Last week Mr Newberry took 12 Year 9 & 10 students to the Science & Engineering Challenge in Dubbo. He was extremely impressed with how our students represented the school. “They conducted themselves with maturity and were a credit to our school, so well done! You should be proud of your achievements”. An enormous thank you to Sharryn Gray, Sonia Sladden and Michelle Ward for helping him transport the students into Dubbo. Without these ladies the event wouldn’t have gone ahead so thanks for all your help!
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Grandparents’ Day
Our Grandparents’ Day will be next Wednesday 26th March. We invite and would love to see all grandparents, family members and special family friends come along to see your children at school. We will be starting with morning tea together at 10:50am, class presentations under the COLA and then classes will be open for families to visit. This has been a wonderful event in the past as students love to share their school experiences with you, their grandparents and families so if possible, please come along.

Primary Winter Sport Trials
Notes have been sent home for winter sports trials this Friday in Coonabarabran. We will again be requesting for parent volunteers to transport children. If you are able to support the school in this way could you please indicate on the note to Mrs Norwood. Notes need to be returned tomorrow.

Science and Engineering Challenge
Last Thursday Mr Newberry arranged for our Year 9 & 10 students to attend the Orana Science and Engineering Challenge in Dubbo. This is a wonderful experience for students as they are put in an unfamiliar environment and made to both think for themselves and work as a team to create solutions to a number of problems. Again thank you to the parents who assisted with transport to this event.

University Road Show
This Thursday, some of our senior students will be attending a University Road Show in Dubbo. With the increasing trend of a higher proportion of our students completing the HSC and choosing to attend university upon leaving school, we have made a concerted effort to make sure that this is not only achievable for these students, but to also ensure that they succeed when they do get the opportunity. This is one of a number of initiatives that we have undertaken to support our senior students to achieve in their post school destinations and I thank the secondary school staff for their initiative.

Michael Spora
Principal
**KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS**

Most students are returning their home readers regularly each week. Students are able to bring their note folder, home reader, lunch orders (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) and Library books into the classroom as soon as they arrive at school and place them on their desks.

Kindergarten students have been learning the Jolly Phonic sounds oa, ie, ee/or and z while Year 1 have been learning ‘ar’ words in Spelling such as arm, farmyard. We are building up a caterpillar of tricky words for the students to remember such as the, he, she, was, are, all, etc.

In Grammar, Year 1 have been developing their knowledge about the alphabet. They have been writing the capitals and which letters come before and after.

In Maths, Kindergarten have been revising and counting the numbers 1 to 10 while matching 1 to 1 with objects while Year 1 have been focusing on sharing groups of items equally in multiplication. The students were very interested when Mrs Hobbs showed them a picture of how, as a school student, she travelled to a sports excursion at Coolah in the back of an open truck with a crate on the back. If anyone has any similar stories we would be very interested to hear them as we have been discussing stories from our past and how life was different from what it is like now.

In Personal Development we have been learning about the Stop! Think! Do! process to use when solving problems. In the STOP stage students look, listen, identify and express feelings. In the THINK stage students generate solutions and evaluate consequences and in the DO stage students choose the solution and initiate action.

L Peter

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**WIN BINS**: Stephen Eyles, Anna Ward, Connor Hughes-Tincknell, Malcolm Hellyer.

**BIRTHDAYS**: Airlie Smith, Mrs Hobbs, Ella Hartley.

**MERIT AWARDS**

**K/1**: Nicholas Sweeney, William Duce

**2/3/4**: Breea Campbell, Riley McLeod

**4/5/6**: Casey Adams, Jacinta Averillo

**CLASS AWARD RIBBONS**

**K/1**: Harry Beer

**2/3/4**: Shellby Adams

**4/5/6**: Noah Harris

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**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**

Parents, Carers and Grandparents are invited to join us on Wednesday 26th March for a special Morning Tea to help us celebrate Grandparents’ Day at Mendooran Central School. At 10.30am we will have some very entertaining class presentations, followed by morning tea together under the Pepper Trees. All guests are then invited to visit the classrooms and mingle with their grandchildren. We are all looking forward to celebrating Grandparents’ Day!
REGIONAL SWIMMING RESULTS

On Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} March, Ella Hartley travelled to Armidale to compete in the 50m sprint. Ella swam a personal best of 50.12 seconds and placed 17\textsuperscript{th} out of 26 students. The winner swam 41.93 seconds which shows just how close the race was. Well done Ella, you should be so proud of your efforts again this year.

