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Staff Training & Development Day |

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| 1 July  | Resources meeting 7.30 pm  
Governing Council 8.00 pm |
| 1 – 5 July | V Tech Student Release |
| 3 July  | Junior School Assembly 9.30 – 10 am |
| 5 July  | LAST DAY OF TERM 2 |
| 5 July  | Whole School Assembly 12.15 pm |
| 5 July  | School finishes 2.20 pm  
Buses Depart 2.30 pm |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

WINTER!!!
The cold and wet days have well and truly set in. Staff, including those from front office, continue to express concern at the number of students turning up to school in clothing more suited to the warmer weather. The mornings are cold and, despite having the great heating system we have throughout most of the school, it takes time for the classrooms to warm up.

As well as that, some children have talked to their teachers of being really hungry. It might be a good time to have that talk with your child/children about putting on longer pants and a school jumper, as well as providing a warm jacket. This is particularly so for younger students. At this time of year the wind of Lake Albert is quite fierce and bitterly cold. We want students to be able to go outside for some time on most days so that they can burn up some energy and get fresh air. Perhaps an extra sandwich and piece of fruit in the lunchbox would be a good idea as well.

Firstly, current research tells us that the energy out of a wholesome sandwich and a piece of fruit will last much longer than a packet of chips, crisps, biscuits or a sweet and is much better in supporting learning. Secondly, pre-packaged food contributes to extra disposable waste at the school and it would be great to reduce our consumption in this respect.

FOCUS AREA – QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING - PRIORITY AREA : READING.

Our aim is improved achievement for all learners at Meningie Area School in Reading and Vocabulary.

At Meningie Area School reading is a focus right across the school and at every year level. Reading is critical to success in all subject areas. If students cannot read and understand what is asked of them, and understand words in context then they will find it difficult to engage with the learning environment and be successful. Teachers are always looking for new ways to support students with their reading and understanding. Explicit reading skills are just one of the strategies being used in classrooms across the school.
Parents and caregivers can really support by making reading at home a valued and important activity. Right from an early age children pick up what we value. Well before a child comes to school his or her opinions are forming around a whole range of things. When children see parents and adults in their lives reading newspapers, magazines and books they see it as normal and that it is something they too will and can do. Of course it is not the whole story, but routines like regular reading at home, talking with your child about what is being read on a daily basis, particularly in the early formative years, are really important in laying the foundations for future success not just at school, but in life.

Monica Williams
Principal

ATTENDANCE

![Attendance Chart]

BAND STUDENTS

On the 30th May six of our local schools converged upon Murray Bridge North Primary School for a day of music and networking. Eighty-seven students from Murray Bridge High School, Murray Bridge North Primary, Murray Bridge South Primary, Meningie Area School, Mypolonga Primary and Tailem Bend Primary joined together to form the Murraylands Schools Concert Band.

This is to be the first of many workshops to help encourage students at the primary school level to take up their instruments and play with all their might.

As part of the Youth Development initiative we are aiming to provide regular opportunities for students from the High School to mentor the younger musicians in the primary schools.

To the students’ credit they performed in a professional manner and presented a great performance to the North School students, teachers and parents. We were also very privileged to have Jack Love, from the Murray Bridge Community Band, conduct the band for the day, further strengthening the High Schools connection to the community.

We look forward to more great music in the future from this ensemble.

Sean Hickey
Music Team Leader

There has also been a full page article featuring some of our band students in the Murray Valley Standard on Thursday, June 6th. If you missed the article it is available at the School & Community Library to look at.

CAPTAINS’ SOCIAL

On Tuesday 11th June the school captains held a social for the Reception to Year 5 students after school, and then later the Year 7 to 10 students from 7-10pm. There will be an article in the next newsletter.
USE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The 2013 USE Cross Country meet was hosted by Meningie Area School in perfect conditions at Lake Albert Golf Course on Friday 10th May. Students from Meningie, Coomandook, Tintinara, Karoonda, Keith, East Murray and Coonalpyn competed.

There were some outstanding individual performances on the day, with several students crossing the finish line in first place. As a result of their performances at Lake Albert GC, several Meningie students were chosen in the USE team to compete at Oakbank Racecourse in the SAPSASA / SSSSA Cross Country Championships. The students that qualified for a place at Oakbank were: Charlotte Treloar, Henry Turner, Bridie Blake-Burrows and Jiye Hoad.

