Students with a Growth Mindset use set-backs to improve their skills.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

The weather was magnificent for the annual Meningie Area School Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 11th March. The program was designed for maximum participation by students, in both competitive and novelty events, and this was evident by the number of students attending and engaged.

Several senior school students, as well as many parents, helped out with either time keeping or in the chaperoning of groups of students.

During the morning the Junior School held events in the school gym and came out for the running of the 100 metre running races during the recess break.

At the conclusion of the day the Individual medal presentation and House trophy were presented in the gym.

My thanks to everyone involved in making the day a great success. In particular, Katrina Hood for the program, staff and parents, and Groundsperson John Hastings for the preparation of the oval in the weeks leading up to yesterday.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Many students shone on the day and it was fantastic to see the high level of involvement and participation as well as a healthy level of competition.

Raukkan school joined in the day as they have in the past as members of the 2 house teams Kungari (Swans) and No:ri (Pelicans). All students received points for participation with points going to both individual medallion and overall House Team points. The Captains and Vice Captains led by example, with Kungari House taking out the shield with 1493.5 points and No:ri coming second with 1168.9 points. (Photos of the day will be in the next Newsletter).

Congratulations to the following students who were medallion winners:

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TERM 1

Week 8

16 March GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM 8 PM
16-17 March Year 10-12 Snorkelling Excursion
20 March HARMONY DAY (21st March)

Week 9

25 March INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY AT TINTINARA AREA SCHOOL
27 March SAPSASA Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide

ONLINE TESTING WEEK

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Students with a Growth Mindset stretch themselves to learn something new.

All medallion winners have the option of bringing their medallion into school so we can send it away to be engraved for them. Medallions need to be brought to front office by next Friday 20th March.

SPECIAL OPTIONS

The building works with regard to the Special Options building are progressing well. As advised in an earlier newsletter, this is the building situated between the Middle School Block and the Art Room.

This is a DECD initiative and is intended for the enrolment and education of students with special needs, both within Meningie and the Coorong Mallee Partnership. The Special Options is for new enrolments only, and it is envisaged that it will be completed for the start of Term 2, 2015.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM - REMINDER

The AGM is next Monday 16 March at 8.00pm in the school Staff room. This meeting is open to all parents and carers of the school. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor it’s not too late to put your nomination in. Please contact the front office for a form. The term of a Councillor is two years.

Governing Council meets 2-3 times a term on a Monday night at 8pm in the staff room. The Governing Council is responsible for the school budget and makes decisions about a range of school matters e.g. Playgrounds, bus, uniforms, events and projects. If are not interested in joining this year you are still welcome to attend the AGM. An agenda is available from the front office.

As a Councillor you are deemed to be a volunteer and the department does requires that a Criminal History Check and RAN (Responding to Abuse & Neglect) training be completed. These certificates last for three years. The Kindy has organised RAN training sessions on 17 March in Meningie they run for 2 hours and there is a choice of a morning or an afternoon session. Contact Emma Swan on 0417 809 469 for more details. Criminal History Check forms and details are available from the front office.

STUDENT FREE DAY

A Coorong Mallee Partnership day has been planned by the committee for Thursday 2nd of April and is the Thursday beginning the Easter Break. This is a training day for all staff in relation to the Australian Curriculum.

As yet this date is to be endorsed by Governing Council along with the three other student free days across the year when staff are to work on days related to both the Australian Curriculum and site priorities.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

The Interschool Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 25th March at the Tintinara Area School. Congratulations to the students who have been selected to be part of the Meningie Area School Athletics Team.

Students in the squad will be advised of their selection early next week. 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 (THIS INFORMATION WAS MADE CLEAR AT THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PRESENTATIONS ON WEDNESDAY).

Monica Williams

Student Attendance Percentages - Term 1 2015

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DECD TARGET FOR 2015 = 94%
PRE RUN RACES

The 400m, 800m and 1500m races were held during Weeks 5 and 6. All students who participated earned valuable points for their team. Congratulations to the following students who were 1st or 2nd:

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM TERMINATED

Why was the program terminated?

