Wednesday 10th February marked the first sporting event on our calendar with the Meningie Area School Swimming Carnival at the Coonalpyn Pool. With the support of many parents and caregivers, the day ran well to program. Despite the heat, there was adequate shade and most students came well prepared for the day. Once again the Coonalpyn Pool committee provided canteen facilities and a BBQ lunch.

Students competed well on the day with some outstanding times and records being broken by Dylan VandenBrink. The carnival is set up so that everyone can participate with novelty and fun events included as a part of the program that contributes towards house points. Albert was the winner of Wednesday’s carnival, with an overall score of 546, Bonney second on 520 and Coorong third on 372.

One of the highlights of the day is the block of events that involves the older students supporting the junior school students in kick board and noodle races. There was no shortage of support for this and I thank our senior students for making these events the fun they have become.

As was announced at the presentation, I give many thanks to everyone involved. What a great way to start the year. Details of medal winners and broken records can be seen in an article within this edition.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

An Interschool Swimming Team has been selected from Wednesday’s results for the Interschool Swimming Carnival to be held at the Coonalpyn Pool next Thursday 18th February. If your child/children has/have been selected a letter will have been sent home with information about the day. Please note that we are sending a swim team only with several staff. Many thanks to the parents who have already agreed to help out with timing next Thursday. Without this support it is really difficult to manage these events.

Students not selected in the Swimming Team need to be at school, as most teachers will be taking regular classes. We are sending a small team of staff to Coonalpyn to support the students and carry out job responsibilities as required by the host school. We seek parent support in this matter and ensure all students not participating in the carnival are here at school.

**Bus arrangements Thursday 18th February.**

Please note all school buses will run late on Thursday 18th February, as the Interschool Carnival does not conclude in time for students to arrive back.

All school buses will leave Meningie Area School at 4.00pm. Please make the adjustment to when your child/ children would normally arrive home.

We were all saddened to hear of the recent death of one of our Murray & Mallee speech pathologists, Louise Hemmings. Louise was killed in a car accident last weekend. Many teachers and parents will have known Louise because of her work at both the Meningie Kindy and the school over a number of years with children. Louise always gave lots of support to parents as well as teachers in how to best improve children’s speech. She will be sadly missed.

Monica Williams
MAS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 10th February Meningie Area School held their combined Swimming Carnival/Splash Day. Again it was a fantastic start to the year with many students travelling to Coonalpyn and participating in a variety of swimming races, novelty events and water activities. All students participated in appropriate manner and it was fantastic to see the support the students gave each other. It was also pleasing to see the enthusiasm, encouragement and support that our senior students, particularly the House Captains, gave to our junior school students. Albert was our eventual house winner on 546 points, just ahead of Bonney on 520 with Coorong in third on 372. The following students were successful in their age group:

**Sub-junior girls U10**
winner: Aleisha Williams (Coorong)
Runner-up: Gena Mansfield (Bonney)

**Sub-junior boys U10**
winner: Hugh Mason (Albert)
Runner-up: Kobie Hood (Bonney)

**Junior Girls U12**
winner: Holly VandenBrink (Albert)
Runner-up: Maddison O’Connell (Bonney)

**Junior Boys U12**
winner: Jiyeh O’Hare (Coorong)
Runner-up: David Wilson (Coorong)

**Intermediate Girls U14**
winner: Marni Hood (Bonney)
Runner-up: Abbey Hood (Bonney)

**Intermediate Boys U14**
winner: Scott Biddle (Albert)
Runner Up: Jamie Thompson (Bonney)

**Senior Girls Open**
winner: Tamika Williams (Coorong)
Runner-up: Amber Gibbs (Bonney)

**Senior Boys Open**
winner: Dylan VandenBrink (Albert)
Runner-up: Zac VandenBrink (Albert)

**Records broken:**
Open Boys 4x25m Freestyle Relay – Albert 59.34 (Old Record 1.00.27)
Senior Boys 50m Backstroke – Dylan VandenBrink 34.03 (Old record 36.72)
Senior Boys 50m Butterfly – Dylan VandenBrink 31.77 (Old record 33.49)
Senior Boys 100m Freestyle – Dylan VandenBrink 1.01.75 (Old record 1.03.99)
Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke – Dylan VandenBrink 38.28 (Old record 39.22)

Senior Boys 50m Freestyle – Dylan VandenBrink 29.32 (Old record 29.63)

Many thanks to parents for their great support timing, looking after the false start rope and assisting the junior school staff with splash day. Your help ensured a successful day of sport. Thanks also to Sarah Wright for refereeing and Judy Appelkamp for driving the bus. Thanks to the staff for their help on the day and Katrina Hood for helping with preparation prior to the day.

Congratulations to all students, parents and staff members for a successful day!

Lisa Davis (PE Teacher)

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Tuesday 16th February

School Photos and Student ID Photos will be taken this Tuesday 16th February.

