FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Captains’ Induction

In front of the Meningie Area School community, inclusive of students, parents, extended family and staff, the 2014 Captains and Vice-Captains were presented with their badges of office by Governing Council Chair Person, Mr David Eckert and read the oath. The oath was developed by the Captains and Vice Captains during Tuesday meetings in the weeks leading up to their induction.

“In our role as School Captain/School Vice-Captain, we promise to act and show respect towards staff, students, parents in our school and wider community. We will act as role models, and set a good example by wearing correct uniform, getting along and communicating in positive and appropriate ways. We will work together for and with the school community in our strive for excellence.

We will act honourably, and lead with integrity, representing the voice of the student body in our year of office”.

At the conclusion of the Induction Assembly parents, extended family and staff joined the Captains and Vice Captains for morning tea in the Meningie Area School Community Library.

To date the group have been meeting on a regular basis. Assisting in supporting them in their leadership role within the school are Ms Elyssa Kreher and Ms Yvonne Palka.

At a recent meeting it was resolved that each of the Captains and Vice Captains would complete his/her profile. This week four students have been profiled in this Newsletter, with the remainder to be in the next.

Captains and Vice-Captains have been allocated to classes. Each class has elected a male and female representative who will be the spokespersons for his/her class. Captains will begin visits to class next week seeking ideas and opinions to take back to their next meeting.

Logos and Banners were discussed and the process for development of these has begun. Professional banners will be made in the future.

Meningie Area School Athletics Day

In fantastic Autumn weather and on the amazingly prepared Town Oval grounds we held our annual Athletics Carnival this last Tuesday 11th March.

In the lead up to the day much work behind the scenes and in collaboration
between the Coorong Council, football, netball and pony clubs had been carried out. My sincere thanks to the following people:

- Catherine Burnett who managed this process ensuring that the appropriate agreements, occupational safety requirements and procedures met with compliance
- Groundspersons Mr John Hastings and Mr Geoff Halliday who spent countless hours last week, as well as gave their time Sunday and Monday of the long weekend marking the oval and grounds where events were carried out
- Deputy Principal Mal Jurgs who gave his time Monday as well helping out with the line marking
- The program development and preparation of equipment, information to parents, students and teachers was the work of Mrs Sarah Lehmann and Mrs Katrina Hood as well as the Junior School staff led by Mrs Wendy Starling.
- Thank you to staff and parent volunteers who assisted in various roles, particularly chaperoning students from one event to another throughout the day. Without your support the Athletics day would not have been the success that it was.

On the day many students shone and it was fantastic to see the high level of involvement and participation as well as a healthy level of competition.

Raukkan school joined in the day as they have in the past as members of the 2 house teams Kungari (Swans) and No:ri (Pelicans). All students received points for participation with points going to both individual medallion and overall House Team points. The Captains and Vice Captains led by example, with Kungari House taking out the shield with 1437.8 points and No:ri coming second with 1271.7 points. On behalf of the house, Dale Applekamp and Lauren Bagshaw accepted the accolades with Dale making a speech of acceptance, including the thanking of those responsible for the preparation and organisation of the day. Further details in relation to Athletics day including individual medallion winners are within this newsletter. Photos taken on the day will be in the next newsletter.

### Interschool Athletics Day

Meningie Area School is hosting the Upper South East Interschool Athletics day this year on Tuesday 25th March at the Meningie Town Oval. As the host school, most of our staff will be involved in roles as officials and supervision of students.

The Junior School students up to and inclusive of Mrs Starlings 2/3 class will remain at school unless selected for the Interschool team.

All students from Year 3/4 up to Year 10 are to be at the oval as either a competitor or a spectator. No classes will run for students in this age group on the day. Students will be expected to remain in the Meningie Area School House Bay area under the supervision of staff.

All Year 11/12 students who are not involved in the interschool sports are to be at school. Ms Hese will be supervising lessons and study.

Buses will run as usual except that students will be dropped at both school and at the oval, as well as picked up at both locations in the afternoon.

The Meningie Football and Netball clubs will be catering for the day.

Parking is in the Pony Club or along the road outside of the oval. No vehicles are to be inside unless in an official capacity.

Further details with regard to the event will be sent out to parents and caregivers next week, including the program.

### Weekly Student Attendance Percentages - Term 1

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ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS

The 800m and 1500m races were held during Week 6. All students who participated earned valuable points for their team. Congratulations to the following students who were 1st or 2nd:

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Records

Several students came close to breaking a record on the day, however Hank Trevorrow was the only student who succeeded in this. Hank broke the U15 Boys Shotput with a distance of 11.90 metres. The previous record was set by Matthew Walker in 2012 at 11.65 metres. Well done Hank!

KEY FOUND

A Mitsubishi car key on a white tag was found after the Athletics Carnival on the kitchen servery at the Netball Club. It is at the front office if you would like to claim it.

