

Menindee Central School

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March 2020

TERM 1

WEEK 8

AS ADVISED FROM THE NSW
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STUDENTS ARE TO
REMAIN HOME WHERE POSSIBLE,
HOWEVER SCHOOLS
ARE REMAINING OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE
ALL STUDENTS WHO DO ATTEND.

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PRINCIPAL'S PARLKY

As you have seen and heard in the media, the situation around COVID-19 is changing daily. The advice given yesterday by the Mark Scot, Secretary of the NSW Department of Education, was that if parents/families are able to keep their children home then they should do so. However schools are to remain open to support families who are unable to keep their children home. Also, staff who are deemed at risk will work from home.

MCS staff are currently working on “At Home Learning Packs” for every student and they will be delivered to families on Thursday afternoon. Students who do attend school will participate in the same learning activities as students learning from home.

Please continue to check our Facebook page for further updates from the Department of Education.

Until next week,

Fiona

COVID-19 UPDATE:

The NSW Government has taken significant new steps to increase restrictions across the state -including encouraging parents to keep their children at home, if possible and a move towards learning from home.

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



School Starts @ 9:00am

MARCH / APRIL

EVERY TUESDAY	Homework Centre open BER Room CLOSED FOR REMAINDER OF TERM
EVERY THURSDAY	School Banking NO BANKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
MARCH	
Tuesday 24	Jane Carroll
Thursday 26	Whole School Assembly 12:45 CANCELLED
APRIL	
Friday 3	School Photo day information being sent home Primary Assembly - 12:45pm (Hall) CANCELLED Cross Country Carnival CANCELLED
Wednesday 8	Harmony Day CANCELLED
Thursday 9	Easter Hat Parade CANCELLED Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 28	TERM 2 COMMENCES

