Meningie Area School Newsletter

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NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!
Meningie Area School now has a Facebook page! This page is an interactive space for the school community, providing news, updates and stories to parents, students and teachers. There will be a school app coming soon, which will be the official information hub of Meningie Area School.

TERM 2

Week 7

13th June  QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
14th June  STUDENT FREE DAY
15th June  Tree Planting Years 6 to 10 at Narrung

Week 8

22nd June  PaCSS meeting 1.30 pm in the Cultural Room
24th June  SACE FORMAL

Week 9

27th June  Governing Council meeting 7.30 pm
29th June  SAPSASA Football and Netball Tryouts

Week 10

4th July  DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION
5th July  SCHOOL PRODUCTION – Evening Performance
6th July  2nd Immunisations for Year 8 students 10.00 am
6th July  SCHOOL PRODUCTION – Evening Performance
8th July  End of Term 2
          Students dismissed at 2.20 pm
          Buses depart at 2.30 pm

SCHOOL PRODUCTION ‘DANGER KIDS’ 5th and 6th July
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Last week Mal Jurgs, Katrina Hood and I attended a two day conference in Adelaide which was focussed around the state-wide Results Plus Numeracy and Literacy Initiative.

It was exciting to note that there is a strong connection with the work that we have been doing at our site as well as across our Partnership and the messages which we were receiving from our presenters in Adelaide.

Amongst these is the enormous importance of fostering a growth mindset in ourselves and the people we work with. People with a growth mindset know that our intelligence is not fixed and that with hard work and practice we can improve our ability to think and learn our way forward, solving complex and challenging problems.

The latest research by Professor Carol Dweck around what are called “Failure Mindsets” has given us further insights into how we can develop the notion of “failure” being a part of learning and a necessary component of our eventual success.

Briefly, her research, indicates that the views of failure which parents (and highly likely we as teachers) display to our children/students has a direct impact on whether a child develops a fixed or growth mindset.

“Overall, parents who see failure as debilitating, focus on their children’s performance and ability rather than on their children’s learning, and their children, in turn, tend to believe that intelligence is fixed rather than malleable.”( Dweck, Carol & Haimovitz, Kyla 2016)

It is clear that we don’t wish our students to feel that they are failures, but rather we recognise that often it takes a number of tries before we are successful.

This process of expending energy to “grapple” with challenging problems or situations or developing understanding of a difficult idea or concept involves us in a process of “productive struggle.”

New learning, particularly when we are feeling out of our comfort zone and unsure, is challenging but rewarding.

Never say “I can’t do this! Say “I can’t do this YET!!!”

“The challenge for us as teachers and parents is to help our young people develop the motivation, persistence and resilience to succeed, whilst scaffolding their learning, and anticipating when they have “hit, or ideally are about to hit, the brick wall”

This allows us to redirect and support them in overcoming their blocks to learning!

Key to success is knowing our students/children, seeking and acting on their feedback on how their learning is going to ensure that we offer targeted support when it is most needed.

Our teacher training on Tuesday 14th June continues our development and understanding of the key role of assessment and feedback in supporting our students to be the very best that they can be.

Iain Love, Principal
The Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) class is working on researching service people from the First and Second World Wars this term and were privileged to have a visit from Elsa Reuter who introduced students to the website and registered them all to facilitate them uploading their research on Service People they were engaged in last year with Ms Mason and are continuing with Mr Ryan.

The web site (homepage screen snip above) is a great resource for researching many aspects of war service and provides opportunity to add personal information and research above and beyond what other information sources contain including biographical information and photos, etc. relating to the post war lives of service people.

Dr Elsa Reuter
School Program Manager

RSL Virtual War Memorial
NEWS FROM MS WILAMOWSKI’S R/1 CLASS:

R/1 Reading Rockets!

Over the last 10 weeks, the Reception and Year One class have been reading up a storm. Each night students read one of the class readers and ask their parents to record this in their blue recording book. When students read 10 books, they get to move their reading rocket along our space-themed reading chart.

Everyone has done an amazing job with their reading and each child is moving along well, however, we have 4 students in the class who have really taken this reading challenge on board and have read over 100 books! That means they have read 2 or more books a night.

Congratulations to Bohdi Meldrum, Zoi Oliver, Zanna Turner, and Alexie Mitchell. Well done, and keep up the amazing reading.

Moving toys

Over the past term, the R/1’s have been involved in a combined unit of work, learning about toys that our parents and grandparents played, with a particular emphasis on moving toys. We were very lucky to have Clara’s mum Emma come in and show off two moving toys that she and Clara’s grandmother played with as children.

Using these toys, and the classes own moving toys as inspiration, the R/1s have begun making moving toys of their own using boxes and making materials that they have brought from home. They are still a work in progress, but the class cannot wait to share our moving toys with you.
Touch Football Write Up: Friday Week 4

On Friday 27th May, Meningie hosted the Upper South East Mixed Touch Football Competition. Even though we battled the cold weather and the odd shower of rain, it turned out to be a fantastic day. Whilst Meningie only entered one team, what an exciting team full of talent it was! With the boys displaying some fancy footwork, we were scoring tries quickly in each game. Our girls were fantastic on field providing excellent support in the wings and we finished the day unbeaten. I am so proud of the whole team! Well Done!  

Ms Lehmann

9-a-side Football: Wednesday Week 5

On Wednesday 1st June, 18 of our Year 7-10 students made the trek to Karoonda to participate in the 9-A-Side Football Competition hosted by the SANFL. Meningie entered both a boys and a girls’ team. Although the day started off a little chilly, the sun finally came out and it turned out to be a beautiful day for some footy. Both the boys and girls gave it their best however we came up against some handy competition. The day was definitely full of excitement and what would footy be without a few injuries!! From a coach’s point of view, our Meningie students deserve to be congratulated in the way they conducted themselves on the day. Tintinara were a few students short in both teams, and our boys and girls didn’t hesitate to throw a crows guernsey on to help them fill their teams. I know those students were so appreciative that you gave them a chance to play. This makes me so proud of each of you! With a little more practice, we might have some better luck next year!!
MENINGIE KINDY FUNDRAISER

It's fundraising time!

The Meningie Kindy has teamed up with Kiddie Kutter and they offer two great products. A child safe knife and reusable icy pole packs. Each knife is $13.00 and comes in an array of colours. The icy poles come in packs of 20 for $20.00.

The Kindy makes $5.00 per knife and $4.00 per icy pole pack.

Please message Jo Williams on 0418855962 to place your orders.
Keep your kids smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!
Murray Bridge School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8531 9300

RE-HEATING FOOD, ETC:

We are very fortunate to have a school canteen (which is run by the Meningie Bakery). The canteen have asked that parents not send food with their children to be reheated at the canteen. They are sorry but, due to health and safety regulations, they can no longer do this.

Due to the same regulations, students will also be refused if they ask anywhere else within the school for their food to be reheated, or hot water applied e.g. noodles.

Library Opening Hours

After due consideration the Meningie School Community Library Board has unanimously decided to alter the opening hours of the library.

Monday 20th June 2016

is the starting date for the change which will be

Weekdays 8.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday 10am – 1pm

During school holidays the library will be closed Mondays and lunchtime

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