YEAR 8 ASPIRE
‘BEYOND THE GATE’

Last week Tayla Eyles, Caitlin Houghton and I were lucky enough to go to Sydney for the ASPIRE program, supervised by Miss Langley. While we were there we participated in educational and fun activities. These activities included; Uni for a day where we learnt skills such as teamwork, thinking on our feet and communication. We also visited Coogee Beach, Centennial Parklands and the Power House Museum.

It was a new and exciting experience for all of the students there and the teachers seemed to enjoy it too. I am proud of this achievement as are Taya and Caitlin.

I would like to thank Miss Langley for supervising us, Mr Newberry for allowing us to go and the APSIRE program for giving us the opportunity of a lifetime.

Dylan Meyers
PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

Aspire Year 8 Beyond the Gate
Last week Three of our Year 8 students attended the UNSW Aspire Year 8 Beyond the Gate event in Sydney. Tayla Eyles, Caitlin Houghton and Dylan Meyers took part in activities including exercises on teamwork, communication and experiencing university for a day. They also visited The Powerhouse Museum, Centennial Parklands and Coogee beach. The students were supervised by Miss Langley. We thank the University of NSW for this incredible experience.

Captains’ Speeches
We were treated to some exceptional Secondary Captains and Vice Captains speeches last week. The Captains for 2016 will be announced at next Tuesdays Presentation Day.

Orientation Days
Our Kindergarten Orientation is progressing well. Our whole day Year 6-7 Orientation day will be held tomorrow Tuesday 8th December. The partial orientation lessons have been very successful.

Presentation Day
Parents, carers and community members are cordially invited to our Presentation Day celebration next Tuesday beginning at 10am. Reports will be handed out following this event and parents, carers and community members are invited to join the students for lunch afterwards.

Christmas Carols
The Mendooran Church groups are holding Christmas Carols at the school on Sunday 20th December at 6pm. All are invited to attend. There will be a free BBQ.

Next Year
Using our whole school staffing we have been able to source four classes in Primary next year. This will ensure smaller class sizes and endeavour to provide more “one on one” explicit teaching for our students. At present Mrs Peter will be teaching Kindergarten/ Year 1, Miss Freeth Years 1 &2, Miss Vicki McIntyre Years 3 & 4 and Mr Palmer Years 5 & 6.

We welcome Mr Graham Enkes, a very experienced Woodwork teacher to the Secondary school and Mr Langes will be teaching two days of PD/H/PE until Mrs Norwood’s return from maternity leave in second semester.

J Waters
PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

Kinder/Year 1:
- Bailey Thompson
- Rory McGlinn

Years 2/3/4:
- Rachael Hunt
- Shaelah Haron

Years 4/5/6:
- Kaitlin Quick
- Jack Bracken

Birthdays: Riley Munro
Win Bins: Toby Turnbull, Sharna Gray, Airlie Smith, Nicholas Duce

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 CLASS

Mr Ptolemy (practice teacher) completed his four week practice teaching placement last Friday. The students enjoyed his enthusiasm and his wonderful ICT skills in the classroom.

We have been writing persuasive texts in our writing sessions. The students had to convince us why dogs are better pets than cats or vice versa. The students also enjoyed determining which of the following items Mr Ptolemy should have and their reasons why - a vintage car, a Honda motorbike, a long glamorous dress or a black and white draft horse. Some of their texts were quite persuasive and very amusing!

In Maths we have been counting forward and backward number word sequences. The class are very good at counting forwards but will need to continue to work on counting back from any number eg 10 – 8, 27 – 2, 75 – 9, etc. Most students now know the months of the year which is pleasing to see!

Class parties will be held this week! Individual class teachers will let parents and carers know the day and time of their class party and what food and drinks are required. The Kindergarten class party will be held on Wednesday, 9th December at 12 noon in the K/1 classroom. A list of party food will be sent home, however if something else would be more suitable for you to send in that will be fine.

The Super Win-bin draw will be held this Friday during Assembly.

There will be no homework this week. Could all home readers be returned to school by Friday.

L. Peter
**CLASS 2/3/4 NEWS**

Years 2/3/4 are busily getting ready for Presentation Day and have been practicing our item. On Wednesday afternoon we will be having our Class Party. If students could please bring something to share at the party it would be greatly appreciated. We have begun wrapping up our unit on British colonisation of Australia and have been completing some revision activities.

This Friday will be our last swimming lesson at the pool for 2015. Congratulations to those students who have remembered their swimming gear every week!

