PRINCIPAL: Ms Monica Williams
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Mal Jurgs
SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR: Ms Kathryn Hese
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR: Ms Kathy Quinn
JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR: Ms Katrina Hood

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SSO WEEK

This week is SSO week throughout the Education Department. SSO stands for Student Support Officers and they are a significant group of people who work in DECS schools to support and enhance the learning of students. At Meningie Area School we have a number of SSO’s. Their roles in the school range from Office and Administrative duties to specifically supporting students in the classroom. To celebrate, acknowledge and thank them for the vital role they play at Meningie Area School a special morning tea was held Wednesday at recess in the staff room.

ARBURY PARK CAMP

Arbury Park camp is this next week from Monday 29th August to Wednesday 31st August inclusive. Almost 50 students are attending from Years 5-9. Class and home group teachers will be attending the camp with students. The students should be well prepared for the types of learning experiences that they will engage in as curriculum work over the past weeks has focused on such.

A number of students are not attending camp. All students not attending camp are expected to be at school and will be on an alternative program taken by teachers who are back here at school and in some cases a relief teacher. We hope the students attending the camp have fantastic experiences. The program certainly looks engaging and fun.

SCHOOL HALL OFFICIAL OPENING

The date for the school hall official opening is Friday 16th September. As this was a Federal Government funding initiative certain protocols about dates for the opening and the nature of the ceremony have needed some level of negotiation with the appropriate Federal Government departments. Mrs Judy Appelkamp is coordinating the event. Invitations have been sent out to Federal and State politicians, local government and DECS personnel, as well as local clubs, business and/or individuals who have supported the school over the years. Additionally, all parents, caregivers and families of students are invited and welcome.

We ask that invited guests, along with staff and students, be seated and ready for official proceedings to begin at 2.00pm sharp. The event will be led by our students and a series of items will be presented. We look forward to your presence. Further details will be communicated both through the Lakelander and other forms of school communication.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Among the topics on the Governing Council Agenda this last Monday night for discussion was the preparation of an Education Brief. This is an application for new school facilities. The last brief was developed during 2007 and a feasibility study conducted by DECS in which plans were drawn up for a new school during 2008. We were unsuccessful in our application in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Recently we were advised by DECS that our Education Brief is no longer current. For the school to be considered in major capital works a new application needs to be made.

Paul Rowe (DECS Facilities) spent a considerable part of the meeting talking about the process that Governing Council needs to go through in writing an up to date brief, as well as the criteria for selection.

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26th August 2011
The next step for council is to do such. If you would like to know more about the process, or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact a member of Governing Council, the Governing Council Chairperson; David Eckert (0428582348), or either Mal Jurgs or Monica Williams on the school number.

COMMUNITY SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Scott Biddle, who on Monday night was awarded the medal for the Under 15's Best and Fairest, coming equal first in the River Murray Football League. This is a fantastic achievement for Scott. In addition Scott has been accepted into the Sturt Academy and his training schedule will begin very soon. We wish Scott well in this endeavour and acknowledge what an amazing opportunity this presents for him.

Clinton Walker has also had a successful season. Clinton won the River Murray Football League award for the highest goal kicker in RMFL Under 15’s 2011 season. He kicked 45 goals. A fantastic achievement Clinton! Well done to both boys.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Parent opinion survey information was posted out to families last week. We encourage you to take part in the survey and have your say. Surveys need to be completed and submitted by Friday 2nd September.

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES

From time to time a health issue emerges within the school community. At the moment we have 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.

If a student presents themselves at the front office with this health issue, their parent/carer will be phoned and/or a letter will be sent home.

SCHOOL CAR PARK REMINDER

In the interest of child safety, we wish to remind all parents, carers and grandparents not to use the staff car park (including the library spaces) at any time, unless in circumstances when they might be collecting a sick child from the front office.

Several parents have also been sighted recently walking through the car park, using it as a detour to get to the road after either walking their child to school or collecting them at the end of the day.

This is a dangerous practice and is hazardous for both drivers and the offending pedestrian.

Monica Williams

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is a special time for the library as Book Week celebrates some of the best children books published in Australia. Every year there is a theme and this year’s theme is “One World, Many Stories”. During this week, the Junior School classes have been shown the shortlisted books and have participated in an activity based on this year’s theme.

As part of the celebrations, the library is hosting a dress up parade on the Junior School assembly on September 12th (Week 8). Prizes will be awarded for the best costume (boy and girl), best international themed costume (boy and girl), most dedicated class and best teacher costume. Parents are more than welcome to attend and enjoy the festivities. Hope to see you all there.

CANTEEN NEWS

We have difficulty in giving correct change for $50.00 to students when purchasing goods from the canteen as we have limited change.

We encourage parents and students to send smaller or correct money for their purchases. Thankyou for your cooperation.

Judy Appelkamp and Rosie Reichelt
Canteen Managers
Culture week started a few weeks ago, some aboriginal volunteers offered to help make a hut from sticks and branches for junior kids to play in at recess and lunch.

They do it every year.

Ms. Freeth and other volunteers made a river painted with students hand prints with a picture of a Murray cod and a pelican painted as well. See the front office for a picture of them.

By Jemma Williams
Meningie Area School Community

Extends an invitation to parents, carers & families for the Celebration of The Re-Opening of our Refurbished Hall

on

Friday 16th September 2011

at 1.45pm for a 2pm start

followed with afternoon tea and a walk through the refurbished Hall

RSVP Friday 9th September 2011

by phoning 85751106 or email

You are invited to attend the

MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL’S
2011 BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE

Monday 12th September, 2011 at 2.00 pm
(Junior School Assembly)

Your child can come dressed as your favourite person from a book, TV, movies or a person from a different country.

This year’s theme is One World, Many Stories and as there are many stories told across the world today, Mr Walker has decided to allow everyone to dress up in their favourite character. There will be prizes for the following:

Best Costume (Boy and Girl)
Best International Costume (Boy and Girl)
Most Dedicated Class
Best Teacher and Parent Costume