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TERM 2

Week 2	
7 May	SATAC Visit for Year 10-12 students Middle & Senior School Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
8 May	Middle & Senior School Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
9 May	Year 10 Careers Expo USE Cross Country @ Lake Albert Golf Club Years 3 – 12
Week 3	
12 May	Resources 7.30 pm Governing Council 8.00 pm
13 – 15 May	NAPLAN TESTING

As usual Term1 was busy with a number of sporting events. As we start Term 2 we look forward to fewer interruptions to learning both in and out of the classroom. Of course it goes without saying that for your child to make the most of this opportunity they need to attend school as much as possible, as every day away is lost time that is often hard to catch up.

As the seasons change and the temperatures cool down, we will invariably see a rise in the number of students with coughs, colds and potentially the flu. While it is not possible to completely isolate ourselves and our families from these illnesses, there are some steps that we can all take to reduce their spread and the impact on the whole school community.

Dressing appropriately for the conditions can help the body fight off infections, as can good nutrition and plenty of sleep. Good hand washing habits and personal hygiene can reduce the risk of spreading infections and of course getting vaccinated against the flu helps the whole community reduce the risk of being infected.

FROM THE (ACTING) PRINCIPAL'S DESK



As Mrs Williams is on leave for the first 3 weeks of the term, I will be acting in her role for that time, ably assisted by both Kathryn Hese and Kathy Quinn. I hope that you all had some quality family time over the school holidays, taking advantage of the public holidays for Easter and Anzac Day. It was heartening to see such a large turnout for the Dawn Service in the new Memorial Park and congratulations to the Raukkan community as they held their first Dawn Service.

While we are consistently asking that your child attends school as much as possible, if they are obviously sick, please keep them at home to give them an opportunity to recover fully, and also to reduce the risk of spreading the illness right through their class.

The Term 2 draft planner has been included with this newsletter to allow you the chance to see what is coming up this term, but I will draw your attention to a few events that have wide impact. The first of

these is the NAPLAN testing which will occur during the third week of term on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May. Every Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 student will undertake a number of tests in literacy and numeracy over the three days. More detail is in a separate article in this newsletter. Secondly there will be a student free day on the 6th June which coincides with the Queen's Birthday long weekend. In the last week of term the biennial school production will be presented on the evenings of Tuesday the 1st and Wednesday the 2nd of July.

Mal Jurgs
Acting Principal

CHANGE TO DATE FOR YEAR 8/9 IMMUNISATIONS



The immunisation schedule for Year 8 and 9 students for 2014 was set early in Term 1.

The 2nd Immunisation scheduled is for Wednesday 28th May and this will proceed as planned.

However, the 3rd and final immunisation scheduled for Wednesday 24th September (Term 3 - Week 10) **has been changed** due to the students participating in a Band Concert at Murray Bridge on that day.

The new date is now Wednesday 22nd October (Term 4 - Week 2) at 10 am.

Any queries, please contact the school or the medical centre.

Sharon Gibbs (Immunisation Coordinator)

SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

Scholastic brochures e.g. Lucky Book Club, were sent home with students early this week.



Orders, with payment, can be made at the book room until Wednesday 14th May 2014.

EXCHANGE STUDENT: TERM 1

My name is Anna Mareis and I am 15 years old. I like playing the violin and piano, reading, listening to music and taking photos. I live with my parents and two younger brothers in the southern part of Germany; although for the last two months I have been living with my exchange partner Tessa Bagshaw and her family.

So far I have seen the Town Hall of Adelaide, the Government House, different exhibitions and theatres of the Fringe, the Coorong, Southern ocean, Central Market, the South Australian Museum and Cleland Wildlife Park.

As part of my exchange program I was given the opportunity to travel to outback Australia on a week-long adventure. All the exchange students who attended visited the Telegraph Station, Glen Helen Gorge, the Alice Springs Desert Park, King's Canyon, Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Coober Pedy. We had a very interesting itinerary but I especially enjoyed the last two days, which were spent at the Aboriginal community Iga Warta in the Flinders Ranges.

These two last months have been a great and memorable experience and I hope to come back someday!

Thank you for this great time at Meningie Area School.

Anna



My two host sisters and me

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

The SAPSASA State Softball Carnival was held in Adelaide from 31st March to 4th April. The Murray Mallee SAPSASA team were in Division 2 of three divisions.

The team consisted of students from Lameroo, Karoonda, Coomandook, Pinnaroo and Meningie schools.

Chelsea Thurston was the representative from Meningie Area School.



