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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

It was such a privilege to be a part of the audience this last Tuesday night 27th October at the Town Hall, Murray Bridge for what has become an annual event; that being the Primary Schools’ Music Festival. Our Choir students from Year’s 4 to 7 made up the combined choir inclusive of several schools from within both the Coorong Mallee and Murray Bridge partnerships. Months of preparation goes into this event and students begin learning songs early in Term 1. This year Abbey Selby, Annabelle Mead and Lauren Parsons-Averay were selected to perform as soloists, along with students from the other schools. I am sure that the audience, like me, was incredibly proud with the confidence, poise, and talent that our girls showed in their performances. Additionally, Jessica DeVos acted as one of the comperes for the evening and for the first time Meningie Area School band students going by the title Lake Albert Allstars Ensemble played a number titled ‘A little Bit of Swing’. Without the commitment, dedication, time and effort put in by a number of staff from at Meningie Area School and that of the Instrumental teachers such opportunities like this just would not happen. *(an article regarding the Music Festival will appear in the next newsletter).*

To this end I thank in particular, Anne Wright (Choir), Elyssa Kreher (Band), Peter Longden, Rod Williams and Jack Love (Band) as well as several other staff who helped out on the night in relation to student transport. Thank you also to parents and caregivers as well as extended family who made up a large part of the audience. Your children ‘did the school proud’. It was a night to remember and talk about for some time.
Of course if you missed out on seeing and hearing our students perform, there will be other opportunities in the wind-up to the end of the year, including Presentation Night on Monday 7th December.

**Classes 2016**

The Leadership Team is currently looking at classes for 2016. In doing so we are obliged to work within the staffing allocation that the number of students enrolled at our school gives us entitlement to. As well as that we look at the compulsory subjects that are required to be taught across the school and the choices that our senior students select through career counselling and pathways.

It would be very helpful in our planning to know of any changes that may be occurring as it relates to leaving the district or change of school and ask that you contact the Front Office, or direct correspondence to the Principal. Equally, if you believe there is information that might need to be considered in the placement of your child/children that could impact on their learning or welfare please direct correspondence to the Principal. I am sure you can appreciate that whilst this is not about what may be a wish, genuine concerns will be given due consideration. In this regard please action by Friday 6th November.

**Buses 2016**

Once again in relation to planning, please advise if you are moving around the Meningie district and require bus transport for your child/children in 2016. Please direct your correspondence to Deputy Principal Mal Jurgs.

**World Teachers’ Day Friday 30 October**

Today we celebrated World Teachers’ Day with a morning tea for the staff. You are invited to get involved and say ‘thank you’ to a wonderful teacher. Visit the DECD website, download the ‘say thanks’ activity, colour and decorate the attached ‘owl’, write a message on the back about how your teacher has made a difference in your life and present it to them on World Teachers’ Day.

*Monica Williams, Principal*

**2015 School Magazine**

Thank you to those families who indicated they would buy a 2015 school magazine. We now have just enough ordered to warrant producing the magazine. Could those who indicated they would like a magazine make payments of $18 per copy to the front office or send in an envelope with your child marked with your name, school magazine and number of copies.

The magazine will not be available until Term 1 of next year and will be sent home with the youngest child at school for those families who have paid.

Any family is welcome to purchase a copy, even if you have not previously indicated that you would like to.
Clay Target Shooting

On Friday 16th October, 8 students from the Year 10 and 11 PE class undertook a Firearms Safety and Introduction to Clay Target Shooting Day at the Lake Albert Gun Club. This was facilitated by Michael Veenstra, with support from Len Di Candia, Deb McPherson, Graeme Harvey and Ken Strother from the Gun Club. The students were first given a course in firearms safety before being taken out to the traps to put their learning into practice. Some of our students showed that they had natural ability very quickly, while others took some time to get their heads around the process, but in the end all of them were hitting targets on a regular basis.

All of the students enjoyed themselves and most seemed keen to have further training and practise with the ultimate goal of taking part in an Interschool competition sometime next year.

The students involved were Brenda Baldock, Lachlan Brown, Tyson Carter, Kelton Holme, Emma Marles, Brittany Thompson, Hank Trevorrow and Holly van den Brink.

Thank you to Michael and the rest of the group of instructors for giving up their time and making the club facilities available.

