FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

After many months of preparation and planning the SACE 2012 Formal was held at the Cheese Factory Restaurant last Saturday night August 25th. It was great to see a large community crowd line the entrance and welcome students and their partners as they arrived in mostly vintage cars, having taken the short journey from the school hall.

It was a pleasure to greet the students and their partners, some of whom were past students and or students in the local community. The girls looked elegant in a range of beautiful coloured gowns and dresses appropriate for the occasion, while the boys added flair and personal style in their formal attire.

It was an enjoyable evening, and a credit to all involved. My thanks to everyone involved. In particular though, I would like to thank Adam Hurle. Adam was the emcee announcing students as they arrived. His commentary was lively and entertaining, taking the edge off the cold and adding to the celebration.

Sandpit Opening

In cold, blustery conditions with the wind blowing directly off the lake Wednesday morning this week, the long awaited new Junior School Sandpit was officially opened. Junior School students, parents and teachers braved the conditions as Mr David Eckert (Governing Council Chairperson), along with Mr Dan Smith (Sandpit Builder & Special Guest) were assisted in officially opening the sandpit with students Aaron Clarke and Mackenzie Brooks. Mr Eckert had brought along his special sandpit toy, telling the students that it had been kept in the shed these past few years and needed to be cleaned up before being brought in. The plan was for Mr Eckert and Mr Smith to have some time in the sandpit with students testing out the new toys that have been purchased by the school as well as the ones brought along from home. Unfortunately the scuddy showers of rain and cold wind kept everyone under shelter. Parents welcomed the chance to enjoy a hot coffee or tea and chance to chat with others.

As announced at the opening, a shade is to be erected over the sandpit as well as a cover. An order for this work was approved by Governing Council some time ago. We are pleased to say that this work is taking place earlier than expected and will be up in the next few days.

Staffing

Mr Michael Walker has his last day working at Meningie Area School this week. Michael has held the position of Teacher Librarian since January, 2011. Michael has resigned. On behalf of the school community, I thank Michael for his contribution to the school and wish him all the best and every success in his future endeavours.

Monica Williams

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Last week was the PSA/CPSU National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. SSO stands for Student Support Officers and they are a significant group of people who work in DECD schools to support and enhance the learning of students. 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:

Sarah Chandler – Middle School / Administration  
Sharon Gibbs - Administration  
Geoff Halliday - Groundsperson  
John Hastings - Groundsperson  
Ali Jurgs – Junior School  
Isobell Koolmatrie - ACEO  
Renee Love – Junior School  
Coralie Qualmann – Administration / Finance  
Russell Starr - ICT  
Mary Strother – Library Assistant  
Wendy Vandenbrink – Junior School  
Lorraine Williss – Administration / Library

In recognition of their efforts our school held a morning tea at recess in the staff room on Wednesday.

HENS FOR SALE

As part of my Year 12 Community Studies project about business I will be raising and selling some ISA Brown Layer hens. They have been vaccinated and are beaked and will be ready to lay in late November.

They will be sold at $16.50 each (including GST). If you wish to buy any hens, please call the front office on 85751106 to place an order. There is a limited number of hens for sale, so get your orders in quickly! They will be available for collection mid-November.

Richie Nichols (Year 12)

SACE FORMAL

On the 25th August the Meningie Area School SACE Formal was held at the Cheese Factory Restaurant.

It was a huge success due to the amount of preparation and work the formal committee willingly contributed.

On behalf of the committee and all the Stage 1 and 2 students, we would like to thank Jamie and Tammy Marles, Matt Hood, Adam Hurle, David and Gwenda Eckert, Ms Creed, Ms Freeth and all the other teachers involved for their generous help throughout the preparations and during the night. Without your help the night would have not been as successful as it was.

We would also like to thank the community of Meningie for coming along and supporting the students as they arrived, and the drivers of the brilliant looking cars the students were fortunate enough to arrive in.

A special thankyou to the Meningie Cheese Factory Restaurant for hosting us. The meals and service were terrific! All attendees looked incredible in their dresses and suits and it was clear that all made a special effort to really shine on the night.

Alana Standley (Year 11)  
on behalf of the Formal Committee

FAREWELL

It is with great sadness that I have to say goodbye to Meningie Area School. Due to personal medical reasons, I am resigning as Librarian of Meningie Area School on Friday 31st August. My time here has been one of pleasant memories and fun times. Everyone at Meningie Area School will have a special place in my heart and I will miss you all very much.

I will also sadly be leaving the town and will miss the closeness I have experienced. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of both the Football and Bowls Clubs. I will see out the football season this year and hope to have the chance of Meningie winning at least one premiership flag for 2012.

I promise never to be a stranger to Meningie and hope to come back in the very near future. I would like to say that Meningie has so much to offer and is one of the friendliest and outgoing towns I have ever visited. Stay proud Meningie and I hope to see you all again very, very soon.

Mr Walker
JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY & SAND PIT OPENING

Thanks to Ben Schaefer & Annabelle Mead for their oral recount of this event.

Mrs Woolston’s class hosted the assembly and her Jolly Phonics – Grammar class gave a demonstration on what they had been learning. Miss W’s Jolly Phonics group gave a demonstration of the sounds and actions for each letter of the alphabet. All the students did a great job and have been making some good progress with this program.

