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From the Principal’s Desk

It was great to see that a large number of Meningie Area School families were able to come to the annual Acquaintance Night BBQ, held here at the school last Wednesday evening. A number of families have recently move into the district, and along with our Reception intake students, it was a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with the school community in an informal atmosphere and for parents to meet their child/children’s teacher/s. Despite the somewhat windy evening which eventually turned quite chilly, there was a lot of mingling, and there was not a lot of food left after, meaning we got the catering right. Many people commented on how effective the relatively new windbreak is and it certainly made for a pleasan atmosphere. Chairperson David Eckert, and Vice Chairperson Neville Kernick, welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about Governing Council.

David will be retiring at the next AGM to be held on Monday March 16th at 8.00pm here at the school. Between him and Neville, they spoke briefly about the role of Governing Council, encouraging parents and caregivers to give it serious consideration. With two other members retiring as their children have recently finished their secondary schooling at Meningie, we welcome the involvement of all parents/caregivers. Nomination forms are on Page 8 of this newsletter. We look forward to a positive response, and of course if you are uncertain about what the commitment and involvement requires, David will be only too pleased to have a conversation. Contact details for David are 0428582348 or email d.eckert@internode.on.net.

Current Governing Council members are: David Eckert (retiring member), Neville Kernick, Faith Hill, Zoe Gordon, Julie Saint, Russell Starr, Isobell Koolmatrie, Anyupa Giles, Catherine Burnett, Sharon Bland (Council Rep.), Michael Bagshaw (retiring member), Judy Appelkamp (retiring member).

PacSS

The PaCSS (Parents and Carers School Support) group has not been active for a couple of years. If parents are interested in reinvigorating this group please register their interest with Catherine Burnett at the front office or email catherine.burnett557@schools.sa.edu.au. It’s a group that get together more informally about the school. Previously the group has been involved in the school uniform, assisting with school events, provide feedback to School Governing Council, and is a great way of learning more about the school and meeting other parents.

Swimming Carnival & Splash Day

After a cool start to the term, we can expect heat and of course the Swimming Carnival held on Wednesday at Coonalpyn was an example of this. With the predicted temperature late last week to have been 40°C, we had plans for a modified version of the Swimming Carnival. Fortunately the revised temperature predictions over the weekend included a slight cool change and we did not have several days of extreme weather leading into the
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Mindful as we are of extreme weather, there is a point at which an outdoor sporting event will be cancelled, and we always aim to give parents and caregivers as much possible notice as we can, via notes home, email and of course the large school notice board that fronts the Princes Highway.

Congratulations to Kungari (Swans) House who won the Meningie Area School Swimming Carnival with a total of 523 points. No:ri (Pelicans had a good result with a total of 365 points. The following students were the medal winners:

**SUB JUNIOR GIRLS:**
- **Gold Medal:** Jessica Turner (Kungari)
- **Silver Medal:** Quinn Dalton (No:ri)
- **Bronze Medal:** Katrina Brown (Kungari)

**SUB JUNIOR BOYS:**
- **Gold Medal:** Jace Ridley (Kungari)
- **Silver Medal:** Dion Kernick (Kungari)
- **Bronze Medal:** Brendan Kartinyeri (No:ri) & Jack Saint (Kungari)

**JUNIOR GIRLS:**
- **Gold Medal:** Charlotte Treloar (No:ri)
- **Silver Medal:** Chelsea Swan (Kungari)
- **Bronze Medal:** Phoebe Kartinyeri (No:ri) & Tiarnie Ling (Kungari)

**JUNIOR BOYS:**
- **Gold Medal:** Ben Schaefer (Kungari)
- **Silver Medal:** Henry Turner (Kungari)
- **Bronze Medal:** Riley McNicol (No:ri)

**INTER GIRLS**
- **Gold Medal:** Sheniqua Shaw (No:ri)

**INTER BOYS:**
- **Gold Medal:** Kobie Hood (Kungari)
- **Silver Medal:** Jai Ling (Kungari)
- **Bronze Medal:** Tom Schaefer (Kungari)

**SENIOR GIRLS:**
- **Gold Medal:** Holly Vandenbrink (No:ri)
- **Silver Medal:** Aleisha Williams (No:ri)
- **Bronze Medal:** Gena Mansfield (Kungari)

**SENIOR BOYS**
- **Gold Medal:** Lachlan Brown (Kungari)

Students may bring their medallions into the front office before next Friday 20th February to be sent away to be engraved. There will be photos in the next newsletter of the day.

The Interschool Swimming Carnival is this next Thursday 19th February at the Coonalpyn Pool. Congratulations to the students who have been selected to be part of the Meningie Area School Interschool Swimming Team.

Students in the squad have been advised and transport arrangements made. All squad members have also been advised of swimming practice times. Only the squad, with a small group of teachers, is going on the day. It is a normal school day for all other students and they are expected to be at school.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the in-school swimming program has had to be cut short. Fortunately with the number of hours we have, we will run the program in the last weeks of Term 4. We apologise for this as swimming was not due to finish until this next Friday 20th February.