PHOTOS ARE FOR MAS CHILDREN ONLY.

Family envelopes are available from the front office.

Correct money must be brought on the day and placed in the envelopes and given to the Photographers.

Please make sure you have the correct money, as the school has very little kept on the premises so will not be able to give change.

All students Years 10-12 need an ID Card. For other students it is optional. Cost is $5.50 which must be paid before the close of school on Monday 16th February.

FAMILY PHOTOS: The oldest child in the family will be responsible for collecting younger brothers/sisters and going to the hall with them.

**STAFF PHOTO:** 8.30am

**CLASSES:**
- Year Rec/1-Woolston 9.00 am
- Year Rec/1 Hart 9.15 am
- Year 2/3 Starling 9.30 am
- Year 3/4 Giles 9.40 am
- Year 5/6 Hood 9.50 am
- Year 6/7 Freeth 10.00 am
- Year 8 Woolston 10.10 am
- Year 9 Quinn 10.20 am
- Year 10 Davis/Mason 10.30 am
- Year 11 Sherwin 10.40 am
- Year 12 Hese 10.50 am

**FAMILY – 3 PERSON OR MORE** 11.00 am
**FAMILY – 2 PERSON** 11.20 am

Ab Ed Students
SRC (may not happen)

PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORM – ESPECIALLY JUMPERS & SHIRTS
On behalf of Governing Council we welcome students, parents and staff to the Meningie Area School community for 2010.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the 2009 Year 12 students for completing their education at Meningie Area School with great results. These achievements don’t come easily, with students needing to work hard at their studies, staff actively counselling, supporting and helping each student as individuals throughout their Senior years of education in preparation for their final year of education at Meningie Area School.

For our students the support of parents/carers and families plays an important role in our children successfully completing their education at Meningie Area.

The Governing Council committee has already held its first meeting for 2010. At this meeting parents, staff and community representatives reflected on our school’s successes and how we can continue to improve all aspects of learning for all students at Meningie Area School.

At this meeting we agreed to update the Middle School with new desktop computers and purchase more laptops, and finish installing wireless connection within the school. This will give our school 120 computers: a ratio of 2 students per computer throughout the school.

We, as a Council, endorse and encourage all students to wear school uniform, as this builds pride, a sense of belonging and safety for our students.

We encourage and invite all families and community members to visit “My school” website and checkout the information on our school and compare the results to other “like schools”.

Meningie Area School compares favourably to other schools around the nation.

We invite parents to consider nomination for Governing Council (nomination forms are included within this article). This gives you the opportunity to work with other parents and staff who strive continually to improve and make Meningie Area School a great and positive Public Education Centre for the whole of our Meningie Community.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd March 2010.

Judy Appelkamp
(Governing Council Chairperson)

MISSING READERS
Could all families please have a search for Junior Primary readers. They are easily identified by a white sticker in the top left hand corner with a symbol and, for example, the word ‘Box 3’ on it. The numbers change and go from 1-4. The symbols range from different colours and shapes i.e. smiley faces, stars, etc. We would be really grateful for the return of any books as we are getting short of some readers.

Junior School Staff & Meningie School Community Library

AUSTRALIA DAY IN MENINGIE
The 17th annual Australia Day Fun Run attracted a massive 225 participants in 2010 and the committee would like to thank the school for their support and the students who took part, of which Tom Lewis, Aleisha Williams and Tessa Bagshaw were successful in winning medallions. Participation in community events is vital for any community and those students who participated in any way are to be commended.

Marianne Cunneen (Coordinator, Australia Day Fun Run)
GERMAN NEWS

Hallo!

Here is our next lot of German words. You may find these a little harder than the first ones – I am happy to help with the pronunciation.

You can catch me from Monday to Thursday during school hours or after school by arrangement. Of course, you have some experts at home too ...

auf Wiedersehen = goodbye
bis morgen = see you tomorrow
bis bald = see you soon
bis später = see you later

Bis später, Verushka Crichton

RECEPTION STUDENTS

Meningie Area School welcomes new Reception students
We wish them all the best for their first year at Meningie Area School

SCHOOL LEAVERS WEEKEND AT VICTOR HARBOUR

Last year 15,000 Schoolies gathered at Victor Harbour to celebrate the end of their secondary schooling. What did they all do for the weekend? How did Victor Harbour manage with this many teenage visitors? Who “looked after” those needing assistance? What support was organised? What sort of entertainment was provided?

On Sunday 14th February Andrew Ducker, a 19 year old third year university student, one of the 500 Christian young people helping the school leavers over this weekend at Victor Harbour, will be answering these and other questions at the 10.30 am service in Meningie Uniting Church.

Students, parents and teachers are particularly welcome to come along and hear Andrew.

PANCAKE DAY

There will be a Pancake Day in the Uniting Church courtyard on Tuesday 16th February from 10am onwards. Pancakes are available for a gold coin donation.

GIRLS
Did you know Girl Guides is just for GIRLS?

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