◆ 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

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ATTENDANCE

16-03 / 20-03

Overall %

Boys

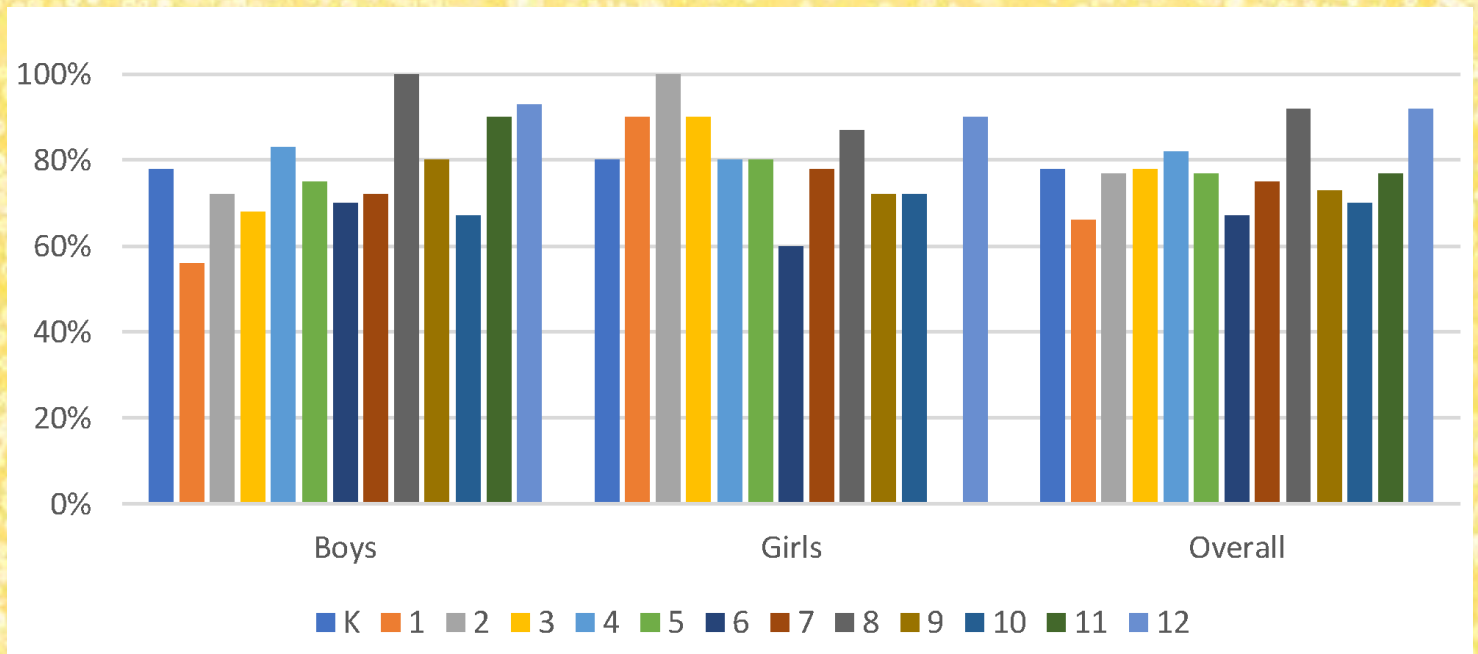
Girls

Overall

77

75

77



<p>190 DAYS 100%</p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p>183 DAYS 96%</p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p>179 DAYS 94%</p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p>175 DAYS 92%</p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than 18 days absence less than 90%</p>  <p>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)</p>
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SUMMER WORD SEARCH

S B W K I S U N W M K W V
Y E K Q H X A E S K O V P
N A D A O B D N J I N A M
G C L C T B W M D T U C O
N H I P L Q N T H E F A R
I I C E C R E A M A R T M
W D R P O P S I C L E I C
S W I M N I E J T A M O A
B A O E T C G U L D M N M
R T A N E N S M H A U T P
I H C A E I O P S V S L I
S A Y E U C P O O L N O N
V R S E S S A L G N U S G

WORD BANK:

HOT	PLAY	SUN
BBQ	POOL	SUNGLASSES
BEACH	POPSICLE	SWIM
CAMPING	SAND	SWING
FUN	SUMMER	VACATION

FREE PRINTABLE EASTER WORD SEARCH

Easter Word Search

E A T R C H O C O L A T E G H
G J G E G E A S T E R J E B N
S G E S A T L H H O D A Y S U
T F A L N G D E C O R A T E D
R L E R L A D A B I P O Y S C
G O G G R Y A C A R R O T E H
D W E S G I B B U N A N Y S I
U E P A R A D E J E L T S P C
C R J L A I N S A H O L I Y K
K S G E S J R S U N D A Y O A
L C A R S T A S B A S K E T N
I K S H J H B U N N Y E G S I
N G S A U I B L A T I P G S N
G I N J E N I J E L S O N G G
S P R I N G T U L I P A G D S



BASKET
BUNNY
CARROT
CELEBRATION
CHICK
CHOCOLATE
DECORATED

DUCKLINGS
EASTER
EGGS
FLOWERS
GRASS
HOP
HUNT

JELLYBEANS
PARADE
RABBIT
SPRING
SUNDAY
TULIP



PRIMARY

K-6 News

Student behaviour expectation focus for this week is being a passenger on the school bus.

Students will be taking part in lessons regarding being responsible, resilient and respectful when riding in the MCS bus. We will be focusing on safety aspects of being a passenger on the MCS bus.

K/1

This week we are revising the sounds ck, e and h. We will again be making words, writing words and trying to read words too. We will continue to practice counting forwards and backwards, and this week we are also learning about ordinal numbers in Mathematics. In History this week we will be discussing things that are special to us from our past as well as what our favourite toy was as a baby and as a three year old. In Science, we will be conducting an experiment to see how sound travels. In PDH we will be using our bodies to perform various sequences of movement such as stretching, twisting and stomping. We have also been talking a lot about keeping safe from germs, we are becoming very good hand washers!

1/2/3

This week in 1/2/3 we are focusing on the consonant digraph 'ng'. We will go on a 'ng' hunt in our daily readers and in the books we have borrowed from the library. In Grammar we are focusing on using capital letters in sentences. We have been enjoying working with Jane Carroll in writing. In Maths this week we will revise subtraction strategies and also look at measuring length using centimetres. Last week we logged in to prodigy for the first time and have been enjoying using it so far. All students have taken their log in details home to use if they wish to. We look forward to having Mr Marr for music on Tuesday and Wednesday. In Science students will investigate if similar sounds can be made in different ways. In History we will compare past and present transport and describe how it has changed over time. Last week in PDH we started looking at being a safe passenger and were introduced

to Izzy the Lizard who is our road safety mascot. We look forward to our next lesson with Izzy.

We have been working hard on stopping the spread of germs and have been regularly washing our hands with soap and keeping safe distances where possible.

