



MIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report

Welcome to all of the new students at Mian School for Term 4 2012. These students are Tyrell, Bob and Claude.

At Mian School we are "Respectful, Responsible and Safe Learners". This is our catch phrase for Positive Behaviour Learning, (PBL).

To support the introduction of PBL at Mian School this year; we have implemented a computer program called STARS that will assist in tracking student behaviour across a range of settings. This data will assist in planning to support learning of positive behaviours.

Ian Redpath, Jade West and Ben Sheridan from The Mission Australia Cultural Awareness and Leadership Program continue to run programs for our Aboriginal students on Monday afternoons. All the students involved look forward to Ian and the team doing fun activities on Monday afternoons.

Sally Tracey and Willie Middleton have commenced a Boxing Program for students at PCYC every Monday and Wednesday morning.

Ted Bates from Mission Australia has commenced a Youth Connections Program with Year 9 and 10 students this term. The program's focus is to assist to build communication, leadership and teamwork skills.

Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre, in partnership with Mian School, are continuing the running of a Literacy Program called "Read & Believe." Improvements in students Literacy levels continue to be realised. Thanks to Christine Fernando and Jim Forrest for their involvement and commitment to this program.

Mr Ben Orcher has commenced an Aboriginal Dance Group with students at Mian School this semester. We are looking forward to a performance from the group on Presentation Day.

Mrs Wykes has been relieving as Assistant Principal in Term 3. Thank you Mrs Wykes for your support and hard work on improving differentiation of the curriculum at Mian School.

Welcome back Mrs Tink after Long Service Leave in Term 3. It's great to have you back. Mrs Tink sent lots

of postcards to staff and students in Classroom 5 who were mapping Mrs Tink's holiday in Europe. Sounds like you had a great time.

At the end of this year, we will be farewelling Mrs Weber who has taught for many years at Mian School. She is retiring to a busy life managing her farm. Thanks for your dedication to delivering quality education. From all the past students and staff, thank you. Your warm and caring nature has made a huge difference to the lives of the Mian School Community over many years.

Congratulations to Mrs Graves who has recently had a little baby girl named Lucy.

**STOP PRESS:
CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE WINNING
MIAN SCHOOL
KOOKABURRA
SHIELD TEAM.**



Jerome, Adan and Patrick dissecting brains



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Coming Events:

- ☺ Presentation Day—
Monday 12th December
- ☺ Next Canteen Red Day—
Wednesday 21st November
- ☺ Next Student BBQ—
Wednesday 7th November
- ☺ Last day of Term 4 2012
will be Wednesday 19th December
- ☺ Students return for
Term 1 2013 on
Wednesday 30th January
- ☺ The next Newsletter will
be posted in Term 1
2013

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Assistant Principal's Report

It is so good to be back at Mian school to see all the familiar faces and some new ones.

Congratulations to our Kookaburra shield team that for the first time won the Shield. It was so great to see so many parents / carers and friends of Mian school attend the day at the oval.



Jesse, Jack and Jacob cooking up a storm

As we come to the end of term 4, it is really important for all students to keep coming to school everyday. Parents and carers are reminded that you can phone the school if your student is going to be absent. This is especially important if there is transport involved.

On Presentation Day later this term, students will receive their reports and a portfolio of their work from throughout the year. We are hoping that as many families and carers as possible can attend on this special day. There is always a delicious light luncheon served before the formal part of the ceremony begins.

Congratulations to Mrs Graves and her family on the birth of baby Lucy. We are looking forward to seeing Mrs Graves back at school sometime next year.

We wish Mr Eggleston well for his long service leave for the next few weeks.

Uniform

It would be so good to see all of our students in a Mian school shirt on Presentation day later in the term.

These can be purchased at the front office.



Jacob in his Mian School Shirt

Mr Sayers' Report

Semester 4 started in a very positive way. I would like to welcome a new student to the class, Claude.

For English we have been focussing on 2 class projects, a superhero profile and academic essay writing. The students had to design their own superheroes and villains and create a profile about each. Some things they included were a drawing of their heroes and villains, their personal information, their origins, family trees and business cards. The students are currently learning about strategies to help them write academic essays.

In Science we have studied the central nervous system with a particular focus on parts of the brain. The students had the opportunity get up and close and examine parts of the brain by dissecting their own sheep's brain. Though a couple of students felt ill when confronted with the pink jelly-like mass it was evident that Jerome and Adan enjoyed their experience when they turned their brain into some kind of gooey liquid after the experiment.

