2013 has been a great year in the life of Meningie Area School. It has been a busy year once again, reflecting the world we live in today. As I look back over the 2013 school calendar, I am amazed at the events that have taken place and the opportunities that students have been able to engage in through both classroom curriculum and extra curricula opportunities.

It is important that our students are involved in the community in ways that connect and build community capacity. This happens through the many programs and events that have gone to make up both our learning programs and calendar events in 2013. Just as we strive for excellence by our students in the completion of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) at Year 12, so too do we work toward its equivalent for students who want a different career pathway.

Thank you to all staff, who without their commitment the achievements at Presentation Night on Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} December would not happen. Also thank you too for the generosity of our sponsors.

I would like to extend my thanks to teacher, Jack Rowe, who will be leaving us. Jack has been with us for three years, teaching Maths, HPE and the VIP students, and has built solid relationships both with students and staff members. We all wish him all the best for the future.

Teaching contracts have been re-won and extended into 2014 for three teachers; Judy Woolston, Carly Wilamowski and Richard Oliver and we will look forward to having them on staff again next year. There are still staff members whose contracts will depend on school numbers for the 2014 year.
The Meningie Area School Governing Council has continued its effective governance in the school under the leadership of Chairperson Mr David Eckert. Governing Council is the parent body that has a role in setting the direction for our school in line with the State Government and DECD plan. The elected members of Governing Council and its sub committees ensure that the values, views, and concerns of the wider school community are reflected in decisions made within its capacity. The School Governing Council helps set direction for the development and the passing of the Meningie Area School budget and School Policies and Procedures, as a major function, but by no means the only one as has been spoken about in the Governing Council report, given by Chairperson Mr Eckert. I thank all the Governing Council representatives for their time and commitment to the school.

At this point I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and holiday break.

**MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES 2014**

Materials & Services Charges for 2014 are set at $219 for Primary School and $290 for Secondary School.

Materials and Services Charges will be posted out to families before school starts in 2013.

The Bookroom will be open for these charges to be paid either in full or part paid or School Card applied for on Thursday 23rd January and Friday 24th January 2013 from 9.00am to 2pm.

Student stationery packs will be available to be picked up at these times.

Uniforms will also be available at these times.

**TERM DATES 2014**

Term 1 28th January – 5th April
Term 2 28th April – 4th July
Term 3 21st July – 26th September
Term 4 13th October – 12th December

**PRESENTATION NIGHT 2013**

Meningie Area School Presentation Night was held in the school hall on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm.

It was fantastic to see so many parents, caregivers and friends help celebrate the achievements of our students;

- Year 5 Graduation
- Year 9 Graduation
- Year 12 Graduation
- Subject & Special Award Presentations
- Music & Band Performances
- Governing Council and Principal’s Reports

Evenings such as Presentation Night are only made possible with the generosity of our sponsors and of our guest speaker who gave up his time to share his experiences with both students and guests.

Our guest speaker for the evening this year was Dan Ryan. Dan is a fascinating young Australian with a passion for social development, both professionally, and personally through his volunteer and delegate roles. His background includes online marketing and a range of Youth Leadership positions, the most prominent of these being The Australian Youth Ambassador to the United Nations 2012/13. Dan’s speech to the students and parents was both inspiring and interesting. He discussed not only his successes but also his failures and how persistence and resilience are important factors in a persons’ future. Dan also discussed how we all see life differently and are unique, and how working together this can be a good thing, as we all bring this uniqueness together to create positive experiences. Dan showed us the photo below as an example, and explained to us how most people sitting on the table saw only the jug, glass and the stars, whereas one of the girls on the table, who took the photograph, was mesmerised by the silhouette of Eiffel Tower glistening on the table cloth!
We were fortunate to have Dan visit our school and share his experiences with us. Dan left us with these thoughts "Everyone in this room has a past which informs the present and influences the future" (Greenfield), and from the philosopher, Aristotle, “Where your talents and the needs of the world cross; there lies your vocation.” Inspiration indeed, for our departing year 12 students as they move forward towards a new journey and new adventures in their lives.

**AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**MS Arts** – Holly Vandenbrink  
**SS Visual Arts** – Alysha Eckert  
**Music** – Ronelle Clarke & Aleisha Williams  
**MS English** Tessa Bagshaw  
**SS English** – Lauren Bagshaw  
**MS German** – Bridie Blake Burrows  
**MS HPE** – Brenda Baldock  
**SS HPE** – Scott Biddle  
**SS Outdoor Ed** – Alysha Eckert  
**MS Mathematics** – Kobie Hood  
**SS Mathematics** – Marni Hood  
**MS Science** – Nathan Hartman  
**SS Science** – Marni Hood  
**SS Agriculture** – Alana Standley  
**MS SOSE** – Holly Vandenbrink  
**SS SOSE** – Lauren Bagshaw  
**PLP Award** – Alex McPherson  
**MS Technology Studies** – Tessa Bagshaw  
**SS Technology Studies** – Alana Standley & Alysha Eckert  
**SS Photography** – Abbey Hood  
**MS Home Economics** – Wanda Shaw  
**SS Home Economics** – Abbey Hood  
**MS Robotics** – Harrison Tiver  
**SS ICT** – Abbey Hood  
**MS Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnin** – Kiana Kartinyeri  
**SS Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnin** – Jake Shaw  
**SS VIP** – Shania Weetra  
**Creative Writing** – Lauren Bagshaw  
**OAC Group 1 Arts & Humanities** – Lauren Bagshaw  
**OAC Group 2 Maths & Science** – Alysha Eckert  
**Research Project** – Marni Hood  
**VET 1 (female)** – Jessie Bland  
**VET 2 (male)** – Jake Shaw  
**NRM Award** – Tessa Bagshaw  
**Reconciliation Awards** – Tamika Williams & Jake Shaw  
**Middle School Achievement Award** – Tessa Bagshaw  
**Year 5 Graduation Award (Academic)** – Riley McNicol  
**Year 5 Graduation Award (Encouragement)** – Mitchell Holme  
**Year 9 Graduation Award** – Brenda Baldock  
**Long Tan Award** – Jessie Bland & Tamika Williams  
**Greg Carey Sports Award** – Zac Vandenbrink  
**Student Leadership Outstanding Contribution Award** – Abbey Hood  
**Caltex Best All-rounder** – Alana Standley  
**Encouragement Award** – Jake Shaw  
**Community & School Involvement Award** – Marni Hood

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**BAND NEWS TERM 4**

Each term a student from every section of the school band is awarded a book/cd prize for their efforts in the term. Points are awarded for being organized for lessons, being on time for band and practice. The students who won this term were: Taylor Long (trombone), Meshayla Shaw (flute), Courtney Rigney (trumpet) and Jane Tiver (clarinet). Well done to these students for their great efforts.
YEAR 5/6 CLASS TIMES TABLES CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the five finalists for the times tables challenge: Crystal Davis, Dylan Gibbs, Riley McNicol, Ronnelle Clarke and Sheniqua Shaw. After a whole term of competition and practice for the class, we have our winners.

1st Riley McNicol
2nd Ronnelle Clarke
3rd Sheniqua Shaw

Well done!

YEAR 5 CLASS SPEECH

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Year 5 group of 2013, we would like to say a few words about our time in Junior School. Most of our class has been at Meningie Area School since Reception. We have had great times at school and learnt lots.

When we were in Ms Hart’s class we started reading. When Ms Newby was here we learnt a funky dance. In Mrs Woolston’s class, we made lots of crafty stuff. With Mrs Starling, we did lots of bugs and insects. Ms Giles did credits and debits with us.

This year we have been in a class with some of the Year 6 students. Mrs Wright and Mrs Mason have been our home group teachers. We have had a great History Mystery Camp this year and all started to learn our musical instruments.

We would like to thank the teachers and school for helping us with our education so far. We are looking forward to Middle School and the new things we will learn.

CANBERRA TRIP

Four year 9, 10 and 11 school students have recently been on a trip to Canberra. This trip was partly subsidised by the Parliament and Civics Rebate Fund.

The excursion is the culmination of two years of planning and was a joint trip along with Tintinara and Coomandook. A priority of this event is the unit of work Civics and Citizenship, featuring visits to the War Memorial and links to the other major project at our school, Connecting Spirits.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of this excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school now that the excursion has been completed.
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LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Christmas holiday closure
1pm Saturday 21st Dec 2013
Reopening 10.30am Tuesday 14th Jan 2014

School Holiday Hours

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Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 28th January 2014 after the Australian Day holiday

We wish everyone a Happy, Safe and Stress-free Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year in 2014

meningie.library@gmail.com ph. 8575 1681

VAC SWIM

Vac Swim will be held at Meningie Pool from the 6th - 10th January. Please enrol online at www.vacswhimsa.com.au or telephone Mel Treloar on 0427 754227

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIM & SURVIVE PROGRAM

Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive Program
16-20th December
$30 - infants
$40 – children 5 years and over
Or call Mel Treloar on 0427 754227

TEAM SAILING RAFFLE

Team Sailing has recently held a raffle to raise funds for the sailing team to go to Kangaroo Island in 2014 for the regional sailing competition. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December.

Thank you to the donors for their generosity. Meningie Hotel donated the 1st Prize, a dinner for two, valued at $75. The 1st prize also includes a Christmas basket and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prize winners will each receive a bottle of wine. Thank you for your support.

FOUND KEY

A key has been found near the bus bay after Presentation Night. It has a black grip on it with a small neon yellow triangle. If this is yours it is available at the front office.

WE WISH YOU ALL VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON
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