Dear Parents, Carers & Community Members,

Welcome Miss Denning!

In Mrs Abbott’s absence, the role of classroom teacher is being filled by Miss Megan Denning. Megan has expressed her excitement about taking on this position and has been voluntarily spending days in the classroom to meet with students and to ensure the high standards expected at Mena Creek State School are maintained. Megan strongly supports our school in her previous role, and I am delighted that she has taken up this challenge. Parents, as always, our doors are open so if you have a spare couple of minutes, please come and say hello to Megan.

Report Cards

The school term is rapidly coming to a close and all teachers have been extremely busy with assessment and reporting tasks. Reports will be sent home in the last week of term. It is essential at this time, to remember that a ‘C’ is to be considered a good result. In simple terms, a ‘C’ means that your child is working well, at their year level. Above a ‘C’ should be seen as working above the prescribed standard of work for that point in time. That said, we are always aiming for high results for all of our students.

A message from School Dental

Did you know that your child/ren are eligible for a free dental check up every 12 months? The School Dental Clinic will be open over the school holidays. To make an appointment please call 40160518.

SAFETY MESSAGE

The commencement of the 2014 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of South Johnstone Mill’s Safety Program, the company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

It is of concern that children don’t realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to train cars, play around railway tracks and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Cane railways are no different from any other rail system (e.g. QR) and children should not play on or near railways. While cane trains are well marked and safety systems are in place, they carry large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly. Risk of injury does not only involve children but also applies to South Johnstone Mill’s locomotive crews and other members of the public.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury to our locomotive crews. South Johnstone Mill has an extensive cane railway network comprising approximately 500 km of track. Cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season.

Please stay safe and remember:
* Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
* Don’t play around railway lines.
* Never walk between cane bins.
* Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
* Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
* If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number 13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the School Watch Program, please call the School Watch number 13 17 88.

SCHOOL VISION

Mena Creek State School is committed to delivering explicit learning opportunities in a safe environment, embracing and respecting students and families to nurture students who believe in themselves and value learning.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- June Thursday 19th P&C Meeting
- June Friday 27th Last Day Term 2
- July Monday 14th First Day Term 3
- August Friday 1st Interhouse Sports Day
- August Wed & Thur 6th & 7th InterSchool Sports @ St Johns
- August Friday 29th School Photos

News from the Creek

Mena Creek State School
A Member of the Canecutter Cluster of Schools
NEWSLETTER 19 June 2014 - Term 2 Week 9
www.menacreess.eq.edu.au

P & C Association
Meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:10pm

Our School Details:
Principal: Cameron Wedgwood
Phone: 4065 3221
Fax: 4065 3131
Mobile: 0428 762 147

School Watch: 13 17 88

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Protective

First Bell 8:40 am  •  Morning Tea 10:30—11:00am  •  Lunch 12:40—1:30pm  •  School
Children do as you do. Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You’re his role model, so use your own behaviour to guide him. What you do is often much more important than what you say.

Principal’s Award: Riley Hampson

Congratulations….
James, Holly, Jarrod, Carlos, Brett, Cassandra, Eliza, Taylah, Clinton, Zavier, Maggie, Dain, Jasleen, Amy, Grace and Anand