Years 9 and 10 Design and Technology students have been painting the Mendooran Youth Group’s logo on the wall of the Courthouse.
The logo is a compilation of three of the entries. Snr Constable Carlton Kopke, our local policeman, held the competition and brought the three entries together incorporating the winning entry by Shania Taufa as well as runner-up Kurt Williams and Shaylah Taufa’s entries.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity further promoting our school and community partnership.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**New Sports Uniform**
The response from students and parents in relation to the new shirts has been outstanding with many students already making the transition. I must say that I think that they look great and it is wonderful to see our students wearing their uniform with such pride. Congratulations to our current P&C for this wonderful initiative.

**Elective Fees**
Parents are reminded that elective subject fees are now due. These fees pay for the additional materials that students use to complete the courses. If these fees are not paid, it makes it very difficult for subjects to run effectively and engage students.

**School Council**
I would like to ask that parents consider nominating themselves or a person they choose to be on the School Council. The School Council is a governance body that plays a major role in policy development in all areas of the school as well as overseeing school finances. With Mendooran Central now moving onto the Empowering Local Schools, a NSW government initiative to give school communities more say in the allocation of their finances, the roll of the School Council is more important than ever. As the Principal I wear the burden of accountability that comes with Empowering Local Schools and therefore have the final say with all matters, however, my philosophy remains that this is Mendooran Communities’ school and I will lead and make decisions with that always in mind. It is imperative that we have an active School Council, to support myself or any future Principals, so I again urge you to consider this invaluable role or to nominate someone you think would be a good candidate.

**Parent Input**
In mentioning the above, our current school planning phase is coming to an end at the end of this year. As we enter the next phase of planning, I intend to give everyone in the school community an opportunity for input. This will begin in the form of surveys to all parents, students, community members, future parents and staff to ask some fundamental questions about the type of school we want MCS to be in the future and how to best make it suit the needs of you, and its community. The surveys will be analysed by the School Council and executive and a plan for the coming three years formulated from this.

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**Michael Spora**
Principal
**KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS**

We had a lot of friends away last week from sickness and I hope that they are all feeling much better this week.

Our news topic for this week is on Safety so the students may talk about any rules or issues they have or know about for keeping safe, for example, bike helmets, fire safety and road rules.

We read the digital story “The cat with no tail,” which we all found quite amusing, and “Dinosaur’s Garden.” We used questions such as who, what, when, where? to unpack the facts of the text.

In our Social Skills program we discussed what is important to help plants and flowers to grow and then we discussed what would help our friendship flowers to grow. The students suggested that to help our friendship flowers to grow they would need to be kind, caring, helpful, nice and to like or love them. We also practised our song “Friends are Fun” and discussed the cool, friendly way to talk to our friends.

In Art we used leaves to create a texture rubbing picture from items in our natural environment.

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 6th June. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours (Beni-blue or Goonoo-red) on the day. Students will receive a note today with further details.

L Peter

**YEARS 2/3 NEWS**

Years 2/3 have been learning about pronouns and statements over the past few weeks and have been writing some fantastic sentences. Last week we wrote several information texts including instructions on how to wash a car and how to make a pirate hat out of newspaper. In maths we are focusing on our times tables- this week’s focus is 6 x tables. We are all very much looking forward to the Athletics Carnival this Friday and have completed the high jump and discus already with some great results. We have started a new theme of oceans and seas which we will continue with until the end of the term.

R Freeth

**SPORT**

Over the last few weeks students have been out of class representing the school in different sporting events. Congratulations goes to Stephen Eyles and Oscar Monk trialling for Rugby Union in the Coonabarabran Zone. Arabella Smith on Tuesday travelled to Tamworth trialling for Netball in the Coonabarabran Zone. Well done! A big thank you to all the parents who transport our students to participate in these events.

K Norwood
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Friday 6th June is our annual Athletics Carnival. The day is full of opportunities for students to participate in track and field events, even in novelty events at the end of the day. I am looking for parent helpers on the day, if you can help please ring the school and put your name down I would much appreciate it. Students are to come dressed in house colours Goonoo – red & Beni – blue. School canteen will be operating on the day.

K Norwood

Athletics Carnival Hot Food Menu

Hash Browns - $0.60
Hot Chips & Gravy - Sm $1.60 and Lg $3.00
Meat Pies $2.00
Sausage Roll - $2.40
Pizza - $2.40
Homemade Pumpkin Soup with Bread Roll $3.50
Curried Chicken & Rice - $4.00

Hot Chocolate $1.00
Hot Coffee $1.50
SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Our Years 7-10 students are sitting their half yearly examinations this week. Year 11 sat their exams last week. Teachers are currently writing reports which will go out at the end of the term.

