Today the Year 12 students were farewelled at a special assembly in the school gym. It was the last official day at school for the students. It marks the last day of lessons, and for some the start of exam preparation and others a time to finish off work assignments in preparation for moderation. Two subjects were moderated today including Technology and Photography.

As a school community we wish all the Year 12 students the very best in the next few weeks in their exam and assessment completion and for the years ahead. As I have written before, they have been a very focused group of students, who have shown serious commitment to their studies and success.

Summer School Uniform

In the last newsletter of last term I wrote about our school dress code. Governing Council and staff expect all students to wear appropriate clothing to school. There are good reasons for wearing school uniform.

- It gives the students a sense of belonging
- It is a good way of establishing appropriate dress standards that relate to the world of work
- It enables us to identify students in the yard as belonging to our school

Having said all of this it is fair to say that most students do wear clothing appropriate for the school and we appreciate the efforts parents and caregivers go to. However as the weather has warmed up we are seeing some students wearing shorts that are far too short. Longer style black shorts are acceptable for both male and female students. This information has been given to students through the bulletin, and we have a display of shorts of an appropriate length in the front office. These shorts are available at Lake Albert Fashions and can be purchased for around $20.00. Phone 85 751911 for any enquiries.

In addition, students have been advised that thongs, flip-flops, tank-tops and sleeveless t-shirts are not part of the uniform.

If a student comes to school inappropriately dressed we will contact the parent/caregiver and ask that more suitable clothing is made available, or you come and pick your son/daughter up and take him/her home to get changed before returning to class.

We seek your cooperation in supporting us maintain high standards of dress within the school as well as conform to Occupation Health and Safety Standards.

Out of School Hours

Last weekend a number of students were reported to be on school grounds on both Saturday and Sunday. Being on school grounds without permission is Trespassing and is a police issue. Parents of students have been contacted with regard to this. The police maintain regular patrol of the school at night and on weekends.

Clubs, individuals and groups sometimes use our facilities. They do this by seeking permission or working through our hire arrangements. The only other people on our grounds outside school hours are people going to and from the Community Library. If you have queries with regard to this please contact the school and speak with me.

School Pool

Much work has been done on the school pool over the past weeks. The tiling has been completed and the pool filled. Work has yet to begin on treating the water for student
swimming lessons that will begin mid-November, weather permitting. Once again we intend to run a pool supervisor’s course though Surf Life Saving. This certificate is a DECS requirement in hiring the pool. Please look out for information in the Lakelander just as soon as a date can be fixed.

**Show Display**

When visiting the Meningie Show this weekend please take the time to view information about our recent Canberra Trip as well as Nursing Pathways. With limited space we have not included a lot of student work. However there is a current display of Junior School art work at the State Bank in celebration of Children’s’ Art Week. Student work will of course be on display at Presentation, including moderated year 12 Art/Photography and Technology. From what I have seen, this work is most impressive.

**World Teacher’ Day**

Today is World Teachers’ Day. The purpose of celebrating this day globally is to draw public attention to the role of teachers worldwide and our importance in society.

**SAPSASA**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Athletics in Adelaide Friday 16th October. In particular Hank Trevorrow who won a Silver Medal in Shot Put in what was a fantastic effort and personal achievement (see article this issue).

**German Sports Day**

Yesterday we held the annual German Sports’ Day. Adjustments were made to the program as the day came in so hot. Many thanks to Verushka Crichton and Lisa Davis for their arrangements and all the teachers and SSO staff. In addition thankyou to the parents who braved the heat and supported this event.

**MEETING**

The School Community is invited to attend the Governing Council meeting to be held on Monday 23rd November 2009 at 8.30 pm in the Staffroom re “Materials & Services Charges” for 2010.

Charges will be $197 for Reception to Year 7 and $263 for Year 8 to Year 12.

You are invited to attend at this time or express your views in writing to be presented at this meeting.

Monica Williams
PRINCIPAL

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

If you wish to purchase a 2009 School Magazine please pay $16 to the Bookroom by 13th November if you have not already paid for one.

**AMBULANCE VISIT**

Mrs. Kerin Ayres came to Meningie Area School last term to promote health in the community. She worked with the Reception/Year1 class of 19 children. The children learnt about the role of health work in the community and the importance of taking care of themselves and others. Another important aspect of the visit was to teach the students what to do in an emergency and also dealt with asthma emergencies.

The highlight of the visit was the ambulance which had been organised by Mrs Ayres and the opportunity for students to look inside. There was also a demonstration of what to expect if you have to go to hospital by ambulance – a big teddy had an oxygen mask fitted, was put on the stretcher and placed in the ambulance. The children also loved hearing the siren.

The visit was really beneficial to the children and fitted in well with our current study of the community of Meningie and a healthy eating topic which was covered last term. The children constantly talk about the ambulance during activity sessions and pretend they are phoning for an ambulance. Teddy bear has also retained his oxygen mask because they say he is not better yet.

**SAPSASA CRICKET**

Congratulations to Sam Sanders and Scott Biddle (Year 7) who have been selected to represent the Murray Mallee region in the SAPSASA State Cricket carnival in Week 4 of this term.

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SAPSASA Cricket Representatives – Scott & Sam
This year saw the completion of the Premier’s Be Active Challenge for the third time. Students in Years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were invited to take the challenge at Meningie Area School.

