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speeches and guest speakers on the program. Sponsors of book prizes have been invited, along with a number of special guests. The evening will conclude with supper. All members of the school and wider community are invited to attend. We look forward to your attendance at our last formal event for the school year.

**Junior School Assembly.**

The last Junior School Assembly 2015, is scheduled for Wednesday 9th December, commencing at 9.40am in the school hall. It promises to be entertaining and a fun way to finish off the school year. We extend an invitation to all parents/caregivers and extend family. It will be great to see you there.

*Monica Williams, Principal*

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### PRESENTATION NIGHT

**When:** Monday 7th December  
**Time:** 7.00 pm start  
**Where:** Meningie Area School Hall

**Guest Speakers**

“Come and help celebrate the achievements of our students”

- Graduation of Year students
- Graduation of Year 9 students
- Graduation of Year 12 students
- Subject Prize and Special Award Presentations
- Music and Band Performances
- Governing Council and Principal’s Reports

**FORMAL PROCEEDINGS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHARED SUPPER**

(It would be greatly appreciated if parents could bring a plate to share)
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“SA Water VACSWIM is a program to waterproof the confidence in young South Australians, in and around the water. It is a South Australian Government supported initiative to provide children aged 5 to 13 years with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

These skills are delivered at over 130 pools, beaches and lakes throughout South Australia by one of three primary program providers – Royal Life Saving Society, Surf Life Saving and YMCA – who engage qualified instructors to teach the children of South Australia.

The majority of programs take place from Monday 4th to Tuesday 12th January 2016; they run for 45 minutes a day for 7 days.”

See the website for other information.
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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.
G’day Asia Performance

On Thursday, 19th November, our R-7 students were treated to an entertaining and interesting performance, ‘G’day Asia’, by School Performance Tours, inside the School Hall. The performer, Hugh Munro, introduced the countries of Asia through an imaginative use of puppets and music.

A quirky, cheeky, monkey puppet ‘assisted’ Hugh as he helped us to explore places like Borneo and Sumatra. Other puppets, such as a panda and an Orang-utan, highlighted important themes such as conservation. Another theme was the comparison of wealth made between the Australian and Asian cultures, in terms of children living in houses that have access to flushing toilets, televisions and computers for education.

Students were invited to participate in the Indonesian ritual of banging pots and pans to make a loud noise and scare away unhappy thoughts and feelings. Other students were delighted to dress up in the costumes of an ancient Japanese Emperor and his Empress, while we listened to a brief history of Emperor Hirohito and his impact on the world.

The climax of the performance was an amazing, bright red, green and gold Chinese New Year Dragon that took Hugh Munro four weeks to create. He showed a team of students the art of creating a weaving, dragon motion using support poles, as the dragon circled the School Hall in search of good fortune.
Making Solar Ovens

In some of their science lessons this year, the 2/3 class has been learning about energy, heat and temperature, solids and liquids, sunlight and shadows, sustainability and the properties of different materials. The class studied various styles of solar oven and then made solar ovens out of cardboard pizza boxes and other cheap household materials. This was a fun way to practically apply their new knowledge of these topics.

The temperatures inside the ovens reached up to 65°C when the temperature outside the ovens was only 25°C. We found that chocolate melted quickly inside the ovens but remained solid when left outside the ovens in direct sunlight.

The students have now planned many creative and practical ways to improve their own solar oven designs.

Thank you to Tiffany of Lake View Café for kindly donating the pizza boxes.

Impetigo
There has been another case of School Sores diagnosed in the junior school. Please refer to the note sent home on the 9th November.

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**Meningie Christmas Pageant**

*Sunday, 6th December 2015*

**Think Feet First – Pedal, Scoot and Roll this Christmas**

Kids, have you got your bike or scooter ready for the 2015 Christmas Pageant? OPAL is very excited to be co-ordinating the bike, scooter and pram section at the pageant this year. Register your details on the day and be in the running to win the OPAL Bike Award.

The award will be judged and announced at the pageant for the following categories:

- Best decorated bike, scooter or pram
  - Under 10 Category
  - Over 10 Category

Meet at the Lions Jubilee Park with your decorated bikes, scooters and prams from 12pm for a 12.30pm start.

Any enquires contact the Coorong OPAL team on 1300 785 277!

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**HAVE YOUR SAY ON EARLY CHILDHOOD REFORM**

“The South Australian government wants to hear your ideas for improving early childhood education and support for families.

Research shows that access to services such as preschools can reduce the effects of disadvantage, giving children a better start to schooling, creating benefits that continue into adulthood. It also tells us that it is more effective to support children’s development during their early years than attempting to ‘fix’ problems when they are older.

Share your views and ideas about before and after preschool care, services for disadvantaged children, and greater flexibility and choice for families when accessing preschool.

Have your say by visiting the **Yoursay online consultation until 4 December 2015** and go into the running to win one of three prizes.”
Just 2 Deadly’s

Each year for the past 4 years Meningie Area School has been involved in the Just 2 Deadly’s at Murray Bridge. It is to celebrate the Graduation for years 7 and 12 Aboriginal students from around the Murray Mallee Region, there are a number of Schools involved and this year we had 41 students attend. The event was held in the Murray Bridge Town hall and the Night is filled with Performances, Guest speakers which include the Director for this region Stan Hagias, Michelle Brown (ACEM) and Students Past and Present.

This year we had 8 students from Meningie Area School attend, we would like to congratulate and encourage them to attend, believe and achieve! We wish the year 12’s all the best for stepping out into the workforce, ongoing study, College etc. We would like to thank those Business’s from Meningie who have sponsored this event and as this was Mrs Monica Williams last Just 2 Deadly Graduation we hope you enjoyed it and we would like to thank you for your support in letting this happen for the past 4 years and your continued support to our students.

Isobell Koolmatrie (ACEO) Dylan Gibbs, Cyril Karpany, Jemima Reid, Janelle Wanganeen, Destiny Rankine, Monica Williams (Principal)
Absent, Will Walters, Ash Walters and Shakira Sumner

Have Your say on Early Childhood Reform

The Premier of South Australia is committed to leading early childhood education reform. Feedback is being sought from South Australian families and service providers about early childhood education services that are needed to support young children.

Have your say by visiting the

**YourSAy online consultation**

Until 4 December 2015

Australian Passport Information

The Australian Government recently introduced legislation that affects 16 and 17 year old passport holders. From 1 January 2016, child applicants aged 16 and 17 will be issued with 10 year passports instead of 5 year ones currently issued to children under 18.

Please contact The Australian Passport Information Service on 131 232

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