NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO - COONA

Kerrie Ward attended North West Equestrian EXPO in Coonabarabran for four days proudly representing Mendooran Central School. Kerrie competed in Polocrosse, Showjumping, Sporting, One Day Eventing, Team Barrel and Team Penning. Over 600 riders compete at Coonabarabran EXPO. Kerrie placed 3rd in the 15yrs restricted height showjumping. Kerrie competed in the team penning with Al Currey and Harley Clifton from Knox School as part of her team. Kerrie, Al and Harley placed 7th in their first run and first in their second run for which they won a horse rug each. Well done to you all.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Semester 1 Reports
As the end of term quickly approaches, I would like to commend all classes and individual students for the conscientious manner in which you have all conducted yourselves throughout the semester and particularly over the past couple of weeks in the exam period. I was very proud of the mature way that our classes approached the NAPLAN exams earlier this term and this was repeated with the half yearly exams.

Our plan is to have reports to parents by the end of term. Although we aim to keep to this and will be doing everything humanly possible to achieve it, we are experiencing serious glitches with the software program provided by the department used for writing and collating reports. Whilst I thank our office and teaching staff for their efforts so far and apologise for the frustrations caused already, I do pre-warn and apologise to parents that reports may not be out until the start of Term 3.

School Council
Thank you to those people who have nominated themselves to represent particular groups on the School Council. The meeting is this evening at 5:30pm in the school. As mentioned previously input from the School Council and indeed all parents is important particularly over the coming months as we start to draw up the school plan for the coming three years.

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**Regional Cross-Country Coolah**

Last Friday seven students attended the Regional Cross-Country in Coolah. Everybody ran a competitive race and whilst nobody made it away we are very proud of each and every one.

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**Next School Council Meeting**

Mon 16.6.14
5.30pm
Staffroom

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**Calendar**

**Mon 16.6.14**
Work Experience
Year 10 (all week)

**Tues 17.6.14**
Immunisation Clinic
Year 7 Boys & Girls
Year 9 Boys

**Fri 20.6.14**
ICAS English
closing date

**NEXT WEEK**

**Tues 24.6.14**
CSU My Day
Year 12

**Wed 25.6.14**
Mobile Service Van
Mendooran Park
9.00am - 3.30pm

**Fri 27.6.14**
Last Day of Term 2

**Mon 14.7.14**
Staff Development Day

**Tues 15.7.14**
First Day Back for Students Term 3
We had a wonderful time when we went on a walk around our local town for our study on Local Places. We had to explore different environments but focused mainly on heritage environments. We were fortunate enough to have Mrs Hobbs, who not only acted as a teacher’s aide, but also a fascinating and extremely knowledgeable tour guide! Mrs Hobbs possesses a wealth of knowledge about our town which she was able to share with us on our journey. Our news topic for this week is on “Helping the Environment.” Think of ways that you can or know of to help out in our local environment. Bring your ideas to share with us!

It is great to see so many of our students using the cool, friendly way to speak to others.

Last week the students viewed a painting of Van Gogh’s bedroom and had to portray their own bedroom using crayons to show colour, shape and line. This week they are designing a plan of their bedroom or a space or place that they like from above. They will need to bring a box (eg shoe box, cereal box or small grocery box) in by this Friday ready to make a model of their space or place on Monday. Any small items such as cylinder or rectangular shapes (that resemble a bed, dressing table or cupboard) are most welcome!

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION STRATEGY

In line with the changes occurring within the DEC 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 Mr Spora and me. 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
SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

This week our Year 10 students have the opportunity to take part in Work experience. The placements vary as do the locations. Students are placed; in construction, fencing, hospitality and butchery in Gulgong, Dunedoo and the Mendooran District. Some of the Year 10 and senior Hospitality students will be taking part in work experience and work placement next week. Also next week, two of our Year 12 students will be attending the Charles Sturt University “My Day” at Wagga Wagga for creative industries. Teachers have been busy marking exams and preparing the half yearly reports to be distributed to parents and carers before the end of the term.

J Waters

COMMUNITY NEWS

DUNEDOO JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE NETBALL

Dunedoo hosted a cold home game on Saturday however the turn out was good to see. Thank you for anyone who assisted with the canteen and BBQ duties as well as set up and pack up on the day. All players had a good day. A big thank you to the Coonamble Under 9s who helped our Dunedoo boys who fell short of players on the day. Three Coonamble boys happily put on a Dunedoo Jumper and assisted our boys. The commented that it was ‘fun’ and that they would play with the Dunedoo team any day. It was good to see such great sportsmanship at such a young age. The Under 11s backed up and played two games on Saturday so I’m sure they would have all slept well. The Under 17s game was scheduled to play in Coolah however it was unfortunately cancelled due to wet weather. The boys and coaches were understandably disappointed. Coaches, Mr Potty and Blockhead, would have hoped that if they had known a bit earlier the game may have been able to have been relocated and played at Dunedoo but unfortunately that wasn’t the case. It now means the under 17s boys won’t have played for three weeks as they have the bye next weekend. Under 17s training will be at Gulgong this week.