**SPECIAL OPTIONS CLASS**

Work will commence this next week on the upgrade of the old white building located between the Middle School Building and the Art Room which is currently used for storage. The upgrade was a decision made by DECD in relation to the establishment of a Special Class for students with disability. Whilst discussion has been in the pipeline for some time now, the Tender process has only just closed and work is about to begin with the anticipated date of completion to be at the end of the April school holidays.

Please note that this is a new facility, and relates to new enrolments that meet specific criteria.

Asbestos removal will occur on the weekend of Saturday 21st February and Sunday 22nd February. Please note that no one is to be on the school site on these days including library patrons. The library will subsequently be closed on Saturday 21st February.

**SCHOOL/HOUSE CAPTAINS**

It was a pleasure to officially introduce the School House Captains at the Meningie Swimming Carnival earlier this week. During the Christmas
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holidays I wrote to all of the students in Year 11/12 asking them to consider leadership in the 2015 school year and think about applying for a position of Captain/Vice-Captain. In their application students were required to write to me and outline the strengths, abilities and capabilities that the position would require. Additionally, two referees were to be included in the application and needed to be members of staff. The panel made up of the leadership team, consulted referees and made decisions based on the criteria set.

The successful students are:

**NO:RI (PELICANS)**
Captain: Alex McPherson
Vice Captains: Brenda Baldock & Jemma Williams

**KUNGARI (SWANS)**
Captains: Abbey Hood & Jessie Bland
Vice-Captain: Shania Weetra

Congratulations to our new student leadership team. Over the next few weeks the students will be meeting quite regularly with myself and a member of staff who will support them in their role. The captains will be inducted at an assembly (date to be advised). A profile of all the Captains appears in this newsletter.

**TO GIVE AWAY FREE!**
1 Wertheim Piano
1 Lowrey Organ
**MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY MORNING (18TH FEBRUARY).**

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**
School photo day is Monday 23rd February 2015.

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 have been sent home with students this week. As we have a limited number of family envelopes, these must be collected from front office.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP phone 8391 3951 or email msp@nuimage.com.au (SEE INFORMATION SHEET ON PAGE 5)

**SCHOLASTIC ORDERS**
Due to unforeseen circumstances, Scholastic orders will not be taking place until later in the term.

If this changes, the catalogues will be sent home if and when they arrive.

**U.S. OPPORTUNITY**
Robert DeCastella, a former Australian World Champion marathon runner, from the Indigenous Marathon Project and the US Mission to Australia, has invited Meningie Area School Year 8 student Skyeisha Rigney to participate in the US Government Sports United Exchange, called the “Indigenous Marathon Project – United States of America Young Indigenous Runners Program”.

Skyeisha will leave on the 7th April 2015 to spend a week in Melbourne to train and meet other runners where they will do a promotional run, hopefully at St Kilda beach.

From Melbourne, Skyeisha will set off to the USA on the 13th April to go to Washington DC, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia where she will do training and return home on the 24th April.

This will be a first time experience for Skyeisha and it’s all because of her dedication to her training and being involved in the “Deadly Fun Run Series” for the past 2 years, coming 1st in her events.

After this year’s “Deadly Fun Run Series” she has not only been invited to the USA, but has qualified to run again in Uluru. Skyeisha’s parents, Keith and Joan Rigney, and family are so very proud of her and are excited for her to be going.

“I feel excited and nervous. I was going to stop but my mum told me “no running, no netball”. I am glad that I didn’t stop because it has got me to a point where people are recognising me and it’s given me the opportunities I never thought I’d have.” RUN, SWEAT, INSPIRE, NEVER GIVE UP!

Skyeisha Rigney
Abbey Hood
Captain
Kungari (Swans)

My name is Abbey. I’m in the house Kungari/Swans and I will be acting as a School Captain this year. I am seventeen years old and have a job at Lakeview Café. For most of last year, I was in Texas, America as an exchange student; it was one of the best experiences of my life and I am so glad I met the people I did. My hobbies include dancing, netball and spending time with friends.

Jessie Bland
Captain
Kungari (Swans)

My name is Jessie. I’m in the house Kungari/Swans too and I will also be acting as a School Captain this year alongside Abbey. I am seventeen years old and have had a job at Foodland for three years now. Last year I was a Vice-Captain which was very fulfilling and I enjoyed working with the students here at Meningie Area School. My hobbies include drawing, Show Team, working with animals and spending time with my friends.

Shania Weetra
Vice-Captain
Kungari (Swans)

My name is Shania. I’m in the house Kungari/Swans also and I will be the Vice Captain this year, working with Abbey and Jessie. I am sixteen and play netball for the Meningie Netball Club. Last year I encouraged my classmates to participate enthusiastically in fundraising for the Salvation Army, which was a fantastic experience. My hobbies include netball and hanging out with my friends and family.