Mrs Starling’s class acted out the story of the 3 little pigs with a twist, where the wolf ate the 1st and 2nd little pig but the 3rd little pig was too clever and the wolf ended up in a pot of boiling water.

Miss Giles class showed their illustrations of the fun things they did on camp, there were some great drawings and it sounds like they had a wonderful time on camp.

Mr Walker gave out prizes for the book week colouring in competition. Each class had a winner & runner up (see list of prize winners in Mr Walker’s article).

Mrs Woolston gave out Certificates for Magic 200 sight recognition words to Jasmine, Mikayla, Karlia, Lucy, Addison, Lauren, Zeke, Megan, Jace, Dion, Lachlan, Ben and Will. Congratulations to these students.

Everyone then went from the hall to the Junior School playground where Mrs Williams, Mr Eckert and Mr Smith all talked about the playground and the establishment of the new sandpit. Aaron Clarke & Mackenzie Brooks represented the Junior School children in cutting the ribbon.

Parents, carers and guests were then invited to a morning tea while the students enjoyed fruit and biscuits.

Katrina Hood (Junior School Manager)

BOOK WEEK 2012

This year’s Book Week theme was “Champions Read”. As part of this year’s celebration, the library once again ran a colouring in competition for Years R-S. The number of entries this year was outstanding and was very hard to judge. I would like to thank Miss Freeth for judging the entries and I know that she had a very hard time picking the winners.

Prize winners for 2012 are:

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Also, as part of Book Week celebrations, each class in the Junior School spent some lessons with Mr Walker looking at the Short Listed Books for 2012. Each class then did an activity associated with a Short Listed book or the theme, “Champions Read”.

I invite all parents/guardians/students and staff to check out the work the students have down in the Story Room in the Library.

Mr Walker (Librarian)
**YEAR 4/5 CAMP 2012**

**Recount 1**

Monday 6th of August we went to Warradale camping site in Adelaide. We went to the Australian Aboriginal Cultures Museum. While we were there we first looked at a piece of wood that looked like a big piece of bark, but it was a canoe. My favourite thing was to hold the spears and the shield. Later that night we went 10 pin bowling at the Marion bowling centre. When I played I got a STRIKE and Aunty Anyupa said “good job”. We had dinner back at the camp, then put on our PJs and went to sleep. Tuesday 7th of August we woke up and had breakfast. I had Coco Pops Checks. After breakfast we put on our bathers ready to go to Marion swimming. Margaret and Kelsey from the swimming centre gave us swimming lessons. Then we had free time and I was floating around the pool in a floating tube. I enjoyed it. It was fun. We went to the diving board and I did a belly flop in the deep pool. It hurt, but I was still happy to follow my class to the splashing pool. There was a big bucket filling up with water and SPLASHING on all the kids, this was my first camp this year and I enjoyed it so much I am looking forward to it next year.😊

Thank you Mrs Appelkamp for driving the school bus for the 4/5 class. Thank you for taking us on camp this year Aunty Anyupa.

Jemima Reid (Year 4)

**Recount 2**

On Monday the 6th of August our class, Bill, Alicia, Karin and Miss Giles went to Warradale Urban Campsite for a day and a half camp.

The Museum
We went to the S.A. museum to look at The Colliding Worlds exhibition in the Aboriginal Cultures section. We each had a small purple book filled with questions to find out information about different Aboriginal Cultures in Australia. I found out that Australia was not always divided into the states and territories but there were actually different Aboriginal language groups in Australia. In the entrance to the museum there were skeletons and when you walked a bit further there were knives, drugs, tin masks and cool ancient items. At the end of the visit we bought gifts from the gift shop.

Tea
Before we went bowling, we had tea. The foods were: homemade snitzel, kebabs, chops, mashed potato and vegies.

Bowling
After we had tea we went bowling. There were 4 groups. We all had a game and in my group Miss Giles came 1st Tom came 2nd and I came 3rd. When we were finished some of us spent money on other games.

Swimming
On Tuesday, we walked to the S.A. Aquatic and Leisure Centre. We were split into teams: Dolphins vs Sharks. I was in the Dolphins. We did activities like raft relay and volley ball. After a few games we all had a go at jumping off the 1 metre diving board, we jumped into a 5 metre deep pool. The Olympians had had their trials there earlier this year. The last activity was in the Adventure Pool. It was very good at the pool.

Home
We had lunch and did the final cleanup and Mrs Appelkamp drove us home. The best part of camp was 10 pin bowling because it was my first time and I came third.

Penny McManus (Year 5)

**MATHS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Thankyou to the parents who attended the workshop on Tuesday morning. Keep a lookout for other ideas and activities in future newsletters.

Katrina Hood
Maths Facilitator (Murray & Mallee Region)

**DRUMMING WORKSHOP**

On Wednesday 12th September a group of Year 8/9 students have organised a drumming and workshop activity with Miss Wilamowski’s R/1 class. We plan to demonstrate some drumbeats and to give the children some interesting facts about drums. We extend an invitation to the parents/caregivers of students in the class. Morning tea will also be provided for parents/caregivers and the students at the end of the session.

Brenda Baldock & Makayla Stock (Year 8/9)