



Mungindi Central School Newsletter

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Aboriginal Languages Week

During Week 2, students and staff at Mungindi Central School celebrated Aboriginal Languages Week. The local language of our country is Gamilaraay. Things we all learnt in language:

- Greetings: Buliyaagu Gaba (Good Morning), Yaama (Hello), Baayandhu ([See you] Later on), Yaluu ([See you] again)
- Counting 1 - 10: maal (1), bulaarr (2), gulibaa (3), buligaa (4), maa (5), yuli (6), guulay (7), galay (8), mirral (9), banay (10)
- Learning songs in language (one of these will be presented at a future assembly)



Preschool Excellence Recognised

Congratulations to Mrs Pauline Lawson and Aunty Nat for their outstanding work in our preschool program.

Our preschool has been assessed at Exceeding in all areas of the National Quality Framework for Early Education.

We are so proud to once again be recognised for providing best practice and delivering the highest quality learning environment for our youngest students.



Principal's Report

Aboriginal Languages Week

Let our voices fly

Last week we celebrated Aboriginal Languages Week and it was wonderful to see all our students practicing using language throughout the week. Students used expressions like Buliyaagu gaba (good morning), Yaama (hello) and Yaluu (good bye) throughout the day. Students also listened to stories and sang songs in Gamilaraay.

As a language teacher, I appreciate just how important learning a language can be. Learning Gamilaraay is particularly special as students are learning not just a language which has benefits for their intellectual and social development by strengthening memory, listening and pattern recognition, but it also helps all students develop empathy and appreciation for diversity.



Mid-term assembly

Mark the 11 November in your calendar for the mid-term assembly. It will be a big one with students nominating for school captain making their speeches as well as performances showcasing student learning this term.

Parent teacher interviews

Thank you to the parents who attended for the parent teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend and are still keen to meet with teachers, you are always welcome to contact the office to arrange a time to meet with your child's teachers.

Planning for 2026

The planning for 2026 is well underway. Here is an update in a few areas as we look forward to 2026 where there will be a few changes.

• Bell times 2026

From the beginning of 2026, we will be changing the start and end time for lessons. There will be no change to any transport or supervision arrangements. Currently lessons commence at the conclusion of the morning assembly at 8:40am. We will be moving the morning assembly to 9:00am. The end times will remain the same. We will also be aligning the teaching periods throughout the day to be the same for all students. This means that we will be running 1 hour long lessons. The times are below for your reference. Previously students in different years had different lesson times.

The morning activities will be supervised activities designed to support different student interests and integrate students with each other. They will include ideas like chess club, basketball and rugby league games, dance groups and breakfast club.

Mrs Daly will be working with our students and learning and support officer team to develop the calendar of activities in preparation for 2026.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Morning activities | 8:40 – 9:00 |
| Period 1 | 9.00 – 10.00 |
| Period 2 | 10:00 – 11.00 |
| Morning Break | 11:00 – 11.30 |
| Period 3 | 11:30 – 12:30 |
| Period 4 | 12:30 – 1:30 |
| Late Break | 1.30 – 2.00 |
| Period 5 | 2.00 – 3.00 2.00 – 2.45 |

• Subject electives

We will be introducing a broader range of elective subjects for students in years 9-10. Students will be able to choose their electives from the following subjects:

- Agriculture
- Drama
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Physical Activity and Sports Science (PASS)
- Visual Arts

Mrs Picton will be guiding students in years 8 and 9 over the next week in their choices of elective subjects.

• Staffing update

Kerri Daly, our new Learning and Support Teacher has commenced this term in a temporary capacity. I'm pleased to announce that she will continue in 2026 having been permanently appointed to Mungindi Central School from the beginning of Term 1, 2026.

Caryn Jones has also been permanently appointed as a specialist secondary English teacher. Caryn also has expertise teaching drama, and experience teaching a range of subjects. She will be joining us from the beginning of 2026.

