PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SACE Formal

What a busy two weeks it has been. The SACE Formal held at the Cheese Factory last Friday night was fantastic and was reflective of the amount of planning and work put into the event over the past few weeks by the Formal Committee comprised of students and supported by Mrs Anne Wright and Ms Gill Newby. The girls looked beautiful in a range of colours and gelatti seemed to be the prevailing colour theme. The boys looked dapper in their suits. It was evident that couples put a lot of thought into attire with matching colours. Quite a number of parents and community were at the Cheese Factory to see our students arrive in vintage cars kindly donated by the Vintage Car Club. We sincerely thank them for their time, which went a long way to making the evening special and one to remember. Many thanks to everyone involved for making it the success that it was.

School Production

With the lead up to the school production ‘Pinocchio’ many classes have been working hard to complete props, learn lines and add the finishing touches to costumes. The stage has gone up in the hall and rehearsals have been occurring there throughout the week. There are many after hours being put in by a group of teachers to get this up to speed and a dress rehearsal today will give the students some confidence and a chance to polish the performance.

Tickets are available through Coralie during office hours, and are selling quickly. When coming to the production, it would be advisable to come warmly dressed. We have arranged heating, but given the size of the hall and the time of year we can expect it to get cold as the night progresses.

Education Brief

In 2006 Governing Council submitted an Education Brief to DECS for a major upgrade of Meningie Area School facilities. It was announced in the recent State Budget that a feasibility study is to be conducted in the next few months to look at this possibility. Governing Council will be updating our Education Brief in the early weeks of Term 3 to facilitate this process.

Student Free Day

As advised in the previous newsletter, a Student Free day has been approved for Monday 21st July. **This is the first day of Term 3.** Middle and Senior school staff will complete two modules of a nine module course – English as a Second Language (ESL) in the Mainstream. The course is 25 hrs in length and will be conducted on Monday evenings after school throughout Term 3&4.

Junior School staff will focus on Speaking and Listening particularly the First Steps course.

Leave

Also as advised in the last newsletter, this is my last week prior to taking leave for the remainder of the year. I take this opportunity to thank the whole school community, inclusive of staff, students and parents with whom I have worked in my many roles over the past years. Without the support given we would not be able to have the great school that we have and the supportive learning environment that our students enjoy. Mal Jurgs will be Acting Principal until the replacement Acting Principal is appointed, which should be early Term 3. I thank Mal for taking on this role at a time which is one of the busiest of the school term.

Monica Williams
AUSTDRIVE BEGINNER DRIVER PROGRAM

Earlier in the year I sent out a form to parents of Senior students around a Beginner Driver Course. Coorong District Road Safety committee has organised a session during this coming school holidays on July 15th. It will be for students from Meningie, Coomandook and Tailem Bend but as yet I do not have a venue for it. It will be part funded by the Road Safety Committee and will therefore cost $50. Each participant will need their own car and, if they are on their “L” plates, will also need a supervising driver. If you are interested I will have forms available next week.

This will probably mean that a course will not be run here later in the year and if it were to, would not attract the Road Safety funding.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION: PINOCCHIO

This year’s school production of ‘Pinocchio’ will be held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July (Week 10).

Tickets will be Adults $6.60 and Children $4.40. They are available to purchase from the bookroom.

The Parents & Friends will be providing popcorn, cordial and tea/coffee at the performances for a small charge.

STUDENT REPORTS

These will be sent home with students on the last day of Term 2. All reports still remaining at the school by the end of the day will be kept in the Library during the school holidays, so can be collected from there if necessary.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITIES

With Personal Trainer & Life Coach Stuart Green

Learn to motivate yourself, make healthy food & create exercise routines you will enjoy. Lose weight while improving your quality of life.

All ages, male & female – come and find out more & register your interest in this exciting course.

Information session
Wednesday 2nd July, 2pm in the Meningie RSL Hall
$2 donation at the door
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No experience necessary. 5 days to be held at KI Ki August 25th-29th. For further information contact:
Greg Pittaway 0417 825548 or David Reichelt 85750090/ 0427 797125

PLAY SCHOOL CONCERTS

Songs, stories and games.
It’s Play School Live in Concert.

MURRAY BRIDGE BLUE LIGHT DISCO

July 11th 2008. Railway Station - 4.00pm-6.00pm. Primary School ages & 7.30pm-10.30pm – Junior & High School ages. Pay at the door $4 entry. This event is free from alcohol, drugs, smoking and violence.

ZOOVENTURES & ZOO-FARI

July School Holiday Program
Run by Adelaide and Monarto Zoos from 9.00am – 4.00pm on most weekdays during the July School Holidays. ZooVentures at Adelaide $45/day, Zu-Fari at Monarto $60/day (including lunch and the bus trip up to the Monarto Zoo). Positions must be booked by phoning 82672434. (They fill quickly!)

CSIRO SCIENCE OLYMPICS

For ages 7-14. $12 per child. Wednesday 9th July.
CSIRO Science Education centre, Milner St. Hindmarsh. Bookings ph 84635937 or email rona.sakko@csiro.au. Choice 90 minute sessions 10am, 12.30pm or 3pm.

SPORTS CLINICS

Sportsfest 2008 Coaching clinics for students aged 5-15 years. July 9 – 11 or July 14 -16. Choose from AFL Football/ Netball/ Basketball/ Soccer/ Combo. Cost of the 3 day clinics either 8.30am-12noon $140 or 8.30-3.30pm $190. Enrol online at www.australiasportsclinics.com.au or call 1300 134154