

Mungindi Central School

SEMESTER 2 TERM 4 2014

WEEK 2 - 14 October 2014

Kindergarten Transition



Left & Below: Students learnt to write letters and words.



Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten started at Mungindi Central School today.

The children participated in a range of activities including shared reading, interactive writing, guided writing, guided reading, numeracy, technology and craft.

What did the children learn today?

They learnt to read for enjoyment and locate words in a story.

They learnt to write letters and words.

They learnt to read the book, *I am running*.

They learnt about numbers to 10.

They made fish, used the iPads and practised writing their name correctly.

Most importantly, they had fun learning!

If you would like your child to attend the transition to Kindergarten classes at Mungindi Central School please contact the Mungindi Central School on 02 6753 2207.

Mrs Nicole Humphries

Instructional Leader






Left & Below: Students made fish.



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UP & COMING EVENTS

-  **PRESCHOOL TRANSITION**
17 October 2014
-  **PRESCHOOL TRANSITION PARENT INFORMATION DAY**
17 October 2014
-  **SECONDARY HOMEWORK CENTRE**
20 October 2014
-  **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION**
21 October 2014
-  **P & C AGM MEETING**
22 October 2014

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"I am who I am today
because of the choices I
made yesterday."
Eleanor Roosevelt*

Mungindi Central School

Transition to Kindergarten

A transition to school program for children starting Kindergarten in 2015.

Week	Date	Time
2	14 October 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
3	21 October 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
4	28 October 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
5	4 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
6	11 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
7	18 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
8	25 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
9	2 December 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
10	9 December 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 11 November 2014

- 1:30 pm to 2:40 pm -

Where: Mungindi Central School Kinder/1 Classroom

Please bring with you:

Copies of your Child's Immunisation Record & Birth Certificate



Mungindi Central School
59-67 Wirrah Street
Mungindi NSW 2406
Phone: 0267 532 207



Stage 5 English

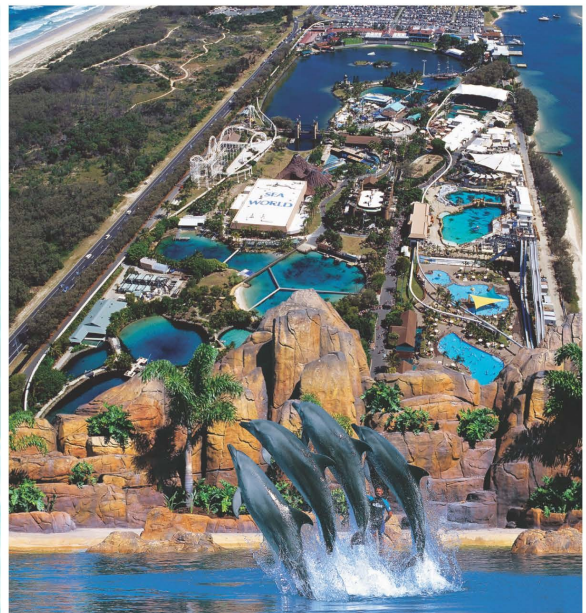
For their first unit this term Stage Five English students are looking at memes and their persuasive power. Students have created their own memes to discourage graffiti. Throughout the rest of this unit students will look at ethos, logos and pathos, and how advertisers use these to help persuade customers to buy their wares. Students will consolidate their learning through the creation of advertising portfolios complete with products, subsequent advertisements and memes of their own choosing and creation.

