What a busy and exciting term this has been!

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our students and school community and learning about their interests, successes and challenges.

**Site Renewal and Proposals for Replacement of Existing Buildings**

For many years the school community have been making representations about the need to replace the aging buildings on site.

DECD and the relevant State Government agencies have been working with us to make decisions around site redevelopment which is in the best interests of the health, safety and well-being of our school community.

Over the course of the term members of the Governing Council, Coorong District Council, the education department’s contract administrator, architect and members of the site leadership team have been engaged in discussions around the design and proposals for the site renewal.
A number of draft plans have been reviewed and at Tuesday night’s Governing Council meeting we examined the latest proposals for the site and have sent back our feedback and suggestions for a number of adjustments.

We are hoping to organise a community information night early in the new term to share with you the plans and proposals.

**NAPLAN**

The annual NAPLAN tests are fast approaching, with students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the tests during Week 2 next term.

The tests are national and are sat by students across the country. They cover aspects of English and Literacy, Mathematics and Numeracy and serve as useful diagnostic tools to help us identify areas of weakness which we need to target in our teaching and learning programmes. The tests also allow us to measure where our students are performing against the expected standard of educational achievement in each area as well as providing a snapshot of our site’s performance in these areas.

Teachers have been working with students, exposing them to the range of areas which the tests will cover and helping them develop the skills, approaches and understandings needed to be as successful as they can when they sit the tests.

**Growth Mindset**

I am inserting one of the posters developed by our Art teacher Sarah Wilson - please see the last page of this newsletter.

This poster contrasts the growth and fixed mindsets and can be used to support your child(ren) to develop or fine tune their own growth mindset.

Thank you to all the members of our school community for your support. Working together we can make a significant difference to all our students learning outcomes.

Students, have a great break and come back to school refreshed and ready for some GREAT LEARNING!

*Iain Love, Principal*

**Power Hacksaw**

The school has a power hack saw that no longer meets DECD Standards for safety, and therefore needs to be replaced with a safer alternative. If you are interested in purchasing the old one, you are invited to submit an expression of interest, including a tender for purchase, to Mal.Jurgs10@schools.sa.edu.au. Purchasers will need to accept the equipment in “as is” condition and sign off that the machine may not meet required safety standards for a work place. Please contact Mal Jurgs or Vic Woolston at the school for further information.
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MAS SPORTS DAY MEDALLION WINNERS

Sub-Junior Girls

Sub-Junior Boys

Junior Girls

Junior Boys

Intermediate Girls

Intermediate Boys
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Senior Girls

Senior Boys

House Captains of the winning team: Kungari pictured with the Shield and Principal, Mr Iain Love
INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2016

This year’s Interschool Athletics Carnival was hosted by Keith Area School. What started out as a chilly and nervous morning for our students turned into an exciting and successful day. All of our students gave 100% to all of their events, with many competing in more than one event. There were many students who excelled extremely well in their individual events and showcased to other schools what they had to offer. As a result, many of our students were selected into the upcoming SSSSA Athletics team. A special mention goes out to Skyeisha Rigney, who won all of her track and field events gaining the title of ‘Senior Girls Athlete of the Meet’. Finally, I would like to thank all of the students for their fantastic efforts in representing our school, parents who volunteered to help out and support all of our students and to the staff for helping run events.

Sarah Lehmann
Sports Convenor

Looking for an alternative to Schoolies Weekend?

- What about Volunteering in Cambodia?
The Rotary Club of Tailem Bend are looking for any students that might be interested in a trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia from 19th – 30th November 2016 to volunteer at New Hope Cambodia. For more information please contact Sue Piggott, secretary@tailembendrotary.com.au before 1st May.

Thankyou

Sue Piggott

Secretary : ROTARY CLUB of Tailem Bend
PO Box 177, Tailem Bend SA 5260
E: secretary@tailembendrotary.com.au
It’s not really about charity, is it? It’s about justice (Bono)
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Easter Hunt at Jallarah.................A report by Mrs Wright’s Year 4/5 class

On Thursday 24th of March we left school at 10.30 to go to Jallarah Homes. The people who came were the Year4/5 class with Mrs Wright and Mrs Mason and her Health Services class. Mrs Appelkamp drove the bus and Mrs Vandenbrink came along to help. When we arrived at Jallarah they provided us with cordial, cakes and fruit for morning tea. Then we met the residents. We helped the residents make Easter baskets and then went outside on an Easter egg hunt. It was fun! Some of us played Hot Cross Buns on our recorders and we gave each of the residents a handmade card. To finish the day we said goodbye to the residents and arrived back at school in time for lunch.
Karoonda Farm Fair 2016

Health Services students again assisted at the Kid’s Activity Tent at the Karoonda Farm Fair. This has become a regular event for Meningie Area School students over the past few years and is really appreciated by the Karoonda community. Students spend time planning and preparing a range of interesting activities to share with the children and families who visit the tent. Students also complete a hazard analysis and risk assessment relevant to their activity. This provides a great hands-on experience as students practice many of the skills learnt in class over Term 1. Not only do they see the relevance of Work Health and Safety but hand hygiene and infection control, positive communication with a variety of people and the importance of working in teams. They follow a roster to ensure that all activities are carefully supervised including promoting the Kid’s Activity Tent by walking around the fair in costume and entertaining the children.

