

Principal's Parlku

To our year 12 students, Will, Shianah, Richard, Nick, Pansy, Peta, Garthie and Steven, I always knew you were a unique group of students and 2020, with onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, has reinforced my belief. No other year group has had to contend with staying motivated during home-schooling to complete their HSC. For that I thank you.

You have demonstrated remarkable resilience, character and strength which shows our other students that anything is possible if you remain committed to your studies, believe in yourself and just Face the Task!

Will –I have never had a student who, regardless of what is happening around him, just presents with that killer smile. I remember Will telling me how nervous he was when he hosted his first presentation day as the newly elected school captain; nobody knew because Will, you just put on that smile that lifted everyone's spirits.

Shianah – you push yourself out of your comfort zone to attempt and achieve new things. Last year you were voted in as a school captain, you travelled to Melbourne to walk for a modelling runway show and you proudly represented the school and community in league tag and netball.

Richard –you are a proud, passionate and kind young man who is always willing to help others, only if you stay in the background. Today you're front and centre, Richie! Your caring nature was noted on numerous school spectacular trips where you looked out for the younger students. I'll always remember your comments to support your younger brother Raiden when he started school, "C'mon buddy".

Nick – you are a young man of a few words but are happy to engage. Your maturity and commitment to your studies has been outstanding. As we have just seen, you have proven to be quite the guitarist. Who needs to be big on conversations when you can play guitar like you do?

Pansy – you returned to MCS after a few years away and was voted MCS vice-captain. You are not afraid to take on new challenges, you just do what needs to be done. I guess with so many boys in your extended family, you were always destined to not only stand your ground but also be an advocate for others. Your outstanding prowess in league tag and rugby league is amazing to watch.

Peta – your dedication to your studies has been admirable. You have managed to complete your HSC all the while caring for your baby girl as well as keeping your younger siblings, in particular Vao and Garthie, in line! You arrived not only to a new school but also a new country environment at the start of last year and have managed to complete your HSC.

Garthie – since coming to Menindee last year not once have you let a language barrier hold you back. You are always willing to help and do the heavy lifting, literally do the heavy lifting; carrying the BBQ by yourself (when it usually takes 2 or 3 kids), pushing loaded trailers, and carrying your injured teammate off the field. You just get in and do anything that is needed to be done. Garthie your respectful nature has earned the respect of your peers and school staff.

Steven – I remember when you were in about year 2 and you used to say, ‘I can’t do this’. Well here you are, 10 years later and you have done it. And with such confidence. You are a gifted athlete who has represented MCS in rugby league, rugby union, and athletics. You have the courage to try new things which inspires others. You have volunteered, well with a bit of help, to host school videos and ABC reporters. Steven you are a leader; and a great role model for the younger students.

Will, Shianah, Richard, Nick, Pansy, Peta, Garthie and Steven, our Year 12 graduates, to say I am proud of you, as are all of our staff, is an understatement! Congratulations on completing 13 years of schooling. While your school days have finished your life’s, journey is just beginning. I hope that you are able to walk away from Menindee Central with self-confidence and dignity. Remember to strive for the bigger things in life and believe in your convictions because if anyone can achieve great things it’s you!

I look forward to hearing about your future achievements. Congratulations Year 12, you did it!

Congratulations!



Menindee Central School
Yr 12 - 2020

Back Row: William Briar, Steven Newman, Garthie Lakai
Front Row: Nicholas Harris, Shianah Capper, Elisapeta Lakai, Pansy Newman, Richard Doyle

MCS Art Work



Each week a piece of MCS art work will feature as the watermark on each page of our newsletter.

This week we feature art work by an unknown warrior.

