SECONDARY ARTISTS!

Thank you to all the creative secondary students who are seen here producing a beautiful skirt for the eastern side of the pavilion. The Preschool created the western skirt for our Pavilion in 2011 and what a thrill to have both sides complimenting all the wonderful exhibits we receive each year. The school students are busy this week putting together the school display for the upcoming Mendooran Show on Saturday 29th March which can be viewed in the Main Pavilion.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Grandparents’ Day
Grandparents’ Day is this Wednesday. We would love to see as many grandparents, parents, and friends and family members here as possible, so yes even though it is Grandparents’ Day, everyone is invited. The morning will commence at 10.30am with presentations from classes and individual students under the COLA followed by a morning tea in the Library. Everyone is welcome to visit their student’s classroom after morning tea.

Student behaviour
With three weeks remaining in what has been one of the best starts to a school year that I have seen, I urge all students to focus on keeping our standards up. It is important that all classrooms are focussed on the topic that the teacher has planned. As a school we also pride ourselves on the way that everyone is respected and treated with respect. It is important that this always remains the only way that we act and treat one another.

University Road Show
Last week our senior students attended a University Road Show in Dubbo. By all reports this was very successful, helping students to navigate and prepare for their time after school. I commend all students for taking on this opportunity with such a mature attitude.

Mendooran Show
All classes are busily preparing samples of student work for the Show this Saturday. Please remember to visit the main pavilion to see the great work that our students have proudly presented.

Michael Spora
Principal

P & C NEWS - AGM

The AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd April at 3.30pm in the school library. All positions will be declared vacant and we are hoping to attract a new Secretary and Treasurer. Everyone is welcome to attend and we are hoping to see some new faces.

R Scriberras

Calendar

Mon 24.3.14
Netball/Soccer/Rugby League Trials
Gunnedah cancelled due to wet weather.
Replacement date TBA.

Wed 26.3.14
Grandparents’ Day
10.30am

Week 10
Tue 1.4.14
Immunisation Clinic
Year 7 girls/boys
Year 9 boys

Fri 11.4.14
Anzac Day
Ceremony 10.00am
Primary Easter Hat
Parade 2.00pm

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KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS
The students have been busy getting items ready for both “Grandparents’ Day” which will be held this Wednesday 26th March and for the Mendooran Show which will be held on Saturday 29th March. Also coming up in Week 11 we have Parent/Teacher interviews, the Easter Hat Parade and our school Anzac Day service.

The students in Year 1 have been looking at the features of Australian animals such as what it looks like, where it lives, what it likes to eat, how it moves, what its young looks like and how it protects itself, while Kindergarten have been discussing what plants need in order to grow. We have also been making our own story books which we will share with our fellow students when completed then take home to share with our families at the end of term.

L Peter

PRIMARY NEWS
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th April. If you would like to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher please contact the school office to make an appointment between 3:30pm and 5:00pm on that day.

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat parade will be held on Friday 11th April at approximately 2.00pm. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come and join us while we sing some Easter songs and parade our Easter hats. We also hope to have a visit from a very special bunny!

L Peter

YEARS 2/3 NEWS
2/3 have had a very busy week! In COGS we have continued looking at our local environment and have been discussing the features of natural and built environments.
In Maths we have been focusing on the relationship between multiplication and division and how we can use one to solve the other.
We have been writing some fantastic persuasive texts this week. We are looking forward to having our grandparents visit this Wednesday and the show this weekend!

R Freeth
Students are working on a research task in computers. They will present a power point presentation reporting on an Australian Native animal, describing the animals’ special adaptations and the environment it lives in. Students will have time in class to work on their task and will present it in Week 11.

This week in Modelled reading students will be discussing the main themes of the text “Blue back” by Tim Winton and writing a book report. I would like to thank all the students who have been working hard on their narratives at home and I can see that students are improving with structure, punctuation and vocabulary. We are now working on persuasive texts in class. Last week students wrote about why wide brimmed hats were better than caps. This week we will continue to work on the structure and language used in a persuasive text while considering the information we have read about and collected about animals in cages.

S Reynolds

Morrison’s Eye Care will be visiting our school in Term 2. If you would like your child/children to have their eyes checked please fill out a permission note and return to school. Morrisons Eye Care will do a preliminary eye test to assess students’ sight here at school and if future testing is needed they will organise an appointment for you in Dubbo. It is important for parents to be present where possible.