Miss Tanya Ogg

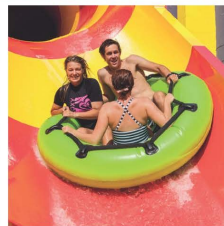
Secondary English Teacher



P & C Raffle



Raffle Fundraiser
GOLD COAST HOLIDAY



**Prize
is for 2
Adults,
2 Children*
& includes:**

- Virgin Australia Airfare voucher for **N/A**
- Stay **4** nights at the World Famous 4½★
Sea World Resort & Water Park in a Resort Room
- With Entry to:

	• Sea World	Unlimited	day(s)
	• Warner Bros. Movie World	Unlimited	day(s)
	• Wet'n'Wild Water World	Unlimited	day(s)
	• Caltex Star Cash Card	\$200.00	
	• With a Food and Beverage Credit for Sea World Resort & Water Park	\$200.00	

**Tickets are
only \$2.00 ea**

Ticket sales close:

17 December 2014

Prize drawn:

**17 December 2014
MCS Presentation Night**

Return tickets/monies by:

5 December 2014

Return tickets/monies to:

MCS Office

Group:

Mungindi Central School Parents & Community Association

Terms and Conditions: A certificate for the accommodation and theme parks will be issued to the winner. The certificate must be presented on arrival. A separate Virgin Australia certificate or Caltex Star Cash Card will be issued to the winner, if applicable. The holiday/theme park certificates, the Virgin Australia certificate and the Caltex Star Cash Card are valid for use for up to 12 months from their issue date. The accommodation component includes room accommodation only. Unless stated, the prize does not include airfares, meals, transport, activities or transfers. Accommodation is subject to availability. The holiday can be used over the Australian School Holidays for a small surcharge of \$40 per night for Shoulder Season or \$100 per night for High Season. It cannot be used during special events. It cannot be transferred or redeemed for cash and must be taken intact. * Child age for Theme Park tickets is 3-13 years (14+ years require adult tickets). We or BLC International Pty Ltd do not accept any liability of whatever nature, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of third party providers over whom we have no direct control. Under circumstances where liability cannot be excluded, such liability is limited to the value of the purchased travel arrangements. We do not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss (including consequential loss), delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part.

Moree Shire Council Budget Meeting

Last Thursday the Stage 6 English Class and Youth Group Members were invited to make a presentation to the Councillors to support the importance of their funding application that was submitted by Mungindi Progress Association. The grant application is for \$3000 to help run Youth Activities in Mungindi such as:

- Movie Nights
- Junior Master Chef Competition
- Tennis Competition
- Touch Football
- Disco Evenings

Games nights and other social events both after school and during the school holidays.

It was an amazing experience for our students to stand up and make a presentation explaining about the Mungindi Youth Group and the achievements they have successfully organised and their future plans. Antonia spoke first followed by Peter, both spoke clearly and passionately outlining the direction of the Youth Group. Baihli and Deanna showed support by listening and encouraging our two speakers. We are all proud of the whole group and how they represented Mungindi Central School. Well done students.

Mrs Belinda Brosnan
Careers Advisor



No Hat No Play Policy

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a hat. It is Mungindi Central School Policy that all student must wear a hat, preferably a wide brim or bucket hat, to participate in outdoor activities. Hats are available for purchase from the Administration Office.

If you require more information, please phone the Administration Office on 02 6753 2207.

A Halloween-themed poster for a 'Halloween Disco' event. The background is dark blue with a large, glowing full moon. Silhouettes of bats are flying around the moon. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a haunted house with a witch's hat on top. The text 'Mungindi Blue Light' is written in a white, stylized font. Below it, 'HALLOWEEN DISCO' is written in large, orange, block letters. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text: 'Games & Prizes to be won!', 'Venue- Mungindi Memorial Hall', 'Date- Friday 24th October', 'Time- 6pm- 8pm', 'Entry Fee - \$4', and 'Hotdogs & Canteen Facilities available'. The 'Blue Light' logo is in the top right corner. The website 'PosterMyWall.com' is visible at the bottom left.

Beauty Therapy Cert II

Our students attended their last beauty block on the last three days of Term Three, three long days of TAFE theory and practical assessment. All students worked hard and have improved in their practical skills. Next year there may also be another Beauty course, depending on interest, which will focus on nails. During the course students confidence and presentation skills has improved, and the clients in Moree were impressed.