R Freeth

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**Congratulations Harry Beer!**

Outstanding achievement!

Harry is in Year 1 and he is able to count on by 3’s and 4’s. The students in Kinder/Year One have been learning to count on and backwards by any number, Harry has excelled in this area.

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**MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC**

The Western NSW Local Health District's Mobile Oral Health Centre will be at Mendooran Central School from 13th November until 18th December 2015.

The Dental Van provides oral health checks to students (up to the age of 17) free of charge and community members who hold a medical concession card.

For all requests for appointments please contact the Dental Contact Centre number 1300 552 626

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White Polos are now available in all sizes from the front office.
MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL
“MONSTER RAFFLE”

After recent events one of the parents from the school has taken the time to organise some prizes to raise funds for the school. Tina Leaney is holding a monster raffle. All proceeds will go towards improvements to the school, such as an outdoor learning centre for the students. The effort put in by Tina is astounding and she should be commended on her dedication. Tina has sourced all prizes in her own time and using her own resources. Tickets for the Raffle can be purchased from the Front Office at the School or from the Mendooran Post Office. Tickets will be $2 each or you can purchase 3 for $5.

The prizes are as follows:
1. BBQ
2. Toy Stocking
3. Food Trolley
4. Water Feature
5. Myers Hamper
6. Shoes and Gift Cards
7. Toy Tractor Set
8. Men’s Accessory Box
9. Hair Dryer and Beauty Bag
10. 2 Bags of Dog Food and 1 Hessian bag
11. Beauty box
13. Insect Trap
14. Essentials Hamper
15. Clock and Golf Set
16. 1 Bag of Dog Food

2016 SCHOOL COMMUNICATION METHOD

In 2016 Parents/Caregivers will have the option to receive permission notes, newsletters, notifications and school reports via email. Please return this section to the front office before the end of semester with your name.

Indicate below your preference:

☐ Weekly Newsletter

☐ Permission Notes

☐ Notifications

☐ School Reports

Family Name: _______________ Email: __________________
2016 CAPTAIN CANDIDATES

Name: Becci Sciberras
Age: 15
Favourite Subject: PDHPE
Favourite Sport: Netball
Hobbies: Water Skiing
Inspirational People: Mum and Dad
Ambitions: To attain entrance into University and study a Bachelor of Journalism
Why I should be the 2016 Captain: I want to create a rewarding environment which encourages other students to feel positive towards coming to school each day. In order to achieve this I will seek to have a positive impact on the school environment, which will make it a better place for all students.

Name: Kurt Williams
Age: 16
Favourite subject: Hospitality
Favourite sport: Basketball
Hobbies: Reading, Gaming and Drawing
Inspiration: Mrs Waters
Ambitions: To become a chef
Why I should be the 2016 Captain: Because I am honest, funny, caring and I will do my best to make the school a better place for all and help the students improve themselves.

Name: Kaitlyn Thomson (Kate)
Age: 17
Favourite subject: English
Favourite Sport: Netball and Touch Football
Hobbies: Watching a good movie with good company/ hanging out with friends
Inspiration: My dad is my inspiration, he believes in me and is always supportive.
Ambitions: To gain entrance into University and study a Bachelor of Nursing
Why I should be the 2016 Captain: I have experience. I am responsible, trustworthy and it would be a great honour and privilege for my last year at MCS.
2016 VICE-CAPTAIN CANDIDATES

Name:  Lachlan McKechnie
Age: 14
Favourite Subject:  English
Favourite Sport:  Rugby League, Rugby Union
Hobbies:  Flying Planes, Rugby League and Shooting
Inspiration:  Dad
Ambitions:  To go to ADFA, become an officer, receive a degree and fly army.
Why I should be the 2016 Vice-Captain:  I’m all about facing fears, making change and encouraging leadership and military values. I’m a natural leader.

