I gave my dad some tokens for Father’s Day. He liked the one about me being good for the whole day because he thought I could not do it. He also liked me cleaning a truck or his car as it would keep me busy.

My dad looked at the free car wash token and he said, “Free car wash I’m not trusting you on that.”

My dad liked the tokens. The best token was washing the dishes, he used it straight away.

My dad liked the token and he liked the free massage.

My dad liked the one hour of X-BOX tokens. He can’t wait to use them.

My dad loved the pop up card, because it had a great jungle background and he loved the racing car and the tokens.

My dad got some tokens. He loved my card because I drew a horse and he loves horses.

My dad liked the car on the pop up card the best because he loves old fashioned cars and it was his favourite colour.

My dad loved my card.

My dad liked the one free back rub. He hasn’t used it yet.

My dad liked the car and the background and the tokens. On one token it said ten breakfasts in bed and six pancakes.

My dad really liked the card and how it flipped up.

My dad liked the background of my card because it was like station country.
BAND WORKSHOP AT TAILEM BEND

Last Tuesday 27th August, Meningie Area School Band, along with music students from five other Murray Lands schools, participated in a day of workshops at Tailem Bend Hall. Of the one hundred students involved approximately forty were students from our school. After spending the morning workshopping several pieces, with guest conductor Grant Sheridan from the Instrumental Music Service (IMS), the band gave a performance. It was fantastic to see. I am always impressed with the way in which students rise to the challenges we set them with such outstanding results. It certainly was a great experience for all of the students and their teachers involved.

THE ADELAIDE SHOW

After months of preparation our Show Team is on the count down. Judging of the Merino Wethers will start at 9.00am on Wednesday 11th September, followed by Led Steers on Thursday 12th September at 9.00am.

Whilst the school does not have a closure day for the Adelaide Show, families planning to attend the show might like to consider either of the above dates. I know our Agriculture Show Team inclusive of students along with Mr Jurgs and Ms Low will be pleased to see you.

Monica Williams

FUNDRAISING FOR TEAM SAILING

Team Sailing in 2014 will be on Kangaroo Island. To get the team there will be quite expensive. We are beginning to look at fundraising to cover bus costs and team jackets. We have organised a recycling system for cans, bottles and milk cartons within the school.

Now we wish to take it further into the community. If you would like to donate your recycling items worth 10 cents each to us for team sailing you can leave them at the school and we will cash them in. They can be left at the Tech Studies workshop door near the car park. Please leave your name on them to allow acknowledgement of the donation. Thank you.

Vic Woolston

FATHERS DAY - FROM MRS WOOLSTON’S CLASS

My dad really loves ...

“My dad really loves having water fights with me.” – Addison M

My dad is really good at ...

“My dad is really good at watching TV!” – Zeke McN

“My dad is really good at watching me dancing.” – Jasmyn P

“My dad is really good at eating sticky date pudding.” – Mackenzie B

Dad always tells me ...

“My dad always tells me that he loves me.” – Lachlan McM

“My dad always tells me - secrets!” – Zeke McN

“My dad always tells me don’t be afraid.” – Summer K

ATTENDANCE

Our focus at Meningie Area School and within DECD has been on building a culture of high attendance over the past year or two. This year the target is 90% whole school student attendance and next year, 2014, it will be 94%. This is starting within the pre-school system, so that children and families develop a habit of seeing attendance as an important routine which will help children become successful with their learning and many other aspects of their lives. The focus has always been on attendance being a pre-requisite for successful learning.

Every day of attendance really does count and there is a high correlation between attendance and successful literacy and numeracy outcomes and growth. Academic outcomes are enhanced by consistent school attendance.

Unauthorised absences are of concern and we appreciate parents and caregivers telephoning the school before 9am to notify us of their child’s absence/s and reason for absence.
GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE helps every child reach their full potential - Every day counts!

...because consistent school attendance really does matter!

NATIONAL ASTHMA WEEK

The first week of September each year is National Asthma Week during which Asthma Foundations across Australia conduct a significant awareness campaign aimed at improving the lives of people living with asthma and bringing to the attention of the broader community the issues surrounding asthma.

A critical factor in asthma management is effective self-management by the patient - you, the person living with asthma or the person caring for another who has asthma.

The theme for National Asthma Week 2013 is 'Three or more is very poor'.

If you use your reliever medication three or more times a week, your asthma is out of control and it's time to see your doctor.

For more information please call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or visit our website.

UNIFORM UPDATE – SHORTS

Summer is approaching fast with the sudden warm days we have had recently. There is plenty of stock available, at this stage, in sizes 4 to Large at $22 each. Get in quick for term 4!

