Shaylah Taufa, Charly Wood, Patrick Fallon, Amelia Washbrook and Beau Hellyer celebrated their Year 12 Graduation with family, friends and school staff at the Memorial Club on Friday 21st November.

It was a wonderful event, celebrating the fantastic achievements of our five HSC graduates. The atmosphere of absolute pride in our graduates from all who attended was obvious. This was returned with a display of immense gratitude and praise for our school and teaching staff.

We were thrilled to be able to acknowledge the achievements of all five students who have all achieved immense success in their school lives and we wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
Friday night was a wonderful event, celebrating the fantastic achievements of our five HSC graduates. Many thanks to all those involved in bringing the night together. Firstly to the Memorial Club, for the use of the facilities and Sharon Abbott for the catering. Special thanks to Mrs Norwood for organising and coordinating the ceremony and Mrs Swan for setting up on the day. To our students who did a marvellous job waiting the tables, Mr Newberry our photographer (official photos to follow next week) and Mrs Mulligan who did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies.

My thanks and congratulations to all students for the cooperation and professional attitude that was shown in last week’s exams. I have already had some very positive feedback from a few teachers regarding results and student progress.

Please remember that our Presentation Day Ceremony is on Tuesday 16th December. All parents and friends of the school community are welcome.

All five students took to the microphone and spoke very well with a couple of speeches bringing tears to our eyes. All students were very well presented with the men in suits and ties and the girls in beautiful cocktail dresses. The night was a very successful finish to a year of hard work and the graduates were a credit to themselves and to our school.
KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS
The Pre-school aged children enjoyed their tour of the school during their fifth Kindergarten Orientation session on Friday. They listened to a story about Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, participated in games and activities and decorated a rock which can be used either as a paper weight or kept as a magic rock!

In Maths we have been practising our backward number word sequencing. Some students can count backwards from ten while many can count backwards from thirty. Some can even count backwards from one hundred!

We were fortunate to have a visit from Kylie, from Centacare, who talked about how important it is to greet others with a smile, have friends, and to help and share with others. We listened to the story of the Rainbow Fish and participated in partner activities.

The students are enjoying Swimming for Sport. We had our second session on Friday 21st November.

As part of our COGs unit the students have been asked to bring in healthy foods for a class picnic this Wednesday 26th November. This will be held in class time. The students suggested lots of different healthy food items that they could bring in such as apples, oranges, strawberries, watermelon, peaches, nectarines, grapes, carrots, celery, etc (preferably cut up) that they could share with others.

L Peter

IMPORTANT DATES!
Tuesday 16th December 2014 - Presentation Day at 10.00am
Wednesday 28th January 2015 - Staff Development Day
Thursday 29th January 2015 - Student’s Start School
Friday 30th January 2015 - Kindergarten Starts School

CAPTAINS’ SPEECHES
Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,
You are invited to attend the Year 5 Captains’ Speeches on Friday 28th November. The speeches will be held during the Primary Assembly which will commence at 2.30pm and will be held in the 4/5/6 classroom. All students have been working hard on their speeches and it will be an important afternoon for our Year 5 students. I look forward to seeing you there.

S Reynolds
YEAR 6 TRANSITION 2014

Year 6 students are experiencing an interesting and educational transition this year, run primarily by Father Robert and he is assisted by me. The first two weeks’ program has involved discussions, games, written work and presentations. The areas explored include:

- what is it like in a Secondary school
- what kinds of adults do we admire
- what kind of adult do we wish to grow into
- goal setting and aspirations
- what ‘maturity’ and ‘being grown up’ means

As you can see from the photographs, the class is a combination of many activities and the students do appear to be enjoying the transition.

Next week is a challenge with marshmallows and some lessons about self discipline. I would like to thank Father Robert for all his hard work in writing the program and running it for our students.

This program continues for another 2 weeks and in Week 9, Year 6 will also spend Wednesday in Secondary for the entire day experiencing many different KLAs.

S Francis
Head Teacher
Teaching and Learning
**TRANSITION**

Last Thursday, Year 3 students visited the 4/5/6 classroom to participate in a Literacy activity. At 12pm Year 6 headed to high school and Year 3 brought their bags, pencils and books to the upstairs room. Students were asked to think about a ladder and to consider where it could take them. They discussed places and characters and wrote a narrative about their adventure.

Year 3 will visit 4/5/6 for one period again on Thursday this week and next week. They will also have a full day transition on Wednesday 3rd December.

S Reynolds

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**SCHOOLBIZ**

**Choosing a book for your child**

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.


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**Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?**

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?


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**SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL**

Last Friday night was a wonderful celebration of the graduation of our five Year 12 students. Beau Hellyer, Shaylah Taufa, Charly Wood, Amelia Washbrook and Patrick Fallon celebrated with family, friends and school staff at the Memorial Club. Many thanks to Mrs Norwood and the Year 9 and 10 students who organised the night. Thank you to Mrs Mulligan for being the Master of Ceremonies and to Sharon Abbott for the catering. Mrs Hollingworth was also responsible for putting the finishing touches to the powerpoint presentation, thank you.

Years 7-10 have completed their yearly examinations and staff are busily working on the yearly reports which will go out to parents later in the term.

J Waters
MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL
PARENTS’ AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION

YOUR P & C NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The P & C is assembling a Christmas Hamper and requires help from all our families to get it started!