Name:  Alana Leaney
Age: 14
Favourite Subject:  Wood Work (I.T)
Favourite Sport:  Netball and Street Hockey
Hobbies:  Designing Formal Wear and Accessories, Drawing, Wood Work and Welding
Inspiration person:  Mum, family and friends
Ambitions:  To become a Secondary teacher (Preferably Industrial Technologies), however my favourite dream job would be to become a designer, and have my own multi-million dollar fashion label.
Why I should be the 2016 Vice-Captain:  I always wear my school uniform with pride and I am a willing and optimistic student. I am extremely proud of this school and its achievements. I would also be fully committed to my duties and to leading by example with maturity, trust, loyalty and the many other traits that this role as the 2016 Mendooran Central School Vice-Captain would encompass.
MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS

A massive thank you to all the fantastic helpers painting the shed. Tom and Ged spent Thursday sanding and puttying, then Sunday Louise Monk, David Rothwell, Robyn Sweeney, Peter Telford, Michelle Ward, Bligh Mackander, Miriam Mackander, Will and Pip Archer and myself painted the bar area. Yeehaa, it looks fantastic!
Next weekend is Coonabarabran One Day Event and Combined Training - good luck to all the riders that are attending.
Our Chocolate Wheel is Thursday 17th December at the Royal Hotel Mendooran at 7pm.

J Smith

CAROLS AT THE SCHOOL

Sunday, 20th December the Mendooran Uniting Church Group will be holding Carols at the school. Starting at 6pm there will be a free BBQ under the COLA.
We would like to welcome all members of the community to join in the nights festivities.

2016 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS CALLED

The Mendooran and District Development Group invite all residents in the Mendooran, Merrygoen and Neillrex districts to nominate individuals or groups for the following local Australia Day Awards.

Nomination forms are available at the Post Office for the 2016 local Australia Day Awards. Feel free to nominate someone whom you think is worthy, there are four categories:
- Individual
- Community group
- Sports person
- Sports team or event

Think about the achievements of your nominee and if you are not sure, do some investigating, as the selection panel will rely on this information.
Nominations for the local Mendooran Australia Day Awards close on Wednesday 16th December and can be forwarded to the Secretary, Mendooran & District Development Group Inc, PO Box 62 Mendooran 2842 or hand delivered to the Post Office.
SUMMER KIDS’ CAMPS

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

✔️ New friendships ✔️ Fun
✔️ Great value ✔️ Safe

Summer is all about having FUN in the great outdoors. There is no better way for kids to jam-pack their school holidays with adventure and excitement than by attending a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp.

Choose from day programs and residential camps to Duke of Edinburgh’s Award journeys. Activities include raft building, mountain biking, flying fox, giant swing, cookouts and more. With so many programs on offer, you’ll be sure to find a camp your kids will love.

Kids’ day camps start from $50. Residential camps include 24-hour supervision, accommodation, meals and activities, and many offer supervised transport to and from Central Station, Sydney.

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Inclusion is about U and I

Don’t DIS my ABILITY celebrates the diversity and ability of people with disability. It’s about raising awareness of disability etiquette, promoting positive interactions and creating an inclusive community for all.

Get an attitude to include. It’s time to think and act inclusively, in all aspects of life.

To show your support for inclusion, change your Facebook profile picture from 23 November 2015.

Don’tDISmyABILITY.com.au  

DontDISmyABILITY
More than **1.3 million**
people in NSW have a disability.
That's around **1 in 5**.
Chances are you know someone with a disability.

**Hot**
- The person always comes first! Use phrase such as 'person with a disability'.
- Say 'has a disability'. People don't suffer just because they have a disability.
- Wheelchairs enable mobility. Say 'wheelchair users'.
- Where possible use the appropriate clinical name, such as 'person with schizophrenia' or 'person with mental illness'.

**Not**
- Avoid terms starting with the like, 'the blind' or 'the deaf'. Don't use words like abnormal, crippled, slow or disabled.
- Don't use phrases with negative meanings like 'crazy', 'insane', 'lunatic', 'mental' or 'nuts'.
- A person is not confined to a wheelchair or 'wheelchair bound'.
- Don't say a person is 'Afflicted with' or 'suffers from' a disability. A disability isn't something to 'overcome'.

People with disability lead the same kind of lives as you and I.

They get promotions, change careers, catch public transport, go to the beach on the weekend, take selfies, go to concerts, fall in love, have their hearts broken, travel overseas, have a dog or a pet cat, own a car and a house, read the paper, sing in the shower and donate blood.

For more tips check out the full WHAT'S HOT & WHAT'S NOT GUIDE at: DontDISmyABILITY.com.au
Show your support by visiting us online at: DontDISmyABILITY
# Summer Menu

## 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)

## Salads
- Ham Salad $5.00
- Quiche & Salad $5.00
- Egg Salad $5.00
- Chicken Salad $5.00

## 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

## Other
- Sauce EXTRA $0.20
- Brown Bags $0.20
- Toasted $0.20
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