As the weeks rush by, the end of the school year is well and truly in sight.

The Year 12 exam schedule is at mid-way point and the final Year 12 Assembly is next Friday November 21st. As communicated in previous Newsletters this term, Year 11 students finish on Friday 28th November. For all other students it is lessons as usual.

Our conversation at this week’s General Staff Meeting touched on the issue of student attendance and participation in lessons at this time of the year. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/children are at school as there is at least three weeks of the Curriculum to cover in most year levels and subject areas as well as assessment tasks to be competed.

Year 12 Final Assembly: An invitation is extended to the whole school community to attend this assembly, Friday 21st November, at 10.30am.

UNIFORM

Over the past few weeks there has been a real push within the school from staff around appropriate student uniform. This has been particularly relevant about the length and style of shorts. A number of letters have been sent home to parents and caregivers of students who are not wearing appropriate uniform.

We thank you for your efforts in this matter, and seek your continuing support.

TRANSITION

In preparation for the move to school, the current Kindy students are working through a program of transition to school. Carly Wilamowski, as the Reception teacher, established a program in collaboration with Ally Mead; Director of the Kindy. There have been visits to the Kindy by Carly, a parent information session and school sessions on Tuesdays from Weeks 4 to 8. In all there are 18 students transitioning, which will go to make up the Reception class in 2015.

Running parallel, a transition program is in place for the students coming in from Raukkan Aboriginal School. These students are currently coming in on the bus and working with the teachers and students of the current Year 4/5 and 6/7 classes; Mrs Anne Wright and Ms Anyupa Giles. This program has been developed between Meningie and Raukkan schools and students have been supported by staff in their home school when on Transition.

JUST 2 DEADLY AWARDS GRADUATION

This Friday 14th November marks what has become an annual event in Murray Bridge to acknowledge the achievement of Indigenous students graduating from Year 7 and 12. Known as the Just 2 Deadly Awards, the ceremony will be held at the...
Murray Bridge Town Hall, and involves students from both the Murray Bridge Partnership and the Coorong Mallee Cluster. Whilst we do not have any Year 12 students involved this year, we have 5 Year seven students. They are Mekayla Rigney, Tori –Lee Rigney, Kiana Kartinyeri, Kayla Rebner and Skyeisha Rigney. The evening begins at 6pm. All parents and families of students graduating have been invited as well as Home Group teachers, Isobell Koolmatrie (ACEO) and myself as Principal.

Monica Williams

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are seeking donations of 2nd hand uniforms to be resold to parents/carers. Any uniform items you no longer require would be greatly appreciated.

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES 2015

Copies of Materials & Services Charges for 2015 were sent home with students recently. The School Community is invited to attend the next Governing Council meeting to be held on the 24th November in the staffroom at 8.30 pm. The charges will be discussed at this meeting. If you have any queries/concerns you are invited to attend this meeting or present your queries in writing to the Chairperson before this date.

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REQUESTS FOR PURCHASING
If you have a request you would like to be considered for purchasing by the Library please ask for a request form and we will most likely be able to buy the item and add it to the collection for borrowing.

LOCAL HISTORY FUNDRAISER
Copies of “A Diverse Land” History of the Lower Murray Lakes and Coorong by Rob Linn are available from the Library for $15 with all money going toward the Local History Collection in the Library.

LIBRARY HELPERS
Students are encouraged to apply for a Library Helper position in the Library. They will gain great skills and work experience. Open to all students year 4 – year 11. Training will be during set lunchtimes starting next year. Apply now with an A4 Resume and statement on why you would like the position. Applications open to end of term.

Bernie Ryan (Librarian)
Consistent attendance impacts on personal and learning achievement!

**SAPSASA STATE TENNIS CARNIVAL**

The Murray Mallee team, consisting of six boys and six girls, played at Seaside Tennis Courts, Henley Beach in the SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival held from 3rd to 7th November. Each player was involved in two sets (one singles and one doubles) per match. Each day the team played two districts (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). The Monday was Murray Mallee’s most successful day, narrowly losing to Northern in the morning and having a great win in the afternoon to Kangaroo Island. By the end of the day every player in the team had successfully one a set. This was a huge improvement from last year.

The team had the opportunity to go to indoor bowls and also McDonalds for tea. This was a good team bonding session for the players, coaches and the parents. Overall, the Murray Mallee District tennis team was placed eighth out of nine districts. Chelsea Thurston was the sole representative from Meningie Area School. She enjoyed herself immensely throughout the week, her tennis skills improved and she demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Chelsea and the rest of the Murray Mallee District Tennis Team. We hope to see other students having a go at trying out in the next few years.

Krystina Durdin  (Murray Mallee District Convenor)

**2015 SACE ART SHOW**

Congratulations to Alysha Eckert for the selection of her Stage 2 Visual Art Practical "Decisions Underground" for the 2015 SACE Art Show. The exhibition is a collection of some of the most successful Year 12 Art and Design work from around South Australia and will be held at the Adelaide Institute of TAFE, Arts Campus, Light Square during March-April 2015. Her artwork is on display in the Hall Foyer until Presentation Night in Week 9.

Elyssa Kreher  (Art Teacher)
POOOL SUPERVISORS COURSE

Where: Meningie Area School
When: Thursday 27th November
Time: 12 noon – 3.00 pm or 3.00 – 6.00 pm
Cost: $45.00 (payable to the instructor)
Who: Any person who is over the age of 18 years

Please note: As a requirement of hiring the Meningie Area School Pool, a Pool Supervisor’s qualification must be current (a certificate is only valid for 12 months)

Please note: NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE POOL during the course

Please contact the front office at Meningie Area School on 85 751106 to register your name by close of business Monday 24th November.