A basket has been placed in the School’s Main Office to receive your donations of Christmas hamper appropriate material, such as non-perishable foods - canned foods, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings and anything else you think would be suitable for a Christmas Hamper. This basket will be in place for two weeks, after which all donations will be collected and the P & C will complete the assembly of the MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

The Hamper will then be raffled and the winner announced at our Presentation Day! The P & C will accept all donations with the sincere thanks of all students, staff and parents!

SCHOOLBIZ

Guide to technology tools

The holidays are traditionally the time for the big gifts that kids have been begging for all year. Here’s what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids.


New website gives easy access to vocational courses

Students can explore the range of subsidised courses available to them in 2015 by visiting https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/

The website features an Eligibility Checker and a Course Finder, which enable students to find approved training provider that meets their needs, as well as calculate their estimated fee. It also contains comprehensive information on apprenticeships and traineeships.

For enquiries, students can contact enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.
COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

Pointscore is on each Friday at 4pm at the Mendooran Pool. Membership fees for this season are swimming members $72.00. Membership fees are paid with nsw.swimming.org.au
Any problems with memberships contact Sandra Tudgey on 68863516. All New members are welcome. There will be a $2 sausage sizzle each week after swimming.
Swimming training is on this Tuesday at 3.30pm with Mrs Norwood. Thanks to Mrs Norwood for doing the swimming training for our club.

M Ward
Ph 68861052

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB AGM THIS TUESDAY NIGHT 7:30 PM
AT THE ROYAL HOTEL – PLEASE COME ALONG
Pony Club Christmas Party to be held Saturday 20th December at “Thirlestane”, home of the Turnbull’s, everyone to bring a salad and dessert or nibbles. Please let me know if you are attending.
There is a Zone meeting to be held at Narromine this Saturday if anyone is wanting to attend – please let me know. Coonabarabran Pony Club One Day Event will be held 12th and 13th December bookings through Nominate.com

J Smith
MENDOORAN TOUCH FOOTBALL
Scores from Round 6 - 20.11.14
Royal Hotel Rebels - 8 V Deshon’s Devils - 2
The Crushers - 2 V The Sloths - 1
Touch This—2 V Mulligan’s Maulers - 3
Bye: Regae Sharks
Date to Remember: Saturday 13th December 2014 at 10am
KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION (2 games at least)
Followed by a B-B-Q

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Foster Carers make a difference

Life Without Barriers is seeking compassionate and motivated people who are capable of providing care and support to children and young people.

- Carers can be male or female, single, married, defacto, same sex or a family;
- Carers may come from Aboriginal and multicultural backgrounds;
- Carers will receive support, training and financial reimbursement.

If you are interested in joining our caring team and enhancing a young person’s quality of life, please contact Shayne on:
Ph. (02) 6809 9500 Mob. 0407 062 020 Email. shayne.primmer@lwb.org.au or www.lwb.org.au
# Summer Menu

## HOT FOOD
- Junior Meat Pie $2.00
- Party Pies $0.60
- Small Sausage Roll $0.60
- Large Sausage Roll $2.40
- Pizza Single $2.40
- Chicken Nuggets $0.70
- Homemade Quiche $3.20
- Noodles (Beef/Chicken) $1.50
- Macaroni & Cheese $2.50

## BURGERS
- Hamburger $4.20
- Chicken Burger $4.20
- Cheese Muffin $3.20

(No meat, cheese & sauce only)

## WRAPS
- Chicken Wrap sm $2.40
  lrg $4.30
- Chicken Caesar sm $2.50
  lrg $4.40

## SALADS
- Chicken $5.50
- Ham $5.50
- Quiche & Salad $5.60

## DESSERT
- Jelly $0.50
- Jelly & Fruit $0.50
- Custard $0.50
- Jelly & Custard $0.50
- Trifle $1.00

## SANDWICHES
- Devon $1.20
- Cheese $1.20
- Vegemite $1.20
- Chicken or Ham Salad $3.50
- Toasted EXTRA $0.20

## SNACKS
- Fruit Chews $0.20
- Chips $1.20
- JJ's $1.00
- Popcorn $0.60
- Homemade Biscuits $0.50

## ICE BLOCKS
- Zooper Dooper $0.60
- Animal Pops $0.20
- Shaky Shake $2.00
- Jelly Stick $0.15

## DRINKS
- Water $1.00
- Quench Drink $1.70
- Fruit Juice $1.00
- Choc/Strawberry Milk $1.50
- Large Slushy $1.60
- Small Slushy $1.00

## OTHER
- Sauce EXTRA $0.20
- Brown Bags $0.20
### SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - 2014

**Voluntary Infants/Primary Contributions:** $25.00 per child  
**Voluntary Secondary Contributions:** $50.00 per child  
**Voluntary FAMILY MAXIMUM:** $80.00 (not including electives)

*Both Voluntary contributions and Elective fees may be paid by instalment.*

**COMPULSORY ELECTIVES COST**

**Year 7/8 Electives:**  
- Technology Mandatory: $20.00 (enables students to take work home)

**Year 9/10 Electives:**  
- Industrial Technology: $40.00 first project ($30 per project thereafter)  
- Food Technology: $15.00 **per term** ($60.00 per year)  
- Design & Tech (Textiles): $20.00  
- Art: $25.00  
- Agriculture: $10.00  

**Year 11/12 Electives:**  
- Hospitality: $15 per term ($60.00 per year)  
- D&T Mixed Media: $20  
- Art: $25  
- Agriculture: $10  
- Metals & Engineering: $40 first project (2nd project dependent on cost)

Please tear off the following section and fill in details accordingly to the number of students you have attending Mendooran Central School to calculate the amount owing.

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