**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Last week we hosted 15 neighbouring school principals and their leadership teams as Mr Craig Renneberg, in the position of Principal, School Leadership led a session on the new school planning phase that we are going through, planning for next year. As always I was very proud to host Principals and Teachers from other schools to Mendooran Central School. Again comments saying how beautifully kept our playgrounds and classrooms are as well as how friendly our students were to our hosts and to one another. Thank you to all who helped to host our guests.

**Disco**

Last week a disco was advertised in the Newsletter for this Wednesday evening / night, 5th November. An error in the flyer mistakenly stated that the end of the disco would be **10:30pm** instead; the flyer should have stated that the end of the disco will be **9:30pm**.

**Sun-smart**

Last week I spoke to high school students stating that I would not relent on the school rule stating that students must have their hats on in the summer if they wish to play in the playground strongly urge students to use a broad brimmed hat as caps do not fully protect the wearer from the sun, however in saying this, I insist that students be wearing a hat of some description and utilising the school’s sunscreen or bringing their own if they have allergies or sensitive skin.

**Awards Presentation**

As announced earlier in the year, our awards presentation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 16th December at 10am. All parent, family members and friends of our students are welcome to attend.

**School Photos**

School photos are on this Wednesday 5th November. I remind all families that full summer school uniform is to be worn with no coloured accessories. Please also remember that the sports shirts are not regular school uniform so should not to be worn and only be brought if students are in sports representative photos.

Michael Spora
Principal
KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS
We are using clocks to learn about Time in Maths. The Kindergarten students are learning to recognise o’clock and half hour while Year One are revising o’clock and half hour and learning about a quarter to and a quarter past the hour. Each Friday we are focusing on money. The students are enjoying using the class shop.
In English the Kindergarten students are practising matching the upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet while Year One are locating the correct spelling of words in a dictionary. Year One have been focusing on “ir” words such as skirt, shirt, first, birthday.
In Child Protection we have been learning that we have connections or relationships with people we know and no connections with “strangers.” Students were surprised to find out that strangers don’t necessarily have big, hairy beards, wear red masks, and look like monsters and/or aliens as they had thought but in fact they look just like us! They are strangers because their address, job, personality, family are not known to us.
It is wonderful to see all the students bringing a hat to school each day.
Swimming for Sport commences next week, Friday 14th November. Students need to have their swimmers, towel, hat and sunscreen. Students may also like extra bottles of water as the hot weather increases. Please return your notes to the front office, with money as soon as possible.

L Peter

CLASS 2/3 SCIENCE UNIT
ASSOCIATED WITH THE COGS UNIT “PRODUCTS, SERVICES & SYSTEMS”
Class 2/3 is currently investigating the services and systems involved in the journey of products from “Paddock to Plate”. We will be enjoying a class picnic in Week 8 of this term. Each child will be allocated a particular dish/food to contribute to this picnic. The assessment task is to choose the main ingredients for their food and to follow each of those ingredients from production to our class party. This information will be recorded on a ‘Flow Chart’ to clearly illustrate the services and systems involved in us receiving our foods. This is an individual assignment and will be completed at home, or in the library in the students’ own time.
In Science we have also been looking at some of our body systems and the students are showing keen interest in learning more about how all our body systems combine to produce our highly functioning bodies. By the end of this unit the students will have worked in a small group to produce a project on cardboard explain and illustrating ONE of our vital body systems. This will ALL be done in class and library periods so there is no requirement for them to work on this at home.

G Davis
YEARS 6 TRANSITION
Beginning Week 6, all current Year 6 students will spend an hour every Thursday morning with myself and Father Robert Bowman exploring the ideas associated with learning in the Secondary school including self discipline, aspirations and getting on with one’s peers. The first session will include current Year 7 students.
Additionally, from Week 8 onwards there will be a dedicated lesson for Year 6 students in each of the subjects of English, Maths, Science, PDHPE, History, Food Tech and History so students can experience some of the differences between learning in Primary and Secondary.

Susan Francis
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL
Week 5 and everyone is working steadily!
• A reminder that exams are in Week 7 and reports will be written and sent out soon after.
• School photos are being taken this WEDNESDAY. All students need to be in full summer school uniform (NOT sports uniform).
• Year 10 is currently in the final throes of selecting their electives for Year 11. We are proud to report that every single student will be staying at Mendooran Central School and transitioning into Year 11 for 2015. This is something we have been working towards for many years and in fact was one of our objectives from our school plan. 2015 will see a large and welcome group of students in the Senior school.
• Transition for Year 6 students into Year 7 begins in Week 6.
• The disco on Wednesday night will finish at 9.30 not 10.30 as advertised.
• Thank you to all the students in Secondary who helped with the catering for the Principals’ meeting last week.
• HSC for our students is now completed. We are all waiting anxiously for scholarship outcomes and results.
• And the most exciting news of the week – staff versus students in cricket, Thursday lunch. Keep working and smiling everyone!

Susan Francis
Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning

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SWIMMING FOR SPORT

On Friday Swimming notes were given out. Please complete all sections and return to the office asap. Swimming will start on Friday in Week 6, cost is $15 for 5 weeks. Years 4, 5 and 6 will head down out 11.00am and Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 will go at 12.00pm. Secondary will swim during normal sport time. It is a great opportunity for students to gain lifesaving water skills before the Christmas break.

K Norwood

Thanks to Kerrie Ward & Jessica Pettiford for organising the Halloween Disco. It was done as part of their Event Management in D&T.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are this Wednesday!!!
For those of you who have already sent your orders in, thank you. For those who haven’t, the easiest way is to order online… It’s as easy as 1,2,3,4.