On Tuesday Kerrie Ward travelled to Armidale to compete in the 50m sprint. Kerrie won her heat and came 6\textsuperscript{th} in the final. Congratulations Kerrie!

K Norwood

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

A Blue Light Disco will be held in Coonabarabran on Friday 11th April. It is a fully supervised event with free entry and free buses running from each town. Further information, including permission forms, can be found at www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au

Information on the Young Snappers Photo Competition is also included in this publication. All students are most welcome to attend.

Both of these events are part of National Youth Week celebrations in our district.

Shelley Piper
Youth Development Officer
Warrumbungle Shire Council

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Congratulations to Kerrie Ward for her very successful participation at the North West Regional swimming Trials in Armidale last week. Kerrie came 1\textsuperscript{st} in her heat and 6\textsuperscript{th} overall in the 50 metres freestyle event. This is an incredible achievement especially considering our pool is 25 metres in length and her access to 50 metres pools has been limited.

Our Year 12 students will be attending the University Roadshow at Dubbo Senior Campus this Thursday. Miss Yeo will be supervising the students as I will be away for the latter part of the week. Following the Roadshow the students and I plan to attend the UNE Open day in early May.

The University of NSW will be evaluating the “Aspire” program, visiting the school tomorrow to interview staff about the effectiveness of the program and it’s impact on our students. Several staff have also completed an online survey as well. The school greatly appreciates the significant contribution that the program has provided our school and most importantly our students.

J Waters
MAJOR EXCURSION NEWS
Planning is well underway for our major excursion to SYDNEY this year, with a whole host of amazing activities planned for the week. We’re in the final stages of finishing the itinerary so that not a moment will be wasted during the week. Permission notes will be going out towards the end of term for you all to fill in and bring back. So get ready students because it’s going to be an action packed week in the capital.

T Newberry

PHOTOCLUB NEWS
Last week’s theme was glass, and there were some interesting shots. Glass is really tricky to shoot, and you get some interesting reflections and shadows. It’s fiddly getting a good focus so well done those who nailed it. This week is students choice so it can be anything they desire. See you all on Tuesday.

T Newberry

NEWS FROM THE LAB
This week’s amazing facts are about the biggest animal that has ever lived on the planet… The blue whale. Their tongues can weigh as much as an elephant, a baby blue whale weighs 27 tonnes and is 8 meters long, an adult blue whale is over 30 meters long and weighs over 200 tonnes and a single adult can consume up to 36 tonnes of krill a day.

T Newberry

Year 9 & 10 boys engrossed in their reading!
2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools offered in the key subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing, which enables schools to identify students’ levels of academic performance and also offers recognition and reward for school students. Schools receive comprehensive hard-copy and online reports on their students’ performances in each subject. Each participating student also receives individual diagnostic reports in both hard-copy and online, as well as a certificate to recognise their achievement. More information on the benefits of ICAS is available at: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about

HELPING YOUR STUDENTS PREPARE FOR ICAS

Go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation for resources to help students prepare for ICAS, including:

- Hints and tips
- Past papers for purchase
- Sample questions, both online and for download
- Practice Online - English, Maths and Science.

PRACTICE ONLINE

Practice Online is a series of interactive online tests designed to help students prepare for ICAS and other skill based assessments. It is currently available for English, Maths and Science. Each time a student takes a test they receive a comprehensive individual report detailing their results both overall and by area assessed. Their performance is also compared to students who have previously done the tests.

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MENDOORAN YOUTH GROUP - WHAT’S NEXT?

20/3/14 – Key Day. Reckon you are the basketball key champion? The Youth Group is holding a key competition to see who does own the basketball key. There will also be ‘make your own pizza’. Fill your pizza up with your favourite toppings and cook it up for a personalised dinner for one. Cost for this one is $5. You get all the stuff for pizza as well as two cans of drink. Might want to bring some extra water if you think you will win at the basketball key contest.

6/4/14 – To try and keep prices down we need to do some more fund raising. So while it is still warm we are doing another car wash. So tell your parents to bring their cars, buses, trucks and bikes to get them all scrubbed up clean. Prices start from $10.