Mrs Belinda Brosnan
Careers Advisor



Careers Information

Charles Sturt University Webinars

Gerontology Webinar

Thursday 16th October, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Learn about the Bachelor of Social Science (Gerontology), Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and Master of Gerontology. <http://news.csu.edu.au/events/manly/webinar-on-gerontology-courses>

Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management Webinar

Thursday 16th October, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Learn about the benefits of the course and the career opportunities for graduates.

<http://news.csu.edu.au/events/webinars/webinar-on-the-bachelor-of-agricultural-business-management2>

University of New South Wales: Minerals Summer School

Mon 19th January – Thu 22nd January

Applications close Fri 17th October

Students in Year 10 or 11 who are interested in science or engineering can take part in this 4 day residential summer school. Students will learn about study, careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the Australian minerals industry.

Contact: mining@unsw.edu.au

<http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mining-engineering/unsw-minerals-summer-school>

Mungindi Central School Preschool

Parent Information Day

Term 4 - Week 2

17 October 2014

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Bookings can be made at the
Mungindi Central School Administration Office
Telephone | 0267 532 207



MUNGINDI CENTRAL SCHOOL | TELEPHONE | 0267 532 207

Mungindi Central School Transition to Preschool Program

All children who wish to enrol in Mungindi Central School Preschool for 2015 are invited with their parents to attend a
Transition to Preschool Program.

Children need to turn 4 before 31 January 2015

This program will be held on the following
Fridays in Term 4:

17 October 2014, 24 October 2014, 31 October 2014,
7 November 2014, 14 November 2014 and 21 November, 2014

Please bring: Hat, Water Bottle and morning tea.

Children may attend from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

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APP of the Week

Animals 360 Gold

Price: \$1.99



Overview

Get a close up view of animals in their natural habitats. Four different modes of play allow kids to interact with a large collection of animals. Have you always wondered what a badger sounds like? Scroll through the photos until you find the badger, and then tap to hear his sound. Take a tour of multiple habitats too, tapping on the animals you find to hear their sounds as well. Once you become acquainted with the animals, take a quiz that sees how well you can identify animals by their sounds or put the animal photos back together in a challenging puzzle game.

Features include:

- Four different modes of play
- High-quality animal photos
- Accurate animal sounds
- More than 7 habitat tours



Quality

At first glance, you may not realize *Animals 360 Gold* has a lot to offer. Its main screen lacks a bit of pizzazz. However, once you start to interact with the four different modes of the app, you realize that the first glance was deceiving. While it could be a bit more polished and provide a few more instructions to alert kids to all it has to offer, it still offers high quality content. For example, the pictures of the animals are crystal clear and rather than using generic animal sounds, it uses clear recordings of how the animals really sound in the wild.

Education

At nearly every level of the game, kids can learn something new. In the photos section, kids can scroll through animal photos to hear each animal's sound and read a bit of basic background information on the animal, including the common name, scientific name, key features, diet, habitat, and curiosities. While taking a tour, kids can explore 7 different habitats and hear the sounds of the animals who live there. Unfortunately, the habitats are not labelled, so kids must figure out on their own which habitat all of the animals live in.

Entertainment

The ability to hear realistic animal sounds will be enough to entertain most kids, particularly younger ones. However, older kids will also be entertained by putting the animal photos back together in the puzzle game, even though getting some of the pieces in the right place can be a challenge. They will also be amused by the animal quiz which tests their knowledge of animals simply by hearing the animal sound.

Value

With four different modes of play, seven different tours, and over 100 animal photographs and sounds, *Animals 360 Gold* has a lot to offer. Despite its lack of polish, it still lives up to its price tag.

Child Friendliness

A directions screen instructs kids to swipe up and down to see other photos of an animal, left to right to see photos of other animals, and to shake the device to play an animal sound. Beyond that, few instructions exist. As a result, kids may miss some of the features. Thankfully, even when kids tap around to try to discover more features, everything they find will be designed with them in mind. There are no parent screens, ads, or other content kids should not see.