School Photos Are Now Available For Secure Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photo Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [4TW 45K CKE]
Step 2: Enter your student’s details.
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed | Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased using an envelope up until photo day

BORROWED ITEMS

If anyone has any borrowed school items at home, could they please return them as soon as possible as we are currently undertaking a stocktake. Eg. white shirts, ties, jumpers and saddlecloths.
The Mendooran Youth Group was started in August 2013. It has now grown to over 40 registered members and has the support of the entire Mendooran community.

The group is focused on kids aged 12-18 with the idea of community interactions between Police, Youth and community in general. This has a very positive impact in building a rapport with the youth of Mendooran as well as providing them activities they enjoy. It follows on to building relationships between the youth and the wider community and surrounding community members.

It is run by S/Cst Carlton KOPKE on a very casual level and endeavours to organise an activity every fortnight. The group has been fortunate enough to utilise the facilities at the Mendooran Central School who have literally opened their doors to kids allowing the group to use the facility whenever it likes.

In 2013-2014, The youth group has run numerous events, including, ten pin bowling, laser tag and bubble soccer in Dubbo. This is about a 1 hr bus drive and we have been fortunate enough to have the services of a local bus driver to take us in and back, he donates his time and his bus.

Around town the youth group has run numerous sporting events, touch football, soccer, kickball, dodgeball, basketball, as well as movie nights, under 18 discos, water fights and game console nights. At the movie nights dinner is always provided, and usually by way of hotdogs, fish and chips or a bbq.

As a recognised organisation the youth of Mendooran are now also exposed to activities run by council, such as the dodge ball competition in Coonabarabran and the youth action group.

The logo for the youth group was selected from a range of entries in the youth group logo competition. Prizes were awarded to the winners with Shania TAUFFA coming up with the winning design. The top three were formed into a compilation and painted on the wall of the old Mendooran Court house by members of the youth group. This was done as a project for
the Design and Tech class. Mendooran is known as the town of murals so it was a good way for the youth to get involved in the town and contribute to its history.

During national youth week the group participated in a Police Vs Teacher Vs Youth touch football comp. A one day round robin comp held at Mendooran. With the support from the council and community, there were trophies for the best player on each team as well as a perpetual trophy (shield) with 6 plaques where names can be written. Proudly the first name plate says "Police 2014". It was a great day with around 100 community members attending the event and BBQ afterwards.

In August 2014, members from the youth group went into Dubbo and donated blood, another example of the Youth group coming together to give back to the community.

In September 2014, the youth group also held a boat building challenge with the idea of float or sink. Build your own boat from household rubbish and things lying around the yard to see if you can traverse the river.

Also in September 2014, the group held a driver awareness day, focusing on years 10-12 with the aim to promote safer driving by young people through education and experience. This was run as a school excursion with presentations from the Mendooran VRA, Police, Council, serious crash survivors and former traffic offenders. With practical demonstrations from the VRA cutting open a car and the use of beer goggles. It was a great day and the kids learned a lot.

In October 2014 the group hosted a grandparent’s morning tea. The idea is to recognise the contributions played by the elderly in our community. It is a way the Youth group is trying to give back to the Mendooran community for the support it has received. Around 80 people attended and it was well supported by the Mendooran Central School, The Mendooran CWA and the Mendooran VRA.

As the group grows it gathers more and more community support. There is a Facebook page called 'Mendooran Youth Group' which keeps everyone updated with upcoming events and has many more photos from past activities.

The Mendooran Youth Group has become a well respected and strongly supported organisation in the Mendooran Community and we look forward to its growth and further support in the coming years.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the support shown by the community, other organisations and in particular the kids of Mendooran for making the Youth Group possible. It can be hard work but the rewards are worth the effort.

Senior Constable Carlton KOPKE, Mendooran Police
Primary and High school

What is a homonym?
Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

Primary school

Sun safety
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Digital citizenship
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.
Here are some tips to get you started:

High school

Smart travelling
Is your child heading overseas after finishing their HSC? Suggest they consult safety advice on the Australian Government’s Smart Traveller website before they go.

Community languages
Do you speak a language at home other than English? Would you like your child to learn that language or improve their skills? Saturday School of Community Languages enrolments for 2015 are now open.
Find out more: http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol
COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN TOUCH FOOTBALL
Scores from Round 3 - 30.10.14

Royal Hotel Rebels - 10 V Touch This - 2
The Crushers -2 V Mulligans Maulers - 3
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Bye: The Sloths

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SWIMMING CLUB NEWS
Point score started last Friday. It was great to see all members swimming and having a fun time. Pointscore is on every Friday at 4pm at the Mendooran Pool. Membership fees for this season are swimming members $72.00. Membership fees are paid through 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 will be on each Tuesday at 3.30pm starting this week with Mrs Norwood. Thanks to Mrs Norwood for doing the swimming training for our club.
Michelle Ward ph 68861052
Halloween Disco

When: Wednesday 5th November
Time: Primary - 5-7pm
Secondary - 7pm to 9:30pm
Where: Mendooran RSL
Cost: $2 per student
Who: All students of Mendooran Central School

Drinks available on the night - $2
Come dressed in your best Halloween costume!!

Hope to see you there!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
## 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

(Meat, cheese & sauce only)

### Wraps
- Chicken Wrap sm $2.40
  lrg $4.30
- Chicken Caesar sm $2.50
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### 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)

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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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### COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES

**Year 7/8 Electives:** Technology Mandatory $20.00

**Year 9/10 Electives:**
- Industrial Technology $40.00
- Food Technology $60.00
- Design & Tech (Textiles) $20.00
- Art $25.00
- Agriculture $10.00

**Year 11/12 Electives:**
- Hospitality $60.00
- D&T Mixed Media $20.00
- Art $25.00
- Agriculture $10.00
- Metals & Engineering $40.00

### TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES $__________

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE $__________