PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is hard to believe that we have past the half way mark in the term, and the production ‘Pinocchio’ is only a few weeks away. As you will be aware, the evenings of Tuesday 1st July & Wednesday 2nd July are the dates set on the planner for the staging of this event. Serious practice is well underway for the major cast, and all classes in the Junior School are learning their song and movement routines. Information will soon be going out to parents about costumes, which we try to have as simple yet as effective as we can.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews were held regarding students throughout the Middle AND Senior School last week. These are seen as valuable opportunities to communicate both the positives and concerns about student learning and progress. It was indeed pleasing to see a significant number of parents and caregivers attend and the feedback from teachers about interview worthwhile has been positive. Unfortunately not all scheduled appointments were attended.

A letter will be sent home through the mail where an appointment has been missed. We are concerned that notes confirming times for interviews sent home with your child / children may not have made it through to you.

If you have issues or concerns regarding your child/children’s learning you may of course contact the school to make an appointment at any stage of the school year. Leaving this until it gets to a critical point may make it more difficult to address learning issues.

STUDENT RELEASE TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sporting and artistic events are and have been supported by the school. In general such events are a great opportunity for students to participate in a level that challenges their skills and abilities. The support and commitment by parents particularly around SAPSASA within the school is high, and it is a privilege to be selected at this level.

The school agrees to release students and endorses their selection to participate. In doing so we expect that the students will be ambassadors for our school and represent us in appositive way. Equally we expect that every effort will be made by the students supported by parents to maintain subject expectations. Teachers do not want students to get behind, and therefore there is a responsibility for work negotiated to be completed.

COOLER WEATHER

With the changing weather conditions, it is of concern that many students arrive at school without a jumper.

Heating costs have risen enormously over the last few years, and we are conscious of the strain this puts on the environment as a whole.

Please ensure that your child/ren are dressed with Winter in mind.

Monica Williams
**REMEMBER:**

**CONNECTING SPIRITS FUNDRAISER**

Boobook Spice Blends

The current Connecting Spirits fundraiser is sales of ‘Boobook’ spice blends. Order menu/brochures will be sent home with students on Monday.

Simple to prepare, made from entirely natural ingredients and free from preservatives, colours or fillers, these should make some easy and warming dishes for the cold months ahead.

Prices are $5.50 per blend, or buy 4 or more and pay $5.00 per blend. Orders with payment are due back by Thursday 5th June (Week 6).

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**WORLD HARMONY RUN**

World Harmony Run visits Meningie next Tuesday 3rd June.

The school will be having a small ceremony at 12.30 pm if anyone wishes to attend, meet our visitors and hear about their run around Australia.

Anne Wright

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**SSSSA ATHLETICS**

On Tuesday 8th April at the end of last term several 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:

*Tim Eckert, Chris Biddle, Sam Bird, Matt Eckert, Amber Gibbs, Samara Gemmell, Madi Wenske, April Gibbs, Jackie Gibbs and Megan Smart.*

All students performed well, with some students achieving a top three finish. Amber Gibbs was the best performed of the Meningie students, coming first in the Under 14 Girls 400m with a time of 1.08minutes, and third in both the Under 14 Girls 200m and 1500m. Sam Bird finished third in the U/15 Boys Triple Jump while April Gibbs jumped 3.85m to finish third in the U/16 Girls Long Jump. She was also a member of the U/16 Girls relay team that finished third.

Overall the Upper South East team finished 4th in the Girls Division and 5th in the Boys.

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**SAPSASA FOOTBALL AND NETBALL**

In week 4 of Term 2, five students from Meningie Area School participated in the SAPSASA Football and Netball carnival in Adelaide. They were selected to play in the Murray Mallee Teams after successfully trying out earlier in the term. Again this year the competition was tough, with city and country teams playing each other in the one carnival.

All the Murray Mallee Teams did well. In the Netball Marni Hood’s team fought well and won several games. Rhys Marles, Waylon Wenske, Scott Biddle and Sam Sanders were the representatives from Meningie Area School in the Football, and although the boys found the going a bit tougher, they worked well together and managed to win a couple of their matches.

All in all it was a successful carnival for all the Murray Mallee Teams and all the students had a great experience.

Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

National Simultaneous Storytelling was a huge success at Meningie Area School last Wednesday, with R-5 classes sharing activities until lunchtime to celebrate “Arthur’s” 20 years in paperback.

**MS Readathon**

If your children are intending to join the Readathon this year, it is not too late.


Happy reading! Happy fundraising for a worthy cause.

Margaret Clarke, Librarian
JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Mrs Woolston’s Reception/1 class hosted the Junior Primary Assembly on Tuesday 20th May.

Parents, Carers, teachers and children were welcomed by Melissa Brown and harry Simmons. Melissa, Harry, Tom Schaefer and Ronnelle Clarke then took turns to introduce the classes with a brief explanation of what each class was about to present.

The first item was performed by Mrs Starling’s Year 2/3 class who ‘rocked’ everyone’s socks off with “Bad Moon Rising”.

Mr Samuel’s Year 5 class gave an informative presentation of Pangaea, the continents drifted apart.

Ms Newby’s R/1 class showed their literacy skills with a story of Sleeping Beauty along with beautiful artwork depicting the story.

Mrs Woolston’s R/1 class presented Life Cycles, with their artistic representations of the life cycle of a frog, which was based on a circle.

Ms Giles Year 3/4 class exhibited their names in oil pastels, which were really colourful.

Mrs Hood, Junior School Manager, concluded the assembly with Pen Licenses to some of the Year 5 students.

Harry Simmons wrapped up the assembly with a heartfelt thankyou and congratulations to all participants.
Angus (left) requires transfusions of platelets up to five times a week. Platelets are one of three life-saving components extracted from donated blood. Angus is one of the many people whose life depends on the generosity of blood donors.

Photo courtesy of the Sunday Mail

Other facts about blood:

- 1 in 3 people will need blood or blood products during their lifetime but just 1 in 30 people donate blood.
- 30 per cent of all donated blood is needed for vital treatments for people with cancer and leukaemia. Donated blood also helps heart disease patients, burns victims and premature babies.
- In SA we need more than 2000 blood donations each week to maintain supplies.

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Lake Albert Golf Club
Princes Highway

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June
1.00pm – 4.30pm & 5.30pm – 7.00pm

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