The main coach was Rachel Neumann, assistant coach Daniel Rankine and team manager Lisa Ballard.

Considering that no one from the team plays competition softball and all girls have limited or no experience in softball, the girls did extremely well. On the Monday they had a nervous start with a draw to Barker and then a loss to Tea Tree Gully (who were eventual

outright winners for division 2). From then on the team settled and became more confident in their ability and feel for the game. They won the rest of the games for the week and finished second in division 2. It was noted that the rest of the schools actually play competition softball either at school or on weekends. Therefore their achievement was outstanding and a credit to the coaching staff and the team.

All girls also demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the week and were great ambassadors for the Murray Mallee region. I was impressed with Chelsea Thurston (Meningie Area School's representative) for being prepared to have a go at trying out for softball and doing so well throughout the week. I strongly encourage all Year 6 and 7 girls to try out for softball in the future because it is an excellent game to play and I believe stepping out of your comfort zone and taking on new challenges regardless of your ability is part of life's journey.

Krystina Durdin

Murray Mallee SAPSASA District Convenor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

My name is Dale Appelkamp. I am currently in year 12 at Meningie Area School. As part of my stage 2 Community Studies project I am building steer pens for the 5 show steers. I have spent many hours planning the layout of the pens and I would really appreciate it if you could give a helping hand on Sunday the 11th May, 2014 at 10.00am. On this day I am putting together a working bee where the majority (if not all) of the fencing for the pens can be completed.

In the previous newsletter it said the 18th May, but due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date.

If you have any queries or need further information please contact me at the school on 85751106.

Dale Appelkamp (Year 12)

NAPLAN TESTING

A reminder that the Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take place in week 3 of this term. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

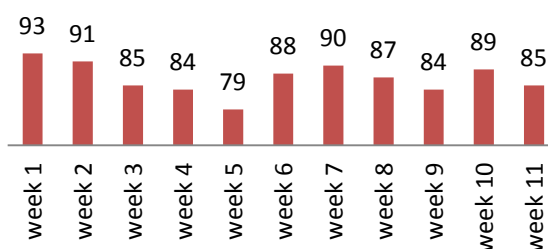
NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>. We urge you to send your child/children to school on time during the testing week so students are able to fully participate in the NAPLAN testing program.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Weekly Student Attendance Percentages - Term 1



JOLLY PHONICS: PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Meningie Kindy presents 'Parents supporting their children in their education'

DETAILS:

When: Thursday 29th May 2014 (Week 5)

Where: Meningie Area School

Time: 10 am to 2pm (arrive at 9.30 am)

Cost: \$10.00 per person (an RSVP for catering purposes is required)

RSVP is by email to

ally.mead543@schools.sa.edu.au and places are limited, so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Further details are on a flyer sent home with student TODAY.

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder to parents that parent/teacher interviews are Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

A detailed letter was sent home with student reports last term.

If you would like to book an interview but have not yet done so, please contact the school on dl.0750_info@schools.sa.edu.au as a matter of urgency.

ABBHEY'S NEWS

On the 12th of April I went to Oklahoma with my host family to see the OU (Oklahoma University) Spring Game. It was my first time at an American football game and at the beginning I was really confused but as the game progressed it began to understand the rules and aim (with a little help from my host dad Tony). After the football game we went to an OU baseball game which was great but eventually got a little boring as there was very little action. It was also weird as they were playing Texas but we were barracking for Oklahoma. Overall I had a great weekend.



On the 18th of April I went to the Wichita Christian Prom with my friend Jin who is my host mums, parents exchange student. I ended up wearing the same pink dress and Jin wore her traditional South Korean dress. The theme was 'candyland' and I had an amazing night.

Easter! For Easter we had family come to our house for lunch as well as an egg decorating competition, in which I came second! One other thing I noticed here is that 'easter eggs' are plastic eggs which open up and are filled with lollies and they are also reusable, not chocolate eggs.



Easter was very different from my usual camping at the Coorong but I must say I think it is the first time ever that I have looked nice and not like I had been dragged through a bush!

