… AND WHAT A SHOW IT WAS!!!

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Vice Caps Primary
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ANZAC Ceremony & Easter Hat Parade
This Friday we will be joining with the Mendooran – Merrygoen RSL for our ANZAC day commemoration ceremony. All members of the community are most welcome to attend the school for this important event starting at 10:30am. We would also like to invite everyone to stay and join us for morning tea.
Once morning tea is completed, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade. Parents, families and community members are invited to join the school as our K/1 and 2/3 students will be proudly presenting their carefully created Easter Hats.

ANZAC March
I encourage all students to participate in the town March on ANZAC Day. All staff and students participating need to meet at the Butcher’s shop at 9:45 am on Friday 25th April in full school uniform.

Vale: Barry McDonald
Our school community was shocked and deeply saddened last week by the passing of Mr Barry McDonald. Barry was the grandfather of Vance in Year 5 and great grandfather to Stella Valler in Kindergarten. As a very friendly man and a wonderful and active member of the school community, Barry will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his entire family at this difficult time.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent-teacher interviews are on tomorrow afternoon. At this stage we have had a very low take-up rate for parents indicating that they will be coming in for a meeting. I prefer to be optimistic and take this as a vote in confidence for teachers and that parents have full trust in the teaching and learning being implemented, rather thinking that parents are not concerned with their children’s education. Even students who are coping at school and cause little reason for concern will perform at their maximum when parents and carers have a partnership with, and make a contribution to, the teacher about a child’s schooling. So please ring the school for a booking tomorrow afternoon.

End of Term
This Friday is the end of term. I thank and congratulate everyone for what has been a very successful and productive term. I wish everyone an enjoyable and well earned holiday with friends and family.
Term two starts for teachers on Monday 28th April and Students on Tuesday 29th April.

Michael Spora
Principal
**CLASS AWARD RIBBONS**

**K/1:** Sam Chad  
**2/3:** Airlie Smith  
**4/5/6:** Connor Hughes-Tincknell

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**MERIT AWARDS**

**K/1:** Riley Munro, Annabelle Tincknell  
**2/3:** Noah Leask, Trevor Martin  
**4/5/6:** Angus Tudgey, Malcolm Hellyer

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**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 commencing at approximately 11:15pm following the ANZAC Ceremony. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come and join us while we sing some Easter songs and parade our Easter hats. ALL Easter hats (i.e. decorated headbands) will be made at school. We also hope to have a visit from a very special bunny!

L Peter

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**YEARS 2/3 NEWS**

What a busy end to the term we have had! We have been working hard to complete all tasks over the past few weeks, and are very much looking forward to the holidays. We have been learning about ANZAC day and have completed some interesting activities about its importance in society today.

We are looking forward to our Easter hat parade that will follow the ANZAC day ceremony and morning tea on Friday.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and returns refreshed and ready for Term 2!

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**PRIMARY WINTER TRIALS**
Stephen Eyles, Jacob Howarth and Tom Yeo travelled to Gunnedah on Monday 31st March to try out for Southern Area Rugby League Team. All boys played well and showed good sportsmanship on the day. The boys unfortunately have not made it to the next level but have represented Mendooran Central School with pride.

K Norwood
SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who put in a fine effort in their Year 12 Half Yearly examinations last week. These exams allow for considerable revision and are an indication to the teachers how the students understand concepts and also allows them to practice the skills needed in the lead up to their Higher School Certificate in October.

In the first week back next term, our Year 12’s will participate in the University of New England Open Day in Armidale. We will be travelling with students from Coolah and Dunedoo.

Parents are cordially invited to our Parent Teacher interviews tomorrow at 3.30pm. Please phone the office to arrange interview times.

Parents and community members are also invited to join us for the Anzac Day Service this Friday April 11th at 10.30am, followed by a morning tea and the Easter Hat parade.

J Waters

SENIOR JERSEYS

A jersey is available for senior secondary students and staff to purchase. The cost is $75 and will arrive during Term 2. To secure a jersey a $50 deposit is to be paid to the office by the end of the term. Ordering of jerseys will be on Friday 11th April.

K Norwood

SRC MUFTI DAY

Our Term 1 fundraiser will be held this Thursday 10th April and will be a Mufti Day. More details will be included in a flyer going out to all students tomorrow.

Annabel Finemore and Anna Ward will be selling 20 cent guesses in an Easter Egg guessing competition from Tuesday onward.

The SRC Committee
MAJOR EXCURSION NEWS

It’s time to get ready for the major excursion. This year we are heading to beautiful Sydney for a week of amazing activities. The itinerary is still in the planning stage, but we can guarantee a week of fun, learning and good times. Some of the activities we are hoping to secure include a tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground, an evening at the Imax theatre, the Bondi winter festival, the Katoomba scenic railway, a trip to the Skydeck and much, much more.

The permission forms will be available from the front office and a $50 deposit will be needed to secure a seat for this fabulous trip. It will be first come, first served so make sure you don’t miss out. It’s going to be epic.

T Newberry
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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PHOTOCLUB NEWS

Term 1 has been a great start to the Photoclub with some really nice photos taken by our amazing students. Pets have proven to be really popular and next term we will look at a whole range of different subjects.

Keep your cameras handy over the break. I hope to see some great shots for Term 2.

T Newberry

SCHOOLBIZ

School holiday kids and family camps

It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

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

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

Essays due soon?

Learning how to plan, write and polish an essay is a skill that takes a long time for most people to learn. Different types of essays follow different rules of structure. If your teen is currently working on an essay, you’ll find this video (and the links to fact sheets on the right hand side of the page) really useful in explaining the “how to” of essay writing as it’s taught in NSW public schools: http://bit.ly/1ji1mZ
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!
Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.
Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.
Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Genevieve Eyre
Program Coordinator
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Tel: (03) 9775 4711
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Email: liaison@scce.com.au

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS
What a great time we all had at the show.
Please could everyone get their camp forms to me as soon as possible.
Global nominations have reopened for this Sunday’s Zone 4 show jumping championships. Good luck to all our riders competing there. Just another friendly reminder that you need to get your working with children check completed and the photocopied receipt to me. Please.

J Smith

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN MEMORIAL CLUB
We would like to invite you to our Special Monthly Meal and Major Draw on 12th April 2014
At 7.30pm
Entertainment by Jamie Campbell
(everyone welcome eating or not)

Menu
Crispy Skinned Salmon with Mango Salsa
or
T-bone Steak with crispy bacon
Both served with vegies

Adults $20 per head
Children under 12 $6
Names must be in to the Club by 9th April.
## 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
## Voluntary Contributions

- **Infants/Primary Contributions**: $25.00 per child
- **Secondary Contributions**: $50.00 per child
- **Family Maximum**: $80.00 (not including electives)

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

### Compulsory Electives Cost

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| Year 9/10 Electives | Industrial Technology | $40.00 | 1st 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 | 1st 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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### Voluntary School Contribution

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