

October 2025

Term 4 Week 5



## Date Claimers:

### T4 Swimming

**EPOL—Mon & Wed**

**MPOL—Tues & Fri**

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| 7     | Public Speaking & Spelling Bee @ WSS |
| 11    | Remembrance Day                      |
|       | Pre-Prep morning                     |
| 12    | Interhouse Swimming Carnival         |
| 20    | Yr 5/6 WDRC Visit                    |
| 21    | SS Swimming @ Moonie                 |
| 24-28 | Dubbo Camp                           |
| Dec   |                                      |
| 1     | EPOL Musical Storytime               |
| 3     | Yr 5/6 Life Ed                       |
| 10    | EOY Concert                          |
| 11    | Break-up Day                         |
| Jan   |                                      |
| 27    | Day 1—2026                           |



## Meandarra State School

# Meandarra News



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## A Message from Mrs Pratt

Dear Parents,

We've officially hit the halfway mark of Term 4, and it's shaping up to be an exciting ride to the finish line! As I walk through classrooms and hear the rich learning conversations happening across our school, I'm filled with pride. Our students are deeply engaged in their learning journeys, and you can feel the sense of excitement building as each piece of assessment is completed, one step closer to our much-anticipated end-of-year camp. Dubbo Zoo, here we come!

Back in Week 3, I had the privilege of joining Rosie and Ryan at Tallebudgera for the Year 6 camp. It was a wonderful experience for our seniors, filled with teamwork, leadership, and plenty of laughs. Both Rosie and Ryan threw themselves into every challenge and represented our school beautifully. As they begin their transition to boarding school next year, we'll be cherishing these final weeks with them — their big personalities and infectious energy will certainly be missed around the school.

A huge congratulations to Zara, who competed for Tara & District at the South West Aquathlon trials last Friday, she has been shortlisted as a shadow for the South West team! What an achievement, well done, Zara, we're all so proud of you.

We're also sending a team of public speakers and spellers to Westmar after their fantastic performances in last week's school competition. Rosie, Aria, Hugh and Lily will share their Australian poems, while Harley and Rosie will battle it out in the spelling bee. Good luck to our team, we know you'll do us proud!

Last week's Book Fair and Dress-Up Day was a huge hit. The creativity and enthusiasm from our students made for a fun-filled day, and we raised valuable funds for the school. A big thank you to our P&C and especially Sarah Gleeson for organising

such a great event, your efforts make these special days possible.

Our pool is now well and truly up and running after the recent lifeguard course. We have several new faces joining the lifeguard roster this year, helping us open the pool for what's shaping up to be a hot summer ahead. Keep an eye on our Meandarra Pool Facebook page for updates on opening times and events. We're also thrilled to announce the installation of a new *Pelican Pool Hoist*, which will make entry easier for patrons who need assistance, a great step toward ensuring everyone in our community can enjoy the pool.

Speaking of swimming, we'll dive into our first carnival of the season next Wednesday, 12 November, when Hannaford joins us for our Interhouse Carnival. This always anticipated event sets the tone for the season and helps us prepare for the Moonie Carnival on Friday, 21 November. We can't wait to see our students' enthusiasm and team spirit shine.

Last week, we also celebrated World Teachers' Day with a morning tea organised by our wonderful P&C to celebrate not only our teachers but all our wonderful staff. I'm so grateful to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate team, they truly are the heart of our school and continually go above and beyond for our students.

As we head into the final stretch of the term, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of regular attendance. Even though assessments are wrapping up, valuable learning continues, and students are now turning their attention to preparations for our End of Year Concert, an event we're all looking forward to.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we bring another wonderful school year to a close.

Warm regards, *Kathryn Pratt*

**Website: [www.meandarrass.eq.edu.au](http://www.meandarrass.eq.edu.au)**

## School Notes

### Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11 November is Remembrance Day. Our school will attend the service being held at the Meandarra ANZAC Memorial Museum. We will walk to the museum under staff supervision. Our school leaders will be speaking at the service.

Students are to wear their formal school shirt with white shorts. Leaders to wear their leader shirt.

Please ensure you have returned your child/ren's permission note to school.

All community members are invited to attend.

### Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Next Wednesday 12 November is our Interhouse Swimming Carnival. This year Hannaford SS will be joining us.

Children are to come to school in their red or blue house colours. Parents are to bring your togs in readiness for the parent relay—do not forget! It will be a hot day and we are sure you will appreciate a dip in the pool!

Mrs Emery is running an extra tuckshop for the Carnival. First break will be served and eaten at the school following which we will walk to the pool chanting our war cries and gearing ourselves up for the swimming challenges.

### In the red corner we have....

Ryan, Rosie, Aria, Ada, Bella, Hugh, Tessa, Harley, Jack, Millie, Gemma, Beau, Sam, Primrose

### And in the blue corner is....

Nina, Emily, Zara, Lily, Aidan, Ettie, Dusty, Hugo, Rhyder, Max, Romain, Annabelle and Eadie

### Pre-Prep morning

The last of our Pre-Prep mornings will also be on Wednesday 12 November. We have welcomed Charlie, Dusty, Cooper, Maci, Hannah, Sofia and Fletcher to join the EPOL class two mornings per term this semester.