Alex McPherson
Captain
No:ri (Pelicans)

My name is Alex. I’m in the house No:ri/Pelicans and I will be acting as a School Captain this year, however, when I leave to go on my exchange to New Zealand, the Vice-Captains will be stepping up to be the Captains for me and our school. I am nearly seventeen. I have been working at Lakeview Café for almost 5 years and I also work in the kitchen at Meningie’s Bistro. My hobbies include reading, Show Team and spending time with my friends.

Brenda Baldock
Vice-Captain
No:ri (Pelicans)

My name is Brenda. I’m in the house No:ri/Pelicans as well and I will be a Vice-Captain this year. I am sixteen years old and roustabout whenever possible. Last year I did work placement with B&C Shearing as well as Jallarah; both placements were incredible experiences and I am very thankful for the time I spent with them. My hobbies include waitressing, reading, Show Team, fishing and hanging out with my eccentric mates.

Jemma Williams
Vice-Captain
No:ri (Pelicans)

My name is Jemma. I’m in the house No:ri/Pelicans too and I will also be a Vice-Captain this year alongside Brenda and Alex. I am sixteen years old and I work at Lakeview Café, a job I have had since I was twelve. Last year I went on an exchange to Austria’ an unforgettable experience. I am so thankful for the friends that I made on the trip. My hobbies include dancing, reading and spending time with my friends and family.
**MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL**

**PHOTO DAY TIMETABLE – MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2015**

The following is a Timetable to be followed as closely as possible on Monday 23rd February.

Each class will go to the School hall at their allocated time. Every student will have their class photo taken, but only those who have payment will be eligible to receive one. Please have your classes lined up in rows - one of girls, one of boys from tallest to shortest.

**Please note - in the actual photo girls and boys will be mixed.**

A parent will be in attendance to help Junior Primary classes in particular. Envelopes with money (and correctly filled in) to be handed to photographer on the day.

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**THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE ANY CHANGE PLEASE HAVE CORRECT MONEY ON THE DAY**

Family photos (SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY) for 3 or more children will begin at **APPROXIMATELY 10.50am**.

Families of **2 (SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY)** will need to go to the hall at **11.00am**.

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

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**TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE & CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME**

**STUDENTS TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM ESPECIALLY JUMPERS**
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ONE YEAR TO GO UNTIL THE PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES KICK OFF IN ADELAIDE

The countdown has begun! This week marks the start of the 365 day countdown until the 2015 Pacific School Games kick off in Adelaide.

Incomparable to any other international school sport championship, the Pacific School Games provides opportunities for around 4000 school-aged students to participate in nine different sports at the highest level.

Students aged between 10 – 19 years from at least 12 countries, including every Australian state and territory, will compete from November 21 – 29, 2015 in the sports of Swimming, Diving, Basketball, Touch Football, Baseball, Softball, Football (Soccer) and Table Tennis, as well as Goalball for the visually impaired. Competitions will take place across Adelaide at the Glenelg Baseball Club, Pasadena High School, Wayville Stadium, Adelaide Shores, Westminster School, South Australian Aquatic Centre, the Netball Centre (formally ETSA Park) and the City Parklands.

Pacific School Games General Manager Les Rauert said countries far and wide, particularly from around the Pacific and Asia have been invited.

"Once the Pacific School Games were seen as a Games for the Pacific, it is now a Games held in the Pacific and we expect up to 20 countries to attend.

"We are excited about the opportunities that Adelaide offers for our participants, especially the city’s educational, cultural and social experiences that we aim to engage all students in during the week of the Games,” he said.

How can you get involved in the 2015 Pacific School Games?

The Pacific School Games is searching for students, teachers, officials and volunteers who are interested in being a part of the largest school sporting event in Australia. Whether you’re interested in assisting with sports or teams, hosting educational excursions or performing at the opening ceremony, there are endless opportunities for you to get involved.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact us at pacific.school.games@edumail.vic.gov.au with your details and a little bit of background to let us know how awesome you are and where you may best fit as part of the 2015 Pacific School Games workforce in Adelaide.

Pacific School Games

School Sport Australia

T: (03) 03 8689 0170

E: pacific.school.games@edumail.vic.gov.au

W: www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au
You are invited to the Meningie Area School Governing Council AGM at 8.00 pm in the Staff Room for nibbles/light supper.

Please give careful consideration to attending this meeting.

Strong communities have strong schools and we need your input and support to keep strong.

Please fill out the Nomination for Election Form below if you would like to be on Governing Council and return it to the front office by Friday 13th March.

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**MENNGIE AREA SCHOOL**

**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**AGM 2015**

**MONDAY 16TH MARCH 8.00 PM**

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

I ...........................................................................................................................

(full name)

of .........................................................................................................................

(address)

Contact Number: .................................................................

I wish to nominate myself for Governing Council.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................

(Please note: parents/carers may self-nominate)

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2015

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