A big thank you to Jake Potbury, Jake Besgrove, Ethan Adams and Brad Squire who helped referee, run water and were linesman on the day for Junior League.

We want to wish Luke O’Connor all the best for his origin experience this Wednesday night as ball boy. Go the blues and we look forward to hearing all about it when you get back.

Well done to the Under 11s netball team who represented Dunedoo at Parkes Netball Carnival on Sunday 15 June. I hear the temperature would have only been bearable if you were an eskimo, however the girls handled themselves well! Good job girls and coach, Isabelle Matthews and to parents who travelled to Parks to support the team.

Don’t forget Bon Fire night on Saturday 28th June 2014.

This weekend we head to Binnaway. Training as usual, game times will be given at training. Thanks.

Melissa Bampton
Dunedoo Central School
Phone: 02 6375 1489
MENDOORAN PONY CLUB
There will be a Rally Day this Sunday 9am for a 9.30 start and let’s hope the weather is better and we can practise for Jamboree. Thank you to Kim who was our only member that went to represent us at the Zone Meeting on Saturday at Nevertire. If anyone is interested in learning to compete in Eventing and Show Jumping for E and F graders there is a school being run in Coonabarabran in the holidays – I will forward the information to anyone interested.

J Smith

MOBILE VIDEO EDITING WORKSHOP NOTICE:
Please pass on to anyone you think may be interested

This workshop is for those who may be preparing mobile video footage for entry into the Orana Arts My Arts. My Town. Mobile Video Competition. It's open to secondary school students and adults in the LGAs of Narromine, Dubbo City, Gilgandra, Warrumbungle Shire and Mid-Western Regional. It will be facilitated by Geagle Productions (http://geagleproductions.com.au/) video producer, Andrew Barnes (who was recently in the region with Metro Screen).

FREE Workshops will be held in Dubbo, Coonabarabran and Mudgee during the last week of the school holidays.

DUBBO: 8 July 9.30am - 12 noon, Fire Station Arts Centre
COONABARABRAN: 8 July 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Flix in the Stix Theatre
MUDGEE: 9 July 9.30am - 12 noon, Mudgee Town Hall Theatre Green Room

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL by THURS 3 JULY by contacting Paige Williams on 0419 228 719 or projects@oranaarts.com.au


Regards,

KIM V GOLDSMITH
Competition Coordinator
Orana Arts My Arts. My Town. Mobile Video Competition
0419 439 923 or kimvgoldsmith@gmail.com
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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A Mobile Service Centre will be visiting your locality soon;

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional locations. The Mobile Service Centres provide an opportunity for personalised service to community members who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office. Staff who travel with the Service Centres can assist with a range of Program services such as Centrelink, Child Support, Medicare and Australian Hearing. A unique feature is the Australian Hearing touch screen that enables customers to perform hearing assessments.

A Social Worker will also be available

We will also be providing information and assistance for Farming Families, Farm Businesses and Rural Communities suffering from the drought.

The Mobile Service Centres are equipped with:
- a soundproof interview room
- a soundproof Australian Hearing testing room
- service/assistance desks
- a waiting area
- a publication display area
- self-service computer access
- LCD display screens
- disabled access
- wireless IT connectivity for greater servicing flexibility.

For more information on Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit the Department of Human Services website (link below). A Mobile Service Centre Fact Sheet is also attached to this email for your convenience.


It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist us in promoting this service to your local community, by including the attached poster in your school newsletter.

For information about promoting the visit in your local media outlets, please contact the Department’s Media Section by emailing media@humanservices.gov.au or calling 0411 670 958.

Regards
Andrew Gregory
Logistics Program Manager - Mobile and Outreach Services
Indigenous, Regional and Intensive Services Division
Australian Government Department of Human Services
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School Holidays
Winter 2014

Week 1:
Monday 30th June 2014 – Friday 4th July 2014
Week 2:
Monday 7th July 2014 – Friday 11th July 2014

Time: 9am – 4pm (charges apply for extra hours)
Cost: $25.00 per student per day
Must be a member of the club $5.50 per child per year

All children must wear enclosed Shoes, bring a Water bottle, Morning Tea and Lunch.
(Hot chips are available for lunch at $2 a bucket)

Activities the children are involved in throughout the day are:
Gymnastics, Dance, Arts and Crafts and Indoor Sports

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

For further enquires please contact Dubbo PCYC on 02 6882 3273, email: dubbo@pcycnsw.org.au or drop into PCYC.
Dunedoo Junior Rugby League & Netball present Bon Fire Family Fun Night

$20 PER FAMILY...
Includes entry & dinner
(lamb spit roll - 1 per person).

SATURDAY, 28TH
Robertson Oval, Dunedoo
5.00PM START

Canteen Available: Snacks, drinks & Marsh-

EVERYONE WELCOME. This event is a

BYOG & Children to be supervised by
**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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