Have a lovely week,

Paul Laing

Principal

Quick summary:

- **Aboriginal Languages Week:** Students learned Gamilaraay words like Yaama and Yaluu and sang songs.
- **Mid-Term Assembly:** Save the date for our assembly on 11 November – there will be school captain speeches and performances.
- **Parent Meetings:** Missed interviews? Call the office to book a time with your child's teachers.
- **Planning for 2026 is underway:**
 - Morning Activities: Fun clubs and games (like chess, dance, and breakfast club) will run from 8:40–9:00am.
 - Bell Times 2026: School will start lessons at 9:00am from next year.
 - Electives: Years 9–10 will be able to choose three subjects from the following list Agriculture, Drama, Food Technology, Industrial Technology, Physical Activity and Sports Science (PASS), and Visual Arts.
 - New Staff: Mrs Daly and Mrs Jones will join our school permanently in 2026.

MACINTYRE LITERACY

At the end of last term, students in MacIntyre learned how to write an email, linking it to Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type. They wrote to Farmer Brown about his animals and life on the farm. Well done to our budding digital communicators — you've really shown how literacy and technology can come together in creative ways!

Mrs Debbie Murphy
Classroom Teacher



END OF TERM 3 ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday the 23rd of September, Mungindi Central School formally farewelled our current Year 12 students as a part of the End of Term Assembly. Completing Year 12 is a significant achievement, so it is no surprise that the assembly was emotional with tears being shed.

Many parents and community members were welcomed into the school to celebrate the successes of our students in many fields. NBSA Athletics Carnival results, certificates and trophies were also presented.

Congratulations to students for their efforts during Term 3 and thank you to the parents and community members who were able to attend and support our students.



Preschool Outcomes Awardees



Encouragement Awardees



High Five Awardees



Kindness Awardees



Secondary Raffle Winner



Over 90% Attendance Awardees



Mini Sports Winners: Kamilaroi



NBSA Athletics Carnival Record Breakers



NBSA Athletics Carnival Reserve Age Champions



NBSA Athletics Carnival Age Champions



MRS BROSNAN'S BULLETIN

Stage 3 Science

Stage 3 completed a practical investigation to determine which substance had the lowest viscosity resulting in it moving down the slope faster. Students then learnt about variables in an experiment and how to write and draw the practical scientifically. There are so many enthusiastic young scientists in the making!



Stage 5 Science

Stage 5 Science studied Earth's Spheres during last term. One of the practical tasks was to investigate the gas produced from the breakdown of limestone. Students enjoyed bending glass to prepare equipment, and used prior knowledge to identify the gas.

Limewater indicated that the gas from marble chips and hydrochloric acid was carbon dioxide as the gas cleared the limewater. We then discussed how weathering takes place on earth and that gases are released into the environment.



This term, Stage 5 are learning about the Periodic Table, changes over the years and the patterns. Students have been learning properties of the elements and their position through a game of Battleships.

Mrs Belinda Brosnan
Classroom Teacher



BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 2025.

**ORDERS CAN BE DONE USING
THE LOOP APP OR ONLINE
AT [HTTPS://MYBOOKCLUBS.
SCHOLASTIC.COM.AU/
PARENT/LOGIN.ASPX](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx)**

ALTERNATIVELY, SEND
YOUR ORDER AND PAYMENT
INTO THE SCHOOL.



Bandaarr Box Fit for Kids

Start Date: Tuesday 13 May 2025, Every Tuesday

Time: 7:00am, Bus Pick start's at 7:00am

Venue: Mungindi LALC, 47 Goondiwindi St

RSVP: Mungindi_lalc@outlook.com to register your child for pick up.

Breakfast will be provided

**OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL
AGED KIDS**



In partnership with Mungindi Police, Aboriginal
Community Liaison Officer
and MLALC



STAGE 4 & 5 SHOW AND TELL

Stage 4 and 5 Literacy with Miss Bate and Miss O'Keefe have begun their Show n Tell program! This week, students' Ethan, George, and Shakellen all brought in something that they LOVED, which included a bike, JBL speaker, and a best friend. Students shared about their love for their interest and the audience were able to ask questions in return. This program aims to build confidence in our young people who have been asked to share something important to them, and they're encouraged to plan and prepare when it comes to their turn. Students will also need to improvise on the spot if they fall short of their 5 minute timer, which will help to develop their quick thinking and adaptability!

Miss Brittany Bate
Classroom Teacher





GOONDIWINDI & MOREE DEFENCE CAREERS INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Australian Defence Force is a modern, people-focused organisation and one of Australia's major employers.

With over 300 roles on offer, there's a wide range of specialist military positions, support roles, trades and professionals to choose from.

