Primary Regional Athletics
Our Primary students excelled at North West Athletics at the end of August.
Results included:
Airlie Smith 8th in 100m
Brendan Poyser 11th in Long Jump
V Pettiford 16th in 800m
Victoria Monk 18th in Long Jump. Victoria also competed in the High Jump.
Jake Swan was unable to attend for the 800m, due to illness.
These are wonderful results and we are very proud of the students achievements as well as their positive effort and good sportsmanship.
**PRINCIPAL’S NOTES**

**Primary Excursion**
Our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students were very excited as they left for their excursion to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp. They will participate in various activities including orienteering, low ropes courses, archery, kayaking, paint balloon combat, rock climbing and bushcraft.

**Kindergarten Orientation**
Our second Kindergarten orientation session took place today at 10am. The Preschool children have joined the Kindergarten children singing Nursery Rhymes, doing the Chicken Dance, sequencing Hickory Dickory Dock pictures and joining in social groups.

**Aspire Year 9 “We’re Doing Fine”**
Our Year 9 students will be travelling to Dubbo to take part in a University Taster Day. The students choose various courses of interest and participate in workshops in their chosen fields.

**Rugby League Development Workshops.**
Mitch Squires, our local NRL Development Officer, will run training sessions with the Infants children on Wednesday afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have expert trainers taking them through drills and practical games and activities.

**Bandana Day**
This Friday is Bandana Day. Students can wear mufti and their bandanas then.

**HSC Examinations**
Physics will be held tomorrow for a Distance Education student. Jake and Steven sit their last examination of Design and Technology next Monday. The Graduation dinner will be held next Thursday November 5th.

*Julie Waters*
Principal

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**THE REAGH” INSIDE COVER COMPETITION**

Students are invited to contribute their designs for The Reagh 2015. Once again we want to make the Reagh as colourful and interesting as possible ... and we need your help!

The following wording is to be included in the A4 design.

Mendooran Central School
2015

So put your thinking caps on and have some fun with this.
The Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students are looking forward to our Zoo Snooze Excursion next week! Only 10 more sleeps! The permission note, medical information and $30 payment need to be sent into the school office by 27\textsuperscript{th} October. Final numbers have been sent in which include all students in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2.

Our new Kindergarten students for 2016 visited us again today. We sang lots of nursery rhymes, coloured and sequenced some pictures of Hickory, Dickory, Dock and had some social group play with the current Kindergarteners. We look forward to their next visit on Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} November between 9:00am and 11:10am.

This week in our Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary lessons Year 1 will be focusing on how to use a dictionary and in Maths we will be focusing on Whole Number and Time.

Students will present their speeches this week and next week that they have prepared at home. Only one student from Kindergarten and one from Year 1 will present their speech at a special assembly in Week 7.

L Peter

**KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS**

**MERIT AWARDS**

| K/1:  | Toby Turnbull  
 | Nicholas Duce |
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| 2/3: | Felicity Cook  
 | Breea Campbell |
| 4/5/6: | Kaitlin Quick  
 | Noah Harris |

**Class Award Ribbons**

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**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Win Bins: Georgia Sweeney, Benjamin Walden, Toby Turnbull
T-Award: Kindergarten/Year 1

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**GONSKI WEEK**

As some of you may be aware this week is Gonski Week. Gonski is important, especially for small central schools such as ours, but what is Gonski?

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

We as a school are able to use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students.

The ways the funding can be used include:

• Employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
• Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems
• Building the skills and knowledge of teachers
• Subsidising educational excursions and learning experiences.

To show our support for Gonski every teacher and staff member at MCS has signed the Gonski petition to keep the initiative running. We need community support as well though. If you could take a few minutes of your time to go to the following link and sign the petition we would be extremely grateful.


Thank-you for your support,

M Galiatsatos

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**SECONDARY NEWS**

**HSC - 2015**

Congratulations to Bronwyn Drew on completing her final HSC exam last week. Bronwyn has worked hard to complete the HSC and has performed really well. Best of luck to Steven Rutter and Jake McKenna who sit their exams next week.

### IMPORTANT EXCURSION NEWS ####

The deadline for having your excursion notes in for the trip to Tea Gardens is this Friday, so if you are coming on the excursion you need to get your permission notes and money into the office before then. At present only 26 students have returned their notes. If you have misplaced your note you can get another from the front office.
ASPIRE Taster Day for Year 9
This Wednesday Year 9 is heading to Dubbo for the ASPIRE Taster Day. This is a great day for our students to spend some time participating in career focused activities and interact with tertiary staff and students from the UNSW to explore their future options. The day starts at 9.30am in Dubbo so please make sure your students are at school on time for the bus.

Yearly Exams for Stage 4 & 5
The end of the year is rapidly approaching and as such that also means that the yearly exams for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are also approaching, so it would be a great idea for all you students to spend a little time revising the work covered this year. These exams are a major component of your final assessment so it would be a good plan to do some study beforehand.

T Newberry

KOOKABURRA MARCH
On 3\(^{rd}\) November the Kookaburra March will progress through Mendooran. Students and Cadets will have the opportunity to march behind the Diggers and have a rare opportunity to feel the atmosphere and sense of purpose that these brave soldiers felt prior to enlisting. It will be followed by a special assembly at the school.

Little birds upon the tree, listen to my rhyme.
Beware the cat, your enem-ee, and fly away in time.
Her face you see is full of glee,
one large expansive grin.
I’m sure she thinks that if she is wise,
Opens her mouth and rolls her eyes,
a bird might tumble in!

