch' in our Jolly Learning time. We practised correct sentence structure using capital letters, full stops, nouns and verbs in writing. Our focus text was 'The emu that laid the golden egg'. In Maths we explored addition strategies and practising adding two-, three- and four-digit numbers. We enjoyed Music with Mr Marr and in History we compared toys from the past to the present. If any parents/ carers have any toys they would like to share from their childhood please bring them in or send a photo with your child. In Science we explored sound and how it is made. Also a big congratulations to Brenda for competing in Broken Hill at the Barrier District Swimming Carnival!

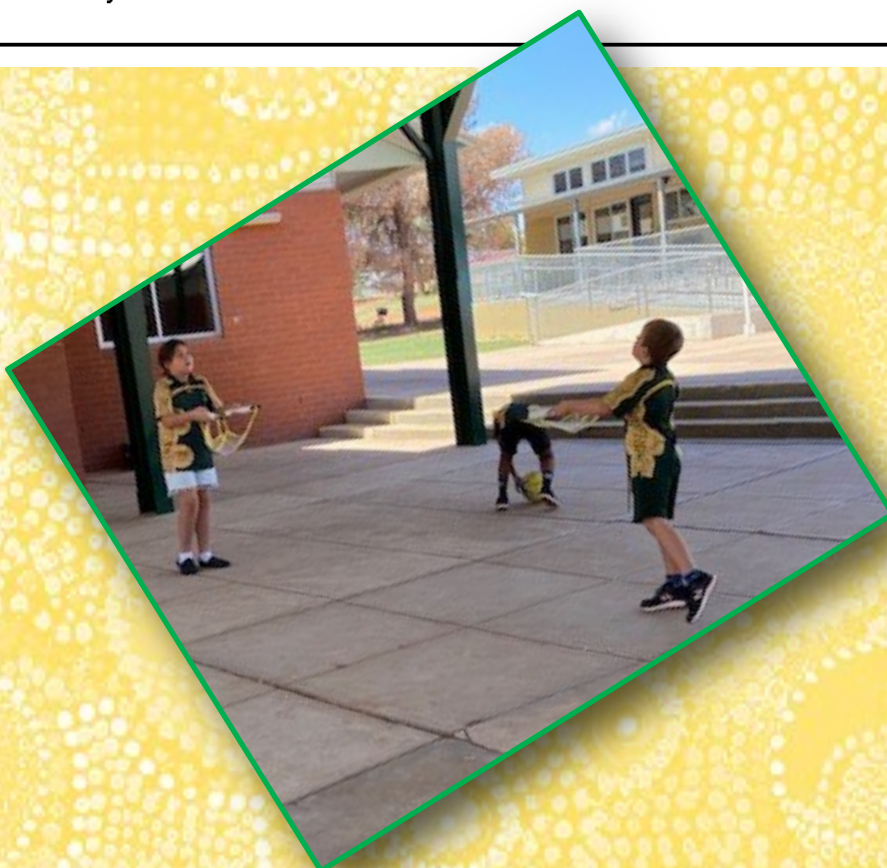


## 3-6

It was another busy week in the classroom for class 3-6. The students worked on their spelling, ensuring that they sound out the words as they write them. Students learnt about the ways in which they could collect data and then how that data can then be displayed in a graph. In History students researched the 11 boats that were in the First Fleet. The students were very eager to learn about how many people the boats could carry as well as how one boat had three people making money. This created great discussion among the students. Eric and Zeira represented the school at the Barrier Swimming Carnival and we congratulate them on their efforts.

## 4/5/6

Last week, 4/5/6 began working on Fractions, but in a sudden turn of events, there was a robbery at the bank! Scaddingtons Police station asked for extra investigators and years 4 and 5 were put on the case. The students were eager to practice and use their addition strategies to solve the crime. So far, Isabel Underwood is their only suspect...more crimes to solve this week, stay tuned! While the year 4 and 5 students continue uncovering suspects, year 6 were working very hard on solving their multi-step word problems. We began our History topic "Australia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" and the students enjoyed comparing the differences of then and now. Students continued to revise their comprehension strategies as well as their narrative writing. Congratulations to Omarian and Kyloh for competing in the Barrier District Swimming Carnival. We're all very proud of you!



# NAPLAN 2020

Dear parents,

During May 2020, students at our school in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN paper assessment.