The Australian Government is strengthening proof of identity (POI) processes through a standardised national approach for government agencies. The Secondary Schools TFN program does not comply with these guidelines which require sighting and verification of original proof of identity documents.

How can students apply for a TFN?

Applying online and presenting POI documents at a participating Australia Post Office is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’ (THE CLOSEST PARTICIPATING POST OFFICE IS AT MURRAY BRIDGE).

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’ or using the link below:


If a student needs to complete the paper application form Tax file number – application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432) they need to provide the necessary proof of identity documents (which are detailed on the form) and have them certified. The following can certify copies of the originals as true and correct copies:

* Barrister
* Doctor
* Judge
* Justice of the Peace
* Minister of religion (who is authorised to celebrate marriages)
* Police officer
* Bank, building society or credit union officer of at least five years’ service
* Sheriff’s officer, or
* Solicitor.

A certified copy must be in the form of a clear photocopy which has been:

* signed by the certifier (and stamped, if a stamp is available)
* any photograph must be clear and identifiable

RAN TRAINING
(Responding to Abuse & Neglect)

When: Tuesday 17th March 2015

Times:
Session 1: 9.45 – 12pm (almost full)
Session 2: 12.45 – 3pm (needs filling)

Where: Venue (in Meningie) to be advised upon application.

This FREE course is organised by the Meningie Kindy

Morning Tea will be available for a gold coin donation for Session 1.
Light lunch of sandwiches will be available for $5 per person for Session 2.

Priority will be given to Kindy and Governing Council Members and then Parent and Community Volunteers

People can register their name and details with Emma Swan chappyel@hotmail.com or on 0417 809 469

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the stamp (if used) must show the certifier's qualification contact details - including telephone number - and reference number (as applicable)
* date of the certification of the document.

**Warning:** If the certifier has not used a stamp, or the stamp used does not include their name, they should print their name underneath their signature.

**Note:** Copies certified by a registered tax agent are not accepted in order to avoid a conflict of interest for those with an ongoing commercial relationship with the applicant. Similarly, copies certified by a friend or family member are not accepted to avoid a perception of bias.

**MURRAY BRIDGE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

The MBNA is looking for players for the coming winter season commencing Monday 4th May – new players welcome. If you are interested please contact Petrina at the Murray Bridge Basketball Association on 85310755 or email admin@mbba.com.au and we will then put you in contact with a club.

**INK POTS ART FRINGE PERFORMANCE**

Ex Meningie Area School student Tessa Bagshaw is joined the Ink Pots Arts youth theatre group at Mt Barker.

They are performing at the Adelaide Fringe this Friday night at Mt Barker and Saturday night at Goolwa.

Their performance is called ‘Children of the Black Skirt’. It is suitable and educational for students, staff and the wider community. Please click on the link below to buy tickets

Bank SA customers can save $5 but only by purchasing tickets online.

Have you tried the** LIBRARY CATALOGUE from home or on your mobile device?
www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong
Try out the Online Resources tabs on the right hand side of the page

**World Book Encyclopedia**
Is available for students to use through the Public Library’s subscription. This up-to-date resource provides access to an online version of the Encyclopedia 24/7 and is updated constantly.

**iPad**
The library now has an iPad in a dedicated stand for patrons to search for items and place holds for resources at Meningie and around the State. If you would like instruction on using the new iPad just ask at the desk.

**Study Area**
The Library now has a study area in the Adult Nonfiction area for parents or the public to read or study at a desk. WIFI is also freely available in the Library if you want to bring your own laptop. The area is also available for senior secondary student who want a more private place to study. At the moment it is being used as a display area for the ANZAC Centenary with books and other material on display.

**LIBRARY HELPERS**
Our first four Library Assistants (Phoebe Kartinyeri, Georgia Brooks, Abby Selbey and Felicia Hartman) have begun their training and they will continue over the coming weeks to gain competencies in basic library tasks and functions during lunchtime training.

*Bernie Ryan – Librarian*