Beware the Cat
A Poem by James Eyles (Year 9)
REMEmBRANCE DAY
CEREMOnY
2015

Combined Community Service with Mendooran
RSL Sub-branch, Mendooran Central School and the Mendooran/
Merrygoen Memorial Club who extend a cordial invitation to all
community members to attend our combined Remembrance Day
Ceremony at
Mendooran Central School
10:30am
Wednesday 11th November 2015
A morning tea will be provided after the Ceremony
MENDOORAN PONY CLUB
Well done to all our members who rode at the Zone 4 Jamboree on Sunday. We were very successful with Mendooran winning the highest pointscore - we are the Zone Champions for 2015. Mendooran came 2nd in the parade - we just need to work on our march skills - maybe every rally day so that next year we can win that.

Congratulations to:
Xanthia Turnbull 7 and under 9 Reserve Champion
Anna Ward 11 and under 13 Reserve Champion
Belle Smith 13 and under 15 Champion
Sophie Skinner 13 and under 15 Reserve Champion
Kerrie Ward 15 and under 17 Reserve Champion
Georgia Skinner Associate Champion
Well done everyone we had a fantastic weekend.

Upcoming events:
We need to have a Pony Club Meeting to discuss the AGM date and also our Christmas Party plans. Does next Tuesday night suit everyone? Please let me know.
Dubbo Pony Club are having a gymkhana on Sunday 7th November.

J Smith
COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
We had our first Pointscore for the season. It was great to see so many new members. Pointscore is on each Friday at 4pm at the Mendooran Pool.
Everyone wanting to swim this year will need to email the swimmers name, date of birth, and email address to Katrina Yeo on email: burgeon@iinet.net.au Any problems with memberships or new members wishing to join contact Katrina Yeo on 68863578 or text information to 0429863578. Membership fees for this season are swimming members $74.00. Fees cover insurance and registration with NSW Swimming. All new members are welcome. There will be a $2 sausage sizzle each week after swimming. Swimming training is starting this Tuesday at 3.30pm at the pool with Mrs Norwood. Thanks to Mrs Norwood for doing the swimming training for our club.
The Swimming Club will be having a Debutante Ball to be held on the 14th November. Six debutantes and their partners with flower girls and page boys will be presented. Thanks to Barry and Judy Henderson who are teaching the dancing to the debutantes and partners. Thanks to the community who have supported the debutantes with fundraising. Tickets are now on sale for the ball at the Mendooran Post Office.
M Ward
68861052

COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN SWIMMING POOL NEWS
THE POOL IS OPEN !!!
From Monday 19th October 2015

Prices:
$220 Family Season Ticket
$80 Single Season Ticket

Times:
6:30am – 8am Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri
2pm - 6pm Daily

Look forward to seeing you in the pool!
Hello, my name is Hollie Carey and I am 8 years old, I am going to cut my beautiful long hair and donate it to Variety - the children's charity, Princess Charlottes Alopecia program. Together with this I would love to raise much needed funds to help with the cost of making my hair into a wig so that other children will be able to enjoy long hair like I have. My goal is to raise $2,000.00 before I cut my hair. You can help me reach this with a kind donation big or small as every little bit will help.

THANK YOU
You can help by finding me on everydayhero.com.au
(https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/hollie)
RE-ENACTMENT OF 1915
KOOKABURRA MARCH

MENDOORAN MERRYGOEN MEMORIAL CLUB

Invites you to Join us
For Dinner and an entertaining evening
with the Marchers.

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November
6pm
Roast Dinner and Dessert
Adults $15
Children $7
Bookings are essential
Please phone 02 6886 1147
Or
Put your name down at the club.
MENDOORAN - OLD TIME & NEW VOGUE DANCE

Saturday 31st October - 7.30pm Start
Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall

"DANCING WITH TONY"
Come and enjoy the dancing - or just listen to
Tony’s wonderful old time music favourites

Cost: $10 per person.

Supper: Please bring a plate to share at supper time.

Tea/Coffee - provided

For Bookings or further information contact Judy on 6886 1221

Proceeds from the night going towards Interpretative Signage for Mendooran.
Mendooran Debutante Ball
14th November 2015
7pm
Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall
$25 per person
Dress Formal
BYO Drinks and Basket Supper
Tickets available at Mendooran Post Office
**HOT FOOD**
- Large Plain Meat Pie $4.20
- Cheese & Bacon Pie $4.50
- Curry Pie $4.20
- Small Sausage Roll $0.60
- Large Sausage Roll $2.40
- Party Pies $0.60
- Pizza Singles $2.40
- Homemade Quiche $3.20

**BURGERS**
- Hamburger $4.20
- Chicken Burger $4.20
- Cheese Muffin $3.20
  (Meat, cheese & sauce only)

**WRAPS**
- Large $4.00  Small $2.20
- Chicken Salad Wrap
- Ham Salad Wrap
- Egg Salad Wrap
- Chicken Wrap
  (chicken/tomato/cheese/lettuce/Mayo)

**SANDWICHES**
- Devon $1.50
- Cheese $1.50
- Vegemite $1.50
- Chicken/Ham Salad $3.50
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato $2.40
- Toasted EXTRA $0.20

**SNACKS**
- Chips $1.20
- JJ’s $1.00
- Popcorn $0.60
- Homemade Biscuits $0.50

**ICE BLOCKS**
- Zooper Dooper $0.60
- Jelly Sticks $0.15
- Animal Pops $0.20
- Shaky Shake $2.00

**DRINKS**
- Water $1.00
- Fruit Juice $1.00
- Choc/Strawberry Milk $1.50
- Slushie
  - Large $1.60
  - Small $1.00

**SNACKS**
- Jelly $0.50
- Custard $0.50
- Trifle $0.80

**OTHER**
- Sauce EXTRA $0.20
- Brown Bags $0.20
- Toasted $0.20
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