The schedule for dates and tests is as follows:

**Tuesday 12 May** - Language Conventions test (spelling, grammar, punctuation)  
Writing test

**Wednesday 13 May** - Reading test

**Thursday 14 May** - Numeracy test

**Friday 15 May** - a 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN test if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students. Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the school principal. To withdraw your child from NAPLAN, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Please make an appointment with the principal if you need to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Any questions? Contact the NAPLAN team on 1300 119 556 or [naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au](mailto:naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au) For further information about NAPLAN, visit NESA's NAPLAN website



The proposed Year 12 Bingo Fundraiser has been postponed until further notice.





## SECONDARY PAGE

Students have been investigating the following:

### English:

Ads what's their effect

### Science:

Stage 4: Rock Cycles

Stage 5: Reproduction

### HSIE:

Stage 4: Treasure Map

Stage 5: Biomes

### Maths:

Stage 4: Algebra

Stage 5: Geometry

Due:

Stage 4:

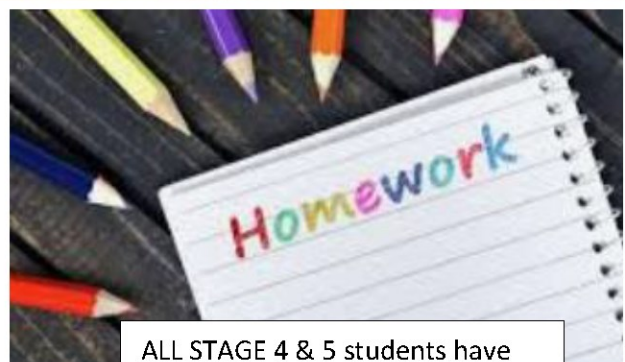
Friday: Treasure Map Draft  
HSIE, Science & English HW

Stage 5:

Biomes Poster

Thursday: Elevator Pitch &  
ideas Poster- Presentation to  
class

Friday: Science Homework



ALL STAGE 4 & 5 students have  
HOMEWORK

1. Science
2. HSIE
3. Maths
4. English

Science & HSIE homework is

Due: EVERY FRIDAY

**LOVE CHALLENGES, BE INTRIGUED  
BY MISTAKES, ENJOY EFFORT  
AND KEEP ON LEARNING.**

CAROL DWECK

Encouraging our children to enjoy challenges!



# sport

## Netball training for secondary girls



At the school basketball court  
Every Thursday 3pm

**POSTPONED**

Please contact Lauren Trevethan at the  
for further information if needed.



Menindee Charities-Lucky ball numbers: 3-6-8-11-12-16

Date: 16/3/20 Jackpot: \$1,470.00 Numbers: 1-17 Winner: Nil

## What's on and When in Menindee

<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Thursday 19</b>	<b>AFL Football Tipping Registration Due</b>
<b>Sunday 29</b>	<b>Markets @ Rural Transaction Centre CANCELLED</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Friday 10</b>	<b>EASTER Weekend</b>
<b>Saturday 11</b>	<b>Back to Menindee Past &amp; Present residents reunion.</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>Saturday Night @ Albermarle Hotel Sunday Markets @ RTC Carpark Mini Auction @ Maidens Hotel</b>
<b>Monday 23</b>	<b>Fishing Challenge AGM</b>
<b>Saturday 25</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>Markets @ RTC</b>

## Fishing Challenge Committee Members

Required to help organise and run the Fishing Challenge on Fathers day this year  
Contact Margot Muscat at the RTC or Paul Roberts on 0407 441 198 for further  
information.

AGM to be held on Thurs April 23 at the RTC 1:30pm.



**CWA of NSW  
Menindee Branch**

**Next Evening Housie:  
Saturday 4 April  
Doors Open 6:00 pm  
Game Starts 6:30 pm  
CWA Hall Perry Street**

**Theme:**



**Next Meeting:  
Sunday 5 April 2020  
10:30 am  
CWA Hall Perry Street  
Menindee**

**President: Jody Marsden**

**Secretary: Lorraine Looney**

**Treasurer: Judith Selby**

**Fundraising**

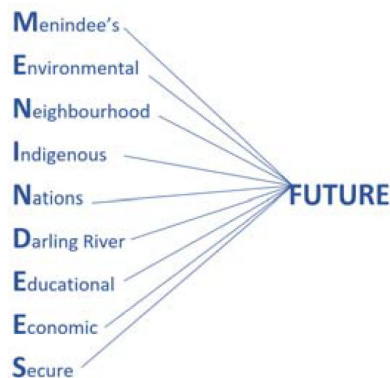
In order to pay the bills and upkeep of our building and pay our contribution to the CWA of NSW, branch members have decided to run **Lucky 100 Number Squares** throughout the year: **\$2 per number with the chance to win \$100** CWA of NSW Menindee Branch members will be running these **Squares** at CWA stalls, Community events and Housie nights. Please support us so we can continue to support our Menindee Community.

