FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome back after which I hope everyone had a great Easter and holiday break.

We welcome all of our new reception students who have transitioned from the Kindy into Mrs Woolston’s class, as well as new students and their families to our school community.

In this edition is a copy of our draft planner for Term 2, inclusive of all planned and known events. We hope that this will be useful in keeping you up to date as the term gets underway. This term is 11 weeks in duration, with the highlight being the Meningie Area School Production. Work on this began towards the end of last term and cast members are well and truly on the way to knowing their lines. Soon work will begin with classes in the Junior School inputting together songs and actions.

The Production this year is called ‘Surprising Old King Cole’. Please keep the nights of Tuesday June 22nd and Wednesday June 23rd free and let grandparents and friends know about this up and coming event.

BUILDING WORKS

Work began on the school hall during the holidays. At this stage as you drive past the school you will see fencing has been erected at entrances to the hall. The hall is not in use at the moment, and all students have been advised that the fencing indicates a no go zone. Students have also been advised that throughout the term, there may be changes to play areas at short notice, and understand that these changes relate to safety.

DIAGNOSTIC REVIEW

Please see the article in this Newsletter as it relates to the Diagnostic Review. This is to take place next week and involves staff, students and parents. Sharon contacted parents, and parents of students to be involved, throughout this week and has sent home correspondence. My thanks to everyone for their positive responses. We look forward to this review being informative and helpful in moving us forward in our learning as it relates to Literacy.

Monica Williams

Reminder

Due to OHS&W regulations we ask that the following practices be adhered to:

- All Parents/Carers wishing to seek students during school hours must report to the Front Office and not go directly to the student’s class.
- All Parents/Carers visiting the school for meetings, assemblies, volunteering, etc. must sign in at the Front Office and wear a visitor’s badge.
- All Parents/Carers must negotiate with classroom teachers to stay in classrooms after 8.45 am (sign in at the Front Office.)
- Parking on Princes Highway in front of the Junior School play area is not permitted before 9.30 am and after 3pm on school days. Please use designated parks on North Terrace and the school crossing.
- 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) as a drop-off and pick-up zone at any time, unless in circumstances when they might be collecting a sick child from the front office and have been directed to do so.
**DIAGNOSTIC REVIEW PROCESS**

Our school will be taking part in a Diagnostic Review process next week.

The aim of the process is to look at ways of building on student learning outcomes in literacy and enhancing the education programs for our students both now and into the future.

The visiting team comprises people from the DECS, our Regional Office and a teacher from the staff.

Many staff, students and parents will be involved in interview or discussion groups. Student learning will be observed and an extensive range of school data analysed. It is anticipated that a report will be back later in the year and that its findings will provide directions for school development over the next 3 years.

After the diagnostic review we will work to further develop our literacy teaching and learning programs.

Thankyou in anticipation to all who will contribute to this process. It will provide our school with commendations and recommendations to assist us enhance our teaching and learning programs.

**BRAIN SCIENCE FOR FAMILIES**

Did you know that?

 ⇒ Late nights, late mornings, mean less learned in early lessons!
   The brain hormone acetylcholine, that helps promote learning, peaks 4 hours after rising: this means that Early bed times support learning.

 ⇒ Adequate sleep is important for brain development.
   Sufficient sleep is important as it cements learning from during the day, and prepares the brain for further learning. It also makes a big difference in overall memory and alertness.

more to follow next Newsletter ..........

**SCHOLASTICS ORDERS**

Brochures will be sent home with students early this week.

Orders with payment can be made at the book room until the end of Monday 3rd May.

**TAX FILE NUMBER APPLICATION**

The Australian Tax Office has a school program whereby students can apply for a Tax File Number through the school. This is much easier than doing it when they have left school.

Letters and forms will be sent home next week with Year 9 students which will need to be returned by Friday 7th May if possible, however any student can apply.

Please see Sharon at the front office if your child is not in Year 9 and you would like to apply for a TFN.

Mal Jurgs
Deputy Principal

**GERMAN NEWS**

Liebe Eltern (Dear Parents)

Wie geht’s? (How are you?)

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and that you are ready for a new start in German.

We came a long way last term, from greetings, to expressing how we feel, and to some introductory phrases. Here is how you introduce a friend:

(That’s my friend Oscar.)      (Hello Oscar.)

A: Das ist meine Freundin Anna  B: Hallo Anna. 
(That’s my friend Anna.)      (Hello Anna.)