Learn more about roles ranging from engineering to communications, IT & intelligence available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

| SESSION | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | RSVP |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Goondiwindi | Monday, 27 October 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | O'Shea's Royal Hotel, 48 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi, QLD, 4390 | Click here to register |
| Moree | Wednesday, 29 October 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | Social Co House, 167 Balo St, Moree, NSW, 2400 | Click here to register |

Preschool Capers

Learning Highlights: Aboriginal Language Week and Dinosaur Discoveries

This week, our students have been celebrating Aboriginal Language Week by learning to say greetings and simple words such as “morning,” “I am...,” “mum,” “dad,” and counting to ten in an Aboriginal language. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with Indigenous culture and language.

Over the past two weeks, we have also been exploring the fascinating world of dinosaurs. The children investigated different types of dinosaurs, examining their features—particularly their mouths—to predict whether they were herbivores or carnivores. We were all very excited to discover that our chickens are actually related to dinosaurs!

We then explored scientific theories about why dinosaurs became extinct and learned about the prehistoric supercontinent called “Pangea.” The students examined how the continents once fit together like puzzle pieces and discussed how people and animals might have moved across the land before it separated.

As young palaeontologists, the children participated in a dinosaur and bones “dig” and learned about the special tools and careful methods scientists use to protect and preserve fossils. They also gained an understanding of the importance of scientists sharing and reporting their findings.



In the coming weeks, we will explore different continents and countries and examining the cultures of First Nations peoples from around the world. This will allow us to compare their traditions with those of Australian First Nations peoples and deepen our understanding of diverse cultural perspectives.

Mrs Pauline Lawson
Preschool Educator

| Evidence of our preschool Philosophy. | |
|--|---|
| As Children: | As Educators: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We explore and engage with our surroundings, which help us: develop an understanding of our place in the world, become active members within the community, grow an appreciation for the natural environment and respect diversity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We value an inclusive practice that encompasses a respect for diversity, fairness, and the natural environment. We guide the children, families and community to embrace sustainable practices, adopt an empathetic nature and show respect for diversity. We explore and facilitate a range of opportunities to extend networking by collaborating with the wider community, especially external support and Early Childhood services. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learners! We challenge our ideas, knowledge, skills and understandings by engaging in a variety of learning activities, resourcing and designing play experiences indoor and outdoor, and being active participants in our own learning journeys. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We embrace the understanding that the environment is the third educator, setting up a variety of learning experiences which appeal to current interest, areas of development and child choice. Our program combines planned curriculum (intentional teaching), spontaneous experiences, key learning areas and Aboriginal Education (Gamilaraay). |

**NORTHERN BORDER
SENIOR ACCESS**

2025

Yr 12 Graduation

28TH NOVEMBER 5.30 PM FOR 6.00 PM START

LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLS CLUB
29 MORILLA ST, LIGHTNING RIDGE, NSW 2834

NBSA Graduation is Proudly supported by: calleo indigenous

CANTEEN MENU

Mungindi Central School

| SNACKS | | HOT FOODS | |
|--|--------|---|--------|
| FRESH FRUIT SALAD | \$3.00 | TRAVELLER MEAT PIE | \$3.50 |
| Seasonal fresh fruit medley. | | SAUSAGE ROLL | \$3.00 |
| PIECE OF FRUIT | \$1.00 | CHICKEN & CORN ROLL | \$3.00 |
| Banana, apple, pear or mandarin. Subject to availability. | | PIZZA SINGLE | \$3.50 |
| POPCORN | \$1.00 | Ham & Pineapple | |
| SMITHS CHIPS PACK | \$1.00 | Cheese & Bacon | |
| RED ROCK DELI CHIPS PACK | \$1.50 | SANDWICHES | |
| SALAD ITEMS | | SALAD SANDWICH | \$7.00 |
| CHICKEN SALAD WRAP | \$6.00 | Ham or chicken with lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, beetroot and mayonnaise. | |
| CHICKEN LETTUCE & MAYO WRAP | \$6.00 | CHEESE SANDWICH | \$2.50 |
| SALAD BOWL | \$6.00 | Fresh or Toasted | |
| Lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, and beetroot with dressing of choice. Add ham, chicken or fish | \$1.00 | HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH | \$3.00 |
| | | Fresh or Toasted | |
| FROZEN | | HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO SANDWICH | \$3.50 |
| ZOOPER DOOPER | \$1.00 | Fresh or Toasted | |
| ICE CREAM CUP | \$2.50 | CHICKEN & CHEESE SANDWICH | \$3.50 |
| FROZEN YOGHURT | \$2.50 | Fresh or Toasted | |
| Strawberry | | DRINKS | |
| Mango | | WATER | \$2.00 |
| SAUCES | | FRUIT POPPERS | \$2.00 |
| | | Golden Pash, Tropical Punch, Sunshine Punch | |
| | | FLAVOURED MILK | \$2.00 |
| | | Strawberry | |
| | | Chocolate | |
| | | HOT CHOCOLATE | \$2.00 |



