Welcome back to Term 2, especially new students and their families. I hope that all families had some time to wind down after a busy Term 1 and were able to have time together. This term has a number of planned events and dates of significance that you can see from the enclosed Draft Term 2 planner. Of special note is the school production ‘Pinnochio’ that will take place in Week 10. Students in R-7 are involved in this, with the main characters in Yr 6/7 already cast and busy learning their lines.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will take place Week 3 of this term for all students in Years 3/5/7/9. This is a national test of various aspects of literacy and numeracy, and is programmed over three days. The tests will all be held in classrooms in the Middle School. A copy of our arrangements have been included in this newsletter for your information. Please note that if a student is absent on the day, we have a day or two to administer the test before all completed work is sent away for marking. The results of tests provide information for students, parents/caregivers, teachers and principals about student achievement, which can be used to support teaching and learning programs.

BUS ISSUES

The start of a new term is a good time for a few reminders about travel on school buses. All students and parent/caregivers complete the Meningie Area School bus code of conduct prior to beginning travel on a bus and at the start of every year. This agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of the school, parents and students. For your convenience I have included below a copy of parent responsibilities. In particular I draw your attention on how to deal with grievance, and seek your support in reporting issues of student conflict promptly for us to investigate and manage.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility

➢ To have children at the designated bus stop promptly as per the bus timetable
➢ Ensure that children understand road safety rules. In particular, how to cross the road and in the case of Junior School students, cross the road with them.
➢ Regularly talk through the issues of safe travel
➢ Encourage students to use the school Grievance Procedure and promptly report issues of harassment and bullying.
➢ Report issues of concern to the school for prompt investigation
➢ Support the school in working towards making bus travel safe for all students and drivers.

Monica Williams, Principal

CANT

CREDIT will not be given to students at the canteen without prior arrangements made with the canteen staff by parents/carers. Paying of these accounts will be the joint responsibility of both parents/carers and students.

Canteen Staff
**CONNECTING SPIRITS**

Connecting Spirits students attended the Dawn Service on Anzac Day at the memorial in the Bowls Club along with over 350 other people. Hayden Biddle and Michelle Crossman, SRC President and Vice President respectively and members of the 2008 group, laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school community. It was pleasing to see a number of other students not connected with the group also attend the service.

After the conclusion of the service the students headed back to the RSL Hall to assist prepare and serve the traditional mince on toast breakfast and coffee.

Meanwhile at Lobethal, the Birdwood members of the group gathered at the RSL hall there for their commemoration. At the conclusion of their service the Connecting Spirits 2008 Lottery was drawn. The winners have been published in last Thursday’s Advertiser and will be notified in writing. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and thanks especially to those who donated prizes for the Lottery including Fleurieu Charters, Dalton on the Lake and Captain Boggles.

The Connecting Spirits students are continuing to fundraise by having a sausage sizzle at the Upper South East Cross Country Carnival and an Ambrose Golf Day to be held on May 18th. Planning is underway in conjunction with the Sailing Club for a Henley on the Beach to be held on the 28th September; so keep that date free.

On June 6th the students from Birdwood attending this year’s trip will be coming to Meningie to spend a day getting to know our group and the local area. We will spend some time in fun activities and also have a quick tour of the town, the Coorong and will visit Raukkan to the see the plaque in the Chapel there that was the catalyst for these trips.

The students are beginning to get stuck into researching their soldiers. If you have a soldier that you would like commemorated either in France or Belgium or in Singapore, please contact the school with their details and we will allocate them to one of the students. Like wise if you are related to or have any information about any of the World War 1 soldiers on the Meningie Memorial, the students would love to hear from you to assist them in their research.

Mal Jurgs

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Parents & Friends will be on Wednesday 21st May at 1.30pm in the meeting room at the school.

**Lost Property**

There are many and various items in the Lost Property department in the Junior School wet area.

Items include:

- **Towels:**
  - 2 x red
  - 2 x different multi coloured
  - 1 x brown
  - 1 x red, green and purple
  - 1 x cream and brown with a picture on it

- **Jumpers:**
  - Many school jumpers
  - 1 x greeny/brown knitted Billabong Size 14
  - Other jumpers

- **Miscellaneous:**
  - 1 x sleeping bag – brown, yellow and red
  - 1 x rash vest - Wave Zone Size 7
  - 1 x rash vest - blue Superman

- **Shorts**

- **Hats (including a new slouch hat)**

**Items not collected by the 21st May will be taken to the 2nd Time Round shop for sale.**

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**SCHOLASTIC ORDERS**

Scholastic Book brochures were sent home with students this week. Orders with payment can be placed at the book room. Orders will close on Tuesday 13th May.
GOVERNING COUNCIL

As Chairperson of the School Governing Council, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students, parents and staff to Term 2 of Meningie Area School.

I would like to thank all the parents who have nominated to join the Governing Council Committee and am looking forward to working with them in supporting the many needs of our School Community.

The calendar for Term 2 seems to be again a very busy time for all of our school, students, staff and parents.

Judy Appelkamp – Chairperson, School Governing Council

NETTABALL

The netball season has started and its time to think about our future stars! In Week 2 Term 2 we will begin training our nettaballers aged from 5-8 years from 3.30 to 4.15 pm on Thursdays (1st practice is Thursday 8th May). Anyone willing to help please phone Helen on 0427 971430 or 85 737096.

Subs for the season are $25.00 per player, payable by the third training. Cash or cheque, made payable to Meningie Netball Club, can be given to Sharon Gibbs at the school in a named envelope.

Practice will be in the school hall. Don’t forget to bring a drink and wear appropriate shoes.