A huge thank you to Lake Albert Golf Club for allowing the Regional Cross Country event to continue, and all the staff, parents and teachers who helped officiate on the day.

Jack Rowe
Sport Coordinator

MURRAY MALLEE SAPSASA NETBALL & FOOTBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to Bridie Blake-Burrows, Melissa Brown and Katie Aspel for representing Meningie Area School at the SAPSASA State Netball Carnival in Week 4 of this term. Congratulations also to Kobie Hood and Dylan Gubbin who made the Murray Mallee SAPSASA Football team that competed in Week 4.

Jack Rowe
Sport Coordinator

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

The playgrounds around the school are of various ages and some are due for renewal. With new standards for playground areas it is important that we use money for our play areas as effectively as possible. The Governing Council has formed a sub-committee to develop a long term plan for the upgrade of these areas. The first meeting of this committee will be on Monday 24th June at 1pm in the meeting room.

If you wish to be a part of this committee please call the front office and leave your name.

Mal Jurgs
Deputy Principal

BEING SAFE & WELL ONLINE

The Safe and Well Online Study is part of an Australian Government supported initiative called the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre. Using online environments including social media, this four-year study aims to positively influence safe and well practices in young people, and to promote respect and positive attitudes and behaviours online.

We are now recruiting parents and young people to do two surveys this year about cyberbullying, respect and body image.

We need a minimum of 1,200 parents and 1,200 young people aged between 12 and 17.

If you are interested in joining our study we would love to hear from you. Click on this link for more information and to register http://203.122.247.14/safenwell/swosmenu.html

Parents can then enter into a prize draw to WIN MOVIE TICKETS and young people who complete the survey can go into a draw to WIN an iPad.

Please have your say and help this important project to make a difference to young people’s health and wellbeing.

This study is approved by the UniSA Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the project you may contact the Executive Officer of this Committee on 8302 3118, email vicki.allen@unisa.seu.au. The Research Ethics Officer is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner. If you have any questions about the study please contact: Dr Barbara Spears on 8302 4500 and Barbara.Spears@unisa.edu.au; or Dr Carmel Taddeo on 8302 4012 and Carmel.Taddeo@unisa.edu.au.

NEW CANTEEN LUNCH PRODUCT

The Canteen have a new lunch product:

Small packs of Fried Rice or Lasagne for $3.00 per packet.

PLEASE NOTE:
THESE ITEMS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED
DARREN LEHMANN CRICKET

ACADEMY HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The Darren Lehmann Cricket Academy is giving young cricketers the opportunity to train in its world acclaimed cricket academy this winter.

The winter program running from August 7th through to Sept 8th in a 5 week, 10 session program.

This program will mirror the International program that has had 9 players go on and represent England.

To enrol, or for further information, contact Shaun Seigert on email sseigert@dlca.com.au or mobile 0422 435 203.

8 WEEK SHORT TERM HOSTING EXPERIENCE

VOlUNTEER FAMILIES REQUIRED

AFS Intercultural Programs have students arriving from Germany and France in July for 8 weeks where they will live with an Australian family and attend school.

Gain friendships that can last a lifetime? So - whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family.

If you are able to host a student or know of anyone that would like to host please contact Bev on 08 82343221 or go to www.afs.org.au for more information.

MAKE IT A FRESH SNACK - NATURE’S SUPERFOODS — VEGIES!

Did you know…?

One serve of veges = 1/2 cup cooked veg, 1 medium potato or 1 cup salad. Vegies are packed goodness kids need with essential vitamins and fibre. Preschool aged kids need 2-4 serves of veg everyday for good health.

Vegies and salad make a great snack to fuel active bodies for growth, play and learning. Try these lunchbox ideas and serve up veg as a snack every day!

> Finger salad with bite sized pieces of veg – try raw mushroom, cherry tomatoes cut in half, crunchy lettuce leaves and grated carrot.

> Vegie pieces and dips like hommus or send with cubes of reduced-fat cheese.

Modify for pre-schoolers by grating, steaming or cooking hard crunchy foods like apple, carrot and celery to prevent choking. For more fresh snack ideas visit opal.sa.gov.au