From the (Acting) Principal’s Desk

It is the end of week 3 already and Mrs Williams returns next week. It has been a busy 3 weeks but I wish to thank all of the staff who have made the time that I have been in the Acting Principal role rewarding and not too stressful. I would especially like to thank Ms Kathryn Hese and Mrs Kathy Quinn for all of the work that they have put in.

This week has seen all of our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students undertake the NAPLAN tests in Writing, Literacy and Numeracy.

I must thank all staff for the extra work that they put in during this time, particularly Mrs Sarah Chandler for organising the administration of the tests, and for ensuring that any student absent for a test got the opportunity to catch up. The data that these tests provide add to our understanding of each student’s skills and abilities as well as helping government’s direct resources to where they are most needed.

The results of these tests will arrive at the school sometime in September and will be forwarded to the parents of students in those year levels at that time.

Student Free Day

Originally we planned to have a Student Free Day on the 6th June. This was intended to be a partnership day where teachers from all schools in the Coorong Mallee Partnership would come together for training related to the Australian Curriculum. However, there were no suitable presenters available on that day and so it was decided that each school would organise their own Training and Development program for the day.

The two key areas that Meningie Area School wished to focus on were teaching multiple year levels with the Australian Curriculum and training in the Child Protection Curriculum. Again there were no qualified presenters available in these two areas, so Governing Council voted that the Student Free Day be held the following week; Friday 13th June. I hope that this does not cause any families inconvenience by upsetting plans for a 4 day holiday, but if you have planned something for the 6th please contact me at school to ensure that your children are not disadvantaged in any way.

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Working Bee

Thank you very much to those who gave up their time on Sunday constructing the new steer yards in the Ag block. Adrian Hincks provided the equipment and his time, while Matt Howell, David Eckert and Hamish Jurgs all helped Dale Appelkamp to get his project well on the way to completion.

There is still some work such as attaching gates and troughs and this will be done by the students in our Ag classes and our groundsmen. Once completed these yards will allow us to be more precise in the preparation of our steer team for the Royal Adelaide Show in September.

Mal Jurgs
Acting Principal

YEARS 8/9 IMMUNISATIONS

A reminder that the 2nd Immunisation scheduled is for Wednesday 28th May at 10 am. Students will be accompanied to the clinic by staff members.

If your child is absent on the day you will need to make alternative arrangements with the clinic.

Sharon Gibbs (Immunisation Coordinator)

BOOK FAIR

Lake Albert Child Care is having a Book Fair event. The fair is being held at the child care centre on Monday 26th May.

Families from the school are welcome to come and have a look at the wide variety of Scholastic books on this day between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm.

There will be books to suit many ages and adults can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while they browse.

Change of Library opening hours

The Library Board is proposing to change the opening hours of the library to

MONDAY – FRIDAY
9.00 – 5.00*
SATURDAY 10.00 – 1.00

*School holidays closed
Mondays and lunchtime

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Student Attendance Percentages % - Term 2 2014

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ABBY’S NEWS

On Friday the 2nd of May I went to Lucia’s house along with my friends Ashlyn, Toni, Alex, Stine, Santi and Jenny where we had a ‘flying dinner’. Stine from Norway made entrée-cauliflower soup, Alex, Santi and Lucia from Spain made paella for main course. Toni and Jenny from Germany made scrambled pancakes for desert which actually have a German name that I am unsure of. I made honey crackles as a snack which everyone loved!

It was great to experience a few difference cultures in one night. After that we went swimming and relaxed in the spa.

Saturday the 10th of May was celebration, which was similar to prom only 5x more people there. The theme was Great Gatsby and it was decorated really well. There were helium balloons hanging around the room, old-fashioned cars in each corner, confetti guns, a dance floor in the middle and a photo booth. I had a fantastic night and got a great workout from all the dancing! Celebration was the talk of the school Monday!
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