The Challenge encouraged children to be moderately to vigorously physically active. Students were challenged to be active for at least 60 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for at least 4 consecutive weeks. These guidelines were based on the National Physical Activity Recommendation for Children and Youth.

For most of the Year 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 students at Meningie Area School doing 60 minutes of activity 5 days a week was not difficult. Perhaps the biggest challenge for them was reliably recalling the types of physical activity they had done and the time they had spent doing them and recording these in their activity logs. Forty nine students were astute enough to do this which was above last year’s numbers, with 37 completing the challenge for the maximum 10 weeks. Twenty three students completed the challenge for the first time receiving a bronze medal, 16 for the second time, receiving a silver medal and 9 for the third time, achieving a gold medal.

They were:
**Bronze Medal:** Tessa Bagshaw, Melissa Botha, Jemma Williams (Yr 5), Gracie Ayres, Dillon Gemmell, Jake Marles, Brad Promnit, Breane Wilson, Jessie Bland, Abbey Hood, Coco Karriem, Alex McPherson, Julia Parker, Adele Pittendreigh (Yr 6), Trae Rigney, Scott Biddle, David Bristow, Zac Byrne, Jace Stephenson-Hoad (Yr 7), Kenny Richards, Jamie Thompson (Yr 8), Michael McKechnie and Dylan McKenzie-Campbell (Yr 9).

**Silver Medal:** Dale Appelkamp, Shannon O’Connell, Keith Weetra, Lauren Bagshaw, Brigitte Botha, Alysha Eckert, Erin Pittendreigh, Dylan Richards, Mikayla Smart, Montana Wenske (Yr 7), Michael Irlam, Jake Shaw, Zac Vandenbrink, Waylon Wenske, (Yr 8), Katie Reid, Joe Bird and Amber Gibbs (Yr 9).

**Gold Medal:** Alana Standley, Marni Hood, Rhys Marles, Tamika Williams (Yr 8), Samara Gemmell, Megan Herrmann, Matt Austin, Oliver Crossman and Hannah Pittendreigh (Yr 9).

Congratulations to these students and hopefully we will see even more students participating in the Challenge next year.  
**Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)**

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**SAPSASA ATHLETICS**

On Friday the 16th October the following students who were selected in the Murray mallee SAPSASA Athletics team at the end of last term competed at Santos Stadium in the following events against other country regions.

- Jiye Hoad 10yr Boys 100m and Relay
- Hank Trevorrow 10yr Boys Shotput and Discus
- Emma Marles 10yr Girls Relay
- Brigitte Botha 13yr Girls Long Jump, High Jump and Relay
- Sam Sanders 13yr Boys Shotput

The best performed of the students was Hank Trevorrow who won a silver medal in the shot put with a throw of 7.40m and came 5th in the discus. Brigitte unfortunately broke her arm and was unable to compete in her individual events, however, she was a member of the 13 year girls 4x100m relay which came 7th in the final. Overall the Murray Mallee team finished in 12th place.

**Hank with his Silver Medal**

Thankyou to all the parents who helped transport students to the venues. Thanks must also go to those who officiated on the day and ensured a successful day of sport.

**Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)**

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**THANKYOU**

The R-6 students would like to thank all the families for helping us to raise money for us to buy plants that we will be able to place near Mrs Denholm’s memorial seat in our school grounds. We sold lots of popcorn and the smell wafted through the whole Junior School building all of last week. We raised $236 through the sale of popcorn and several donations. Thank you!
PE WEEK

Week 5, Term 4 from 9th – 13th November is PE week. As a part of this week several challenge activities will be conducted at lunch.

Monday – Number of skips per minute (in Gym)
Wednesday – Vortex Throw (on Oval)
Prizes will be awarded to the best boy and girl in Yr R-2, Yr 3-5, Yr 6-8 and Yr 9-12 for each activity.

Thursday Lunch – There will be a staff v's senior students Volleyball match on the oval. Students in years 10-12 who wish to participate in this event must see Miss Davis as soon as possible.

Fun Run
- On Thursday 12th November at 10.25am a fun run will also be conducted for Reception to Year 9 and selected senior students (approximately 2km around the outside perimeter of the school).
- House (Albert, Bonney & Coorong) points will be awarded to students in the age groups U/10 (only down to Yr 3), U/12, U/14 and Open up to 8th place. All other competitors and Yr R-2 students will receive a point for completing the course.
- To prevent students from lagging a time limit of 30 minutes (this should be plenty of time even for the youngest students) will apply. Students completing the course after this time will not receive house points.
- Students in each age group will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons (Both boys and girls) at the next assembly following the fun run. There will also be a shield awarded to the house with the most points.
- Parents are invited to walk or run with their children, particularly in the younger year levels.

Vacswim 2010

11th-15th January

The vacation water safety and swimming program, SA Water VACSWIM, will be conducted at Meningie Area School from Monday 11th until Friday 15th January 2010.

Enrolment booklets containing all details are available from schools, swimming centres and the SA Water Vacswim office. POSTAL ENROLMENTS CLOSE NOVEMBER 6th 2009.

Please refer to the website for up to date on-site enrolment details.

For more enrolment location information visit www.vacswimsa.com or call the VACSWIM office on (08) 7424 7650.

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