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SCHOOL DUTY OF CARE

In the interests of child safety, we wish to remind parents and carers that the school day does not commence until 8.30 am. Therefore any students who are dropped off to school before 8.30 will not be supervised, as staff are not on duty until that time.

At the end of the day, the school day finishes at 3.20 pm. Staff are on duty until 3.30 pm and after that time students will not be supervised unless an arrangement has been made between parents and staff.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As I went around the school visiting the classes yesterday it was fantastic to see so many students in school uniform. The wearing of school uniform is strongly supported by the Meningie Area School Governing Council for the following reasons:

- It creates a sense of identity and belonging.
- It enables students to be easily recognised in the school yard.
- It removes competition in wearing designer labels.
- It helps create a safe environment as visitors are easily identified.
- It teaches students understanding that in the work place, uniform is worn for reasons of safety.

In addition, we seek your support in ensuring your child/children is/are appropriately dressed for participation in H&PE, which is a compulsory subject.

For reasons of Work Health & Safety students need to be in lace up shoes. Whilst slip on canvas shoes remain quite fashionable, especially amongst middle/senior school students, they do not provide adequate grip or support for students to engage in the types of games played and the skills being taught. HPE teachers will send home a list of requirements for class and expectations about participation.

Further to this, students who are involved in Ag Science, Tech Studies, Home Ec and other practically based subjects need to have suitable footwear for the learning activities that they are involved in. The canvas slip on shoes do not provide adequate protection. If parents/caregivers have any problems with this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Monica Williams, Principal

SCHOOL CONSENT FORMS

Could parents please ensure that all forms have been completed and returned to the school as soon as conveniently possible.

The Swimming Consent forms are to be returned to the school whether your child intends to swim or not, as these are valuable in collecting information about student’s medical conditions, whether this information has changed or indeed whether your child requires any medications while at school.

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1  27th January – 10th April
Term 2  27th April – 3rd July
Term 3  20th July – 25th September
Term 4  12th October – 11th December

Staff/Parent Sausage Sizzle

ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMAL PARENT/TEACHER ACQUAINTANCE EVENING FOR A BBQ TEA TO MEET WITH YOUR CHILD/REN’S TEACHER/S AND MIX WITH OTHER FAMILIES.

All meat, salad, and bread is provided.
Also provided are water, cordial and iceblocks for the children.
Adults BYO drinks.

When: Wednesday 4th February
   Time: 5.30 – 7.00 pm
   Where: Junior School Shelter

(NOT THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY AS PREVIOUSLY STATED)
Please advise the front office by Monday morning 2nd February if you are attending.
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photo day is Monday 23rd February 2015.

Please make sure students are wearing school uniform, especially jumpers and t-shirts.
Please buy any uniform items before this date if required.

ID photos will also be taken on the day. Cost $5 payable to the bookroom by Thursday 19th February. Year 10-12 students are advised to have an ID photo taken, but other students are optional.

Information and individual student photo packs will been sent home with students in the near future. As we have a limited number of family envelopes, these must be collected from front office.

Correct money must be brought on the day placed in the envelopes then given to the photographers on the day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP phone 8391 3951 or email msp@nuimage.com.au

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2015 Meningie Area School combined Swimming Carnival/Splash Day will be held on Wednesday 11th February at the Coonalpyn Pool.

Information letters were sent home with parents earlier this week. For Year 1+ please complete the coloured form attached to the letter and return to the front office as a MATTER OF URGENCY. Further details regarding the cost of entry, type of lunch facilities available and a program will follow on Monday 9th February.

SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

Scholastic brochures e.g. Lucky Book Club, will be sent home with students next week (they have not arrived yet!)
Orders, with payment, can be made at the book room until Friday 15th February 2013.

Meningie School Community Library
OPEN FOR EVERYONE
9 – 5 Weekdays
10 – 1 Saturday

Have you tried LIBRARY CATALOGUE from home or elsewhere on your mobile device?
www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong

SCHOOL HOLIDAY RAFFLE
Children visiting and borrowing from the library during the holidays went into a free raffle for two tickets to each of these movies

Penguins of Madagascar -ALEX WILSON
Night at the Museum -TOM SCHAEFER

OVERDUE REMINDERS
The overdue reminders that are sent via email or txt are automated by the system so if you encounter any problems please contact the Library and we can resolve things. The 3 days until overdue messages are sent to provide opportunity to you to either renew the loan via the website or return the item and avoid overdue notifications. You can also phone 8575 1681 and talk to staff to renew items.

LIBRARY HELPERS
The selection process for the Library Helpers program has progressed to the interview stage and students who have applied will be contacted through their home group teacher to arrange an interview time. Students who are unsuccessful in the first round may have opportunity to engage in the program later in the year.

Bernie Ryan, Librarian
Meningie Area School and Meningie Sailing Club will host the 2015 S.A. Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship on April 15-18 2015

Some 300-400 sailors and spectators are expected with competition between 20 -30 teams of students from public and private schools.

As a warm up for this event Meningie will also host the Regional Regatta, March 13-14, where schools from Victor Harbor and Kangaroo Island will compete.

What is team racing?
Team racing is a sailing competition between two teams of sailors. There are three boats in each team; each boat has one skipper and one crew. One team is identified on the water with jibs (small sail at the front) of the same colour. Teams compete against each other to finish a course around buoys set in the water, each race taking approximately twelve minutes. The six boats in the race must sail well and apply rules to maintain a winning combination of places as they cross the finish line.

Meningie is an excellent location for the competition as was proven when the 2003 championships were held here. Meningie has a reputation with the wider sailing community as an inviting venue for both regional and national competitions/guests.
We take the opportunity to welcome all sailors and their families and wish them a successful sailing competition.

Meningie Sailing Club Committee

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**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

**All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.**

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

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**Little Savers**

$10 gift deposit for students and $10 donation to school fundraising kitty.

Throughout the first term, for every new Incentive Saver Account opened by a student from your school, BankSA will donate $10 to the school’s fundraising kitty and credit $10 into the child’s new account, to help them get started with their savings efforts.

Children will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet, while stocks last. The offer is open to new customers only, aged 12 years and under. Limit of one $10 credit per child and one $10 school donation per child. This offer is available for new Incentive Saver Account opened before 10 April, 2015. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

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Murray Bridge Basketball Association

BRIDGE HOOPS

Term 1 Bridge Hoops will commence on
WEDNESDAY 18\textsuperscript{th} February - 25\textsuperscript{th} March, 2015
AT
5.00 PM – 6.00 PM
COST : $30 for 6 weeks

Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants.

Please bring a size 5 basketball if you have one and a named water bottle.

CALL FOR COACHES

Any Senior players or older Junior players are encouraged to help coach at Hoops. No previous experience necessary as on-court instruction is included. Please see Petrina if you are able to help coach.