Good for Kids good for life

The Lunchbox equation

Are you struggling for ideas for your child's lunchbox? Here are a few tips to ensure the balance is right.

A main meal - e.g. sandwich, wrap, salad, home-made dish etc. that includes vegetables and a protein food e.g. meat, fish, chicken, egg, cheese. Aim for wholegrain varieties such as whole meal or multigrain breads, wraps, brown rice or whole meal pasta etc.

A piece of fruit - whole, cut into bite sized pieces, canned fruit in natural or unsweetened juice or dried fruit very occasionally.

A healthy snack - vegetable sticks with salsa or hummus, cheese and crackers, wholegrain crackers with toppings etc.

A drink - water is the best choice everyday.

An extra snack - can be included for active children.

As a treat you can pack a small 'extra' pre-packaged snack once a week to teach children about eating "occasional" foods sometimes and not every day.

Reference:

Adapted from "How to pack a Healthy Lunchbox" fact sheet accessed from www.healthy-kids.com.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 1300 657 197

CANTEEN MENU 2014 WEEK 1

STANDARD MENU

Pie \$ 4.00

Sausage Roll \$ 3.50

Pizza \$ 3.50

Salad Bowl \$ 3.50

Ham

Chicken

FIXED PRICE PACK

\$ 8.00

Salad Bowl



OR



DRINKS

LOL

\$ 2.00

Juice Popper

\$ 2.00

Milk

\$ 2.00

Stress Less Fest

Last Friday all of Mungindi Central School Secondary students were invited to meet at Moree Oval to celebrate Mental Health Month by participating in lots of fun activities. It was a fantastic day which started with the Gomeroi Dance Group sharing Dream stories and dances highlighting why courage and resilience is so important. They told the story of the Red-Capped Robin who protects her eggs from a snake, and then they danced bringing the story to life. They were followed by a panel of speakers listed below:

- Superintendent Gelina Talbot-Commander: Barwon Local Area command
- Senior Constable Megan Wynn-Youth Police Liaison Officer: Barwon Local Area Command
- David Aber-General Manager: Moree Plains Shire Council
- Dr Allen Avery-Hunter New England Health: Mental Health Promotions
- Dr Aditya Menon-Hunter New England Health: Mental Health Promotions

These guest speakers discussed what stresses them and the strategies they use to reduce stress in their lives. Then the day commenced with fun activities including; Tai Chi, Laughter Yoga, Kick Boxing, Healthy choices game, Gomeroi Dance workshop, making stress balls and hand scrub.

We are all looking forward to participating again next year.

Mrs Belinda Brosnan

Careers Advisor



Principal's Message

Welcome back to what promises to be another action packed term of learning and joy. Not sure what order those should be in but I'm sure we will make up our minds as the term evolves. I seriously hope that we have all taken the chance for a much needed breath as we set our resolve to maximum. Students have had the opportunity to visit Moree for two separate events last week. One was the Mungindi Youth Group presenting a thank you to the Moree Plains Shire Council for a successful funding application. From all reports they did themselves very proud. On Friday the secondary students took part in the Youth Stress Less Fest in Moree. Once again this was a chance for our students to mix with students from other schools on a day of fun filled activities as well as an opportunity to find out some more detailed information about how to look after their health and wellbeing. This proved to be a very full and active day for all students and staff. The theme of the event was Mental Health and brought together quite a team of providers to get a clear message across to all the young people involved. I also hope that some of us had the opportunity to see some of the shows on the ABC last week titled Mental As. It is rare to see such quality information presented in a real and meaningful way.

I would like to introduce Miss Rebecca Freeth to parents and the community. We have been very lucky to get someone with her skills and talent as our Relieving Assistant Principal for the term. I'm sure that you will all make her welcome and give her support as she takes on this challenging role at this time of the year. She does come with having previous experience at the school which is an added bonus.

This week saw the start of the HSC examinations for our Year 12 students. This is always a tense time as they manage the last part of their official studies. We wish Morgan all the best as she negotiates the study and examination process until they are all completed.

