MAJOR EXCURSION A GREAT SUCCESS!

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Sydney Excursion
The Major excursion to Sydney last week was a wonderful experience. Although we had some rain, we still managed to have a very interesting time and experienced many of Sydney’s major attractions and spirits were definately not dampened. I was extremely proud of all of our students attending throughout the whole week. Many of our tour guides expressed compliments to me saying that our students were far more attentive, well-mannered and interested in the tours than the vast majority of schools that they speak to. I am also pleased to say that the cooperation and behaviour was exemplary, I could not have asked for a higher standard in all aspects. My sincere thanks to Mr Newberry for organising such a superb excursion and to he and Miss Freeth for putting themselves out for the week and helping to create an atmosphere for students to cooperate and have fun.

HSC Trials
Our HSC trial exams are on this week. We wish all of our Year 12 students the best of luck as they sit for these important assessments in preparation for the HSC exams.

Michael Spora
Principal

CALENDAR

Mon 25.8.14
HSC Trial Exams
English P1

Tues 26.8.14
HSC Trial Exams
Biology

Wed 27.8.14
HSC Trial Exams
Hospitality

Thur 28.8.14
HSC Trial Exams
Maths

Fri 29.8.14
HSC Trial Exams
English P2

Arabella Smith

State Softball Sydney

Binnaway

Infants Tabloid Day

Bulldogs
KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS
We welcome Miss Danson (Associate teacher) back to our school for a four week practicum. Year 1 students have been focusing on the “ou” sound while Kindergarten have been learning to match the lowercase letters to the uppercase letters and writing words!
In Focus on Reading we have been predicting a story in sequential order using the visual images only and during our Computer time we have been typing our Journal stories.
In Sport we have been focusing on the fundamental skill: Sprint and practising our gymnastics skills.

L Peter

PRIMARY NEWS
Life Education Van
The Life Education Van will visit our school on Wednesday 27th August 2014. Primary classes will participate in programs which address many components and objectives within the PDHPE curriculum. Students will be able to purchase Harold Merchandise during lunch-time on the day of the visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the front along with the student’s name and class. This can be left at the office for Emma, the Life Education Educator, to collect. A list of products available is attached to this newsletter.

Binnaway Tabloid day – Years 3 – 6
Students in Year 3 – 6 have been invited to participate in a Tabloid day at Binnaway on Friday 29th August. Notes were due in today for this excursion.

Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Session
A Parent Information session will be held for parents, whose children commence Kindergarten in 2015, on Monday 1st September in the Kindergarten room commencing at 2pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations
As part of our celebrations for NAIDOC Week we have invited a guest speaker and dance group to attend our school on Thursday 4th September 2014. We will commence with a sausage sizzle at 12:50pm followed by our guest speaker, Ralph Naden, and a dance group at approximately 1:45pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.
FREE Outdoors Education Program
The Department of Sport & Recreation has offered to run a FREE Outdoors Education program for Primary students at our school on Monday 8th September 2014. This program will involve team building and games activities.

Infants Tabloid Day
Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will host a Tabloid Day at our school on Friday, 12th September. We have invited students from Coonabarabran, Binnaway, Coolah and Dunedoo to attend the day.

L Peter

SPORT
Good luck to Arabella Smith who is competing at State Level this week in Softball. Mendooran Central School wish you the best of luck.

K Norwood

BINNAWAY 4 WAY SPORTS DAY
Tomorrow is the last day to hand notes in. This is a participation based outdoor activity day; we encourage all students in Years 3-6 to go. A bus will be taking students to Binnaway at a cost of $10 per student.

K Norwood

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL
It has and continues to be a very busy time for Year 12. Shaylah and Beau submitted their major works for Design and Technology last week. The HSC trial examinations are held this week beginning with English Paper 1 today. These examinations provide a valuable opportunity for students to revise relevant work and to practice exam techniques and to also ascertain areas in need of extra revision. Formal lessons cease for Year 12 at the end of the term and they begin STUVAC (study vacation) until the HSC examinations in Week 2 of next term. Teachers are planning revision and preparation sessions for interested students in the first week back.
A representative of Charles Sturt University will visit our school this Wednesday morning to guide students through the new UAC process for early entry.
The excursion was a great success last week. The students who remained at school were co-operative and the week ran smoothly.

J Waters
EXCURSION REPORT

Well the excursion is over, and a great time was had by all. Even though the weather was unpredictable and at times it was cold and wet, our fabulous students coped with it extremely well, were great ambassadors for Mendooran Central School and great fun to take around the city.

