ANZAC DAY AT MENDOORAN CENETAPPH

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Welcome back, I trust that everyone has had a relaxing break after what was a very successful term and start to the year. There is a great deal planned for Term Two and I look forward to the same level of participation and success.

**ANZAC Day**
My thanks and congratulations to those students who turned up to march for the school and rode for the Pony Club on ANZAC Day. I was extremely impressed and proud of everyone. I would also like to thank all the businesses, organisations and individual families who laid books for the school in lieu of a wreath at the Ceremony. These are wonderful donations to the school for the future education of our students and we are very grateful.

Thank you also to all who made our school ANZAC Day service on the last day of term such a wonderful event. To all of our ex-servicemen who attended, your mere presence makes the day significant and important. Thank you to Fr Robert Bowman for again presenting such a meaningful address and to our catafalque party for your professional display. Again this was a wonderful school and community event that made me very proud. My thanks to everyone who participated.

**University Open Day**
This Friday, our Year 12 students will be attending an open day at the University of New England. This is a great opportunity for our students to find out valuable information regarding university courses and expectations of university education.

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**IMPORTANT DATES!!!**

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**Michael Spora**
Principal

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**Calendar**

**Thur 1.5.14 & Fri 2.5.14**
Year 12 UNE Open Day Armidale

**Wed 7.5.14**
ICAS Science Closing date
Tertiary Information Day - Year 12

**Week 3**
NAPLAN
Welcome back to Term 2! We look forward to a very busy but productive term as we only have 9 weeks!

Thank you to all students who participated in our local town ANZAC Day March. We were very proud of the effort you all put in.

Our COGs (Connected Outcomes Groups) unit for this term will focus on Local Places. This unit explores our relationship with natural, built and heritage environments in our local area, considering how we interact, and modify, our local environment.

In Maths we are identifying and naming two-dimensional shapes such as triangles, rectangles, circles and squares for Kindergarten and in Year One hexagon, pentagon, octagon, rhombus and trapezium. We will also revise lines, such as parallel, vertical and horizontal, in our environment.

As part of our Social Skills program, we will be responding to different scenarios to work out the COOL (polite but firm) way to behave and deal with problem situations which may arise.

The Kindergarten students have been invited to attend a performance at the Pre-school on Thursday, 15th May at 11am. The cost of the show will be $5.00 each. The students will walk down with me on the day. A permission note will go home shortly. Year One will remain at school and have lessons as normal.

L Peter

YEARS 2/3 NEWS
Welcome back to Term 2! We have a very short term of only 9 weeks which is sure to fly by. We will be focusing on the theme Our Fleeting Past in COGs. We will continue to have Mrs Davis working with us in both HSIE and Science. Tomorrow we will have a visit from Mr Langes who will continue to work with us in Maths, in particular focusing on Time.

R Freeth
YEARS 4/5/6 NEWS

Homework: This term I have provided a homework task sheet that outlines the tasks students need to complete for homework each week. I will be recording students who complete tasks each Friday morning. Daily reading at home of at least 20 to 30 minutes each day is recommended. Start reading early and be ready for the week six homework task.

Science: Students will be working with Mr Newberry and Miss Yeo this term, in the Science lab, investigating Physical Phenomena. Students will be investigating electricity and how it is conducted, the operation of lifting devices and alternate power sources to move models. This is a huge privilege and students will need to show they can listen to and follow instructions.

Text studies: “The Lost Thing” by Shaun Tan is the visual text we will study this term. This is a picture book but we will be viewing the motion picture via You Tube. Students will be using comprehension skills to identify the meaning of the text and the techniques the author uses to present his message. This is a powerful text and I encourage you to view and discuss it at home.

Writing: We will continue to practice our persuasive writing techniques this term while also including explicit teaching of procedures and report writing. Students will be asked to present a 2 minute oral report to the class in Week 9. I will provide a support sheet for parents that outline text structure and important features.

HSIE: Students will be exploring the impact of British colonisation and how it has shaped Australia. They will study the British colonisation of Australia and its effects on the British settlers, Convicts and Aboriginal people, use an inquiry process to identify changes that have occurred as a result of British colonisation and develop values and attitudes associated with social justice, and democratic processes.

Personal Development: Year 5 and 6 students will continue to participate in outdoor activities with Mr Neal on Thursdays and I will be implementing a program called “SenseAbility” developed by Griffith University to promote positive social skills and self awareness.

Last term: Students completed a power point presentation on an Australian Native Animal. Students were given a marking rubric at the beginning of the task and six lessons in the computer room. Power points were viewed at the end of Term 1. I have completed the marking rubrics and will return to students this week.

Miss Yeo will be working with students on Thursdays and support me in class for three Mathematics lessons. This term Miss Yeo will also work with me during writing to provide more support to students. Miss Yeo and Mr Newberry will take students in the Science lab on Thursdays and Mrs Davis will be working with students on Creative Arts, Grammar and Library, and support during Mathematics also. Mr Langes will be visiting throughout the term.

