On Friday 29th August, 23 representatives from Primary travelled to Binnaway to participate in the 4-Ways Sports Day. The four schools involved were Mendooran, Binnaway, Coolah and Coonabarabran. The students were split into teams with representatives from each school and they did a rotation around 8 different activities. The students all participated well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to Mrs Martin for taking the bus.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**SASS Recognition Week**
This week is School Auxillary & Support Staff (SASS) Recognition week. We are fortunate that our SASS, including clerical, classroom support and grounds staff, all work tremendously hard to support the teaching and learning of our students. It is appropriate that we take this opportunity to thank our SAS staff for the wonderful effort and enthusiasm that they show each day in their work.

**NAIDOC week**
NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.
NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.
As a school we will be celebrating NAIDOC this Thursday, firstly with a sausage sizzle for all students and Ralph Naden, a well-respected Aboriginal man, retired shearer and now an Elder of the Aboriginal community will be addressing the whole school. Ralph will also be bringing a group of aboriginal dancers to perform some traditional Aboriginal dancing.

**School Surveys**
Surveys have been sent home with all students. As mentioned previously, these surveys will help guide the future directions of the school over the coming three years. Before I, and our staff, make critical decisions about the school on behalf of the community, I need to have the opinions and thoughts of the whole school community. So please take the time to fill out the surveys and return them to the school this week. Students will also be surveyed at school, so please complete the survey without the input from your child so that we have the full range of opinions, not just a double up of student’s opinions.

Michael Spora  
Principal

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**Calendar**

**Mon 1.9.14**
Kindergarten Parent Information Session  
2:00pm

**Thur 4.9.14**
NAIDOC Week Celebrations (K-12)  
12:50pm Sausage Sizzle  
1:45pm Guest Speaker & Dance Group  
Primary Youth Leadership Camp  
Coonabarabran

**Fri 5.9.14**
Primary Youth Leadership Camp
KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS
This week the Kindergarten and Year 1 students have participated in a variety of activities on fractions, including breaking a kit-kat into halves and quarters and making a dog or cat out of a whole, halves and quarters.
In COGs the students have been learning about different identities and languages that are related to the many different cultures which exist in Australia today. The students also enjoyed painting a picture of their families during Art.
The students have been trying to master the skill of vertical jumping. They practised in sack races which were lots of fun but a tricky skill to learn.
Both Kindergarten and Year 1 are continuing to excel in English with Kindergarten learning to write larger words and even sentences!
The students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Life Education Van to visit Harold. Our topic was about making healthy food choices and the importance of physical activity and safety.
Lastly, I would like to mention how well the K/1 students are behaving and treating others so nicely. They have been using lovely manners and are a pleasure to teach.

Jacqui Danson
(Prac Teacher)

PRIMARY NEWS
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, at approximately 1:45pm and an Aboriginal Dance Group performance to follow. 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 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

YEARS 2/3 NEWS
2/3 have had a very busy term so far! Today we were lucky enough to have Mr Langes visiting us again and working with us on multiplication and division. On Friday we farewelled Miss Skinner who has been working in our classroom over the past 4 weeks as a Prac Teacher. We made Chinese lanterns with Miss Skinner as a continuation of our studies of Asia this term. Whilst Miss Skinner was working with us we also wrote information reports about our individual country of study. On Friday our Year 3 students went to Binnaway to participate in sports activities along with other local schools. A great time was had by all!

R Freeth
**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

This week will be the final week of Active After School Communities for this term. We will begin as usual next term in Week 2 of Term 4. We will begin with tennis and will begin going to the pool as the term warms up!

R Freeth

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Get your Father’s Day present from the P&C Stall at school.
The stall will be open Wednesday 3rd Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September, at recess and lunchtimes. Bring your money!!!

M Neal

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

The P&C are hosting a fun fundraising day this Friday and you don’t have to wear uniform to school!
On Friday 5th September, wear the colours of your favourite team, NRL, AFL, Union, Soccer, Cricket or any other. Please donate a gold coin if you want to wear your favourite team’s colours!

M Neal

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**YEAR 6 - 7 TRANSITION MEETING 2014**

Mendooran Central School staff would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss your student’s transition and options for Secondary school in 2015.
Included in the discussion will be:

- Secondary subjects available next year
- Board of Studies requirements
- Administration details including Roll Call teacher for Year 7
- Transition program in Term 4

The meeting will commence at 3.30pm on Wednesday 10th September 2014 in the BER. We hope to see you there.

Susan Francis
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning
SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL
Year 12 completed their trial HSC examinations last week. The students are encouraged to analyse areas in need of developing and areas needed to consolidate in the lead up to the HSC examinations beginning in Week 2 of next term.
Parents and carers are invited to join us for NAIDOC Week celebrations this Thursday. It begins with a Sausage Sizzle at 12.50pm, followed by a guest speaker and an Aboriginal dance group.

J Waters

COMMUNITY NEWS
MENDOORAN PONY CLUB
We had an excellent gymkhana yesterday – numbers were down on previous years but up compared to other recent gymkhanas. Well done to all our members that rode – I think everyone had a fantastic day. It was really nice to see so many of our junior riders having such a great time.
Thank you to everyone who came along and helped at the working bee on Saturday and to everyone who helped on Sunday. A big and much appreciated thank you to Jess and Lachie who judged for us and stayed around and helped for the whole day.

J Smith

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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**INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY (IAS) INFORMATION SESSION**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), Tamworth Office, would like to extend an invitation to you to attend an Information Session to hear more about the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

If you:

* currently have any Indigenous funding from the Commonwealth Government,
* are interested in applying for funding to assist Indigenous communities,
* have heard about or currently have Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE), Supplementary Recurrent Assistance (SRA), Indigenous Employment Programme (IEP) or NAIDOC funding,

this session is a must for you to attend, as funding rounds and programme guidelines have changed.

**When:** Tuesday 9 September 2014  
**Time:** 11.30-12.30pm  
**Where:** Gallery Meeting Room, Warrumbungle Shire Council, 14-22 John Street, Coonabarabran

RSVP: By Friday 5 September 2014 to Tracey Carrington on (02) 5712 9007 or tracey.carrington@network.pmc.gov.au

If you are unable to attend the session please contact Tracey Carrington to discuss further.

Funding Guidelines and Application Form are attached. Further information can be found at [http://www.dpmc.gov.au/](http://www.dpmc.gov.au/). Click on the Indigenous Affairs tab and that will take you to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

For more information contact Tracey Carrington.

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DISCOVER THE WORLD ON A WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM!
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Sarah in Belgium: “I really loved the orientation in Brussels, I had such a fun time. My host family were really welcoming of me and have kept me distracted for the first few weeks, which has helped a lot. In fact, I've barely felt homesick compared to what I was preparing myself for! The students were all very excited to have an Australian around that they could speak English with! During classes I mostly do French worksheets that they have given to me, or try to translate the worksheet that the rest of the class is focusing on.”

Early Bird Special!
WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 in VIC) a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online before 28 Nov '14.

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- If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

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# 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

## 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

## 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

## Recess Only
- Hash Browns $0.60