A huge thank you to Mr Spora and Miss Freeth for their tireless efforts from beginning to end. Also an enormous amount of gratitude to Alan, our bus driver, who coped with any request with a smile. Thanks Al, you were great. To all the parents and guardians of the students we took to the city, you should be really proud of your kids, as all the teachers on the trip were. They conducted themselves with maturity and were a pleasure to take away.

Mr Newberry
**CHRISTIAN SRE**

We all realise how important schooling is for our children. Education is a key to a fulfilling life. Part of education in Australia is Special Religious Education (Commonly called ‘Scripture’ or ‘SRE’). SRE is provided at MCS by devoted, trained volunteers from the Christian Churches of Mendooran and the Mendooran Christian Education Association inc. employs a Secondary SRE Teacher for our school (currently vacant).

SRE is important because it is another avenue to help our students explore the big questions of life from a Christian perspective. Who am I really? Where do we come from? Is there a God? What is that God like? Questions that our secular society proposes many different answer. SRE in teaching the principles of, loving others, faith, generosity, honesty, self-discipline, integrity, self-sacrifice for the greater good, which adds to the excellent education provided by our teachers and NSW public schools system.

The pamphlet with this Newsletter is from Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in School (NSW) Inc. (ICCOREIS) [http://www.iccoreis.asn.au/] a body set up by the Christian Churches of NSW whose goal is “to support, promote and develop quality religious education in public schools”. It will help you understand the role churches play in providing this service to schools, what they provide and how they go about providing it under the Education laws in NSW. I recommend it for your reading.

Fr Robert Bowman  
School Chaplain

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**HORSE SPORTS CALENDAR**

Quirindi Public School Horse Sports Day - Monday 13th October 2014.  
(Minimum Age 8 yrs), Entries close 12th September 2014.

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee Equestrian Day - 13th October, 2014.  
(Age 8 years and over), Entries close 19th September 2014.

Coolah Central School Horse Sports Day - Friday 17th October 2014.  
(Kinder - Year 12), Entries close Friday 19 September 2014.

2014 Inter-Schools Horse Extravaganza - 18-20th October 2014.  
(Age 5-16 years+) at AELC, Tamworth - Entries close 1st September 2014.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MENDOORAN DRIVER AWARENESS DAY!!!!**

The VRA, Council, Police and Mendooran Youth Group are hosting a Driver Awareness day for Years 10-12 students on the 18/9/14 at the VRA shed Mendooran. There is no cost for the students and a BBQ lunch is provided. It is an all day event and will be aimed at building better driving skills and awareness of decision making when it comes to driving. There will be practical demonstrations by the VRA and Council, as well as talks from serious crash survivors and former traffic offenders. If you want more information please see Senior Constable KOPKE at the Police station, call on 68861110 or email kopk1car@police.nsw.gov.au.

Carlton Kopke  
Senior Constable  
Mendooran Police  
Ph: (02) 68861110
The rescheduled Annual General Meeting of the Mendooran & District Development Group Inc will be held on Monday 25th August in the Community Centre at 7pm. Membership of $5.50 will fall due that night and can be paid at the meeting.

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS
There will be a working bee next Saturday morning in preparation for our gymkhana on Sunday. We will set up in the morning and bring horses, the children can ride once we have set up. Please bring your lunch. Could a couple of people please bring a lawn mower so we can just make things tidy around the canteen and toilets.
Well done to Sophie and Victoria who both rode at Rawsonville Gymkhana on the weekend. Both girls rode exceptionally well and had a fantastic time. Sophie rode Nougat and Victoria rode Misty. Well done girls.

J Smith
The return is coming to the Central Western Slopes and Coolah from 17 September

Some free-to-air digital TV channels in the Central Western Slopes and Coolah will soon be changing frequencies.

The major towns affected by the Central Western Slopes return include: Coonabarabran, Baradine, Binalong, Gilgandra, Gulgong, Inverell, Medowie and Toorakina.

These moves are part of a national return programme that will free up broadcasting spectrum for new services such as mobile broadband.

Key dates:
- The Central Western Slopes viewers will need to return their TV on 17 September after 5:00pm.
- Coolah viewers will need to return their TV on 18 September after 3:30pm.
- Dubbo viewers will need to return their TV later in the year.

