FUNDING FOR STAGE 1 REDEVELOPMENT

As many of you will know by now, our school has been successful in gaining $5.75 million to enable us to undertake the first phase of the school redevelopment. This is fantastic news and in no small part is due to all the hard work and commitment made by successive Governing Council’s and school leadership over many years.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our current Governing Council with particular recognition being given to the tireless work undertaken by Neville Kernick, supported by Henry Harvey. We have worked with the architect Andrew Brown to develop a site plan which delivers a cost effective and attractive solution to the needs of our school community into the future which also minimises disruption to the community.
We have been supported by the DECD Capital Works team, who have spent a considerable time representing our case across government and we are grateful for their actions in delivering this exciting outcome.

Our thanks also go to Susan Close, the Minister for Education and Child Development for recognising that our school redevelopment is a priority and signing off on the funds to enable this to happen.

The project will focus on the following:

- Building of 3 new double classroom blocks (Junior, Middle and Secondary) which will have enough space to cater for all our classes and students.
- A new Science Laboratory built in as part of the Middle School block.
- Removal of the current Middle/Secondary School building
- Possible removal of the existing Primary building, leaving the staffroom and office block in place.

It is anticipated that work on the classroom blocks will begin in mid-2017 and hopefully be completed before the beginning of the 2018 school year.

We have plans for further stages which involve the redevelopment of the School Community Library and the building of a purpose built STEM facility beside the school hall.

Once the current stage of redevelopment is underway we will need to begin to focus on the next stages and winning funding for these.

**MURRAYLANDS BAND PERFORMANCE**

On Wednesday night I attended a wonderful performance of the Murray lands bands. It was Meningie’s turn to host the event.

Students from Coomandook Area School, Murray Bridge High, Murray Bridge South, Mypolonga, Mannum Community School and Meningie Area School participated in workshops today preparing for the concert.

The concert showcased what a wonderful and well-rounded education our public school system is able to offer our students. It was so exciting to see so many of our students take part in the event, working collaboratively with peers from across the Murray-lands and Coorong Mallee.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and hard work that the members of our music team and the Instrumental Music Service who work with our students.

**REYNELLA EAST COLLEGE CONCERT BAND AND CHOIRS**

The Reynella East College Concert Band and Choirs put on a polished and energising performance for us on Wednesday morning. The band and choirs have been on tour and we were fortunate enough to have them perform for us on the last leg of their tour.

As with the Murraylands Band Concert on Tuesday night, this group of students provided inspiration to young and upcoming musicians, showing them what is possible working together with commitment and application.

**END OF TERM**

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable school break. I’m looking forward to seeing you all back in school in two weeks’ time!

Iain Love
The Opening of Our Country Our Nation Exhibition at the Australian War Memorial

I was fortunate enough to receive an invitation to attend the official opening of the “For Country, For Nation” Exhibition at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra last Thursday evening. This exhibition celebrates and commemorates the long history of service by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in our armed forces, from the early days of the Boer War to current men and women serving our country now, including in Afghanistan and Iraq. My invitation was recognition of the role that Connecting Spirits has played in bringing to mainstream attention to the fact that many Aboriginal people served our country, particularly during World War 1 and 2, at a time when they were not considered citizens of our nation.
Prior to the opening we attended the “Last Post” ceremony at the War Memorial. This ceremony takes place every evening, and each night a different service person is remembered. On this occasion it was John Hill, an Aborginal man from Western Australia who served in the army during World War 2. He enlisted in the 2/4 Machine Gun Company and was sent to Singapore just as the Japanese army had fought its way down the Malaya Peninsula and was about to attack Singapore itself. John was captured after the Fall of Singapore and made a prisoner of war. He was based in the prison camps around Changi and was sent on work details on the wharves of the harbour. Just over a year after he was captured John fell ill and died of disease and is now buried in the Kranji War Cemetery in the north of Singapore Island. Two of his brothers also enlisted but both were very fortunate to survive, as one was captured as well and worked on the Burma Thai railway, while the other flew in Bomber Command over Europe; both situations with very high casualty rates.

