Thank you to all the parents, families and community members who joined us for a very successful 60th anniversary celebration of Education Week. The students thoroughly enjoyed entertaining everyone!
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank You
Thank you to our parents, families and community members for joining us to celebrate Education Week, it is wonderful to have so many people join us for these occasions. Your presence make any celebration even more special so thank you for making the effort to turn up. I also thank all students for their participation and our staff for the organisation, particularly Mrs Reynolds for her outstanding organisation and coordination of the day.

Leaders Luncheon
Last Tuesday I had the privilege of taking our two Secondary Vice Captains, Kaitlyn Thomson & Steven Rutter to a Mayoral luncheon in Coonabarabran with the school leaders from each school in the Warrumbungle Shire. They participated in various activities and were spoken to about the various aspects of leadership and were presented with certificates to recognise the work that they had done as leaders. I was very proud to see that our captains were by far the most smartly presented of all the school leaders of all of the schools. They received many comments, from all the counsellors present, commending them for the way that they presented themselves.

WW1 anniversary
Today is the anniversary of England declaring war on Germany one hundred years ago. Although there will be many other significant anniversaries associated with the Great War over the coming years, it is daunting when we read our history books, we recall the carnage of incomprehensible proportions and naively hope or presume that world leadership has learned it’s lessons, we then turn to the current world news and seriously wonder.

Senior Students Leave
The school’s policy on Senior students leaving school grounds during school time between classes has been revised. Students can sign in before their first class and sign out after their last class and at no other time.

Aspire
The Aspire team will be visiting our school again this Friday to work with all year groups, particularly the infants and junior classes. Aspire have done some wonderful work with our students breaking down perceived and real barriers to students attending tertiary education so we are thrilled to welcome them back to our school.

Michael Spora
Principal

CALENDAR

Wed 6.8.14
Dubbo Jobs Expo
Years 9/10

Fri 8.8.14
Primary Athletics
Carnival - Coona
9.30am

Aspire Visit
Kinder - Year 9

Week 5
Tuesday 12.8.14
ICAS - Maths

Week 6
Mon 18.8.14 - 22.8.14
MAJOR EXCURSION

Wed 20.8.14
Year 10 - 11
Parent Information Meeting
Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and visitors who attended our Education Week performance and visited our classroom last week. We were thrilled to have you visit our room. Apologies to anyone I may have missed saying hello to as we had lots in our room.

In our COGs unit we have been developing some ideas of items (artefacts) to include in our ‘Me boxes’ which express our personal and family identity. The students have identified what month their birthdays are in and included these in their boxes. We have also been discussing the similarities and differences between students such as hair and eye colour as well as comparing height and shoe size.

In Sport we have had lots of fun doing parachute games and activities including making waves, creating a mushroom and making small balls pop up like popcorn. Please see pictures included in this newsletter.

Kindergarten have been focusing on the sound “ie” while Year One have been doing activities based on words ending with “y.” A list of tricky words (words that have to be learnt by sight and can’t be sounded out) will be sent home for students to practice further. These are the basic survival words that are required for students to read texts fluently.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction.

During our Social Skills session we have been learning how to give compliments (saying something nice) to others and saying thank you when we receive a compliment. Bailey is particularly good at remembering how to give compliments!

Kindergarten parents and carers are invited to observe the workshop with the Aspire team from UNSW, involving a mock graduation ceremony at 11.10 this Friday.

L Peter

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**KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS**

Special Awards: T Award goes to Years 2/3
Win Bins: Jacob Howarth, Riley Munro, Carter Swan, Taliah Joyce
Birthdays: Sharna Gray, Angus Tudgey

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**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Class Award Ribbons
K/1: Hollie Carey
2/3: Felicity Cook
4/5/6: Arabella Smith

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YEARS 2/3 NEWS

We had a fantastic time during Education Week last week, particularly on Wednesday when we celebrated education day at school. All students did a fantastic job displaying their models and talking about their individual countries.

We have continued reading our novel – ‘Just One Wish’ in English and have been talking about how difficult it would be to move to a new country where we did not know the language. In Maths we have completed revision on symmetry to ensure that we all understand where lines of symmetry are in different shapes and pictures.

In sport last week we played tee-ball and had a great time both batting and fielding. Just a reminder that the new sports shirts are only to be worn on sports day which is Friday.

R Freeth

EXCURSION NEWS

The Sydney excursion is only 2 weeks away, so it is vital that anyone attending gets their notes and payment in to the office as soon as possible. Also if you take any medications or have any special dietary requirements and you haven’t let us know about them please do so ASAP.

Only 2 weeks away… It’s going to be awesome!!!

T Newberry
SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

The secondary students who represented us at the Education Week Open day celebrations were excellent! The assembly was well led by our Vice Captains Steven Rutter and Kaitlyn Thomson. Lachlan McKechnie, Jessica Pettiford and Kyle Hartley presented very professional speeches about their “Beyond the Gate” UNSW Aspire experiences in Sydney. Thank you to Mrs Francis for helping prepare the students for the day. Amelia Washbrook accompanied by Miss Freeth, again presented an outstanding vocal performance. Many thanks to; Mr Devlin and Jake McKenna, Jake Sladden and Steven Rutter for demonstrating their excellent Hospitality skills in preparing the BBQ for the day.

