DIARY DATES:  
TERM 1 2010  
(WEEKS 6 TO 10)

15-16 Mar  Yr 11 Snorkeling Camp
18 Mar      Interschool Athletics Carnival at Meningie Town Oval
19 Mar      SAPSASA Country Swimming
22 Mar      AGM 7.30pm at School Staff Room
29 Mar      SSSSA Athletics
1 Apr       Last day of term – School finishes at 2.20, buses depart at 2.30pm
2 Apr       GOOD FRIDAY
5 Apr       EASTER MONDAY
19 Apr      Term 2 commences

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

After many weeks of community and school preparation the Town Oval was in good condition for the Meningie Area School Sports Day last Thursday 4th March. While students in Year 3-12 had fun and competed with a high level of participation and in the spirit of competition in both track and field events, the junior school students in R-2 held their own modified events and games on the netball courts and surrounding area during the morning. It was great to see so many parents as spectators coming and going throughout the day. Without your support the event would not be the same and you would have missed some exciting competition. Congratulations to all the medal winners and to Albert who won on the day.

At the presentation at the conclusion of the day, I thanked the many organisations and individuals who put so much into the preparation and organisation of the day. We are really appreciative of being able to use the oval facilities and all the clubs associated with it. This includes
- Coorong Council
- Football Club
- Netball Club
- Pony Club

Thank you to Meningie Area School Groundspersons Mr Hastings and Mr Halliday who spent countless hours marking the oval and surrounds for field events.

Thank you to the following people:
- Mr Eckert, Mr N Biddle and Mr Botha for their assistance in lining the oval and Mr Warnes for transporting equipment.
- Mrs Tammy Marles for organising the catering and the Football Club in supporting this.
- All of the Meningie Area School parents/ caregivers who volunteered as timers on the day.
- Ms Lisa Davis for the enormous amount of organisation of the event not just on the day but the weeks leading up to the day.
- All Meningie Area School staff who supported Lisa, particularly Russell Starr.
- Junior School staff in preparing, organising and conducting Junior School Sports Day.

A more comprehensive report on medal winners can be found within this edition.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Meningie Area School is hosting the Upper South East Athletics Carnival this Thursday 18th March at the Town Oval. Preparation is underway. Several clubs are catering for this event, and Mrs Judy Appelkamp is coordinating this. Staff from schools participating will be acting as officials on the day. As we are the host school most of the jobs fall to us, and for this reason all teachers from the Yr 3/4 Giles class to Year 12 will be engaged in either officiating or chaperoning students. We could do with some extra parent help on the day if you can spare some time. Please contact the front office and let either Sharon or Sarah know.

A letter has gone home with all students in the Athletics Team. Please read this carefully and send back any required information as a matter of urgency. This is a school day and all students (with exception of some senior school students) not competing are expected to be at the oval and in the Meningie Area School designated area under the duty of care of Meningie Area School staff. We ask that Meningie Area School parents and families join us in this area, thus making it easy for marshals to find students for up and coming events. We will have a large tent, however you might like to bring extra shades and of course chairs or picnic blankets.
The school canteen WILL NOT be open on Interschool Sports Day so therefore Junior School students attending school that day will need to bring recess and lunch to school.

Things to know about the day

- Bus students will be dropped at the oval by 8.30 and will be under the duty of care of staff.
- Year R- 3 students will be taken by regular bus to the school.
- Students as competitors and spectators are under the duty of care of the school and need to be in the designated Meningie Area School bay area with staff supervisors and not wandering around the oval.
- A variety of food and drink will be available for purchase throughout the day.
- As the conclusion of the day is 2.30 pm students will be dismissed to go home with parents and town students may go home.
- Buses will leave at 3.30pm.
- At the conclusion of the day, bus students will be picked up from the oval.
- Please remember to send students well prepared with clothing suitable for the day, in particular a hat and some warm clothing adequate water, food and sunscreen.

Governing Council AGM

Please make sure this date, Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm, in the Staff Room, is in your calendar. We are always looking to have parents and caregivers involved in the school and this is a wonderful way to get an understanding of how our school works and what you can do to support your child in his/her education. This year we have several staff giving a demonstration of the ways in which they use Interactive whiteboard Technology in their work in the class room. You will be amazed, just as we are as teachers, at the incredible things that are being developed to support student learning. As Governing Council has supported the purchase of five Interactive White Boards over the past two years at a cost of $40,000, you might be interested to know where all the money has gone and what is the big fuss. So do come along, be entertained and informed; join us for wine and cheese and wish you were back at school!!!!!!!

Office Issues

We ask that parents put a note in students’ diaries for pick up arrangements when this differs from the daily routine. Front Office staff get really busy, particularly in the time after lunch and before the end of the school day, and often find it difficult to get messages through to children, particularly when there is more than one student involved. Thanking you in anticipation of your support. Of course in the event of an emergency staff will readily inform your child or children of changed family plans.

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MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

On Thursday 4th March, in warm conditions, students from Meningie Area School participated in a number of Athletics events at the annual school sports day. We were again fortunate enough to be able to hold this event at the town oval after it became clear our school oval would not be in a suitable condition to do so.

Congratulations to all the students who participated. It was great to see so many involved in events and competing in such good spirits. The house captains also did a great job organising their relay teams. At the end of the day it was Albert House that took out first place.

Thanks must go to John Hastings, Geoff Halliday, Neale Biddle and David Eckert for preparing the oval, Katrina Hood for setting up the scoring system on the computer, Judy Appelkamp for coordinating the catering and Russell Starr for helping with setting and packing up the equipment. Thankyou also to the teachers, SSO staff, parents and students who chaperoned, timed or scored on the day and the Meningie Football Club for allowing us to use the town oval and for running the canteen. It was great to have so much support as it helped to make the day run so well.