At the conclusion of this ceremony we made our way to the tent where the opening took place. Dr Brendon Nelson, the director of the Australian War Memorial, was the MC and made the first speech of the evening. He is renowned for his ability to deliver highly informative yet passionate speeches in the role and lived up to this reputation. He spoke about the history of the service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, including in the defence of this land over 200 years ago. He also highlighted the fact that those who volunteered to enlist fought for a country that had treated their people very poorly, and continued to do so after they had made the ultimate sacrifice. While Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were treated equally well and equally badly in the forces as their non-Aboriginal comrades, the same could not be said when they returned to civilian life.

Dr Nelson then introduced the Bungaree dance group; made up of serving Aboriginal members of the Australian Navy, they have performed at a wide range of public events. They performed a traditional dance to welcome the audience to the event. Senator Arthur Sinodinos, representing the Prime Minister, and the Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten, both gave speeches which complemented Dr Nelson’s speech on the strength and resilience of Aboriginal culture and the importance of remembering those who have given their lives in the service of a country which has not always served them.

They were followed by John Schumann, the singer-songwriter who wrote “I was only 19”, who has recently written a song in recognition of the service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people called “On Every Anzac Day”. He performed this song for those attending.

The final speaker was Squadron Leader Garry Oakley, a Gundungurra man from the Blue Mountains, who served in the Navy for over 20 years before working at the Australian War Memorial and, more recently, re-enlisting with the Air Force. He spoke of his pride at being able to open an exhibition that recognises his, and so many other, people’s service. He then officially opened the exhibition after which we followed him in to the gallery space where we were the first to visit. The exhibition will remain at the memorial for 12 months, after which it is hoped that it can be toured around the country.

Mal Jurgs
Coralie Hangs Up Her Calculator ..... 

Our Finance Officer, Coralie Qualmann has been on long service leave for an extended period of time and has now decided that she will not be returning to school.

Coralie began working in the school in 1975, initially as a laboratory assistant. This was in the days of the old school buildings and with over 400 students, the classrooms were bursting at the seams. With the new school being built and brand new science labs, she had a week to move all of the equipment into them before school started in 1980.

In 1982, Coralie’s children were starting secondary school and the opportunity came up for her to become the Finance Officer, allowing her to move from the area where her children were working.

At that stage the entire year’s worth of stationary and supplies were delivered during the summer holidays and needed to be sorted and distributed before school started. This was before computers were used and so every invoice and payment was made in hardcopy, and all calculations made on an adding machine, with miles of paper needing to be filed.

Eventually the school got a computer for the front office which was shared for all of the functions that it was used for. With the advent of EDSAS Coralie needed to transfer all of her old files onto a disc and then transfer them to the new system. Times haven’t changed and the transfer didn’t work so she needed to manually re-enter all of the data onto the computer herself.

Enrolments, school fees, statistical returns and many of the other functions necessary in a school continued to be done in hard copy for quite some time after computers first came into use, and every form had to be accounted for to ensure that there was no waste.

As computers became more efficient many of these roles went online, and we entered the paperless age, except that everything had to be printed off and a hardcopy filed in an ever decreasing space.

Coralie certainly worked through significant change and under a variety of Principals. She guided the school financially through many changes including the introduction of P21 in the early 2000’s.

We wish Coralie a happy and long retirement with lots of opportunities to spend time with her family and to see those parts of the world that she and husband Ian are yet to travel to. Thank you Coralie, for all your years of hard work and long nights keeping the school on-track financially.

Silver for Adam!

17 students travelled to Adelaide with parents to complete in this year’s Country Athletics Country Championships. All students represented the school proudly.
Adam Sumner worked hard to achieve a silver medal in the under 13 discus event and is now waiting to hear if he will be selected to attend the National Championships in Sydney later this year.
Congratulations Adam.
Music in Meningie

Over the past few years Meningie Area School has become part of the Murraylands Music group. We join in with other schools in the area in both choir and instrumental music. On the 29th of August, the beginning band students from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Murray Bridge South Primary School to rehearse and play together.

Thanks to the parents who came to watch! The combined band consisted of about 60 students from Coomandook Area School, Tailem Bend Primary School, Murray Bridge South Primary School, Murray Bridge North Primary School, Mannum Community School, Mypolonga Primary School and, of course, Meningie Area School.