These shorts are the result of extensive consultation with students in 2012 to introduce these shorts as part of the uniform. They are black with white piping and have the school logo on the leg.

A sample pair is pinned to the board at the front office. You are most welcome to come and see.

PaCSS

CHICKENS

The school will once again will be raising and selling some Isa Brown Layer hens. They have been vaccinated and will be ready to lay in early December.

They will be sold at approximately $18.00 each (including GST).

If you wish to buy any hens, please call the front office on 85751106 to place an order. There is a limited number of hens for sale, so get your orders in quickly! They will be available for collection late-November.

PURPLE SPOTTED GUDGEONS

After much eager anticipation the four Purple Spotted Gudgeons have finally arrived in the front office fish tank! There will be more information concerning these fish in the next newsletter.
BAND PERFORMANCE AT TAILEM BEND

Our MAS students travelled to Tailem Bend on the big new bus driven by Mrs Appelkamp. Forty two students from our school travelled to be part of a band of about 105 students. Our students range in year level from year 5 to year 9. The other schools involved in the program were My琢磨onga, Murray Bridge North, Murray Bridge South, Murray Bridge High and Tailem Bend.

The students were divided into sectional groups (flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone) and then into beginner and intermediate level bands. The more experienced students worked with Mr Sheridan and the beginner band worked with Mr Hickey.

Students from our school behaved, listened and performed admirably. They were a credit to their families and school. Mrs Kreher played along with the flutes and took some excellent photographs, and Mrs Wright helped by conducting when needed and taking photos. Thank you to Mr Longden and Mr Williams for their hard work on the day.

‘I learned that when you have fun you can have a better time.’ Crystal Davis

“We learnt some new stuff... it was a bit scary but I did it.” Mitchell Holme

“I was surprised to be in the intermediate band.” Tom Schaefer
SAPSASA ATHLETICS
On Wednesday
28th August a number of our 10 – 13 year old students competed in the SAPSASA Athletics Selection Trials at Coomandook. Well done to everyone who competed.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Murray Mallee at SANTOS Stadium on Monday 23rd September:

Tiarnie Ling 10 year old Relay
Kayla Rebner 11 year old High Jump
Bridie Blake-Burrows 12 year old 800m
Dylan Gubbin 12 year old Relay
Jai Ling 12 year old High Jump
Kobie Hood 12 year old Shotput & Discus
Aimee Brooks 13 year old 200m
Gena Mansfield 13 year old 800m & Relay
Sharnee Gemmell 13 year old Relay
Jiye Hoad 13 year old Relay

Notices with details of the day in Adelaide and consent forms were sent home with the selected students earlier this week.

If you would like to order a windcheater, please fill out the forms and return to me before Friday 6th September, as the windcheater order must be placed before Monday to guarantee that we have them by the 23rd September.

Please note: Photo envelopes will be sent home when they arrive.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 85 751106 or the SAPSASA District Convenor; Krystina Durdin, on 85 7870053.

Mr Rowe (HPE Teacher & SAPSASA Coordinator)

MAKE IT A FRESH SNACK WITH THESE TIME SAVERS.
Sometimes busy parents find it hard to find time to serve up a healthy snack.

Try these time-saving tips for healthy snacks...
> Cut a slice of fruit bread or raisin toast into quarters for a snack served in 30 seconds.
> Use a combination for fresh and tinned fruit in natural juice to whip up a fruit salad.
> Puree overripe fruit into smoothies with reduced-fat milk and serve immediately, or freeze into ice cube trays for an icy treat.
> Pop washed fruit such as strawberries or cut up oranges straight into the freezer for a fuss-free iceblock!

For more fresh snack ideas visit opal.sa.gov.au

MAKE IT A FRESH SNACK - SIMPLE STEPS YOUNG KIDS WILL LOVE!

Healthy habits start early in life, so offer children a variety of fresh snacks from a young age. Young children can be wary of new foods, so they might not like every fruit or veg first time. Make fruit and veg an everyday experience for young children, so they become familiar with different tastes and textures. Remind them that fruit and veg make a great snack to fuel their growing bodies.

Here are a few tips to help young kids enjoy fruit and veg:
> Offer a choice of different fruit, vegies and finger salad regularly at snack time.
> Talk to your child about the healthy foods at the green grocer or supermarket. Start with fruit and veg and explore different shapes, textures and smells together.
> Choose fruit and veg in season when it tastes best and it’s usually cheaper too.

For more fresh snack ideas visit opal.sa.gov.au

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