At long last I am able to announce that we have been advised by DTEI (Department for Transport and Energy) that the Meningie Area School Gym is ready for occupancy. This means that as from Monday 23rd May the canteen will be back in use. Some PE classes will begin in the Gym next week and the music room will be made ready for classes.

Today, Friday 20th May, Mrs Appelkamp is going to take class groups of students through the Hall with teachers and show them the new facilities.

On Monday 6th June, we are going to hold a Hall Opening Assembly. This is not an Official Opening but a school celebration. Details are still being worked out, but will include the opportunity for parents and the wider community to attend the assembly, a tour of the hall and refreshments. There will be a sausage sizzle lunch for students. Further information will be communicated to families and the wider community next week, once all details are finalised.

We have had a really good working relationship with the builders Tempelton Constructions, especially Pauline Bastion Project Manager and the site manager. I am sure that when you have an opportunity to see the extensive refurbishing that has taken place and the thought that has gone into it you will appreciate the length of time taken and see that it has been worth the wait.

We are beginning to get a number of enquiries with regard to the hire of the Hall both from within the local community and wider a field. Governing Council is working on the conditions and details with this regard.

### BULLY AUDIT

This week the first of our 2 student Bully Audit’s for 2011 has been carried out. The second one will be at the start of Term 4. The Bully Audit is conducted in a class environment that supports confidentiality and anonymity. The Bully Audit provides data about

- identifying who is bullied
- who bullies
- where bullying occurs
- how often
- what bullies do
- where bullying occurs
- when it occurs
- what has been tried to stop it.

The Data is collated and is used in a variety of ways including the following:

- Focus on developing Pastoral Care processes to support students who are bullied. This may include individual counselling and monitoring, recommendation to be in a mentoring program or Friends for Life.
- Students identified as bullies are counselled and parents/caregivers notified. Strategies are developed to support change in behaviour, and case managed.
UPPER SE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 6th May, in stellar conditions, students from Meningie, Karoonda, Coomandook, Tintinara, Keith and Coonalpyn gathered at Meningie’s Lake Albert Golf Club to compete in the Upper South East Cross Country Championships. The competition was open to those students aged 9 years and older. The entire event was held on the golf course, with competitors running along the fairways, through some rougher terrain and along some maintenance tracks.

Although numbers were lower than hoped for, Meningie supported the event very well with around 20 students participating. Overall, it was a great day and most students showed great spirit and resilience. Some outstanding performances by the Meningie students were:

- Bridie Blake-Burrows – 1st Place, 10 Years
- Aleisha Williams – 1st Place, 11 Years
- Tessa Bagshaw – 1st Place, 13 Years
- Jye Hoad – 1st Place, 12 Years
- Zac Vandenbrink – 1st Place, 16 Years
- Skyehisha Rigney – Runner Up, 10 Years
- Sharnee Gemmell – Runner Up, 11 Years
- Dylan Gubbin – Runner Up, 10 Years
- Dwayne Shaw – Runner Up, 12 Years

As a result of their performances some students will be invited to participate in the South Australian Schools Cross Country Championships in Adelaide on Friday 9th June at the Oakbank Racecourse.

This event would not have run without the help of many people. The school would like to thank the Lake Albert Golf Club for allowing us to use their facilities, Judy Appelkamp, Brenda Blake and Leonie Mann for their assistance with officiating on the day, and Katrina Hood, Michael Walker, Russell Starr, and Vic Woolston for their work in setting up and assisting on the day. The work of many ensured another successful day of sport.

Jack Rowe (PE Teacher)

Positive Parenting sessions for Term II
Effective Living Centre at 26 King William Rd. Wayville

Fun not Fuss with Food, Wednesday 1 June, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. A discussion around strategies to change behaviour, whilst supporting developmentally appropriate independence and curiosity with eating. Led by Peter Hill, a nutritionist and psychotherapist who incorporates an understanding of human behaviour and childhood development whilst promoting a love of food and cooking.

Developing Resilience, Wednesday, 22 June, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Children have to deal with negative experiences; failure, rejection, loss, illness. Discover how parents can be most effective in helping their child deal with these life events.

Cost: $15 / $10 con. / $20 per couple
Bookings: 8271 0329 or office@effectiveliving.org

Christine Gilbert
Coordinator, Effective Living Centre

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

On the 10th June I have 10 French students arriving for 11 weeks. I have managed to find families for 5 of them but still have 3 boys and 2 girls to find families for.

Also I have the added difficulty of finding a family for one of the girls as she is a coeliac, which means she is gluten intolerant.

Time is now running out so if any families are interested I can be contacted on 0885 561268 or via email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

Jenny Hanson
South Australia Inbound Manager
South Cross Cultural Exchange

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