At this point we need to practise with a partner or two. Ask your child to join into a little role play.

Viel Spaß! (Have fun!)

Veruschka Crichton
**ACTIVE 8 NEWS**

The first of the year 10 Active8 camps for 2010 is approaching fast. The Future Leader’s camp will be held at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills from Thursday 6th May with an overnight stay, returning on Friday 7th May (week 3).

The Future Leaders program gives students’ real experiences in co-operative and non-traditional games, outdoor cooking and camping and working as a team. The camp will also give opportunities to meet a range of students from other schools involved in the Future leaders programme from across the state.

Students will be staying at the site in the school tents. Students will be preparing their own dinner in Thursday night and will have other meals provided. Attending this camp will give students the opportunity to have a part of their Duke of Ed Expedition signed off.

As this is an Active8 camp there is no charge for any of the activities.

**SAPSAASA ATHLETICS**

On Monday 29th March at the end of term 1 a number of secondary students from Meningie Area School went to Santos Stadium in Adelaide to compete in the SSSSA C Grade Track and Field Championships as a part of the Upper South East team. They were Matt Austin, Zac Vandenbrink, Dylan Vandenbrink, Rhys Marles, Dylan Richards, Jace Stephenson-Hoad, Kenny Richards, Justin Smart, Brigitte Botha, Alana Standley, Amber Gibbs, Marni Hood and Madison Wenske.

All students performed well with the following students achieving a top three finish.

- **Dylan Richards** 1st U/14 Boys Javelin 34.92m
- **Alana Standley** 1st U/15 Girls Shot put 9.17m
- **Brigitte Botha** 2nd U/15 Girls High Jump 1.32m
- **Amber Gibbs** 2nd U/15 Girls 400m 1.07.78s
- **Rhys Marles** 2nd U/15 Boys Long Jump 4.97m
- **Marni Hood** 3rd U/14 Girls Triple Jump 8.39m
- **Kenny Richards** and **Justin Smart** were also members of the U/16 Boys 4x100m Relay team that came second and **Matt Austin** was a member of the U/15 Boys 4x100m Relay team which finished second.

Overall the Upper South East team finished 2nd in Boys Division on 296 points only 5 points behind first place and the girls finished 6th.

Lisa Davis
(PE Teacher)
You could learn a lot from an International brother or sister…….
Climate Change? Further education?
Cultural differences? Language?
Study habits? Careers?

And what fun teaching him or her about Australian culture!

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2010 for 5 months from Europe and Scandinavia. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

If your family would like to have the opportunity to have a brother or sister from overseas for a semester, please call us now.

Contact: 1800 500 501
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SCHOOL SORES - IMPETIGO

Several students in the junior school have been diagnosed with School Sores (Impetigo). Please read the following information which tells you how to recognise the symptoms and treatment of Impetigo.

What is Impetigo?

Impetigo is a superficial skin infection caused by Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria, or sometimes both, most common in children. Impetigo appears as a flat, yellow, crusty or moist patch on the skin, usually on exposed parts of the body such as the face and legs. The sores are often greater than 1cm in diameter.

Incubation period (time between becoming infected and developing symptoms)

4 - 10 days.

Infectious period (time during which an infected person can infect others)

As long as there is discharge from the sores. School sores are extremely contagious.

Treatment

The doctor may recommend the use of antibiotic ointment, or antibiotics by mouth in severe cases.

Control of spread

Any sores on exposed surfaces should be covered with a watertight dressing

Exclude the person from child care, preschool, school or work until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic treatment is started. If the doctor does not feel that antibiotic treatment is necessary, the sores must be covered until they are completely dried up.

Good hand washing procedures should be encouraged.

YOGA: Monica Martin from Karoonda will be starting a 5 week introductory Yoga course beginning on the 3rd May. This class will be held on Mondays at 1pm. She is looking forward to sharing her skills with people of all ages and abilities. For further information please contact Monica on 85789018 or 0488 133625

COMPUTING: Julie Barrie from Coonalpyn is keen to begin teaching a range of computing skills on Wednesday evenings. She is an experienced lecturer and is willing to tailor her classes to suit those attending. If you would like more information please contact Julie on 0409 282477.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: If you have a desire to know more about your camera then this course may be for you! If you would like to do more than ‘point and shoot’ watch the Lakelander for details soon.

GRANT WRITING: An opportunity for a free grant writing workshop will be made available if there is sufficient interest in the community. Contact Denice on 85751162 to register your name or club.