Following are the results, list of records broken and individual medallion winners.

RESULTS:

1st Albert – 1829 points
2nd Coorong – 1568 points
3rd Bonney – 1325 points

INDIVIDUAL MEDALLION WINNERS:
**RECORDS BROKEN:**

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Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)

**SCHOOL SAILING**

This weekend the team sailing regatta will be held at Kingscote on Kangaroo Island. This is the first year for many years that Meningie Area School has not nominated a team to compete. Training and learning sailing skills is difficult without water.

The local Sailing Club is working in conjunction with the Southern Ocean Sailing Centre to involve juniors in sailing. Sailing lessons occur before Christmas each year and Team Sailing training happens from January onwards. These sessions are based at the Victor Harbour Yacht Club.

Oliver Crossman from Meningie Area School will form part of a composite team with students from Fleurieu Peninsula schools.

All the best for the weekend, Oliver!

**MUSIC LESSONS**

At Meningie Area School we offer a variety of musical experiences. Brass and Woodwind lessons are taught by Mr Rod Williams and Mr Peter Longden. Some private guitar lessons are also offered by Mr Williams.

Private piano lessons are offered by Ms Ashlee Crossman and Mr Mike Kozikowski from Tailem Bend also offers music lessons locally. Please contact these teachers directly if you are interested in private lessons.

Next Tuesday 16th March there are no brass/woodwind lessons for Years 5 to 12 as Mr Longden and Mr Williams will be at a conference in Adelaide.

**GERMAN NEWS**

Hallo, liebe Eltern!

Wie geht’s?

This fortnight, we are building on previous German news items and are looking at ways of introducing ourselves.

There are two commonly used forms:

Guten Tag, wie heißt du?  Ich heiße ...
(Good day, what’s your name?) (My name is ...)
(The ‘ß’ is pronounced like a sharp ‘s’ eg sing.)

or

Hallo, wer bist du?  Ich bin ...
(Hi, who are you?) (I am ...)

Viel Spaß! (Have fun practising).

Bis bald, VC

**8/9 BOYS CRICKET**

On Wednesday 3rd March Rhys Marles, Scott Biddle and Sam Sanders played in the first match of the Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Cricket competition at Tintinara against Unity College as a member of the Upper South East (USE) team. Unfortunately the USE team lost.

Unity batted first and for the first 18 overs the USE team restricted them to only 52 runs. Unfortunately, however, the team consisted of several state players and by the end of their 35 overs Unity made 175 runs. The Combined USE team were all out for 123. Rhys Marles was the top run scorer for the USE scoring 64 runs, more than half the teams total.

**SAPSASA SWIMMING**

Due to their outstanding performances at the school swimming carnival, several Year 4-7 students were chosen to compete in the SAPSASA Murray Mallee Swimming Trials at Lameroo on Wednesday February 24th. The following students attended the trials: Holly VandenBrink, Jemma Williams, Aleisha Williams, Billie Carmichael and Hugh Mason.
All of these students swam superbly. Hugh and Aleisha swam exceptionally well and were chosen in the Murray Mallee team.

Unfortunately Aleisha is unable to attend, but Hugh will compete in the 10 yr old boys’ freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly at the SAPSASA Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide on Friday March 19th against some of the states best swimmers.

A big thank you to Wendy Vandenbrink and Angela Mason who helped transport students to the venues and helped officiate on the day.

Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Junior School Assembly
Parents and Carers are invited to the first Junior School Assembly for 2010 on Tuesday 16th March at 10.30am in the School Hall.

This will be followed by a morning tea in the primary wet area.

Our classrooms will be open between 11.30 and 1pm for you to see what we have been doing so far this year.

Around the JP classes
This year all the Junior School classes have spent a considerable amount of time working with Program Achieve – a series of lessons and resource material that teaches students how to achieve success and develop social, emotional and behavioural well being. This program is also the basic for the pastoral care program in the Middle school.

The students are supported through this by using the 5 Keys to Success. (Persistence, Organisation, Confidence, Getting Along & Resilience). All classes are maintaining a focus on getting along, working through anti bullying strategies and using the school grievance procedure.

R-1 Hart

This term we are learning about Meningie. We are learning about the businesses in town, what they do and what it used to be like long ago. We have taken photographs and are learning the German names for businesses like supermarket, service station, hardware store etc.

R-1 Woolston

The R/1Woolston class have ‘Minibeasts’ as their theme for this term. This topic has provided children with a lot of fun opportunities for learning, the main thrust of Early Childhood Development.

2-3 Starling

Our class are exploring the Science topic ‘Schoolyard Safari’, which involves observing invertebrates such as snails, insects and butterflies.

For English, we are unpacking an approach to understanding texts, which is called ‘Functional Grammar’.

Along with all Junior School classes, we are participating in a Pastoral Care Program called ‘Program Achieve’. This incorporates aspects such as getting along with others and anti bullying teaching.

3-4 Giles

We are writing a class narrative. Everyone is working extremely hard to understand hundreds, tens and units addition problems using MABBlocks. We will be hosting the first Junior School assembly for 2010 next Tuesday.

5-6 Wright/Hood

We have been focusing on using positive and helpful words, not negative and hurtful. Our class is also getting used to using a middle school timetable. We are learning about Australia in SOSE and the Winter Olympics in Technology.

Junior School Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are the only opportunity for formal feedback from your child’s classroom teacher this term. Interviews will be held in week 9 and a flyer with a selection of dates and times will be sent home. If there is not a suitable date or time due to other commitments please contact the classroom teacher directly via a diary note.