Term 4 commences on
Monday October 12



This week

Student Focus - Classroom News - Community

ATTENDANCE

14/09/20 - 18/09/20

Overall %

Boys

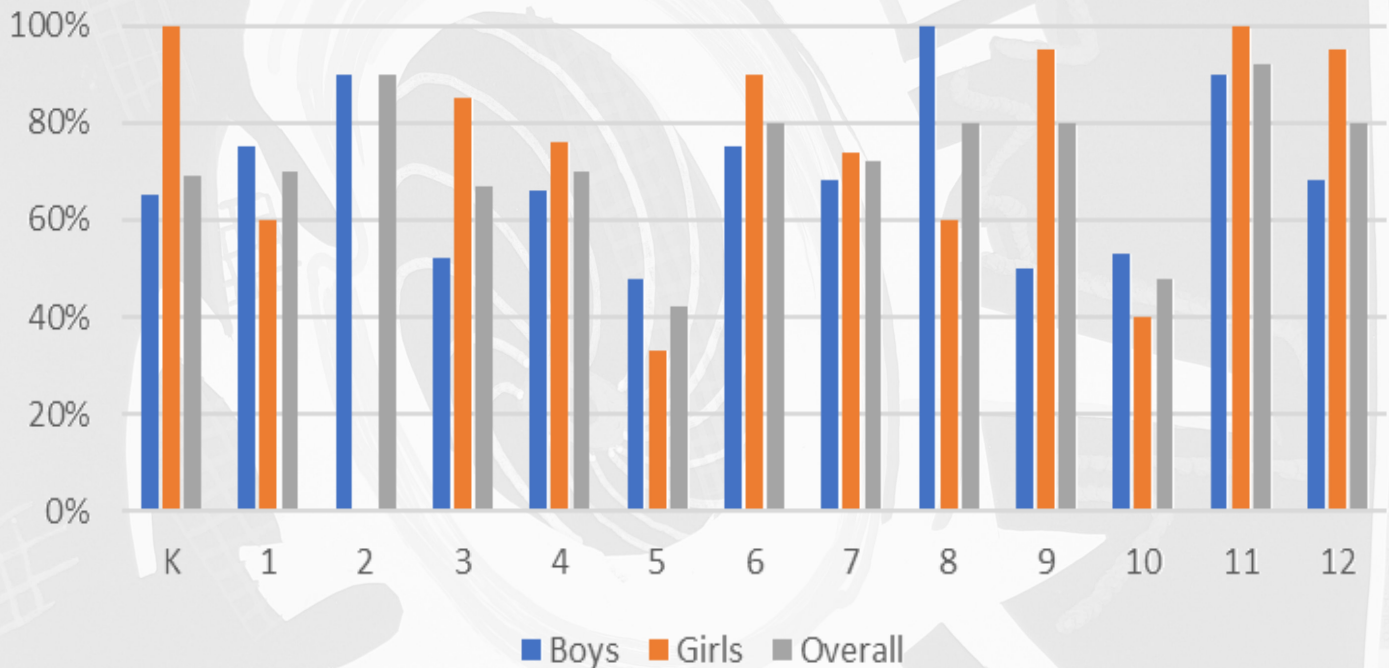
Girls

Overall

69

76

72



Class Award Certificates presented to -

K/1

Isilelli Williams For improvement in writing.

Cecil Russell For trying super hard when blending his sounds.

2/3

Frank Stenhouse For making positive choices towards his learning this week.

Leylani Stenhouse For writing a fantastic story using Paakantyi words she has learnt.

4/5/6

Barry Flanders - For improving his resilience in the classroom and on the playground.

Brandi Johnson - For her attentiveness throughout mathematics and science.



Week 9 Silver Awards

**Tyreece Philp,
Malachy Philp,
James Helman**



Year 7/8 Silver Awards: Albert Briar, Carlos Guerrero-Hunt, Anthony Harris, Fiula Havili, Jorja Hogg, Maliana Lakai, Tyron Meehan, Cheyenne Mitchell, Kiara Naughten, Kaylah Williams:

Stage 9/10 Silver Awards: Roshell Edwards, Shontaye Havili, Tristan Hindmarsh, Jada hogg, Kiarah King - Williams, Sage Le Vaillant, Jasmine Meehan; Grace Riley:

Primary Class Awards

**Isileli Williams
Brandi Johnson
Barry Flanders**



K/1 with Mrs Jackson

Week 10, term 3 means PIRATE WEEK in K/1! We have been studying 'places' and mapping this term in Geography. K/1 have been SO interested in exploring places locally and all over Australia, via the internet, from our classroom in the past few weeks.

In week 9, we had so much fun zooming around the country via Mrs Jackson airlines – we checked out Sydney, The Great Barrier Reef, Uluru, the Olgas, and Rottnest Island just to name a few.

Next term we will be jumping on the school bus and going for a trip around Menindee to check out some special local places. I had planned to organise this trip for the end of term, but due to the fabulous rain we have had over the past couple weeks, I have decided to postpone till after the holidays to ensure that the places we will visit are accessible.

To make up for the postponement of our little trip around Menindee, we are having Pirate week this week! On Friday "Pirate X" left a message in our classroom whilst K/1 were out at sport. The message said that each day there would be a surprise left for the class from Pirate X, he even said that we might even get to find his treasure by the end of the week!!

Stay tuned on Class Dojo for photos of the things we get up to during Pirate week.

Please have a safe and restful holiday break.