CANTEEN IS AVAILABLE EVERY THURSDAY
| Menu is subject to changes due to availability of stock |

PRESCHOOL

2026 ENROLMENTS

Where Play Meets Learning!

**ENROL
NOW**



**OPEN TO CHILDREN
STARTING
KINDERGARTEN
IN 2027**

Parent Information Session

Friday 21st November, 2025

from 8:40 am

**Mungindi Central School Preschool
62 Bucknell Street, Mungindi**



Further information
regarding enrolment in
a NSW government
preschool



Kindergarten

2026 ENROLMENTS

Tiny Scholars, Big Potential!

**ENROL
NOW**



OPEN TO CHILDREN
**TURNING
5 ON OR BEFORE
31 JULY 2026**

Parent Information Session

Thursday 6th November, 2025 @ 11:00 am

**Mungindi Central School
59-67 Wirrah Street, Mungindi**

Transition Days

Thursday 13th November, 2025 — 8:40 am - 11:10 am

Thursday 20th November, 2025

Thursday 27th November, 2025 - 8:40 am - 1:40 pm

Thursday 4th December, 2025 - 8:40 am - 2:45 pm

Students are to be dropped off by parents to the Administration Office and will be returned to Preschool at the completion of the transition session.



Further information
regarding enrolment in
a NSW government
school





Services
Australia



Australian Government mobile service centres

Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 5 November 2025

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Near the Rural Transaction Centre, St George Street

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For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Services
Australia



Australian Government mobile service centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

CALENDAR

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY/SUNDAY |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|--|-----------------|
| 3 | 27 - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Primary Aquatic Lessons | 28 - SYF Metal Fabrication | 29 - Girls Leadership Program | 30 - Canteen - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm | 31 - Secondary Aquatic Lessons | 1/2 NOV |
| 4 | 3 - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Primary Aquatic Lessons | 4 - SYF Metal Fabrication | 5 | 6 - Canteen - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - 2026 Kindy Parent Info Session @ 11 am | 7 - Secondary Aquatic Lessons | 8/9 |
| 5 | 10 - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Primary Aquatic Lessons | 11 - Mid-Term Assembly @ 1:30 pm - SYF Metal Fabrication | 12 - Girls Leadership Program | 13 - Canteen - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Kindy Transition 8:40-11:10 | 14 - Secondary Aquatic Lessons | 15/16 |
| 6 | 17 - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Primary Aquatic Lessons | 18 | 19 | 20 - Canteen - Homework Centre @ 3-4pm - Kindy Transition 8:40-11:10 | 21 - Secondary Aquatic Lessons | 22/23 |
| Year 7-10 Exam Week | | | | | | |
| 7 | 24 - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Primary Aquatic Lessons | 25 | 26 - Girls Leadership Program | 27 - Canteen - Homework Centre @ 3-4 pm - Kindy Transition 8:40-1:40 | 28 - Secondary Aquatic Lessons | 29/30 |

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SCHOOL VISION

Mungindi Central School is committed to delivering an innovative, collaborative and engaging education promoting growth within an inclusive environment.

All members of the school community are committed to promoting excellence whilst remaining focused on the needs of each and every individual child and work together to achieve our school motto of Motivation, Commitment and Success to produce proud, respectful, responsible learners who are active, productive and informed citizens.

Community Events

Take note of these events happening within our community.



2025

COMMUNITY CONNECT FEST



Community Connect Days

Community Connect days are designed to offer and promote interaction between community and services to break down barriers, misconceptions as well as to ensure our people can 'put a face to the service' and have discussions with agencies. Come along and meet our local service providers.

Save the Dates

- Moree - Thursday 6 November
- Mungindi - Thursday 13 November

REGISTER HERE

For more information Contact Us:

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