One of pinnacle events in the life of a school are the various transition programs that operate. The first one is our Kindergarten transition which starts today. It is so exciting to see the preschool kids actively involved in a range of exercises and having a great time doing them. As the program continues they will get more adventurous in their learning and we will see them become more confident. What wonderful times for these students.

This Friday also sees the Preschool have its Parent Information Day which is the start of the Preschool Orientation process as well. Excitement and uncertainty for parents as they start to contemplate the sharing process with others. But a truly exciting time for the kids as they learn to explore the new environment and expectations that come with sharing toys and time with peers.

I am sure that some of you have heard about Michelle Riddell's unfortunate accident during the break. We all wish her a speedy and comfortable recovery. This will result in some changes in how we manage the coverage of the NBSA. Paul Champion will manage the program and be in the school each Thursday and Friday. He will also be able to provide additional support while he is at Boggabilla the rest of the week. I am also in the process of getting some day to day coverage from within the school, once this is done I will confirm the roles people are taking.

We are in the process of looking for a happy home for three of our visiting roosters. Unfortunately they have upset the delicate balance of the henhouse and are causing neighbours some very early wakeups. Once I have confirmed new respite housing we will all be much happier. Stay tuned.

All the best.

Mr Erich Riesinger

Principal

Tricks for Encouraging Kids to Read

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at <http://bit.ly/HLPmB9>

You can purchase books from the Scholastic Book Club Catalogues. Don't forget that they are due to be ordered and fully paid by 24 October 2014. If you would like more catalogues please notify Mungindi Central School Administration Office.

Possible New Student Shirt - Feedback Required

Cost: \$30.00 (buy one get one free)

Colour: Navy/Sky

Sizes: Childs 4 to Adults 5XL

Features: polyester sports interlock, grid mesh underarm panels for breathability, 155 GSM, excellent UPF rating, quick drying, no ironing required.

Please phone the school or come and see us with your thoughts.

These shirts will be ready for circulation for 2015 providing that the idea is well received.



Mungindi Central School P & C

AGM Meeting

Wednesday 22 October 2014

5:15 pm at the School Hall

\$2.00 Voting Fee

BBQ Provided



Queensland Government

Need a Dental Appointment?

South West Oral Health Clinic

For adults treatment you must possess one of the following to be eligible:

- Health Care Card; Pension Concession Card;
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card;
- Queensland Seniors Card or Veterans Affairs Card.

For a child to be eligible for treatment he/she must meet one of the following criteria:

- Queensland resident, school going children four years of age or older who have not completed Year 10 of Secondary School.
- Dependents of adults with a PCC or a HCC.
- Ages 2-17 and eligible under the Medicare Child Benefit Scheme.

To make an appointment call:

1300 215 659



South West Oral Health Service
Queensland

CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

TERM 4- OCT 13
SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE

14
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION

15

16

17
PRESCHOOL
TRANSITION & PARENT
INFORMATION DAY

20
SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE

21
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION

22

23

P & C AGM MEETING -
5:15 PM

24
PRESCHOOL
TRANSITION
BOOK CLUB ORDER
RETURNS DUE

27
SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE
POCHE DENTAL

28
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION
POCHE DENTAL

29

30

POCHE DENTAL

POCHE DENTAL

31
PRESCHOOL
TRANSITION

NOVEMBER 3
SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE

4
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION

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7
PRESCHOOL
TRANSITION

FRIDAY

17

OCTOBER 2014 - PRESCHOOL TRANSITION

FRIDAY

17

OCTOBER 2014 - PRESCHOOL TRANSITION PARENT INFORMATION DAY

MONDAY

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OCTOBER 2014 - SECONDARY HOMEWORK CENTRE

TUESDAY

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SEPTEMBER 2014 - KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

WEDNESDAY

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SEPTEMBER 2014 - P & C AGM MEETING



Motivation, Commitment, Success

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