As my time as Acting Principal draws to a close, I need to acknowledge the huge effort that Kathryn Hese, Kathy Quinn and Wendy Starling have put in by taking on extra responsibilities, above their normal workload. Without their support, and the support of the rest of the staff, this would not have been the rewarding experience that it has been. Thank you.

Student Free Day

Governing Council has approved a Student Free Day on the 5th September. This will give staff the opportunity to undertake professional development in helping students to understand non-fiction writing across the curriculum, as well as how to deal with difficult situations when working with students and their parents. This is the Monday of the Royal Show, allowing families to have this day to attend without missing any lesson time. If you are planning to take your family to the show this year, I ask that you consider using this day to minimise the impact on the school for the rest of the week.

NAIDOC Week

This week is National Aboriginal and Islander Day Organising Committee (NAIDOC) Week. There are normally a number of activities held at the school to celebrate this week, however due to a number of factors, most of these activities will occur in the second week of next term. However we will still hold a flag raising ceremony, which will occur on Wednesday at 12.45pm. This will be accompanied by some songs performed by a choir singing in Ngarrindjeri. All are welcome to join this ceremony in the bus bay area. The ceremony will be followed by a free sausage sizzle for all students.

Assembly Drum Beat

There will also be an end of term assembly on Friday at 12.15pm in the hall. This will include Recognition Awards and other presentations as well as a performance by this term’s Drum Beat group. Paul and Leah have been working with a group of Year 8/9 students during the past term. This is one of the programs that the school runs to promote health and wellbeing amongst the students, in this case using drums to develop team work and other skills.

Museum

Like the school, the Cheese Factory Museum is a part of the community that many take for granted, assuming that it will always be there. But if it was to be closed for any reason Meningie would be all the poorer for it. At the moment the volunteers who run the museum are hoping to raise money in order to purchase the building in which it is located. This would help to ensure its long term viability. There is an article in this newsletter asking you to help if you can. At the moment I exploring ways that we could work closely with the museum to help develop it as an educational resource, not just for our students but also for any excursions that may travel through Meningie.

End of term

This week is the last week of term 2. School will finish early as usual on Friday with classes finishing at 2.20pm and buses leaving at 2.30pm. School will resume on Monday 25th July.
ATTENDANCE & LATENESS
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WEEKS 8 & 9 OF TERM 2

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It is important to note that a lot of students arriving late do so regularly, and usually only just by a few minutes.

Our ‘late’ numbers would be greatly reduced if students could just be that little bit more organised and arrive in time for the first session before Lesson 1, where the school day begins in Homegroup.

This is an important part of the day, as school notices are read out and other important matters are brought to students’ attention.

BULLYING

Recently our school held a Bully Audit, in which students were able to indicate concerns about bullying incidents. In response to the Audit, the Junior School Team (Years R-6) held a discussion about how we can best support our students.

There are a range of programs available that will assist students in understanding the range of complex issues connected to bullying (e.g. why some students bully, what a ‘victim’ can do if they are bullied).

One of the programs currently being explored by some of our team is an excellent online resource that can easily be adapted to include drama and class discussion. We look forward to continuing these programs throughout Term 3, so that our students have access to a wide range of resources for building coping mechanisms that deal more effectively with bullying.

Wendy Starling
Curriculum Support Mentor Teacher

COMMUNITY MENTORING PROGRAM

Schools in the Murray and Mallee region are seeking volunteers to assist in the Community Mentoring Program.

Develop a relationship with a child (10-14 years of age) through a range of activities that you and your mentee would like to do together.

- Make a difference in a young child’s life
- Make new friends
- Make a real difference to the future of your own community
- Learn new skills

Life experience is the only qualification you need.

Would you like to know more about the program?
Information Session Monday 4th of July 2011
7.00pm to 8.00pm
DECS Regional Office Murray Bridge
18 Beatty Terrace

Luke Wilson 0457 764 318 luke.wilson4@sa.gov.au

BURNER PRIMUS GAS STOVES

For Sale - four burner primus gas stoves (ex outdoor ed.) in box with sliding lid $10 each. First to apply at the front office gets the sale!

NETBALL CLUB CATERING

The Netball Club is catering for a Council morning tea on Thursday for approximately eighty people. If anyone can make biscuits, cakes or pizzas etc it would be greatly appreciated. If you could let Theresa or myself know ASAP that would be great.

Anyone interested in the umpiring clinic this week – it starts at 6pm Thursday; no experience is necessary.

Thank you,

Helen Poulish

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TAFE SHEARING & WOOL HANDLING WORKSHOP

No experience necessary.
Course is for 5 days and to be held at;

Buchanan’s Shed at Karoonda 8 - 12th August 2011 and at Ki-Ki on the 22nd - 26th August 2011.

For further information contact;
- Greg Pittaway 0411 326793
- Graham Buchanan 85783464
- Jane Hogan at Roseworthy TAFE 83037718
- David Reichelt 0427797125

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CHEESE FACTORY MUSEUM

To secure the future of the Cheese Factory Museum members of the community are raising funds to purchase the Museum. So far $35,000 has been donated. $60,000 needs to be raised to qualify for a low interest loan from the Coorong District Council.

The history of our local area is an important aspect of our community. Any donations can be left with John Boundy.

Cheese Factory Museum Committee

Positive Parenting sessions for Term III
Effective Living Centre at 26 King William Rd. Wayville

Wed 3 August – Managing anger in Children Discover how we can teach children to recognize, understand, and express their anger in constructive ways.

Wed 17 August – Talk so your kids will listen… Learn new ways of effectively communicating with children so that misunderstanding and conflict are dealt with constructively.

Wed 31 August – Dealing with Competitiveness While children’s temperament and self-confidence contributes to the way they respond to competition, in a positive environment they can also be quick to learn new social skills.

Wed 7 Sept – Developing Independence Secure relationships contribute to a strong sense of self, enabling children to feel confident in making sound decisions, relating to others and being independent.

Cost: $15 / $10 con. / $20 per couple
Bookings: 8271 0329 or office@effectiveliving.org

Christine Gilbert
Coordinator, Effective Living Centre
Technology Career Evening

Wednesday August 10th, 2011

A career exploration evening for school students (any year levels), their parents, teachers and career counsellors.

Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2011.
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
Location: Ridley Centre, Wayville Showgrounds
Cost: No Charge but bookings are essential!

Go to www.tia.asn.au or phone 8272 5222 to book your place.

Fliers are available from the school front office

Andrea McCarthy
Manager: Skills and Workforce Technology Industry Association

Blue Light Disco

At the ‘Station’, Murray Bridge

Friday 8th July, 3-5pm
For Primary School Children

DJ, Dancing, Limbo, Games
Sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks

Free entry

Phone 85356345

Run by the Murray Bridge Blue Light Committee

SPORTS FUSION 2011 (11th Year)

Coaching Clinics for students aged 5–14 years

At Prince Alfred College, Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town

Tues 12th July – Fri 15th July 2011

Choose from: Football / Netball / Basketball / Soccer / Combo

Emphasis is on skill development and maximum participation. We want all students significantly better equipped to enjoy and pursue sport for many years to come (low player/coach ratio, abundance of equipment, experienced and enthusiastic coaches)

Meet: AFL Stars Van Berlo, Patrick Dangerfield

Free – Nippy’s juice, MacDonalds Voucher Encouragement Award

Combo – rotate sports every 45 mins, using modified equipment

Sport swap – chance to try another sport and game play (optional after lunch)

Cost of the 4 day clinic either 9am – 12noon $145, or 9 – 3pm $195

www.acnsports.com.au
Phone 1300 134 154