9/4/14 – Police vs Youth vs Teachers touch football. Be at the ovals in Brambil St for the games, starting at 5.30pm. Council is providing some drinks and BBQ for all in attendance. 15 min halves with 5 min half time break.
1st Game (5:30pm) – Teachers vs Youth
2nd Game (6:15pm) – Police vs Youth
3rd Game (7pm) – Police vs Teachers

As always, if you would like to know more, contact Senior Constable Carlton Kopke at the Mendooran Police station. Ph: 68861110 or kopk1car@police.nsw.gov.au

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS

We had a really good Rally Day yesterday with four new riders attending. It was excellent to see Bella and Brianna, Harry and Rory and their ponies and horses. Kerrie, Anna, Belle, Gina, Emma, Sam, Keira and Sophie all had fun riding in the rain and sheltering from the thunder and lightning as they practised events for the show. Matilda, Toby, Xanthia and Airlie all had a great time running around with Pip Squeek.
I will send out forms for pony camp this week, please can all adults make sure that they have completed their working with children check.
This weekend is Dunedoo Gymkhana and Trangie Regional School – everyone attending those events have a great time and lots of fun.

J Smith
**SNOW FLAKE**

I am warming up my rope...
The bushwhacked crew are standing all around me. I look right.
Dad runs up a big yellow bull with big cocked up horns! There!

I run my hand into the rope. Camera men are all around me!
‘Maso’ pulls my rope…
He screams, “Come on bud!”.
I nod my head!
Dad cracks the Shute gate.

I have never felt a bull kick so hard underneath me…I turn to the right.
I push forward!
Back to the left!
Put in a hard kick!

I feel neat…

I meet the next kick perfectly.
Then I push forward.
Maso’ grabs its horn and pulls it to the right.
I pull my ‘raps’ and leap off…
High fiving Maso’ and walking back to the shute.
Dad says, “Good job”.
I say, “Run another one up!”

Toby Adams
Year 8

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**HORSE SPORTS CALENDAR**

Quirindi Pony Club - Combined Training, Dressage and Showjumping Day.
March 29th 2014.

Mudgee Pony Club - Jumping Equitation Competition.
5th April 2014 to be held at Mudgee Showground.

Currabubula Pony Club Blanch Trophy Day - Sunday 18th April 2013.

Narrabri West Public School Horse Sports Day - Friday 13th June 2014.
Narrabri Pony Club Show Riding Gymkhana - Saturday 14th June 2014.

Zone 5 Pony Club Association - Calendar of Events for 2014
Zone 6 Pony Club Association - Calendar of Events for 2014

Please put these events in your calendar, programs are available at the front office.

D McCormack
MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

The **Presentation for Pointscore** will be on this Friday 21st March at 4.00pm at the pool. Hope to see everyone there. There will be a free sausage sizzle.

Michelle Ward
Ph: 68861052

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WANTING TO GET BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE?
(Flexible days and hours)
WANTING TO WORK FROM HOME?
LOOKING FOR A REWARDING CAREER,
OR FOR A CAREER CHANGE?
WHAT ABOUT A CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

Family Day Care Educators are needed in your area!

Castlereagh Family Day Care is looking for caring, enthusiastic, healthy and reliable people who are passionate about working with children and families. All you need is a warm and secure family focused environment, a desire to succeed and a Certificate III in Children’s Services or the motivation to study this qualification.

Did you know FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS run their own business from their home, and are self-employed?
You can choose your own days and hours you would like to operate!
For further information please contact Castlereagh Family Day Care on 02 6849 2222.

Castlereagh Family Day Care will support you all the way and also provide you with numerous training opportunities!
ENTRY FORM

There are three easy ways to enter:

1. Email your photo to Shelley.Piper@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au
2. Post your photo on the Facebook Page (Youth in the Warrumbungles)
3. Share your photo on Instagram, be sure to label it with the #snappedwarrumbungles hashtag

A response should be received within two days of sharing your photo. If not please contact the Youth Development Officer as your photo may not have been received.

Don't forget that the theme of the competition is 'Our Voice. Our Impact'.

After you have submitted your photo/s please also complete and return this Entry Form.

