FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It was a pleasure to be a part of the SACE Formal held at the Cheese Factory last Friday night. Our students and partners looked most becoming in their formal attire, setting the tone for what was a most enjoyable evening. A large crowd of parents, grandparents, students and community gathered at the entrance to the restaurant where photos were taken, as students and their partners were introduced by Mr Woolston and welcomed by Governing Council Chairperson Mrs Judy Appelkamp and Mr Appelkamp, Principal Mrs Monica Williams and Mr John Williams, and Senior School Manager, Ms Kathryn Hese. Photos were taken by Mr Mal Jurgs as students proceeded inside. The evening was the culmination of months of careful planning by the Formal Committee, comprised of students and support teachers. Mr Woolston was the MC. The evening included a three course dinner and a variety of activities, of which the Barn Dance was one. Formal Photos are being put on to discs for purchase by students and their families. There is also a display of photos from The Standard in the front office.

STUDENT FREE DAY.

Just a reminder that this Friday 20th August is a student free day with teaching staff involved in a cluster day Training and Development. Most staff will be at Coomandook, working on the New SACE, or the Early Years initiatives.

RECENT EVENTS

This Thursday 19th August students will go to Adelaide for the Festival of Choirs. The evening performance at the Festival Theatre is the culmination of months of practice.

The Year 8 class was on camp this week, down on the Coorong They spent two nights camping out, but evacuated early Wednesday morning when the weather came in and was really unpleasant. We look forward to seeing a write up of the camp in the next newsletter.

The Year 5/6 class spent last Friday 13th August planting trees at Monarto Zoo. This is an activity that we have been involved in for several years now. I was pleased to be advised by the organisers of the event involving a number of schools that the students from Meningie Area School worked really hard, kept focused and planted more trees than any other group.

DIAGNOSTIC REVIEW REPORT

The Supporting Schools Improvement Diagnostic Literacy Review was undertaken at Meningie Area School from 27-29th April this year. Nathalie Wooldridge and Peter Young who co chaired the Review came to a recent staff meeting where they went through the report. Over the next few newsletters I will summarise some of the commendations made by the review as well as the recommendations.

Starting with the commendations.

- The Diagnostic Review Team found our school staff and students to be welcoming, friendly and a willingness to connect and respond to the aims of the review in a positive way.
- Students were polite and friendly, and enthusiastic in talking with the team.
- The Review team noticed over the three days on site that students were both respectful and polite in their relationships with adults.
- The SSI team commend the school on the positive and respectful relationships staff have toward students.
- Many senior school students reported their gratitude to teachers who went to ‘extra lengths’ to assist them with their studies and of their appreciation for teachers who held ‘catch-up’ and
‘revision’ classes during holidays and just prior to the SACE exams.
- Parents and students in focus groups affirmed that teachers are approachable, friendly and that they know students well.
- Parents reported that teachers, “Cared about kids and do their best for students”.
- Parents reported their appreciation, particularly of junior school teachers, referring to frequent personal contact, interviews and regular progress reports.

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STAFFING
Congratulations to Ms Kathy Quinn who has won the position of Middle School Leader for the remainder of this year.

Renee Egan and Ali Jurgs have both taken up positions as Student Support Officers, assisting students in class. We welcome both ladies to Meningie Area School.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

In the last newsletter, Governing Council asked for parent representation on the Homework Policy Review and Student Behaviour Management Policy Review. We are really keen to get both these reviews underway, and keen to have representation from parents and caregivers as well as staff and students. For further information please contact Judy Appelkamp. If you would like to work on one of these reviews please contact Sharon or Sarah at the front office and leave your name.

Monica Williams

YR 8/9 & YR 10 GIRLS NETBALL

The first round of the Year 8/9 and Year 10 Girls Knockout Netball competitions were played on Wednesday 4th August in cool conditions. The Year 8/9 competition was played at Murray Bridge, while the Year 10 girls had to venture to Mt Barker to play. Due to lack of numbers both the Year 8, 9 & 10 students from Meningie had to combine with students from other schools to make up a combined Upper South East team. The Year 8/9 USE team battled it out against Eastern Fleurieu and Birdwood, while the Year 10 combined USE team lost to Willunga by 6 goals, but put in a strong performance in their second game beating Mt Barker by 20 goals.

Thankyou to Katrina Hood for coaching the Year 8/9 USE Girls team and Jenni Lutze from Coomandook Area School for looking after the Year 10 Girls USE team.

Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)

5-A-SIDE SOCCER

On Tuesday 17th August Year 9 & 10 students travelled to Coomandook with Mrs Hood to participate in the annual Upper South East 5 a side Soccer Carnival. All students participated well and have certainly improved their soccer skills since last year.

The girls team consisting of Marni Hood, Amber Gibbs, Hannah Pittendreigh, Alana Standley, Tamika Williams and Megan Hermann finished 3rd out of 9 teams.

The boys team of Jake Shaw, Michael McKechnie, Zac VandenBrink, Rhys Marles, Matt Austin, Oliver Crossman and Joe Bird finished 4th from 10 teams. Well done to all students involved and thanks to Dylan VandenBrink & Justin Smart for umpiring.

CHOOKS FOR SALE

The Year 10 and 11 Ag class is raising a batch of laying hens which will be available for sale in late November at point-of-lay. They are white with brown speckles and will cost $18.50 each inc GST.

There are only a relatively small number so if you are interested please place your order at the school office ASAP.
**GERMAN NEWS**

Liebe Eltern (Dear parents)

Wie geht’s? Building on our last lesson, we are adding some language around the question ‘Where do you live?’

*Wo wohnst du?*  
*Where do you live?*

Possible answers might be:

*Ich wohne….*  
*I live….*

auf dem Land  
in the country

an der Küste  
near the beach

in der Stadt  
in town

in Meningie  
in Meningie

in einem Haus  
in a house

Viel Spaß! (Have fun!)

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**TREE PLANTING AT MONARTO**

The year 5 & 6 class were invited to participate in the annual revegetation project at Monarto Zoo on Friday 13th August. Even though it was cold and windy the students looked forward to demonstrating their ability to work together to achieve a common goal. On arrival we were given a short demonstration on how to plant the trees and quickly set to work. When we were finished, Jodie the Education Officer was really impressed with our effort and told us that last weeks group of 60 students took twice as long as us to plant the same amount of trees. We were very proud of our efforts and enjoyed the opportunity to help Monarto Zoo and the environment.
Next week is PSA/CPSU National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. At our school we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children, and run our school. Most parents will have met some of the support staff, however the full team is:

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Please join us in thanking these staff during PSA/CPSU Recognition Week. We’d be lost without them.

In recognition of their efforts, our School is planning a morning tea on Thursday 26th August.

Monica Williams

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**FIRST AID FOR A KNOCKED OUT TOOTH**

Wearing a custom-fitted mouthguard while participating in contact sports can help to protect against painful and potentially expensive dental injuries.

If an accident does occur and a tooth is knocked out, this information sheet outlines the first aid steps to take, and how to prepare the tooth for dental treatment.

If a tooth is knocked out, remain calm and act quickly. Do the following, immediately:

- Locate the tooth and, handling it gently by the crown, ensure it is clean. The crown is the smooth white part of the tooth that is normally visible in the mouth
- If the root of the tooth is dirty, and the patient is calm and conscious, ask them to gently suck the tooth clean. Alternatively, rinse the entire tooth in milk or very briefly, in water
- Immediately place the tooth back in the socket, making sure it is facing the right way around. Immediate replacement is essential and should occur within 5-10 minutes of the tooth being knocked out

- Have the patient hold the tooth in place by biting gently into a soft cloth or the person assisting the patient can use aluminium foil placed over the tooth and the teeth on either side, to stabilise the tooth
- If you are unable to replant the tooth back in the socket, keep it moist by putting it in a cup of milk, sealing it in plastic wrap or placing it in the conscious patient's mouth, next to their cheek
- Immediately Seek Dental Treatment - Time is Critical to prevent permanent damage

Extreme care should be taken with a tooth that has been knocked out. Avoid the following:

- Do not handle the root of the tooth
- Do not scrape or rub the surface of the tooth
- Do not let the tooth dry out, rather keep it moist at all times
- Do not put the tooth in ice or hot water
- Avoid rinsing or storing the tooth in water for more than one or two seconds
- Do not remove any soft tissue fragments from the tooth

Information supplied by the Australian Dental Association

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**PaCSS NEWS**

**Uniforms**

- Polo shirts $26.00
- Jumpers $28.00
- Backpacks $37.00

**Other items are also available**
**Enquiries at the front office**

**Next meeting**

Monday 6th September at 2pm
MAS meeting room
All welcome!