Year 2/3 with Miss Wright

Week 10! We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone ready for a busy Term 4!

We hope you enjoy our stories in the newsletter this week! 2/3 have worked so hard in writing this term and they are very proud of their work. We enjoyed sharing our work with Miss Kelly last week. We are working towards creating a book of all our stories.

In Jolly Spelling this week, our focus sound is 'ew'. Our spelling words and phonics activities will focus on this sound throughout the week. In Jolly Grammar we are focusing on compound words.

This week we will be revising the maths topics we have been looking at this term.

We look forward to working with Miss Johnson on Wednesday! We have been doing Maths, Science and PE with her.

Don't forget 2/3 go to library on Mondays and also have sport on Fridays so wear your joggers.

NGUULKA AND THE KALTI

ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE BUSH MY NGUULKA GOT CHASED BY A KALTI BECAUSE NGUULKA WAS TAKING PARTI FROM THE NEST. SO NGUULKA JUMPED IN HIS BIG UTE THEN CHASED THE KALTI AWAY.

THEN NGUULKA LOOKED AT KANTYA AND SHE WAS SCRATCHING HER HEAD AND NGUULKA SAID DO YOU GOT NGUUTU AND SHE YES, SO NGUULKA CUT HER HAIR TO GET RID OF THE NGUUTU.

BY BRYCE



THE LIZARD FIGHT

One day me and kampitya and ngamaka went for a walk in the yard to find some kaanis and some pintilkilki. When we saw them they were fighting for food so we gave them some food and they was happy again forever and they never fought again. But two days later a kaani and pintilkilki showed up at the pond fighting at night. I went out with kampitya to see what it was. It was a kaani and a pintilkilki. When they stopped fighting in the pond we went outside. They snuck into the house and ate the food in the kitchen.

When we were outside we found a haunted yapra in the forest. When we were in the forest a big tiger jumped out of the cave onto us. We got inside away from the tiger.

A while later it went back to his cave and never came back at all. But when we were inside, the kaani was happy for ever and they never fought again. But one day a big shadow came out from the dark smoke in the front yard and it was a big kaani. When it came out it bit us on the leg and then another kaani came out from the house and fought the other kaani and killed it and we ate it for lunch and dinner. When we were done we went away.

BY DONSHAE

4/5/6 with Miss Scadding

Week 10 is here! That was our first full term together with minimal pandemic interruptions! We've had a great term and we've shared many jokes and laughs together. How lucky are we? The kids have worked so hard on their routines and expectations, their literacy and their numeracy skills. 10 weeks ago, I heard a lot of "I can't do this!" or "That's too hard!" and now I watch students help their peers. It truly is something so magical to watch.

The students of 4/5/6 have taken great pride in their classroom jobs and shown amazing responsibility and accountability. They have connected their classroom jobs to the expectations of the real-world workforce and I hope it's an experience they will carry with them on all of their exciting journeys.

During literacy, the students have been showing initiative to use resources around the room like our sound wall, our vowel wall, dictionaries and thesaurus' and it has greatly improved their confidence, spelling and independence. Throughout numeracy the kids have worked so hard with their number facts, multiplication and division that their recall and strategies are impressive!

Stacie and Miss Catt have been blown away with how much information the students of 4/5/6 have retained and then explained again in their own words. Students are making connections of current affairs and our history topic, empathic for people of different cultures and communities as well as sharing what they have learnt with those around them.

I could not be more proud of all of the hard work the students of 4/5/6 have completed and I am looking forward to enjoying week 10 with them!



3-6 with Mrs Oyston

Wow!!! Who can believe it's the last week of term 3? This term has flown.

Last week I did get slightly excited by the announcement 3-6 got 'class of the week', for our positive behaviour in the playground...and I won't apologise for the little run I did around the morning assembly.

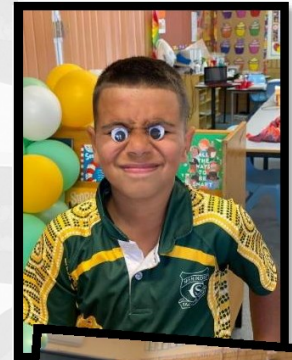
But this has seen us have Teddy join our class. Raiden dressed him up by sharing his hat with him.



Apart from the normal learning last week we managed to squeeze in a bit of fun. We did some craft during the week using recycled



milk containers and turned them into cute little bird houses. Along the way the students amused themselves with the googly eyes we had for resources.



Friday's cooking lesson provided us with delicious chicken and vegetable pies. Raiden delivered some to Mrs Kelly and the office staff with the help of Mrs Clenton's trolley.

