FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

It is that time of year again. Parent opinion survey information will be posted out to families next week. The information in the letter gives instructions on how to complete the survey online. In addition, we have enclosed a paper copy for those parents and caregivers who prefer this method of completing the survey. We seek your support in responding through the survey, as this information is used to inform the work of the school in setting directions and targets, deploying resources, and ultimately improving the learning outcomes for all students. We thank you in anticipation for taking part and having your say.

MATHS QUIZ NIGHT

Congratulations to our students who were great ambassadors for MAS at the annual Maths Quiz Night held last Wednesday night at Coomandook Area School. We had the Best General Knowledge Team in both divisions and the Meningie A Team only just missed out on Best Overall Team by 3 points. My thanks go to our teachers; Jack Rowe, Michael Walker, and Mal Jurgs for accompanying the students. Please see article on Page 2 for further information.

VALIDATION DAY

On September 27th, Meningie Area School will go through a process called Validation. This involves the school community going through a process of reflecting upon the processes and systems that we have in place to improve the learning outcomes for all of our students. In the weeks leading up to this date, staff will be working on the plan of the day and the learning journeys that will be presented to an external panel.

HEALTH ISSUES

From time to time a health issue emerges within the school community. At the moment, we have quite a number of students appearing at the front office with open sores. The Department for Education and Children’s Services is clear that:

- Any sores on exposed surfaces are to be covered with a watertight dressing.
- That the student be excluded from school until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic treatment is started.
- Sores must be covered up until they are completely dried up.

As both school sores and boils are highly contagious, good hand washing and personal hygiene practices need to be developed and maintained.

We want to minimize the risk of infection here at school and seek your support in being vigilant and make a time to see a doctor if your child develops a sore.

URGENT NOTICE:
Arbury Park Years 5-9 Camp

Some months ago a letter was sent to all families of students in Years 5 to 9 asking for support of the Arbury Park Camp initiative.

We had a fantastic response. With 60 positive replies the planning and arrangements confidently went ahead.

The camp is in Week 6 of this term; 29th to 31st August. So far we have only had 26 students return forms and paying their camp costs. A minimum of 50 places is expected. We ask that this camp is well supported as was initially indicated, and that payment be made, otherwise the camp may not be viable.

We will need to make a decision on this next week. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Monica Williams
MATHS QUIZ NIGHT AT COOMANDOOK AS

On Wednesday 8th August, 18 eager Meningie Area School quiz-masters headed to Coomandook Area School searching for Quiz Night glory.

Two competitions were held on the night; a junior division for students in years 8-10 and a senior division for years 11-12. Karoonda Area School, Murray Bridge High School, Coomandook Area School and Meningie Area School were all well represented, with many teams entered in both divisions.

The Meningie students proved very competitive, taking out the Best General Knowledge Team in both divisions and the Meningie A team only just missed out on Best Overall Team by 3 points. All of the Meningie Area School students represented the school in an impressive manner on what was a very successful and fun night.

Big thanks go out to Mr. Jurgs for driving the bus and to Mr. Walker for his supervision on the night.

Jack Rowe (Maths Teacher)

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist, wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Host an international high school student in February 2012 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

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YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS

The 3rd and final Year 8 immunisations for 2011 which were scheduled for Wednesday 19th October have now been rescheduled to take place at the Coorong Medical Centre on Wednesday 26th October.