A TASTE OF TAFE - A BIG SUCCESS!

Our school was fortunate to host the Taste of TAFE day at the end of last term. Industries covered included Animal Studies, Hairdressing, Spray Painting, Screen and Media, Construction and Child Care. We were also able to host Dunedoo and Coolah students. The day was a great success with the students getting hands on access to these courses.
Welcome Back
I wish everyone a warm welcome back to the start of Semester Two. I trust that all students and staff have had an enjoyable and restful holiday and are ready for a productive semester.

Staff Development Day
Staff returned yesterday and were introduced to the new planning and evaluation model to be implemented next year. There are many benefits of the new model as it allows you, the school community, to have more of a say in the strategic direction of the school, rather than having to align with all other department schools. Soon we will be surveying parents, students and community members asking for your input in the direction that you would like to see our school heading. It is an interesting question to consider, and rarely would you have been asked, however it is extremely important that you think carefully about this direction; the skills, qualities and attributes that you would like to see us instil in our students. I do hope that when we survey parents that everyone participates and makes a contribution to the future direction of our school.

This Saturday all teaching and classroom support staff will be completing the second day of the Youth Mental Health First Aid course here at the school. The first day of the course which ran on a Saturday last term proved to be very powerful and educational for all staff so I am thrilled that we have the opportunity to complete the course. I thank in anticipation all staff for attending and participating in this very important professional learning topic.

School Bus Stop
Parents who drop their children off at school would have noticed that the Council have placed guide posts in to segregate the road and bus stop from the footpath. Whilst further consultation between the bus operators, the school and the RMS on this is continuing I need to make note that people who park in the no stopping zone on the eastern side of the road make it difficult, even impossible for the buses to now turn around once they have dropped off or picked up students. So on behalf of our bus drivers and for the safety of our children, I ask that people pay attention to the signage and do not park in the area opposite the bus stop area. Thank you.

Michael Spora
Principal
**SPELLING BEE**

Last term Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Mendooran Central School Spelling Bee. Vance McDonald and Ella Hartley won the Year 3 section and Malcolm Hellyer and Connor Hughes-Tincknell won the Year 5, 6 section. These finalists will have the opportunity to attend the 2014 Premiers Spelling Bee in Dubbo at the end of the term. I would like to congratulate all students for participating in the MCS Spelling Bee and wish our finalists good luck.

S Reynolds

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**Education Day**

Celebrating the 60th Education Week

**Wednesday, 30th July, 2014**

Sausage sizzle
At 1.00pm
All welcome!
HELP WANTED!!!

Thank you to all the wonderful people who help Sharon Abbott, our Canteen Manager, in the School Canteen. We really appreciate your help so much! The canteen will again run this term for three days a week (Mon/Wed/Fri). This is a valuable resource for the school and profit made from the canteen is donated to the P&C and directly benefits your children. Please consider working in the canteen. It is a welcoming environment, a great way to connect with the school and would be great fun with a friend!
Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back, everyone, to Term 3 of 2014. This term is off to a busy start with “Education Week” falling in Week 3 of this term. Our classes are all busily preparing presentations for the Wednesday when parents, friends, relatives and carers are invited to come to the school to see their children ‘in action’.

As well as Education Week, we are drawing close to the final date for our Botswana projects. Each class has been working on these in Library periods as well as individually and, as explained last term, the criteria for each age group varies.
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are required to research one aspect of Botswana (animals, houses, food, children etc)

Years 3 and 4 need to submit a project presented on half a sheet of cardboard (supplied at school) covering several aspects of life and culture in Botswana.

Years 5 and 6 will present a ‘book’ on Botswana covering many aspects of Botswana with a minimum length of 10 double sided pages and a maximum length of 20 double sided pages.

The submission date for all entries is Friday 22nd August (Week 6), but I would suggest students have them completed and handed to me by end Week 5 to enable final checks and editing.

Although this is a CWA project, it is also a class assessment task and should be regarded as a mandatory activity.

We are looking forward to a very busy and rewarding term and hope everyone returns to school rested and refreshed after the holiday break.

G Davis
CWA COUNTRY OF STUDY 2014 – BOTSWANA

Each year the CWA selects a country of study to help develop a greater understanding of the people of our world. Our local CWA has once again invited us to participate with them in their studies. Please encourage your child/children to start researching and collecting information and to enter in the competition. Entries are to be submitted to the Library by the end of Week 5 as they need to be submitted to the CWA by Friday 22nd August. Some time will be given during Library lessons, but most work will need to be done at home.

There are also a number of useful websites: www.cwaofnsw.org.au (click on International then Country of Study then Botswana).

K/1/2 – Colouring Competition
K/1 will be provided with a colour-in poster competition which will be completed in the Library.

3/4 – A True poster (Half-size cardboard)
* Only posters on correct sized card will be judged by CWA.
* Students need to select one area of interest (only) to present with the aim to sell that CERTAIN ASPECT OF BOTSWANA with an attractive heading, eye-catching illustrations, and short, neat captions.

5/6 – A Project Book
Book size: A4, maximum 20 pages (back to back) Table of contents and Bibliography count as one page each.

MARKING CRITERIA:

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Be selective with your information, do not try to pack in too much. Use your own words. Do not cut and paste information. Do not over-use illustrations. Label or use captions for all photos, drawings or illustrations.

NB Students are free to include other interesting aspects they discover. Originality will receive extra marks in any section.

Group International Officers are to arrange the judging of entries. The winning entry from each group is to be mailed to the State International Officer and the winner advised prior to the end of the school year.

1st prize for a winning individual child is $20 with $100 going to the school.

G Davis (Teacher/Librarian)
2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

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SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL
The Taste of TAFE day last term was a great success with all students observing the industries. Years 9 & 10 were fortunate enough to take part in the workshops and gained valuable experience and insight into the various courses. Next week 5 Year 8 students have the opportunity to take part in the University of NSW “Beyond the Gate”. This is fully funded by the university and encourages students to look beyond their local area and to consider post school options. Next Friday our Year 12 students will receive a visit from The University of New England regarding courses and scholarships.

J Waters

IMPORTANT DATES!!!
Education Week - Sausage Sizzle - 30th July 2014
(followed by open classrooms)

ICAS Maths - 12th August 2014

MAJOR EXCURSION - WEEK 6
18th August to 22nd August, 2014

Life Ed Van
27th August 2014
CHANGE OF DATE & CLAIMING THE DATE

QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

HORSESPORTS

WHERE: QUIRINDI SHOW GROUND

WHEN: MONDAY, 13th of OCTOBER 2014

TIME: 8AM SHARP GEAR CHECK FOR 8.30AM START

HUGE RAFFLE PRIZES

HACKING AND SPORTING EVENTS TO BE CONFIRMED

RIBBONS AWARDED TO 5TH PLACE, WITH TROPHIES AWARDED TO CHAMPION AND RESERVE RIDERS AS WELL AS HIGHEST POINTSCORE RIDER

STRICTLY RUN UNDER PONY CLUB RULES

CONTACT: SIMON SMITH - 0428 485 355
# 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 - FRIDAYS ONLY
- 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