**SUCCESS with our Grant Application – Funded by the *Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal* in partnership with the Australian Government:**

**Our TTTT Project Summary:**

The installation of a diverse art attraction / streetscape that will provide skills, instil pride and bring community together in a representation of past, present and future generations that will call out to everyone ‘stop, come and see us, walk or sit awhile, relax, reflect, enjoy and learn<sup>Cancel!</sup>.

**Our TTTT Project Logo:**



**New: Tuesday Housie  
Commencing Tuesday 17 March  
Doors Open 10:00 am  
Eyes Down 10:30 am  
BYO Lunch  
CWA Hall Perry Street**

**Please consider joining the CWA of NSW Menindee Branch**

The CWA is the largest women's organisation in Australia and aims to improve conditions for country women and children. We reach that aim in various ways including lobbying for change, helping the local community, creating a network of support and meeting together in towns and cities.

CWA of NSW is a member of CWA of Australia and the international organisation Associated Country Women of the World.

# Mini Auction

Easter  
maidens hotel Sunday

HAPPY HOUR STARTS 1:30PM

AUCTION 2:30PM

ENTERTAINMENT - throughout the afternoon

join us for a fun afternoon and support local fundraising organisations



We are looking for -

Stand-up-comics

Bush Poets

Yarn Tellers

Musicians

Come along, get up and have a go~

Easter Sunday at the

\* Mini Auction \*

Maidens Hotel

in Menindee.

Please contact

Georgia or Karen

80914 208

for further details



## CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at a local Government sites in the **Menindee** area, various positions available.

Experience preferred but not essential.  
Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to:  
Joss Facility Management  
PO Box 210 Broken Hill NSW 2880 or email  
[jane.mcewan@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:jane.mcewan@jossgroup.com.au)

Ph: 0409 571 222 between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

*A working with Children Check is required for this position*

## MENINDEE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL



YARTLA STREET, P.O. BOX 47 MENINDEE. NSW 2879  
Telephone: (08) 80914541 Facsimile: (08) 80914500  
Email: [menindee.lalc2@bigpond.com](mailto:menindee.lalc2@bigpond.com)

# Menindee LALC Members Meeting

**Ordinary Meeting**

**5.10pm Tuesday**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**Menindee LALC Office 21 Yartla Street**

**All members welcome**

# WOMEN'S WELLBEING RETREAT

A weekend of networking with  
inspired, visionary women

Limited  
places

## Bindara Station

(via Menindee): **29 - 31 May**

- Clarify your vision,
  - Remove obstructions and barriers, and
  - Set clear pathways forward
- with Stephanie Dale  
of 'The Write Road'

## Paika Station

(via Balranald): **12 - 14 June**

Retreats are fully funded by the NSW  
Ministry of Health, through the Far  
West LHD Mental Health, Drug &  
Alcohol Service

"I came tired and i'm going home empowered." - workshop participant

Only 8 places available at each retreat. If you would like to join, contact Marie Kelly for an application form: 0429 674 307 | Marie.Kelly@health.nsw.gov.au



## Native Title and Menindee Lakes Project information session

The NSW Government is holding a free information event for community members. There will be two sessions at the event:

- a community education session on **Native Title** presented by Brad Delaney—Senior Policy Officer Native Title, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
- a drop-in session for community to discuss the **Menindee Lakes Project**, part of the sustainable diversion limit adjustment mechanism program.

### Details

Thursday 19 March 2020

Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council

Yartla Street, Menindee NSW 2879

11 am–12 pm Menindee Lakes Project

12 pm–2 pm Community education on Native Title

Light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: [darling.sdl@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:darling.sdl@industry.nsw.gov.au) or contact Kami at Menindee LALC on 0429 674 383