While the children were learning with Mrs Jorgensen the mums and dads were gaining valuable insight into school life with 'old mum' Stacey ;)

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival is once again at Moonie swimming pool on Friday 21 November. Our whole school has been nominated for events according to their abilities. Students turning 9-12yrs in 2026 will be eligible to qualify for the Tara & District Swimming Carnival in early 2026.

Students are to wear their formal shirt, white shorts and joggers. They do not need to swim in

a swim shirt but do need to cover up between events. A broad brimmed hat, water bottle and sunscreen are essential items, as is a chair for parents.

Parents are to provide private transport to Moonie, permission notes and further details will be sent home when available.

### Dubbo ZooSnooz and more...

Our whole school camp is fast approaching and the students are getting very excited by the activities and sightseeing that are planned.

A list of things to bring will be coming home shortly however items you may need to pre-prepare are; sleeping bag (no swags), king single fitted sheet, pillow with pillowcase, swimwear, enclosed shoes, a jacket. A set of clothes for everyday—hot tip—put a full set in a ziplock bag for each day, saves any thought process when it comes to getting dressed. A spare set for just in case and of course, P.J.'s. Please label ALL items with your child/rens name. No school uniform required.

This year we are encouraging spending money for purchasing a souvenir or 2. Parents can send \$10 per child cash in a ziplock bag and the Project Club is going to match this. Mrs Nixon will collect and monitor the spending money.

Invoices will come home this week via email and/or QParents. As previously reported, payment in full is requested by Friday 14 November. Please do not pay the spending money into the school bank account.

### End of year concert

The End of Year Concert and Graduation Presentation is Wednesday 10 December. It will be in the Meandarra School of Arts Hall.

5:30pm Dinner provided by the P&C

6:00pm Concert

Everyone is welcome—mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, the neighbours and anyone in between!

### Break-up Day

Thursday will be break-up day filled with fun activities for the whole school. Parents and family members welcome to join in.

### Same Day Absence Notification

It is Departmental Policy that we MUST be notified of your child's absence the **same day** as the absence. Please advise us on QParents, call the absence line **4678 5360** and leave a message with a **reason** for the child's absence, text the school mobile 0427 137 948 or email Kate—kmcdo69@eq.edu.au or your child's teacher. If we do not receive notification we will contact you for a valid reason.





# *Happy October & November Birthday to....*



## *Students of the Week*

## *Meandarra Mission*



*Sign up to QParents*

## Community News

### ICPA Westmar–Inglestone Branch

#### *For Our Kids, Our Schools, Our Future*

Living out here, we know distance shouldn't determine a child's opportunity to learn.

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) is a volunteer organisation that advocates for equitable access to education for rural kids — from early learning right through to tertiary study.


Our local Westmar–Inglestone Branch brings together parents and community members who care about rural education — from school resourcing and boarding support to teacher access and transport issues.

When we stand together, we make sure rural kids aren't left behind.

#### Why Join Us?

- ✓ Have your say on education issues that affect your family.
- ✓ Connect with other local parents who understand rural challenges.
- ✓ Help strengthen opportunities for country children.
- ✓ Be part of a respected national voice that governments listen to.

#### Get Involved


 Come along to our next gathering at:


**End of the Line Café Glenmorgan**


**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am**

**All are welcome.**

**Please contact us for a Zoom link if you would like to attend online.**

 Join or renew your membership online at <https://icpa.com.au/qld/membership>

 To learn more, contact Branch President Claire Walker on 0438 832 834

 Follow us on Facebook: ICPA Westmar–Inglestone Branch

*Together we keep country kids learning, growing, and thriving.*



*Register for QParents*





# REMEMBER TO REMEMBER

1 MIN • 11 AM • 11 NOV

 Remembrance Day

This Remembrance Day, you're invited to join Meandarra Glenmorgan RSL Sub Branch for a ceremony honouring all those who lost their lives in service.

*Lest we forget.*

Date Tuesday, 11 November 2025  
Time 10.45am  
Location MAMM Sara St. Meandarra



**RSL**





## Chinchilla Cricket Blast

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- Every child receives a Blast Pack
- All ages welcome!

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**Chinchilla Rec Grounds**  
**4:00pm-5:00pm**



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**Shark Tale**

Tara

**DIVE IN  
MOVIE**

**SAT 15TH NOVEMBER, 2025  
@ TARA AQUATIC CENTRE**

**MOVIE STARTS AT 6.30PM  
\$2 ENTRY  
CANTEEN OPERATING**

**CHILDREN  
UNDER 15  
MUST BE  
SUPERVISED**

**MOVIE:  
SHARK TALE**

**POPCORN &  
GLOW  
ACCESSORIES**

