2014 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
AND GOONOO WINS THE DAY!!!
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all students for your wonderful display of participation and co-operation at last Friday’s Athletics Carnival. Special congratulations to Goonoo House and for all of the age champions. Thank you to all of our parents who attended the day. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to make the day extra special for all students.

School Council
As mentioned last week, we are calling for nominations to join our School Council. The term for Council members is for two years only, so please do not feel that you would be taking on an onerous task with an indefinite sentence. I value the opinions of our community and would appreciate a wide variety of parent voices and opinions for the governance of the school. If you wish to nominate yourself or another person, please contact Mr Michael Ascher, our current School Council President at Mendooran Rural & Hardware. Our AGM will be next week, Monday, 16th June.

Congratulations Mrs Francis (nee Young)
We congratulate Mrs Young who was married last Saturday to Mr Wayne Francis from Orange. Although this was the best kept secret that Mrs (Young) Francis has ever kept, we respect her privacy and wish her and her husband Mr Francis many years of happiness together. Mrs Francis plans to remain teaching at MCS until the end of this year before they both embark on a working holiday in Spain in 2015.

Michael Spora
Principal
KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Infants Athletics Carnival and a big thank you to all parents who supported us.

Our news topic for this week is on “Caring for the Environment.”

For our COGs unit, Local Places, we went on a walk around our school area to explore and discuss the different features of natural, built and heritage environments. We discovered that the majority of our school is a built environment but it has some natural and heritage environments. We hope to go on a walk this week (preferably Wednesday afternoon if the weather is fine) to explore the different environments in our local town. A few students still need to return their local excursion note (pink in colour) so that they are able to attend this excursion. Students will need to wear their hat and take a water bottle.

In our Social Skills program we played a game of “Mingle, mingle” where we had to get into different groups until we ended up with one partner. We had to actively listen to our partners to find out their worst food and TV show and then we had to share our partner’s answers with the group. The majority of students disliked tomato and rockmelon and the show Peppa Pig.

In Art we viewed an example of one of Van Gogh’s paintings of his bedroom. We looked at the colours/shapes and the straight/curved lines used. Then students were able to portray their own bedroom using crayons to show colour, shape and line similar to Van Gogh’s bedroom environment.

L Peter

YEARS 2/3 NEWS

We had a fantastic time at the Athletics Carnival on Friday! It was great to see so many students having a go in every event throughout the day which made the house points very close! Thanks also to the parents and friends that came along and helped out throughout the day.

Last week Years 2 and 3 practiced their computer skills by typing up information texts to show at assembly this week. In maths we have been focusing again on our times tables and it is great to see students making an improvement. We have continued on with our oceans and seas theme in both literacy and creative arts and have been paper chipping some sea creatures which will be displayed around our classroom if anyone would like to come and have a look!

R Freeth
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Carnival on Friday. What a great it was! Perfect warm weather and enthusiastic students made it such a fantastic day. The house points were very close but this year congratulations to Goonoo, the winning house on the day. A big congratulations to the following age champions:

- Infants Girl – Airlie Smith
- Infants Boy – Nicholas Sweeney
- Junior Primary Girl – Victoria Monk
- Junior Primary Boy – Jake Swan
- Senior Primary Girl – Arabella Smith
- Senior Primary Boy – Jacob Howarth
- Junior Secondary Girl – Rebecca Scriberras
- Junior Secondary Boy – Mitchell Averillo
- Senior Secondary Girl – Kerrie Ward
- Senior Secondary Boy – Kurt Williams
- Open Girl – Amelia Washbrook
- Open Boy – Steven Rutter

A big thankyou to Mr Waters and Mr Bush who have worked very hard marking the tracks out for us. Thankyou to Sharon Abbott in the canteen who worked extremely hard preparing and serving food all day. Thank you to all the teachers who recorded, announced and helped out at all stations, without these great people the carnival who not have been so successful.

K Norwood

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Congratulations to all competitors who participated in our school Athletics carnival last Friday. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship on the day was said to be exceptional. Thank you also to Mrs Norwood for the excellent organization.

Last week two Year 12 students and I attended the HSC seminars in Dubbo. The information and advice gained was invaluable.

Year 10 have the opportunity to participate in work experience next week. Shania Taufa is working this week and next week at the Dunedoo Butchery.

J Waters

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION STRATEGY

In line with the changes occurring within the DET we have been asked to develop an Aboriginal Education Strategy for MCS. As the community surrounding our school is so important, we would like to make sure that anyone who is interested in contributing their thoughts, ideas and opinions about what this strategy should be, and how it should look, be given the opportunity to discuss this with the MCS staff. In order to allow this to happen we will be holding a meeting in the Library on 19th June from 3:30-4pm. Everyone who would like to contribute is invited and more than welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend on this particular day and would like to contribute, please speak to Mr Spora or me. Thank You.

L Yeo
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 Central School

Uniform Supplies

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Mendooran Central School has purchased black jumpers, tracksuit pants and polo shirts to help parents buy locally for your convenience.

Prices have been kept down as much as possible and the School has passed on the savings by buying in bulk. The school crest has been included on jumpers and shirts to make our students look great in their uniforms.

Please contact the school office in advance if you would like to purchase uniforms.

The correct money is a huge help to the office staff. All Prices include GST.

Mandy Eyles makes summer shorts and skirts for $30.00. Her number is 0467 666 701.

Grace’s Uniforms in Coonabarabran sell our MCS summer dresses for $45.00. They stock dresses from sizes 4-14. Mail order is available. For more information please call Grace on 6642 1670.
**SCHOOLBIZ**

**Study Help for High School**

It’s often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.) [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

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**Meet a Keeper**

**Meet a Keeper** is a one-day program for school students aged 14 years and over who have expressed a keen interest in pursuing a career at the Zoo, but can’t attend the School Work Experience.

This unique program includes a seminar presented by a talented panel of Zookeepers, Zoo educators and other Zoo staff members. Students have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of zoo-keeping, including:

- Qualifications required
- Career opportunities
- Core responsibilities
- Careers structures and wages
- Mystery behind-the-scenes tour

Afterwards, guests are invited to explore the Zoo as they make their own way to a mystery behind-the-scenes animal tour*. Tour times vary and are arranged at time of booking. Mystery tours run for approximately 25-35 minutes and are arranged by staff on the day.


**Dates for Taronga Western Plains Zoo (Dubbo)**

- Tuesday 12th August 2014
- Tuesday 2nd September 2014
- Tuesday 14th October 2014
- Tuesday 18th November 2014