Mal Jurgs
Library News

Meningie School Community Library is now connected to the whole Public Library Network of South Australia and you can search, reserve and extend loans over the internet by logging onto the library website.

- www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong

Parents and friends Drop in to the library and make use of the free wifi and new touch screen computers or just relax and read a book in a comfy chair. Read The Advertiser and check out current issue magazines. Loads of DVDs are also available to loan so if you are looking for something to do make sure you visit your library.

NEW

Sewing for Charity

On Saturday 24th of October Phoebe, Caylee, Felicia, Kirsten and Abbey from the 5/6 class were making quilts in the Meningie School Community Library. They will be donated to the SA Womens and Childrens Hospital to be used by the children.

Scholastics Orders – Issue 7

Scholastic orders have now closed at the book room and the students’ orders have been submitted to Scholastics. The orders should arrive in the next 2 weeks. The new ‘LOOP” (Linked Online Ordering & Payment) platform on the Scholastic Australia website was well used by parents for Issue 7.

Even though orders have closed through the front office, parents may continue to order and pay online using the new ‘LOOP’ platform.

This is an easy way of ordering if you missed out through the front office.
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MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

Governing Council and staff of Meningie Area School have an expectation that all students will dress in school uniform.

There are several reasons for this:

- It gives students a sense of belonging.
- It allows us to identify people who do not belong to our school.
- It is an easy and effective way of establishing and maintaining appropriate dress standards.
- It prevents “competition” among students.

We seek parent/caregiver support and co-operation in maintaining a high standard of neatness and conformity in student dress.

FEMALE

- Meningie Area School maroon polo shirt / white for (Senior School)
- Meningie Area School windcheater
- Black track pants
- Plain blue jeans
- Black shorts (longer style close to knee)

MALE

- Meningie Area School maroon polo shirt / white for (Senior School)
- Meningie Area School windcheater
- Black track pants
- Plain blue jeans
- Black shorts (longer style close to knee)

HATS

- Bucket style or wide brim

School uniform is available from the Bookroom 8.30 – 9.00

1. Please label school clothing to reduce chance of loss.
2. In accordance with Occupational Health & Safety Policy, students are required to wear appropriate footwear. Closed shoes are required in Home Ec. Tech Studies, Science, Art, Ag and PE. Definitely no flip flops at any time.
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service. All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are welcome to attend.

School Dental Service clinics are open during the Christmas school holiday break.
Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for an appointment. For clinic details visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au.

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Coonalpyn War Memorial Swimming Pool is now OPEN

Entry:
- Family fun and fitness
- Safe and friendly environment
- Lush green lawns & shady trees
- Canteen and BBQ facilities
- Disabled access

2pm—6pm  School / Public Holidays & Weekends
4pm—6pm  SA School Term

Entry Fees:
- Day pass/VACswim: $9
- Non swimmers: $6
- Carnival: $3
- Family of 4 season pass: $128 (if paid by 15 December)
- Extra person for season pass: $15
- Single season pass: $80 (if paid by 15 December)
- 10 ticket pass: $45

Group Bookings
Lap swimming will be made available on group requests outside of normal times. For enquiries contact the pool during open hours.

Morning Sessions (for adults)
6.30am  Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9.30am  Weekdays

Volunteers wanted
To help keep the pool open during the swimming season we urgently require volunteers. If you can assist in the canteen and with catering for the school carnivals and VACswim please give us a call.

Contacts
Sue Midkan 0417 704 090
Cassandra Lutze 0488 237 664
Michelle Raper 0460 261 466

*All opening times are subject to volunteers and weather conditions, and may sometimes be 15 minutes later or earlier.

To confirm opening times please phone the pool on 08 8732 8744, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

WATER. THE ORIGINAL COOL DRINK.

We know that plain tap water as a drink is healthy and free and important for our bodies to function, but what other healthy drinks can we try?

Some ideas include:

- Add slices of different fruits or vegetables to water jugs for a different flavour (even herbs). Why not try this flavour combination: lime, kiwi and mint
- Plain milk contains calcium which is good for teeth and bones and important for growing children
- Add ice or straws to water for crunch and fun

For more ideas visit: opal.sa.gov.au

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#### 2016 TERM DATES

**Term 1:** Monday 1st February to Friday 15th April 2016  
**Term 2:** Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July 2016  
**Term 3:** Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September 2016  
**Term 4:** Monday 17th October to Friday 16th December 2016