Mendooran Central School

WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR A CROSS COUNTRY!!!
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Cross Country**
Thank you to everyone involved with our Cross Country last Friday. From Mrs Norwood and the organising staff, to parents who turned up to help and support on the day, my sincere thanks and congratulations for helping to make it a great event. To all students who showed outstanding character by your effort and participation, I was again impressed and proud. Whilst my congratulations go to everyone for their efforts on the day, special congratulations to those who qualified to run at the Zone Cross Country this Friday in Coolah.

**Horse Sports**
As mentioned previously a great deal of work has already gone into the organisation for the Horse Sports day tomorrow. My thanks to the organising committee for your efforts already as well as the wonderful support shown by those who turned up to help at the working bee last Thursday. If there is anyone who is able to help out on the P&C BBQ or canteen, please let Max Neal or Rebecca Sciberras know, or contact the school office.

**NAPLAN**
Congratulations to all students for the diligence and effort shown in last week’s NAPLAN tests. All students showed complete cooperation and completed the tests to the best of their ability. The marking and result dissemination all occur externally to the school. Results will not be distributed to parents or the school until next term. When this happens, we will look at trends and results as a school, class cohorts and on an individual student basis to analyse where we can improve teaching and learning for all students. Parents will be made fully aware of the schools analysis and future planning that occurs for their child from this process.

**Free Birth Certificates**
We have been given a unique opportunity where anyone in our community without a birth certificate, whether they have misplaced the original or never registered for one, is able to come in and apply for a new one on Monday 26th May from 9am-12pm. I encourage all parents to check if they have one for all members of the family and if not, come into the school with three items of documentation that verify identity and apply for a a new one. As you know, these normally cost over $70.00, so this is well worth taking up the opportunity.

**Michael Spora**
Principal

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**CALENDAR**

**Mon 19.5.14**
Dunedoo Combined Horse Sports Day

**Tues 20.5.14**
ICAS Spelling closing date
ICAS Computer Skills Test

Mendooran Central School Combined Horse Sports Day

**Fri 23.5.14**
Coolah Zone Cross Country

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Kindergarten/Year 1 and their siblings enjoying a well earned icy-pole after the Cross Country on Friday.
KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS
In our COGs unit, Local Places, we used Google Earth to identify places in our local environment. We found natural environments such as the park and the river in Mendooran as well as places that are built such as the School, Post Office and Pre-School. We also found the Grandchester and Cobborah roads.
In our Social Skills program the students have been getting to know a friend better through active listening. They had to find out three things about their friend (what they like to eat, their favourite animal and their favourite game) and share with the class. It really helped to get to know each other better.
Our news topic for this week is on heritage environments so if the students have any pictures of older buildings or structures or items of interest they can bring them along for news.
In Maths, our focus for this week is on Time. The Kindergarten students have looked at day and night, sequenced and discussed events which have or may occur yesterday, today or tomorrow while Year One have looked at days of the week, months of the year, calendars and the o’clock time on clocks. We have also been exploring the Mathletics website during our computer time.
The Kindergarten students had a wonderful time when we attended a performance at the Pre-School last Thursday 15th May. We met Troy the magician and had morning tea with the pre-school students. We would like to thank the Pre-School for inviting Kindergarten to join them to watch this special performance.
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Infants Cross Country held on Friday.

L Peter

YEARS 2/3 NEWS
Year 2/3 have had a very busy couple of weeks to start off Term 2. Last Friday we all participated in the Cross Country and some of us have been lucky enough to be selected to head to the Cross Country in Coolah this week.
We have been learning about a variety of different artists in COGS this week, in particular Joseph Lycett who came to Australia as a convict.
Our Year 3 students have now completed their NAPLAN testing. They all tried their hardest which is fantastic to see.
We have begun learning about procedures in Writing and will be writing a class procedure this week.
Just a reminder that all homework is due in on Friday - at the very latest Monday of the following week.

R Freeth

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014
Reading is one of the great joys of life. It can provide escape, adventure, discovery, information, experience, understanding, mystery……the list goes on! You can read anywhere, any time. There are no boundaries, no limits and no restraints – and no end to the amazing opportunities on offer through reading.
The annual Premier’s Reading Challenge is under way again and is a valuable tool to help children develop a love of reading. I need the support, encouragement and guidance of all the parents and carers of our students to encourage students to take up the Challenge and read as many books as possible to set a new record personally and for our school in the most books read!
Reading for pleasure is not something that should be restricted to the younger students. We notice that borrowing rates for secondary students at MCS drop right off and this is incredibly sad. Enjoying an exciting, informative, interesting, romantic or adventurous book can provide relief and down-time from the rigors of study. It can be just down-right enjoyable!
By encouraging participation in the Challenge you may be setting the groundwork for a life-time of pleasure and gain for your child.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE CONT.