Next week we will be making Rocky Road.

Also, on Friday we had sport with Mr Moses playing 'Bin ball' and 'Golden Child' on rotation. Sportsmanship between the Primary kids was lovely to witness.

We look forward to another great week this week.

Enjoy your week everyone, and have a safe and wonderful break.



STAGE 4 NOTICES



HSIE: Polynesian Expansion

Understanding the importance of how song, dance and art connects people to culture.

The Haka, Sa Sa dance. The Hula, Poi Poi dance and Chooky Chooky dance.

Human impact on Natural Resources of the Polynesian Islands will be the focus this week.

TERM 3: We are trying to teach our students **SELF RESPONSIBILITY**. It is **IMPORTANT** that they take ownership of their own equipment and time management. This will help them best prepare for future studies, employment and self care.

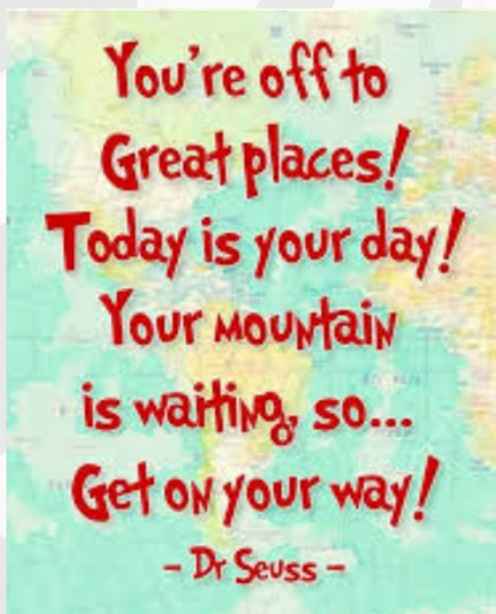
Please support your child by reminding them to be prepared & responsible.

STAGE 5 NOTICES



Mr. Vaughan presented his Literacy pyramids to the class.

These are tools that can help with Improving students writing in all lessons.
Students are keen to give it a go!



Thank you to Mission Australia for the Workshops they have been providing for our Stage 4 Students in Term 3

You have helped build and sustain healthier minds and happier relationships.

We greatly appreciate the pencil case, activity book and materials you generously donated.

It's Exam Time!

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HERE'S A BIG

GOOD

LUCK

WISH

MCS HSC Exam Timetable 2020

Exam	Date	Time	Students
EALD Paper 1	Tuesday October 20 th	9:50 am – 11:30 am	Elisapeta Garthie
EALD Paper 2	Wednesday October 21 st	9:25 am – 10:30 am	Elisapeta Garthie
EALD Listening Paper	Wednesday October 21 st	10:40 am – 11:10 am	Elisapeta Garthie
Music 1 Aural Skills	Wednesday October 21 st	1:55 pm – 3:00 pm	Nicholas
Ancient History	Thursday October 22 nd	9:25 am – 12:30 pm	Nicholas
Aboriginal Studies	Monday November 2 nd	1:55 pm – 5:00 pm	Shianah Richard Pansy Steven
Industrial Technology	Thursday November 5 th	1:55 pm – 3:30 pm	Will Shianah Richard Elisapeta Garthie Steven
Chemistry	Monday November 9 th	9:25 am – 12:30 pm	Nicholas

An information note regarding the HSC examination guidelines will be sent home for parents and students in the next week. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Adam or Kris. Thank you.



HSC Countdown

COUNTING DOWN TO YOUR FUTURE



Menindee Charities - Lucky ball numbers: 3-4-6-79-13 Date: 21/09/20

Jackpot: \$2,710.00 Numbers: 1-14 Winner: Nil

liveBetter
community services

Join us for an information session on the new
Carer Gateway

Presenter: Ms Melody Henderson

When: Monday 28 September 2020

Where: LiveBetter Centre, 2 Paringa Street, Menindee

Time: 10.00am

Please contact Judy on 0418 807 514 if you require assistance with transport or to register your interest.

Numbers will be limited, and strict Social Distancing measures will apply

Joss
Facility Management

RELIABLE CASUAL CLEANERS URGENTLY REQUIRED !!

Joss Facility Management have been providing cleaning services to local Schools and other sites in the MENINDEE area since 2011. We are looking for local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining our progressive Company as a Cleaner.

Joss Facility Management provide staff with a uniform, training and flexible working arrangements, together with above award wages, and provide allowances in addition to the hourly rates paid.

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**There is only one thing
that makes a dream impossible
to achieve: the fear of failure.**

— Paulo Coelho