Our drummer and keyboard player were year 8 students from the Murray Bridge High School. The students played 3 tunes- Rock Solid 2, Mel and Collie, and The Not So Angry Buns. For many of the students this was a first ensemble and band experience. They did very well.

Last week the nineteen students in Years 5, 6 and 7 from the School Choir performed at The Adelaide Festival Theatre. This was part of the Festival of Music Choir Series. They performed at Concert 2 in the series. (see Students’ Recollections)

On Tuesday, the 27th of September Meningie Area School hosted the Murraylands Continuing Band (Years 6-8) and the Murraylands Concert Band (Years 8-12) with students from all over the Murraylands Music Area. There were approximately 80 and 100 students as part of both bands. It was a great sound and I’m sure that everyone who was able to come enjoyed the concert experience. There was a free community concert from 5pm until 6pm in the Meningie School Hall. Members of the community were invited to attend to come along and support our local students. It was great to showcase both our students and our town to the wider community. A BIG THANKYOU to the Lions Club members for cooking the sausage sizzle and to the Burnett family for supplying the fresh fruit for our tea.
The final music event as part of the Murraylands group is the Murraylands Festival of Music event on Tuesday, 25\textsuperscript{th} October, and Wednesday, 26\textsuperscript{th} October. This is an evening at the Murray Bridge Town Hall and involves students from the same schools. Students from Meningie Area School from Year 4-7 will be in the choir performing at 7pm on Tuesday Night only. Ticket sales for this commenced on Monday, September 12\textsuperscript{th}.

Online sales: [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)
In person: Ray White, MB
Adults-$8, Child-$5 or Family $20
Come one, come all! It is always great to have an Audience.

Anne Wright

**STUDENTS’ RECOLLECTIONS - FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS**

On Wednesday the 14\textsuperscript{th} of September the choir students of 2016, arrived at school at 6:30 to be picked up by, Bill Brown, Samantha Retsas, Miss Giles and Mrs Wright, our choir teacher, to be in Adelaide at around 9:00 for a rehearsal in the festival. Then we went to watch the Secret Life of Pets and have a light tea before the big show at 7am.

It was great with, solos, troupe and LOTS OF SINGING!!!

By Katrina Brown

On Wednesday the 14\textsuperscript{th} of September, the 2016 choir went to Adelaide for a rehearsal and a big performance. The performance was called the Festival Of Music.

First, most the choir students got to school at 6:30 in the morning, but some other students stayed in Adelaide on Tuesday night. When all of the Meningie students got to the Festival Theatre in Adelaide we got in a line in the freezing cold weather and had brain food.

Next we went inside the theatre and started rehearsal. One of the most wonderful things was the troupe dancers; they were all so energetic! Then we went to the Piccadilly Cinemas and watched the Secret Life Of Pets. We went to the Myer food court and had a light, but yummy, dinner.

It finally came to the time everyone was waiting for the concert. We got on the stage and had a great time moving around and heaps of singing.

By Lauren Parsons-Averay
STOP PRESS!! CHOIR NEWS

We have 4 students singing solos at the Murray Mallee Regional Choir Festival
Jasmine Hockey
Lauren Parsons-Averay
Jessica Turner
Mackenzie Brooks

And..........  
3 students in the dance troupe
Kali Hincks
Lauren Parsons-Averay
Felicia Hartman
And ..........  
One of the comperes- Georgia Brooks

WELL DONE EVERYONE

VACSWIM

"SA Water VACSWIM, SA’s most iconic aquatic safety program has opened for registrations with organisers encouraging all families to sign up early.

13,000 primary school aged children will take part at over 130 pool and beach locations from the 3rd - 11th January 2017, in line with the Christmas and New Year holidays.

VACSWIM is a Government of South Australia initiative providing children with opportunities to develop skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

VACSWIM is described as the best value for money holiday program with individual enrolment starting at $30 per participant.