Our Vice Captains; Kaitlyn and Steven also excelled themselves when they represented our school at the Warrumbungle Prefects luncheon gaining praise from our Mayor, Mr Shinton. Mr Spora was very proud of their presentation and participation.

Steve McGee our Warrumbungle Youth Development Officer will be meeting with Years 9 and 10 students tomorrow to discuss career opportunities and youth focussed activities planned for the future.

Steven Rutter is doing a “Safer Drivers” course this Wednesday at Dubbo Skillset. This course is aimed at better preparing them for driving and he will earn 20 bonus log book hours.

This Wednesday Years 9 & 10 and some senior students have the opportunity to attend the Jobs Expo at the Dubbo Senior Campus. Various further training providers and industry representatives will be available to talk to the students about post school options. This will be followed by a smorgasbord lunch at “Sporties” for the Food Technology and Agriculture students. This will allow students to try various types of cuisine and note the ranges of use of various produce, sourced both locally and from coastal locations.

On Friday the regional University of NSW Aspire team will be visiting the school to work with students K – 9. Any interested parents and carers are welcome to attend. The Kindergarten children experience a mock graduation ceremony which is particularly interesting! The times are as follows:

9.10am Years 1 - 4
10.00am Years 6 & 7
11.10am Kindergarten and Year 8
12.00 noon Years 5 & 9

The deadline for Year 12 Design and Technology major works rapidly approaches with works being submitted by 3pm on August 21st. Year 11 Maths students have an in class assessment task this Wednesday.

J Waters
THE STUDENTS LOVED PERFORMING!
P&C NEWS

All parents of children attending Mendooran Central School, and all interested members of the community are cordially invited to become active members of the Mendooran Central School Parents and Citizen’s Association. You will have seen evidence of the P&C at work in the school recently with the new sports shirts, designed and purchased by the P&C.

For the princely sum of $1 per year, which will give you voting rights, you can take an active part in supporting your children at our school.

Over the years P&C have been very active, amongst other things, in fundraising valuable funds which go directly to your children. Fun fundraising events have included: supporting Variety Bash, canteens for Horse Sports, Castlereagh Shield Junior Rugby League, Swimming Carnivals, Athletics Carnivals and helping with working bees.

Meetings are held monthly in the school library and last approx. an hour. This is a forum for members to raise important issues that will directly affect your children.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting.  

M Neal

COMMUNITY NEWS

PONY CLUB NEWS

Well done to Emma Tudgey competing at the Trangie gymkhana yesterday – unfortunately due to numbers the Zone 4 Dressage and show riding was not held this weekend but will be held later in the year. Next weekend is Gilgandra Gymkhana – I have sent out the program for this. We will have a rally day on Sunday 17th August and will set up for our gymkhana on this day.

J Smith

HORSE SPORTS CALENDAR

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


D McCormack
BARWON SCHOOLS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR 2015 GALLIPOLI SCHOOL TOUR

To mark the commencement of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations on August 4, Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries has welcomed the opening of the ballot for the NSW Government’s 2015 Gallipoli School Tour.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for high school aged students in years 10, 11 and 12 to travel to Gallipoli to be part of the Centenary Anzac Day Service”, Mr Humphries said.

“I encourage all high schools in the Barwon Electorate to be part of the ballot that will draw 25 schools or school groups which will then be eligible to nominate four students and one supervising teacher for the tour of Turkey.

“Expressions of Interest (EOI) to enter the ballot are open until 27 August and can be submitted on the NSW Centenary of Anzac website.

“Schools can apply individually or in groups of up to four schools. This will enable all schools, regardless of their size or their location, the opportunity to take part,” Mr Humphries said.

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Victor Dominello, who announced the process on 30 July, said the ballot had been designed to ensure fair representation from government and non-government school as well as from metropolitan and regional areas.

“Schools that are drawn in the ballot will conduct a local selection process, with students enrolled in years 10, 11 and 12 be invited to submit a written or visual piece of work on a theme or topic related to the Centenary of Anzac,” Mr Dominello said.

“Shortlisted students will then be asked to present their work to a panel of school and community representatives and will be assessed on their suitability to represent NSW on the tour.

“Successful schools will be announced in early September. The names of the students and supervising teachers participating in the tour will be announced in December,” Mr Dominello said.

Get More Skills

Hear about changes to the disability support system and what it will mean for you

Talk about planning and things to consider for your life

See what some people are already doing

“I walked away with more knowledge and some ideas of what might be possible...”
Narrabri workshop participant

DUBBO WORKSHOP

Tuesday 12 August 2014
10am - 2pm

For people with disability - Let’s get ready!

Marrin Tea & Lunch will be provided. My Choice Matters workshops are fully accessible.

To Register 1800 144 653 or (02) 9211 2605 info@mychoicematters.org.au

To Connect www.facebook.com/mychoicematters
www.twitter.com/mcmnsw
### 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

#### 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

#### HOT CHIPS & GRAVY - FRIDAYS ONLY
- Small $1.60
- Large $3.00

#### 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
- Hash Browns $0.60
### 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**

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