The 21st-24th of April I tried out for the Raiderettes (the school dance team). On the Monday and Tuesday we learnt our tryout dance which was to the song 'mmm yeah' by Austin Mahone and Pitbull and consisted of Jazz, Cheer, Kick and Hip Hop. The dance was super fast but as I practiced and practiced I gradually got better. On the Wednesday we had mock tryouts and polished the dance further. On the Thursday we had real tryouts! I arrived at school around 4pm warmed up and received my number. We then entered the gym in assigned groups of four, performed our dance twice back to back in front of the three judges and finally were judged on our left and right splits. There were no call backs and we were free to go home. The next day dragged on! Results were to be posted Friday at 5pm and after what seemed to be the longest day ever, I went to check the results! There were other girls there and I looked over the list and there was my ID Number! I was so happy and so were the other girls on the team! I am the first ever exchange student Raiderette! I am so excited to dance/cheer at pep rallies and football games!!



Next weekend is Celebration (like prom only better) which I am super keen for. I am also counting down only 6 more weeks until summer break! Woohoo!

Geocaching Workshop



Take your family geocaching, right here in the Murraylands!

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting activity using GPS devices (smart phones/GPS units), perfect for families and children to have fun together outdoors. Come along to this FREE information session at the library. The workshop will cover:

- How to get started in your local area
- Caching terminology
- Safe geocaching
- Caching etiquette
- And more...



Meningie Community Library

Wednesday 7th May 2014

(Week 2, Term 2)

4.30pm – 6.30pm

Registrations: Please provide your details to Emily, OPAL Support Officer on 8572 3611 or earbon@coorong.sa.gov.au



Check out the 'Geocaching in the Murraylands' video on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dje3_8hvXqg

SOCIAL

Come One, Come All The Red Shield Appeal Social



Hosted By The Year 10 Class

When: Friday 16th May, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Where: School Hall, Music Room

Who: Receptions to Year 5

Theme: Something RED or starting with "R"

Entry Fee: \$2



Prizes To Be Won!!!
Drinks, chips and lollies
can be bought!!!



***All money raised will go towards the Salvation Army's
Red Shield Appeal**

WK	DATE	DAY	MEETINGS	PLANNED EVENTS
1	28 April	Mon		
	29	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	Gideon's Society– Bibles given to Year 8's 10.30 am
	30	Wed		USE Football and Netball Trials at Coonalpyn
	1 May	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	
	2	Fri		ASBV Workshop at Keith SA Limo Day <i>Newsletter</i>
2	5	Mon		
	6	Tues	Sub Schools / PLC's 3.35 pm	
	7	Wed		SATAC visit Yr 10, 11, 12 + Coomandook 10.30 – 12pm MS & SS Interviews
	8	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	MS & SS Interviews
	9	Fri		USE Cross Country @ Lake Albert Golf Club (Yrs 3-12) Year 10 Careers Expo
3	12	Mon	Resources 7.30 pm Governing Council 8.00 pm	
	13	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm (EALD training levels)	NAPLAN Testing
	14	Wed		NAPLAN Testing
	15	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	NAPLAN Testing
	16	Fri		JUNIOR SCHOOL SOCIAL 4 – 5.30 pm <i>Newsletter</i>
4	19	Mon		
	20	Tues	Sub Schools / PLC's 3.35 pm	
	21	Wed		USE Year 8/9 9-a-side football
	22	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	
	23	Fri		
5	26	Mon		SAPSASA Football & Netball State Carnival Year 10 Tree Planting
	27	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm (EALD training levels)	
	28	Wed		Immunisation Day (All Year 8's & Year 9 boys) 10am Year 10 Bake Sale
	29	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	
	30	Fri		Connecting Spirits Excursion Assembly 12.15 pm (Lesson 5) <i>Newsletter</i>
6	2 June	Mon		
	3	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	
	4	Wed		
	5	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am Library Board Meeting 4pm	
	6	Fri		STUDENT FREE DAY
7	9	Mon		QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	10	Tues	Sub Schools/PLCs 3.35 pm	
	11	Wed		
	12	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	
	13	Fri		<i>Newsletter</i>
8	16	Mon	Resources 7.30 pm Governing Council 8.00 pm	REPORT WRITING WEEK
	17	Tues		
	18	Wed		
	19	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	
	20	Fri		
9	23	Mon		
	24	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	
	25	Wed		SHINE SA Workshop Years 9 & 10
	26	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	USE Basketball Lightning Carnival at Keith <i>Newsletter</i>
	27	Fri		
10	30	Mon		Production – Dress Rehearsal VTECH Student Release
	1 July	Tues	Sub Schools/PLCs 3.35 pm	Production – (evening)
	2	Wed		Production – (evening)
	3	Thurs	Supervisors' 10.00 am	
	4	Fri		Last day of Term 2 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 12.15 pm School finishes 2.20 pm Buses depart 2.30 pm