Year 12 students will be attending the HSC seminars on Thursday of this week. This is a very valuable experience as the seminars are held by experienced HSC teachers and markers.

The students have been participating in field event trials in preparation for the annual Athletics Carnival this Friday. We encourage parents and carer’s to join us in supporting our students at the carnival.

J Waters

COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN LIBRARY NEWS

Book Bingo, the library's winter reading program is up and running. All ages are welcome to join in the fun by collecting a Book Bingo card from any branch of the library or from the website (mrl.nsw.gov.au). Then simply read and join a row of dots on the card to collect a mug full of lollies.

One way you may to chose to connect a row of dots is by downloading free eBooks from the growing collection in our eLibrary. These are available online 24/7 and can be downloaded from home using a tablet, smart phone, eReader or computer. Now you can download a book, read it and return it – all from the comfort of your own lounge.

The eBook collection has something for all tastes from cook books and autobiographies to new-release novels and children’s picture books. If you are new to eBooks you can follow the instructions on the library website or come in and ask staff for assistance.

Book Bingo and eBooks are just a couple of the ways Mendooran Library can keep you reading happily through the colder months so now is the perfect time to become a member, and remember it won't cost you a cent!

Opening hours for Mendooran Branch are 3-5pm Mondays and Wednesdays and 10am -1pm Thursdays.

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Canteen message!

Hot chips and gravy only available from The Canteen on Fridays!!
Mendooran Central School Combined Schools Horse Sports for 2014 was a great day on Tuesday, 20th May. This year we had riders aged from 8 Years to 16 Years and over a total of 109 riders competing from 40 visiting schools travelling long distances to compete.

I would like to congratulate all the riders on their impeccable behaviour, equestrian skills and sportsmanship.

Many thanks to all who helped from the P&C, Pony Club and Community, to the VRA for providing a first aid station and the support from staff at Mendooran Central School. This day does not happen without this ongoing help. Thanks must also go to the parents for helping on the day, transporting, preparing and encouraging their children in participation in these horse events.

Congratulations to the following competitors who won the following awards:

8 Years **Champion**: Alana Hungerford - Coolah Central School
8 Years **Reserve Champion**: Rosemary Nairne - Coolah Central School
9 Years **Champion**: Renee Apap - Gulgong Public School
9 Years **Champion**: Clancy Clatworthy - Macquarie Anglican Grammar School
9 Years **Reserve Champion**: Nikeata McMaster - Trangie Central School
10 Years **Champion**: Charlotte Bennetts - Coolah Central School
10 Years **Reserve Champion**: Chase Bannister - St Matthews Mudgee
11 Years **Champion**: Hayley Cox - Dunedoo Central School
11 Years **Reserve Champion**: Holly Turnbull - Quambone Public School
11 Years **Reserve Champion**: Julia Stuart - Dunedoo Central School
12 Years **Champion**: Georgia Bennetts - Coolah Central School
12 Years **Reserve Champion**: Luke Cheney - Blayney Public School
12 Years **Reserve Champion**: Gemma Stuart - Dunedoo Central School
13 Years **Champion**: Dustin Clatworthy - Kinross Wollaroi
13 Years **Reserve Champion**: Elizabeth Wythes - Parkes Christian School
14 Years **Champion**: Annabelle Turnbull - Calrossy
14 Years **Reserve Champion**: Zeb Pearce - Farrar Memorial Agriculture High School
15 Years **Champion**: Sally Deshon - Coonabarabran High School
15 Years **Reserve Champion**: Leiha McGeorge - Wellington High School
16 Years and Over **Champion**: Gareth Garnsey - Farrar Memorial Agriculture High School
16 Years and Over **Reserve Champion**: Samantha Smith - Coonabarabran High School

**Winner of the Combined Dunedoo and Mendooran Pointscore Rug**
(Donated by Sullivans CRT) : Charlotte Bennetts - Coolah Central School

**School with the Highest Pointscore**: Coolah Central School
**School with the Highest Average Pointscore**: Farrar Memorial Agriculture High School

Thanks to everyone for a great day, we hope to do it all again next year.

Dianne McCormack
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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# 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 first 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 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:

| FAMILY NAME:……………………………………………………………………………….. |
| VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION |
| No Primary Students | No. Secondary Students | TOTAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS |
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| COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES |

**Year 7/8 Electives:**  
Technology Mandatory: $20.00  
Year 9/10 Electives:  
Industrial Technology: $40.00  
Food Technology: $60.00  
Design & Tech (Textiles): $20.00  
Art: $25.00  
Agriculture: $10.00

**Year 11/12 Electives:**  
Hospitality: $60.00  
D&T Mixed Media: $20.00  
Art: $25.00  
Agriculture: $10.00  
Metals & Engineering: $40.00

**TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES**  
$………………

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE**  
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