This week we have dealt with issues around Cyber bullying and e-crime. Enclosed within this edition is a pamphlet for families giving advice about this issue. Schools also have actions to take and procedures to follow about E-crime.

So what is E-crime?
To help students and staff understand this we have involved SAPOL. Last week the local police attended a staff meeting session where they talked about E-crime and made arrangements around visits by the police to talk with classes of students. This week the local police have spoken with students from year 5 up to Year 12. I sat through a session on Wednesday afternoon in which Senior Constable Natasha Parsons showed a PowerPoint presentation and then took questions about issues relating to the use of mobile phones and the internet; particularly Face Book. We want students to understand their responsibilities as well as what they need to do to make themselves safe.

E-crime occurs when computers or other electronic communication devises are used to commit an offence, are targeted in an offence, or act as a storage device in an offence. An e-crime can include sexting, impersonations, intimidation, harassment, and using the internet as a mobile phone to transmit suicide related material, to make a threat or to menace, harass or cause offence.

Requirements of Principals when there is a suspected e-crime incident.

- Report to SAPOL and follow there advise.
- Confiscate evidence and ensure it is placed in a secure location until it is provided to the investigating officer.
- Not view any evidence or open an electronic devise as it may compromise the investigation.
- Cease any further investigation and let the police manage it.
- If SAPOL inform that they will no longer continue the investigation, then the school will treat the incident as a behaviour management issue and work within DECS school discipline policy and procedures.

I encourage all parents and caregivers to read the enclosed pamphlet, monitor usage of phones and the internet, and follow up issues of E-crime.

DIAGNOSTIC REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

In the last Newsletter I included several commendations made by the Review Team in their report. As said, I will, over the next few newsletters, include both commendations and recommendations. This week I include the following commendations.

- The Diagnostic Review Team commended 2009 Year 12 students on their academic results.
- Parents reported a noticeable improvement in their children’s Literacy results.
- The team noted the strong sense of community that is valued embraced and celebrated at the school. These included student involvement with businesses to support and assist their learning through traineeships and apprenticeships.
- The team commended the school and community for the support of programs such has Connecting Spirits, Monarto Zoo, the bi-annual Canberra trip and the Health Pathways Program.
- The team applauds the effective use of ICT in the school and the learning opportunities for students through various computer programs and the use of the interactive whiteboard.
STAFFING

Congratulations to Mr Mal Jurgs. He has re won his position as Deputy Principal Meningie Area School, for the next five years. I too am able to announce that I have re won my position as Principal Meningie Area, for a five year period. Both Mal and I look forward to working with Governing Council, parents, students and staff.

Monica Williams

FOUND

After the Year 8 camp in week 5 an aqua-covered pillow was left at school.

All of the Year 8 students assure me it is not theirs!! Is there a mum out there that might question that??

Vic Woolston

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

Lieber Eltern (Dear parents)

Wie geht’s? We have come a long way in our excursion through conversational German. I hope you have had a chance to try out on your children some of the everyday language we covered.

We are looking at one more area that might be useful: the theme of family.

Here are some words to learn:
- der Vater = father
- die Mutter = mother
- der Bruder = brother
- die Brüder = brothers
- die Schwester = sister
- die Schwestern = sisters

Viel Spaß! (Have fun!)

Veruschka Crichton

PaCSS NEWS

Uniforms

Now available
- Polo shirts $26.00
- Jumpers $28.00
- Backpacks $37.00
Other items are also available
Enquiries at the front office

Next meeting
(please note change of date)

Monday 13th September at 2pm
MAS meeting room
All welcome!!

Further information and forms are available from the front office at the school.
AN INTERNATIONAL FUTURE FOR STUDENTS

This is the opportunity to make a difference for your future by hosting a S.C.C.E international student. You could enhance your studies, your travels, your career. Learn of new opportunities, attitudes, and have fun teaching Australian culture. Carefully-selected students arrive in early February from Europe, the U.S.A., Japan and Canada. Check out our brochure BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME on the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange website www.scce.com.au. If you want to seize this opportunity while still in secondary school, contact S.C.C.E on 1800 500 501 (we may have a representative in your area), fill in the Host Family Application Form (also on our website). The February students are being matched now!

Thank you.

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If you live remotely from the major cities or cannot get along to one of our Information Sessions in person you can watch our NEW On Demand media presentation or attend one of our LIVE Online info sessions.

NEW On Demand

The On Demand Info Session is a prerecorded video presentation you can watch anytime you like, from the comfort of your own home. It provides access to the same comprehensive information presented at all of our city sessions and is an extremely convenient way for you to hear from our National Director and 2 of our senior Program Managers. Our staff will talk you through all aspects of exchange via streaming video, while you watch a presentation.

Please register online to access the On Demand session.

LIVE Online

The Live Online Info Session is conducted by a senior member of our staff using a service which allows us to meet online and over the telephone. You will be able to meet our representative over a video internet connection, ask any questions and watch a presentation. When you register you will be sent detailed instructions on how to join the meeting.

Our next LIVE Online information session will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 9th September. To secure your place, please register online.