Helen Poulish (President, Meningie Netball Club)

TEAM SAILING

On 18th April in the middle of the school holidays, one team from Meningie sailed at the 2008 South Australian Teams Racing State Championship, sailed in the Port River. Meningie qualified for the regatta division at our regional championship which was held at Victor Harbour earlier this year.

The first day was spend dividing up the regatta divison into 2 groups, B Pool and C Pool. The championship division started racing to qualify for the national competition.

We had a bumpy start to the competition, with a few early losses, but we pulled ourselves together and scraped into the B Pool.

That night we were involved in a quiz night, with mental and physical challenges. Out of 8 teams we came equal 3rd.

Hamish Jurgs, Team Sailing Captain
World Asthma Day 2008 is being celebrated on Tuesday 6th May. The theme of this year's event will be "You Can Control Your Asthma".

The Asthma Foundation of SA, in partnership with the Women's and Children Hospital (WCH), will be hosting a Morning Tea on the Kid's Playdeck at the WCH. It will be a 1 hour event, from 11am to 12pm and will be hosted by Channel 9's Kelly Nestor.

The Asthma Foundation of SA's Breathe Better Shop offers a wide range of health products to help you breathe better and to better manage respiratory conditions such as asthma, allergy, COPD, anaphylaxis, cystic fibrosis and eczema. Products include, DVD's and books, dust mite protection products, health professional products, masks, nebulisers and accessories, peak flow meters and spacers.

For further information please call the Asthma Foundation of SA - Breathe Better Health Line on 1800 645 130 or visit www.breathebetter.com.au

**ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF SA INFORMATION SESSIONS**

The 'Live Well' Sessions at the Asthma Foundation of SA are designed to provide people and their carers with an update on current management guidelines and information.

**Live Well With ASTHMA for parents/carers**
- Friday 2nd May 10:00am-12:00pm
- Tuesday 3rd June 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Wednesday 2nd July 12:00pm-2:00pm

**Live Well With ECZEMA**
- Friday 13th June 10:00am-12:00pm
- Friday 1st August 10:00am-12:00pm

**Live Well With ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS**
- Thursday 5th June 9:30am-11:30am
- Thursday 10th July 9:30am-11:30am

‘Live Well’ sessions costs $20 per family or $15 per person ($10 for concession card holders) and are FREE for members of the Foundation. They are held at the Asthma Foundation of SA Breathe Better Centre, 300 South Rd, Hilton. It is essential to register for these sessions. Bookings can be made by phoning the Asthma Foundation of SA Breathe Better Centre on 8238 9300 or free call 1800 645 130.

**FREE INFORMATION SERVICE—BREATHE BETTER HEALTH LINE 1800 645 130**

The Breathe Better Health Line is a free information service provided by the Asthma Foundation of South Australia (AFSA). You can call us on 1800 645 130, between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday to talk to our friendly educators. Trained educators can provide information on asthma, eczema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), anaphylaxis, allergy and other respiratory conditions.

The Breathe Better Health Line can also arrange an appointment for you to meet face to face with an asthma educator at our office in Hilton. The asthma educator can provide information on what triggers your asthma, how to get the best results from your medications and how to control your asthma.

**WHAT IS EXERCISE INDUCED ASTHMA?**

Exercise induced asthma (EIA) occurs when you exercise or play sport. It is caused by people inhaling cool dry air through the mouth and this is thought to irritate and constrict the sensitive airways. EIA symptoms may include wheezing, coughing, feeling tight in the chest or feeling short of breath. These symptoms may be present while you are exercising or develop once you have stopped. EIA symptoms may develop anytime, even up to 8 hours after physical activity.

Even though exercise is a common trigger for asthma, remaining fit and active is very important for our general health and exercise should be a trigger that is managed and not avoided. EIA can be managed so that you can continue to exercise and play the sport you enjoy.

**To prevent EIA,** firstly, make sure your day to day asthma is under control (check with your doctor) then, when you exercise or play sport:

- Use you blue reliever medication (or other medication) if recommended by your doctor 5-10 minutes before warm up.
- Always warm up before any sport or exercise. A warm up consists of 10-15 minutes of light exercises and stretching.

**During exercise, if symptoms occur:**

- Stop activity and take blue reliever medication.
- Return to activity only if free of symptoms.
- If symptoms reoccur, take blue reliever medication. Do not return to activity.

Do not exercise if you are feeling unwell; wait until your health improves before resuming your sport or activity. People with asthma should have a written Asthma Action Plan to best manage EIA.

For further information please call the Asthma Foundation of SA - Breathe Better Health Line on 1800 645 130 or visit www.breathebetter.com.au
As a community initiative of the Australian Scholarships Group, the KidsLife Foundation shares and values the fundamental belief that parents are their child’s first educators. An investment in better parenting is an investment in the future for our children, who with effective parenting and community support will make the world a better place.


The KidsLife website offers a monthly newsletter and search facility for articles from experts among its valuable resource of parenting information, along with a host of topics covering education, health and wellbeing, and early development.

The Parent Briefings website allows parents to register to access quarterly e-magazines that are delivered straight to their email inbox. The e-magazines provide information on child development for newborns to 18 years old, helping parents to stay one step ahead of their child’s next developmental stage.

Saleha Singh, KidsLife Foundation

Keeping Kids Safe in Cyberspace

Professor Peter Cuttance and NetAlert — the Australian Government’s Internet Safety Initiative — will present a special parent evening to provide up-to-date information about safety in the cyber-world and strategies that parents can use to discuss and monitor cyber-safety in the home.

Thursday 8 May, 7.30–9.00 PM
Immanuel College, Novar Gardens
Adelaide

Cost: $20 per family booked directly on the website, or schools, parent and other groups can make block bookings on the website at $15 per person for 10 or more. Prices excl GST.

Book online — further details at: https://cyberbullying.conference.com.au