Thank you to Judy Appelkamp for driving the bus.

Denice Mason
Health Services teacher

Canberra Experience

Planning is underway for a Year 6-10 Canberra Experience for November-December 2016. Students have been looking at fundraising opportunities to help cut costs; our first quote for approximately $600 includes bus travel, accommodation, meals and entry to a range of experiences and activities. A letter will go home in Week 1 Term 2 to seek expression of interest from students to be involved in this experience. Enquires can be directed to Katrina Hood.
Statewide Libraries are providing more electronic resources as well as updating the hardcopy collection on a regular basis. This means outdated or worn material will be taken off the shelves and made available for patrons to buy at Book sales etc.

If you have any favorites you would hate to see disappear talk to library staff and we can make sure you have a chance to buy it at a Book Sale.

**Library Assistants Program**

We have had a number of written applications for the training positions and Mr. Ryan will be conducting interviews at the beginning of Term 2. Training during set lunchtimes will then follow for the successful applicants.

Congratulations to the 63 students who have begun the Challenge and completed at least one book.

**The winner of the PRC incentive prize was Tiannah Short**

There will be heaps of house points awarded to all students who complete the Challenge so if you haven’t started begin it today.

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**Bernie Ryan**

Teacher and Librarian

**MENINGIE SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY (J36)**

**SSSSA Athletics**

Students who competed in the SSSSA Athletics Squad at SANTOS Stadium on Monday 11th April:


A report will appear in the next newsletter.
PaCSS News

NEW SCHOOL JUMPERS:

The current PACSS committee have chosen to trial adding a new warmer jumper to the current school uniform. The current jumper will still be available for purchase and will remain an appropriate uniform option.

The new jumper design is of the same fabric quality and colour combination, all that has been added is a collar with zip (replacing the v neck) and side pockets. The cost is comparable to the current jumper and will be between $35 and $40.

Due to the fact that winter is fast approaching and time from order to supply is approx. 30 days a decision has been made and supported by Governing Council to order a batch of 30 in varying sizes. These jumpers will be sold on a ‘first in first served’ basis.

Subsequent orders will be taken and once orders of 10 or more are reached and payment received, the order will be placed.

So if you looking at purchasing a new school jumper for your child you have several options.

1. You can place your order now by contacting myself (0409095982) or enquiring at the front office.

   However please take into consideration that sizing samples are not yet available, so you will need to estimate this.

2. You can wait (30 days) until the first batch of jumpers has been received to make your decision and check sizing before placing your order. Bearing in mind this process will take a further 30 days. So it will be 2 months before your jumper will be available.

3. You can purchase an existing jumper (v neck style).

We appreciate your patience and understanding of this process. Whilst it is impossible to cater for everyone’s needs and preferences we welcome all feedback in regards to uniform designs, and hope that you will appreciate the uniform options available here at MAS.

Mandy Cunneen, PACSS Co ordinator.

SAPSASA Swimming

Students who competed as members of the Murray Mallee SAPSASA squad on Friday 18th March in Adelaide:

Phoebe Kartinyeri, Henry Turner, Ben Schaefer, Charlotte Treloar, Jessica Turner and Jace Ridley.

Please refer to the report in the previous newsletter.
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**Coorong District**

**School Holiday Program April 2016**

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<td><strong>Rangoli Sand Art</strong> Create your own tranquil sand scene to keep... 2pm Coonalpyn Hub</td>
<td><strong>EARTH DAY 50th Anniversary</strong> Why not do something for the environment?</td>
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<td><strong>Family Excursion to Naracoorte Caves</strong> A trip to explore the amazing caves! Pick up at Talia Bend (7.30am - Community Centre) (8.45am - opposite hotel)</td>
<td><strong>FULL DAY THEATRE - - -</strong></td>
<td><strong>Kayaking at Meningle</strong> Why not go on an animal safari around Lake Albert? Spot the rhino, the flock of sheep, a toadstool or an oddball?</td>
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**Communities for Children Murraylands**

**COORONG**: FREE ACTIVE KIDS

**KINDERGYM** Come and Try

**Date:** Wednesday 4th May 2016

**Time:** 9.30 am – 10.30 am OR 10.45 am – 11.45 am

**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Princes Highway, Meningie

Lots of fun for the kids!

For children aged 0-5 years

Limited to 15 spaces per session

**Bookings Essential**

Bookings through Emma 0417 809 469

Kindergym term 2 theme-

Where is the GREEN Sheep

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Developing a Growth Mindset

Instead of...

I'm not good at this.
I give up.
It's good enough.
I can't make this any better.
This is too hard.
I made a mistake.
I just can't do this.
I'll never be as good as they are.
I'll never be that smart.

Try thinking....

What am I missing?
I'll use one of the strategies I have learnt.
Is this really my best work?
I can always improve.
This may take some time.
Mistakes help me learn.
I'm going to train my brain.
I can learn from them.
It didn't work. I'll try another way then.
I'll learn how to do this.

Fixed Mindset

I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm not good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

Growth Mindset

I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I work hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.

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