KINDERGYM INTEREST SURVEY

We have attached a link to a Survey. We are seeking input from local communities and groups regarding the viability of a Kindergym operating in Meningie. Kindergym is specifically designed for children aged between birth and 5 years old. Please share this link with your family and friends before March 24th, 2014. This will be the closing date for the survey.

Hard copies of the survey are available in Meningie Post Office and can be left in a collection box before March 24th, 2014.

The link is: www.surveymonkey.com/s/KV3W5BV

Thankyou. We really value your support and opinions with this 3 minute survey.

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Chelsea Thurston (Year 6) for making the Girls SAPSASA Softball Team.

On the 5th March Chelsea, along with 18 other girls from Pinnaroo, Lameroo, Karoonda and Coomandook, tried out for a position in the softball team.

Chelsea and the team will now go on to participate in the carnival in Adelaide from Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April. We wish them all the best for a great week of softball.

Richard Oliver (SAPSASA Rep.)
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Lauren Bagshaw  
Captain  
Kungari (Swans)  
I am in Year 12  
My interests are:  
- Netball  
- Reading  
- Music  
- Art  
- Travel  
- Chocolate (it’s a real problem!)  

What I would like to achieve as Captain this year:  
- Represent our student body  
- Provide a bridge of communication between students and school staff to maintain a positive school experience for everyone  
- Encourage students to attend school  
- Encourage students to wear school uniform regularly  
- Add another chapter to Meningie Area School’s great reputation of fundraising for various causes  
- Keep students excited about fundraising for charities  
- Organise some fun events during this year that will bring the school together so that everyone can have a great year  

More about myself:  
The subjects I’ve chosen this year are History and English, as well as Economics, Psychology and Geography, which I study through Open Access (distance learning). At this stage I’m planning to go to university when I finish school.

Alex McPherson  
Captain  
No:ri (Pelicans)  
I am in Year 11  
My interests are:  
- Music  
- Reading  
- Looking after children  

What I would like to achieve as Captain this year:  
- Greater confidence  
- Gain the trust of students  
- Help students’ as well as community members’ opinions to be heard  

Jessie Bland  
Vice-Captain  
Kungari (Swans)  
I am in Year 11  
My interests are:  
- Animals  
- Science & Biology  
- Helping people & animals  

What I would like to achieve as Vice-Captain this year:  
- Greater confidence  
- Develop my skills in public speaking  
- Greater communication throughout the school  
- Students to be able to talk to us comfortably  
- Students to express their opinions and issues  

Trae Rigney  
Vice-Captain  
Kungari (Swans)  
I am in Year 11  
My interests are:  
- Football  
- Soccer  

What I would like to achieve as Vice-Captain this year:  
- Do more voluntary work  
- Get people to look up to me and trust me as a leader  
- Earn respect from my peers and younger students  
- Become a great role model for younger and older students  
- Look after the younger students  
- Help out wherever I can
**POSITIONS VACANT**

We are looking for a well-mannered and presented office junior for school holidays and some weekend work. The jobs involved are not limited to involve using a booking system to take bookings, folding and ironing of bedding and other linen, answering a sometimes busy phone. At busy times it may involve cleaning of cabins and amenities to a high standard. Person interested must have a Tax File number and be able to work long weekends / holiday periods when required, able to work unsupervised and be self-motivated (i.e. there is always something to do).

A part time amenities cleaner is also required, ABN number preferred. 9:30am – 12pm, rostered on about 3 days per week.

Please contact Jacqui or Troy at Lake Albert Caravan Park on 85751411 to arrange at time to meet in person.

**ABBEEY’S UPDATE**

I’ve been pretty busy lately, keeping on my toes and trying to experience as much of the American culture as possible. Not long ago I ‘got my country on’ and we went to Elks Lodge where we ate chicken fried steak (which is not actually chicken, it’s pretty similar to beef schnitzel) and I learned how to two step!

The shopping trip to Grapevine Mills Mall was really fun; I found a few bargains and even managed to find a great prom dress - with an even better price tag!

Last weekend my host family and I went to Oklahoma City which was my first time there. Initially we met up with my host dad, Tony’s, brother and sister for lunch, then went to visit his dad and finally his cousins for tea.

Later that night we went glow in the dark bowling which was great, even though I sucked!

Elks Lodge – with the Texas Flag

The beer collection at the restaurant we went to for lunch in Oklahoma City

Bowling with my host family
We stayed overnight at a hotel and in the morning before heading back to Wichita Falls we went to Krispy Kreme Donuts! They were amazing and freshly cooked I might add!!

Krispy Kreme Donuts

This week school has been good, just a typical week for the most part. I am really excited for next week however, SPRING BREAK TIME!!! I don’t have a lot planned except for hanging out with friends and going to Six Flags, which is a big amusement park in Dallas. I will probably also catch up on sleep that I miss out on during the school week, since I have to get up so early to catch the bus (5:55am)!

Me with my friends Ashlyn and Toni

Thanks, Abbey Hood

Registration forms for Cooking Capers for Kids are available from the front office.