To register families can log onto www.vacswimsa.com.au."
Year: 01
CARTLEDGE, Elizabeth
FISCHER, Anders
RIGNEY, Ngarpardi
TERWEL, Charlotte

Year: 02
BOOTH, Serenity
BROOKS, Matilda
BURNETT, Peter
CROUCH, William
SAINT, Harry
WATSON, Katie

Year: 03
CROUCH, Emily
FISCHER, Elin
KERNICK, Zoe
RIGNEY, Ripuri
STARR, Annabelle
SWAN, Ella
TERWEL, Harry
TRELOAR, Eliza

Year: 04
BROOKS, Mackenzie
CLARK, Marshall
GUBBIN, Grace
HINCKS, Koli
HUMPHREY, Tarsha
LECCIO, Guardxavier
MAMMONE, Addison
MAROTTI, Massimo
MILLER, Justin
RIGNEY, Jamon
SUMNER, Kalisha

Year: 05
AYRES, Kristopher
BROWN, Katrina
CAMAC, Benjamin
CUNNEEN, Jasmine
HARTMAN, Marcus
HUGHES, Matthew
KARTINYERI, Brendan
KERNICK, Dion
MASCORD, Jasmine
PARSONS-AVERAY, Lauren
RIDLEY, Jace
SAINT, Jack
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WILSON, Alex

Year: 06
BELLINGER, Mikayla
EVANS, Ethen
HERA-SINGH, Karlia
HOCKEY, Jasmine
RETSAS, Chloe
SWAN, Addison

Year: 07
ALLAN, Imogen
NACARIO, Cheska
SHORT, Tiannah
TURNER, Jessica

Year: 08
BROOKS, Georgia
EVANS, Georgia
LING, Tiarne
SELBY, Abbey
TRELOAR, Charlotte

Congratulations to all 58 students listed here who completed the Challenge. Awards will be presented next term at Assembly.

Bernie Ryan - Teacher/Librarian
Mackenzie Brooks read the first of *The Adventure Series* and requested that the library get the whole set of seven. The library sourced them from the UK and within 3 weeks had them available to read. Enid Blyton was, and remains, a very popular children’s author and the Meningie Library holds many of her titles. Of course many more are available from libraries around South Australia and can have holds placed on them and delivered to Meningie Library for loan at no cost through the One Card System.

**Don’t Forget**
The Library is open as usual over the holidays
*Except for Mondays and Lunchtimes 1-2*

**BIG BOOK SALE** this Saturday
*at the library 10am – 1pm*
*Free coffee and biscuits*
*Lucky door prize!!*

**INTERNET SAFETY**
For parents who are interested in how their children use the internet we would recommend they have a look at the website below. There are great ideas and resources provided to make using the internet a safe and positive experience for all.

https://www.esafety.gov.au

**Now available at Meningie Library**
Quantum Golf Kjell Enhager

This humorous little book is for you, the frustrated golfer. It will help you find your inner rhythm and develop that elusive superfluid swing. *Pam Gillen (our very own)*

One of the best books ever about the mental side of golf. Very simple but it sticks with me. *Kevin*

...this book offers an entertaining and invaluable approach to the psychological aspects of mastering the game of golf. The most refreshing book on golf that I have ever read... *JoAnne Carner, LPGA Champion*

...An entertaining gem. *Jerry Pate, U.S. Open Champion*
We have been reading the book “The Voyage of the Plastiki” in Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI).

**THE VOYAGE OF THE PLASTIKI**
The cause of the great
Garbage patch is that
People keep littering.
When people litter the
Wind will catch the rubbish
And when the
Wind gets to the
Rubbish it will fly to the
Coorong, and then lakes.
And then the ocean.
And then are getting sick and have died.
The currents will push it
Right to the middle of
The ocean.
The effect is that the fish will eat it
And they could get sick or die.
But to prevent that from happening
If you read this tell the people that
You know and just maybe it could get
Spread around the world
And then people that litter might learn a lesson
Not to litter.
By Benjamin

**Free School Holidays Junior Golf**

6-hole junior golf rounds will be held at Lake Albert Golf Club on Tuesday the 4th and Tuesday the 11th of October, commencing at 9:30am and finishing by 12:00 midday.

Juniors will need to be aged ten or above and have an interest in playing golf and ideally have tried out golf through our clinics or school sessions.

Shared golf clubs and balls will be provided. If you have your own clubs, then bring them along.

Some golf rules will be relaxed for the events: players will hit off from the 150 metre marker, ‘airies’ will not be counted, players can take a drop out of the rough and bunkers, and balls can be picked up after a shot count of 8.