Entrants Name: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ______________________
Contact Email: ____________________________ Contact Phone: __________________

Conditions of Entry:

1. Photos must be taken by the entrant named.
2. Entrant must be between 12 and 25 years as of 1st April 2014 & reside within the Warrumbungle Shire.
3. There is no limit to the number of photos that can be entered.
4. All photos submitted must be accompanied by a signed Permission Form.
5. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place. Judges decision is final.
6. By submitting a photo/s in this competition it is agreed that:
   a) The Warrumbungle Shire has the right to reproduce the photo (or any part of it) for use in any media format including but not limited to promotions, advertisements, brochures, posters and websites.
   b) The Warrumbungle Shire has the right to keep a copy of the photo on file for future use
   c) Any subjects in the photo grant permission for the Warrumbungle Shire to use, reproduce and communicate the photo they are in for the purposes mentioned above.
7. The Facebook/Instagram administrator reserves the right to remove any photos that are he/she deems inappropriate.
8. Entries must be received by 4:30pm on 11th April, 2014. Winners will be announced on 18th April, 2014.

Permission

If entrant is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must complete this section:

I ........................................................................................................................................................................... have read and agree to the Conditions of Entry for this competition.

Signature: ................................................................................................................................. Date: ..................

Please return this form to:
Email Shelley.Piper@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au Fax: (02) 6377 1486
Post: Youth Development Officer, Warrumbungle Shire Council, PO Box 120, Coolah NSW 2843

If you need additional information please contact Shelley Piper Youth Development Officer - 1300 795 099.
Free
BLUE LIGHT
DISCO
Friday 11th April 2014
6:30-9pm @ Coona Youth Club
BUSES RUNNING FROM ALL TOWNS!
12-18YRS • NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS
POLICE SUPERVISION • NO PASSOUTS
A NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK INITIATIVE BY:

Permission Forms at www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au > Community > Youth
Contact: Warrumbungle Shire Council Youth Development Officer 1300795099
SECTION O CHILDREN’S SECTION (OPEN)

Stewards: Alison MARTIN (68861348) and Marion McKECHNIE

Entry in this Section is Free  Prizes:  1st $2.00, 2nd .50c

Children’s Section kindly sponsored by
Mendooran Newsagency, Mrs B McGirr, Mrs J Lloyd,
Ms W Hill, and Mrs B Monk.

Handicrafts 8 Years and Under
1. Article from natural or synthetic fibre
2. Article from metals, plastic, leather or wood
3. Novelty article from recycled materials - farming theme
4. Article from clay plasticine or play dough
5. Article made from Lego - farming theme
6. Article made from Meccano

Handicrafts 12 Years and Under
7. Article from natural or synthetic fibre
8. Article from metal, plastic, leather or wood
9. Novelty article from recycled materials - farming theme
10. Article from clay plasticine or play dough
11. Beading
12. Jewellery
13. Article from Lego
14. Article from Meccano

Handicrafts 16 Years and Under
15. Article from natural or synthetic fibre
16. Article from metal, plastic or wood
17. Novelty article from recycled materials
18. Article from clay plasticine or play dough
19. Handmade Greeting Card
20. Beading
21. Jewellery
22. An article of scrapbooking (one page)
23. Article made from Lego - farming theme
24. Article made from Meccano

Floral 8 Years and Under
25. Low arrangement in sand saucer, Farming theme
26. Arrangement in egg cup

Floral 12 Years and Under
27. Low arrangement in sand saucer, Farming theme
28. Arrangement in egg cup
SECTION Q - CHILDREN’S SECTION - Continued

Cooking 8 Years and Under

29. Honey Joys
30. Pikelets
31. Five decorated arrowroot biscuits
32. 3 decorated cup cakes (not muffins)

Cooking 12 Years and Under

33. Novelty Cake, theme of Farming
34. Six Biscuits
35. 3 decorated cup cakes (not muffins)

Cooking 16 Years and Under

36. Novelty/birthday cake, theme of Farming
37. Six cup cakes, iced (cake mix allowed)
38. Six pieces of slice to be judged on quality

ART Work

All art must be mounted with cord attached ready for hanging

8 Years and Under

39. Painting any medium, theme Farming
40. Creative veggie creature from any produce
41. Decorated Grass Head

12 Years and Under

42. Painting any medium, theme Farming

All entries in handicraft and art sections to have been worked within the last 12 months

CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OPEN

43. Best Collage, plasticine or play dough figure
44. Best Painting
45. Vegetable Creature
46. Best Lego item - Farming theme
47. Best Meccano item
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 instalments.

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.

FAMILY NAME: .................................................................

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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 $ .....................