During the Challenge, some books will be shared in class and entered onto the students’ log sheets, and others will come home as borrowed and reading and will be entered onto the log sheet when the book is returned. Log sheets remain at school and can be viewed by parents at any time.

You may like to come into the library to help your child select a book and view the log sheet to see how your child is progressing or simply to come in and see for yourself what a wonderful depth of quality in reading material is available to the students at Mendooran Central School. Please ensure your child has a suitable library bag to protect the books they borrow.

Premier’s Reading Challenge has been running since 2007 at Mendooran Central and we are hoping that this year will be one of our biggest yet!

G Davis

PRIMARY SPORTS NEWS

On Friday 9th May a selection of primary students travelled to Coonabarabran Public School to compete in Zone Trials for Rugby Union, Softball and Netball. We are very fortunate to have such skilled athletes at Mendooran Central School. Congratulations to the following students making it to the next level.

Stephen Eyles for both Rugby Union and Softball.
Arabella Smith for both Netball and Softball.
Oscar Monk for Rugby Union.

We look forward to hearing how well you play at the next level.

K Norwood

BOOKCLUB

due date

22nd May 2014

All orders to the front office by the due date please
**MAJOR EXCURSION NEWS**

Every week the Major Excursion to Sydney gets closer. The itinerary is set and it is going to be a full week of fun, learning and adventure so don’t miss out. 

**IT IS VITAL THAT YOU GET YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS AND $50 DEPOSIT TO THE FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.**

We only have 40 seats available on the trip and it is first come first served. Personally I am looking forward to the automotive exhibit at the Powerhouse, a walk through the Waxworks and the evening visit to the Tower Eye. It’s going to be great !!!

T Newberry

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**SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL**

Our Years 7 and 9 students worked diligently during their NAPLAN examinations last week. The supervising teachers were very pleased with their positive attitude and work ethic.

Congratulations to all of the participants in our school Fun Run/Cross Country last Friday. The effort and sportsmanship on the day is to be commended.

Our school Horse Sports will be held tomorrow. Best of luck to Kerrie Ward and to all of the primary competitors. Several secondary students have volunteered to work on the day in the canteen and assisting in the ring. Thank you to Kerrie Ward, Jessica Pettiford, Kurt Williams and Derek Washbrook for their work during the working bee last Thursday. It was great to see them working alongside a large contingent of community members.

Charly Wood is working at the Pre-School twice a week to help her gain experience for her Child Studies TAFE course. Charly has also been doing voluntary work with primary classes when she has time available.

J Waters
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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COMMUNITY NEWS

ANGLICAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
St Chad’s Anglican Church will be commencing Confirmation classes for children (turning 12 and older in 2014) and Adults.
First meeting for all wanting to be Confirmed, adults, parents and children 3.30pm at Mendooran Central School Library
Tuesday 20th May 2014
(If you are unable to make this meeting please ring Fr Robert 63751246 as soon as possible)
Regards,
Robert
Rev’d Robert Bowman
55 Cobbora Street
DUNEDOO NSW 2844
02 63751246

FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATES
ENACTUS are an Australian Government Project working to increase the rate of Birth Registrations
ENACTUS objective—to provide as many children and others with “Free” Birth Certificates as possible using Government Grants and Donations.
For all children BORN IN NSW ONLY, you are entitled to apply for a Birth Certificate, at NO CHARGE. You will require 3 forms of identification (e.g. Medicare, Driver’s Licence, Pension Card) to prove guardianship.
Please contact for further information. Ph: 6375 1489

Monday 26th May
from
9.00am - 12.00pm

2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate
$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS
APPLY ONLINE NOW!
* eligibility criteria apply
DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 68
EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB - www.resourcesenergy.nsw.gov.au
info@familyenergyrebate
# WINTER 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

## HOT CHIPS & GRAVY
- Small: $1.60
- Large: $3.00

## BURGERS
- Hamburger: $4.20
- Chicken Burger: $4.20
- Cheese Muffin: $3.20
  (Meat, cheese & sauce only)
- Egg & Bacon Burger: $4.50
  (BBQ Sauce)

## WRAPS
- Chicken Wrap: sm $2.40, lrg $4.30
- Sausage, Egg & Bacon Wrap with BBQ Sauce: $4.30

## 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: $0.10
- Popcorn: $0.60
- Homemade Biscuits: $0.50

## ICE BLOCKS
- Zooper Dooper: $0.60
- Animal Pops: $0.20
- Shaky Shaky: $2.00

## DRINKS
### Hot Chocolate
$1.00
- Water: $1.00
- Quench Drink: $1.70
- Fruit Juice: $1.00
- Choc/Strawberry Milk: $1.50

## OTHER
- Sauce EXTRA: $0.20
- Brown Bags: $0.20

## RECESS ONLY
- Hash Browns: $0.60