S Reynolds

Horse Sports Calendar

Curraububula Pony Club Blanch Trophy Day - Sunday 18th April 2014.
Narrabri West Public School Horse Sports Day - Friday 13th June 2014.
Narrabri Pony Club Show Riding Gymkhana - Saturday 14th June 2014.
Please put these events in your calendar, programs are available at the front office.

D McCormack
SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL
Our Year 12 students attended the University Roadshow last Thursday with Miss Yeo. They gained valuable information in regard to study at The University of New England, Charles Sturt University and Southern Cross University. This will be followed up with attendance at the University of New England Open Day on May 2nd.
Our Year 11 Hospitality students will be assisting in catering for the Grandparents’ Day this Wednesday. We cordially invite Grandparents and family to join us at 10.30 for performances and morning tea.
Due to today’s rain, the North West Winter Trials have been called off. When we are informed of the rescheduled date we will let participants know.

J Waters

GRAMMER GREMLIN
Have you heard people say …

I ain’t done it
I never done it
I didn’t done it

Well I have but how easy is it to say this correctly …

I haven’t done it
I didn’t do it
I have never done it
Yeah! Heaps better!!!

G Gremlin

THE BOTTLE
We arrived at the beach. I raced out of the car and headed into the water and along the way I found a bottle.
It was half buried under the red hot sand therefore I was tempted to break the bottle. I grabbed the bottle and smashed it on the closest rock to me. I avoided the sharp glass to grab the letter.
But I could not stand on the hot sand any longer. I sat the letter near my towel and headed into the cool water.
The pelican flew over the top of my head then dad shouted, “come on its time to go, we are going to Uncle Bob’s house”.

I dashed up to the car and almost forgot the letter. Scuttling back down I grabbed it, then we were on our way back to Bob’s house.
We arrived! I jumped out of the car and headed into the room and unfolded the letter. It said:

Please help !!

I am 45 and I’m the only survivor.
I crashed in the Pacific Ocean and I’m on a raft. I have only one flare left …
so if you find this letter PLEASE HELP!!!!

SOS!!

Liam Haron
Year 8
NEWS FROM THE LAB

This week I’ll let the pictures speak for themselves. Years 9 & 10 not only ran a lesson by themselves, they also constructed a complex wave generator using skewers and jelly beans. Needless to say none of the jelly beans survived the experiment.

T Newberry
PHOTOCLUB NEWS
This week the theme was “students choice” allowing the photoclubbers to pick anything they wished to snap. There were some interesting shots but Ella Hartley produced two magnificent landscape photos that were quite breathtaking. JUST REMEMBER that the day for photoclub has changed to Friday lunchtime, however you can all upload your photos to the file any day of the week. Happy Snapping!

Mr Newberry

COMMUNITY NEWS
MENDOORAN PONY CLUB
On Saturday we had 4 Mendooran riders, Lillie, Sophie, Emma B and Georgia, riding at Dunedoo Gymkhana. All had a great day, receiving many ribbons.
On Saturday and Sunday Sam, Kerrie, Gina and Anna went to the Regional Show Jumping School at Trangie where they learnt a lot and it was a great relaxing weekend. Sorry I did not send out the pony camp forms last week but will get them out this week.
Good luck to everyone who is competing at the Mendooran Show this weekend.

J Smith
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

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THE BUSH FAMILY REUNION

The Bush family reunion will be held this Easter with a lunch on Easter Saturday, 19th April at 12.30pm. Bookings by 11th April to Bev Bush 68861247 or email bevbush_2000@yahoo.com

B Bush

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis Coaching will commence this Wednesday 26th March at the town Tennis Courts.

Time: 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Enquiries: Mr Pat Dries

68861224

P Dries
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
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Morrison’s Family Eyecare will be visiting Mendooran Central School on Thursday 22nd May to perform preliminary eye examination tests for the students.

If you think that your child might have an eye problem, please book them in at the school office. Signs and symptoms of any eye problems include blurry vision, squinting, constant eye rubbing and tired eyes when reading.

On the day we will need:
- Any current spectacles that your child is wearing
- Completed Medicare Authority Slip (below)

This testing is only a preliminary eye examination. If it is found that your child is having any visual problems it may be recommended that an additional appointment be made for further testing at our practice. This is located at 81 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo.

If you have any questions please contact us on (02) 6882 6633.

Warm regards,

Joshua Williams
B.Optom HONS UNSW
OPTOMETRICIST
Morrison’s Family Eyecare Centre

Medicare Card Number: ____________________________
Reference Number: ___ Expiry: ___

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Child’s date of birth: ________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________ Signature: __________________

Contact Phone Number(s): ________________________________________________

Notes from Parents/Guardians:
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.*

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