It is shaping up to be a very busy term. Students need to be focused and ready for learning.

S Reynolds

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Mon 28.4.14: | Closed |
| Tue 29.4.14: | Closed |
| Wed 30.4.14: | S Abbott |
| Thu 1.5.14:  | Closed  |
| Fri 2.5.14:  | S Abbott |
| Mon 5.5.14:  | S Abbott |
| Tue 6.5.14:  | Closed  |
| Wed 7.5.14:  | S Abbott |
| Thu 8.5.14:  | Closed  |
| Fri 9.5.14:  | S Abbott |
**SCHOOLBIZ**

**Managing Screen-time**
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: [http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk](http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk)

**Books to Boost Brains**
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: [http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0](http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0)

**SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL**
Welcome back to Term 2!
This Thursday three Year 12 students and myself will be attending the University of New England Open day in Armidale. We will be travelling from Coolah with Coolah and Dunedoo students on Thursday and returning Friday. This excursion is funded by the University and provides the students with first-hand knowledge and experience of University life and the courses offered.
Wednesday of next week, Senior students have the opportunity to attend the Tertiary Information day at Dubbo Senior Campus. This will showcase various further education providers to the students and allow them to speak to representatives from these institutions and allow for more informed decision making as to their post school options.
Year 11 have been invited to participate in the “Step up” University of New south Wales in early June.
NAPLAN will be held in Week 3. Details will follow in later newsletters. Year 11 examinations will be held in Week 5 and Years 7-10 in Week 6 this term. Year 10 students have the opportunity to complete work experience in Week 8 (16th-20th June).

J Waters

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
**MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS**
Thank you to everyone who attended our camp – it was fantastic to have so many happy riders doing all the great camp activities. A big thank you to all the parents who helped – without your help camp would not be able to run. Thank you especially to Miriam who organised all the instructors and our time table and the making of the brow bands – we did look outstanding in the ANZAC March. A big thank you to the parents who offered to help with camp mum and dad duties – without you the children would not be able to sleep in the pavilion and enjoy that fun side of camp. Thank you especially to Louise who was camp mum every night after working hard all day with the troops. Michelle once again organised beautiful food for us and thank you to Bev and John Woodlock who always help so much.
We will be busy again this weekend with our two days of showjumping and will need help from all parents again so that the weekend runs smoothly. We will need cakes and slices for the canteen . Any horse and rider combination needing a grading card please can you let me know.

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

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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# SUMMER MENU

## HOT FOOD
- **Meat Pie** $3.40
- **Party Pies** $0.80
- **Large Sausage Rolls** $2.40
- **Small Sausage Rolls** $0.60
- **Pizza Singles** $2.40
- **Chicken Nuggets** $0.70
- **Homemade Quiche** $3.20
- **Noodles in Tubs** $1.50 (Beef & Chicken Only)
- **Macaroni & Cheese** $2.50

## BURGERS
- **Hamburger** $4.20
- **Cheese Muffin** $3.00 (Meat, cheese & sauce only)
- **Chicken Burger** $4.20 (Chicken, lettuce, tomato & mayo)
- **Egg & Bacon Burger** $4.30 (BBQ Sauce)

## WRAPS
- **Chicken Wrap**
  - sm $2.40
  - lrg $4.30
  (Chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese & Mayo)
- **Tuna Salad Wrap**
  - sm $2.30
  - lrg $4.30
  (Sweet Chilli Sauce)

## SALADS
- **Chicken Salad** $5.00
- **Ham Salad** $5.00
- **Quiche & Salad** $5.50
- **Chicken Waldorf Salad** $5.30

## SANDWICHES
- **Cheese** $1.20
- **Vegemite** $1.20
- **Chicken or Ham Salad** $3.50
- **Ham, Cheese & Tomato** $2.80
- **Devon** $1.20
- **Toasted Sandwiches EXTRA** $0.20

(All sandwiches on multi-grain bread)

## SNACKS
- **Fruit Chews** $0.20
- **Chips** $1.20
- **JJ’s** $1.00
- **Popcorn** $0.60

## ICE BLOCKS
- **Paddle Pops** $1.80
- **Animal Pops** $0.20
- **Choc Coated Ice cream** $1.00
- **Zooper Dooper** $0.60

## DRINKS
- **LOL** $2.00
- **Water** $1.00
- **Aroona** $1.50
- **Fruit Juice** $1.00
- **Choc/Strawberry Milk** $1.50
- **Slushi**
  - sm $1.00
  - lrg $1.60

## HOMEMADE
- **Biscuits** $0.50
- **Jelly** $0.50
- **Jelly & Custard** $0.50
- **Custard** $0.50
- **Trifle** $0.80
- **Custard** $0.50
- **Jelly & Fruit** $0.50
## 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  
- 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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