Return is done using the remote. For most systems press the 'menu' button on the remote. Look for settings such as 'channels' or 'auto-tune' and follow the prompts to return. A video and 3-step guide to returning is available on the website.

The return is scheduled to avoid evenings and weekends. There may be some temporary disruption to all TV services on the return day and the following day. These outages are necessary due to work being conducted at the transmission site.

As the return simply moves free-to-air TV channels to a new location on the broadcast spectrum, it is unlikely to change TV reception or coverage.

For more information about the return, scheduled outages, or to sign up for an SMS or email reminder, visit the return website, or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

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Media can also find further information, images, audio grabs and video content on the return media centre.

Date: 1 September 2014
Contact: media@communications.gov.au
FACTSHEET

WHAT IS THE RETUNE?
As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital-only TV, some channels will be changing frequencies. After they’ve changed, you’ll need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder to find the channels that have moved.
These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the successful switch to digital-only TV, the retune is being carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible.
Different areas will need to retune on different dates, so to find your date visit the website at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune where you can sign up for a reminder SMS or email.

WHO DOES IT AFFECT?
The retune will affect most TV viewers in Australia. But if you are watching TV via the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service, the retune won’t affect you. If you watch your free-to-air channels via pay TV, your set-top box may be retuned for you by your provider.
Some viewers may find some of their equipment will automatically detect changes to the channels and retune itself, or it may prompt them to retune. If you are missing a free-to-air digital TV channel or channels you will need to retune.

HOW DO I RETUNE?
Most people would have scanned for channels when they bought a new television — retuning follows the same process. It is often called “auto-tuning,” “auto-scanning” or something similar.
Start by pressing the “menu” button on your remote then look for your “set-up” options.
Next, try to find words like “channels” or “auto-tuning”.
You might want to write down your favourite channel, program recording and parental lock settings before you retune, as retuning may delete these settings.
If you live in an apartment, you may be using a shared antenna system. If you are experiencing issues trying to retune your digital TV equipment after your retune date, you should first contact your property manager or body corporate.

WHEN DO I RETUNE?
Your retune date depends on your location and the TV tower from which you are receiving your TV signal. To find your retune date, enter your address into the “Get retune Info” box on the website at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune.
You’ll need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder on or after your area’s retune date.
Some people within the same town or city will have different retune dates. This is because some areas may be serviced by a number of TV towers.
The retune will take place across Australia progressively until the end of 2014.
WHY DO I NEED TO RETUNE?
Some free-to-air digital TV channels will move frequencies to make room for new services such as mobile broadband. You will need to retune your digital TV equipment on or after your retune date to keep receiving all the free-to-air digital TV channels available in your area.

SERVICE DISRUPTIONS
There may be some unavoidable temporary outages to all TV channels in the days leading up to, on the day of, and the day or two after the retune date. These outages are necessary because of engineering work being undertaken at the TV transmission tower. Any outages are unlikely to last longer than a few hours. Viewers should wait until after their expected retune date before attempting to retune their digital television equipment.

To check for expected outages associated with the retune, viewers should enter their address in the mySwitch tool at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune. Channel changes should not impact on the quality of television transmission or reception across the area. If people continue to experience difficulties with reception on a particular channel, they should contact the relevant broadcaster for more information about reception issues.

HELP AND ADVICE
If you are having difficulty retuning your equipment, check your manufacturer’s handbook for instructions on how to retune. Ask a friend or family member to help you. Visit the retune website at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

In the lead up to the retune date, we will be providing local community organisations with information so they can help spread the word. In some areas there will also be advertising.
As part of the 2014 Australian Government Drought Assistance Package
Family Support Program for farming communities

Men of all ages are invited to hear

Craig Hamilton

ABC Radio Sports Commentator
Mental Health Advocate • Keynote Speaker • Author

At the
Feetham House Men’s Breakfast
Saturday 6th September 2014
7.30 am
Feetham House, Gilgandra
Breakfast provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes to either
Rev Grahame Yager (0428 866 525) or
Louise (Centacare 02 6885 0277)

Sponsored by
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate _________ to Life Education NSW. Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: ___________________________ Phone (optional): ________
Address: __________________________
Suburb: __________________________ Postcode: ________________
Email (optional) _________________________ Child’s Class: ________

Visit Life Education at www.lifeduction.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au
# 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
# 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

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## VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

| No Primary Students | No. Secondary Students | TOTAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS (Maximum $80.00) |
|---------------------|------------------------|
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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** $