In HSIE we have begun to look at World War 1. Again (for those who don't know, Pat is well informed in geography and politics), through

discussion, Patrick has shown his deep knowledge in geographical and historical events.

We look forward to seeing you at presentation day to celebrate the achievements of the students.



Jerome and Adan turning the brains to mush while Patrick watches in disgust.

Mrs Barnes' Report

Welcome back to term 4! Classroom 2 has continued to make positive behaviour choices. Daily the students are receiving various rewards. We have had a very busy start to the term. The year 10 students are attending transition visits every Wednesday to the Dubbo Senior Campus to prepare them for their Year 11 enrolment in 2013. At the Senior Campus they enjoy participating in various sporting activities and learning to Cook. Last week they made yummy pancakes.



The students are continuing their studies in Certificate 2, Business Services and most class members have almost completed the compulsory and elective units of the course.

At TAFE the students are enjoying their T. Vet course. In the 'Spray Painting' component of the course, Rob Fahy the 'Auto Body Refinish' teacher is teaching the students how to apply decals and moulds on panels and car bodies.



Craig Barlow the 'Auto Body Repair' teacher is teaching the students elements of preparing a customer's vehicle for use. This includes removal of interior trim to allow thorough cleaning of carpets and interior as well as degreasing, detailing and polishing of the vehicle exterior.



I would like to thank Mr Young for his wonderful support in the classroom.

Ms Harrison's Report

In Term 4 we have welcomed Bob to Class 4. Our four fat fish are looking forward to the end of term with the boys! The end of Term 3 the school celebrated NAIDOC Day. Jack, Jacob and Josh did some great work learning about the history of the Tent Embassy. They even went so far as to build their own tent.



Our class has been involved in preparing for and participating in the Kookaburra Shield. Congratulations to Jack for being named Best and Fairest Player on the day and to Jacob for being an encouraging and supportive Co-Captain. Visual literacy continues



to be a large part of our day. Term 4 literacy is focussed on the book and film, War Horse. Students have

engaged with this topic and bring huge amounts of background knowledge about World War 1, horses and the power of friendship to our discussions. Jack and Josh recently spent time investigating 'Dia de las muertos' or, The Day of the Dead. They produced fabulous power-point presentations! Science is all about elements and experiments. The boys enjoyed mixing a variety of acids and bases that bubble, fizz and expand. They finished off making their own sherbert. Enjoy the end of 2012!



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"Caring and Providing"



Mian School provides alternative educational programs for students in Years 5-9 from schools in Dubbo, Narromine & Wellington.

Our Mission Statement

Staff, Students and Community endeavour to:

- Encourage all students to value learning and strive to reach their potential;
- Establish and maintain a supportive environment which recognises talents, provides professional development and encourages cooperation, interaction and communication;
- Promote and develop partnerships between school, parents / carers and community;
- Encourage all to value, maintain and enhance the school environment by promoting a positive school culture; and
- Work together to meet the needs of all students.

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Now that the weather is getting warmer a reminder that students must bring a cap to school to wear in the playground. A reminder also for those students who ride bikes to school to wear a helmet.

Mrs Weber's & Mrs Wykes' Report

Congratulations to Ms Graves and husband Murray on the safe arrival of baby Lucy. Class 5 is sure that Conner will help look after his baby sister.

Kookaburra Shield by J Rich

Friday 26 October 2012 it was the day of the Oz Tag Carnival - Kookaburra Shield. A team from Delroy, South and Mian play off for a shield. This year the venue was Number 2 Oval.

The initial game between Delroy and Mian was very close with Mian being the winners with a score of 5-4. Delroy then played South. Delroy were the winners. The last game was between South and Mian. Mian won, and the score was 9/4.

A Best and Fairest was handed to every team with Jack Derrick winning for Mian School Team.

A qualified ref refereed all three games. She was a really nice person.

The canteen ladies made lovely food on the BBQ, and sold cool drinks. All the people had a very nice day. And our school used points to get food from the canteen.

Ms Wykes and Ms Weber are now Class 5 teachers. We are studying Electricity, Natural Disasters and naturally Celebrations. Several students have birthdays this term as well as Remembrance Day, Christmas and other special events. Lots of work for Class 5.