3-6

In the 3/6 class we have had a busy week with a lot happening both outside and inside the classroom. The students have continued to work with Jane Carroll this week and have enjoyed writing with her. Students have also been working on their Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives and have been detectives in searching for them in certain texts. In Maths, students have been working on counting forwards and backwards by 2, 5 and 10. The students have also been working on addition and subtraction games. Students have enjoyed working with Mr Marr in learning some musical instruments and have shown great interest. In H.S.I.E students have continued to work on learning about the first fleet and have been asking some good questions to help develop their knowledge. In PDH students continued to look into emotions and how our body language can tell a lot. The students didn't realise until we started playing a game where they had to use their body language to help someone work out what the emotion was.

4/5/6

Busy, busy, busy over here in Years 4 and 5! We have discovered 2 more suspects in our Addition Investigation and the Detectives are getting very close to discovering the culprit! Students' confidence when adding double and triple digits has increased significantly and the excitement of solving this crime leaves the room buzzing! Year 6 will be moving onto long division as their understanding deepens and their confidence has improved, also. Throughout our history topic, Students have had interesting insights into how elements of Australia have changed over time. For example; housing, health systems and working conditions. We have had some very interesting conversations! Students are now working and concentrating very hard as we begin Computer Coding in technology.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold a K-6 assembly as we had planned last week, however we were able to hand out class awards and choose an assembly ticket winner. The award winners are listed below and Kevin was the lucky winner of the \$5 lunch order voucher. Well done to you all, we are proud of your efforts!

K/1	Cecil Russell - For an improved enthusiasm for learning and using his words to share his amazing ideas.	Isileli Williams - For always having a positive attitude and trying his best at everything he does.
1/2/3	Bryce Smith - For his improvement in independence, resilience and maturity towards all learning areas.	Jaz Fusi - For her maturity and willingness towards helping younger students.
3-6	Tyson Kirby - For his effort to try and give things a go in class. Well Done Tyson.	Zeira Russell - for writing amazing stories during class. Keep up the amazing work Zeira.
4/5/6	Kyloh Havili - For being a polite and responsible class member. Such a great role model!	Shalia Philp - For always being willing to help others and her wonderful manners.

Preschool AGM

The Menindee Preschool Association Inc. will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 7th of April 2020 at 5pm at the Menindee Children's Centre.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking part on the committee, please complete an Application for Membership form and return to the preschool. Forms are available from the preschool on request. Annual membership fees of \$5 are payable on application for membership.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person but would like to take part, please speak to the preschool staff to arrange attendants via phone.

Contact the Preschool on
80914 246

Menindee Charities-Lucky ball numbers: No draw due to Hotel Closure
 Date: 16/3/20 Jackpot: \$1,00 Numbers: 1-17 Winner: Nil

What's on and When in Menindee

MARCH		
Sunday	29	Markets @ Rural Transaction Centre CANCELLED
APRIL		
Friday	10	EASTER Week and Back to Menindee Day & Present residents reunion.
Saturday	11	Saturday Night @ Alhambra Hotel
Sunday	12	Menindee Markets @ RTC Carpark Mini Auction @ Maidens Hotel
Monday	23	Fishing Challenge AGM
Saturday	25	ANZAC DAY
Sunday	26	Markets @ RTC



*DANCING ON THE
 DARLING*
 MUSIC FESTIVAL



Menindee Fishing Competition
 AGM

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Saturday April 25th 2020



"Lest We Forget"



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

Next Meeting:

Sunday 5 April 2020

10:30 am

CWA Hall Perry Street

Menindee



President: Jody Marsden

Secretary: Lorraine Looney

Treasurer: Judith Selby

Fundraising

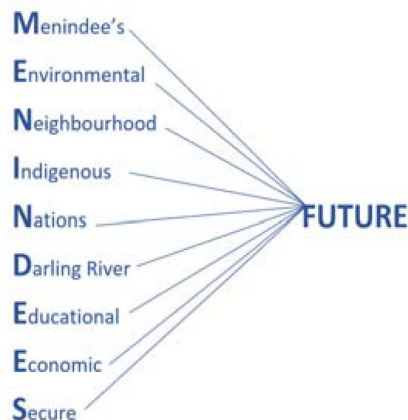
In order to pay the bills and upkeep of our building and pay our contribution to the CWA of NSW, branch members have decided to run **Lucky 100 Number Squares** throughout the year: **\$2 per number with the chance to win \$100** CWA of NSW Menindee Branch members will be running these **Squares** at 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!'

Our TTTT Project Logo:



New: Tuesday Housie
Commencing Tuesday 17 March
Doors Open 7:00 pm
Live from 7:30 am
PRO 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.

**Maidens Hotel open each night 6-8pm for
Bottle shop and Take-a-way meals only.**