Any parents/guardians who can help out by walking with the juniors in groups of 3 over 6 holes from the 150 metre mark will be greatly appreciated.

Ring or email Lisa on 0437 247 481 or peterlisa@internode.on.net so I can have an idea of numbers and helpers.

If it is going to rain on these days we will have to cancel, so keep an eye on the weather! A small shower or two won’t deter us though!

Lisa Doolette
Coorong Environmental Walk

On Thursday 15th September the Year 7 class, with Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Hood went to Salt Creek to be part of the Coorong Environmental Walk.

We arrived at the Loop Road at about 10am. We met Ryan who was to be our guide for the day. We started following the trail which took us past Salt Creek. After about 2kms we came to the first of 3 information stations. We were amazed to see water rushing through the weir where Salt Creek meets the Southern Lagoon of the Coorong.

The first information station encouraged us think about what the world would be like without water and how the health of our water affects every other part of the environment. With healthy water comes plant life which attracts insects and fish, these attract larger fish and then birds and other wildlife come along. We then walked on to the next stop where we had some fruit and short break.

Our next stop was where we were welcomed to country in both Ngarrindjeri and English and learnt some traditional Aboriginal dancing. We learnt the No:rar dance and the ‘Shake a leg’. Everyone joined in and it was fun.

Further along the path we saw lizards, wombat poo, wild orchids and even a tiny birds nest with 3 tiny eggs, swans and pelicans.

The final station was where we learnt about some of the geology of the area and how the Coorong environment had developed over thousands of years, from when Australia broke away from the huge continent of Gondwana and how the many species of plants and animals developed to suit the climate and soil type of the Coorong region.

After finishing the walk and having lunch we visited Jacks Point Pelican Observatory and Parnka on the way home.

We all had a great day getting out and about and learning about our local area and hope that other students get to do it another day.

Mr. Hartmann encouraged us all to enjoy the Coorong with our friends and family and share the responsibility of looking after the special place that we have close by.

Year 7 Class
Chainsaw Course

Students in Years 10 and 11 have the option of studying Agriculture and working toward a Certificate II in Rural Operations as part of their course. One of the units of competency that they can use toward completing their certificate is “Operate and Maintain Chainsaws”. This unit is delivered by Mark Davies from the Naracoorte TAFE. The students undertake two days of work with the first day focussing on understanding the safety requirements of working with chainsaws and how to maintain and service them. On the second day the students undertake hands on assessment in maintenance and use of chainsaws. The students who undertook the course week were Kelton Holme, Aleisha Williams, Kobie Hood, Jai Ling, Lochie McPherson, Ashley Reid and Tom Schaefer. Mark also assessed Kelton and Aleisha on their Operate Tractors and Front End Loaders unit.
News from Ms Wilamowski’s R/1 class

Congratulations to Bohdi who has read 300 books this year!!

Miss W
TERM 3 REPORTS:

Reports for students in Years 4 to 12 will be sent home with them tomorrow.

If your child is absent, their report will be left in the library for collection during the holidays, or will be given to the students the first day back of Term 4.

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Sunday 30 October 2016

Pop-up post office
Post a letter to go on the mail re-enactment from 7.30am

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Breakfast at the Meningie Sailing Club from 7.30am
9am: Oscar W and flotilla of boats leave for Milang with mail.

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On shore fishing competition (start any time)
Hosted by Meningie Oval Playground committee.
Register caught fish and yabbies between 12 and 1pm at the Sailing Club.

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10:30am Ecumenical—combined Thanksgiving Church Service at Sailing Club.

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Picnic lunch in the Sailing Club
Sausage sizzle available

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Carp Throwing Competition
Hosted by Meningie Oval Playground committee.
From 12.30—2pm

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‘Henley on Albert’
Dry land paddle boat race.
Registrations —1:30 at the Sailing Club
Race: 2pm.

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OPAL Kite Festival
@ School Oval from 10am

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**REPORT WRITING MEETING**
**FREE WEEK**

All school reports ready – those not collected will be left in library during holiday break
End of Term 4
Students dismissed 2.20 pm
Buses Depart 2.30 pm