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TERM 3

Week 8	
9-11 September	Ag Students @ Royal Show
Week 9	
17 September	Choir in Adelaide
Week 10	Year 10 Work Experience
22 September	SAPSASA Country Athletics Championships
23 September	SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket Trials at Karoonda
23 September	Adam Page Rehearsal Yr 7>
24 September	Concert Band Murray Bridge
25 September	K-5 OPAL 'Graeme Denton' Performance 9.15 – 10.00
26 September	End of Term 3 School Finishes 2.20 pm Buses Depart 2.30 pm

- Research shows that 50% of language is learnt by age 3. www.literacytrust.org.uk
- Evidence suggests there is a strong link between engaging fathers in literacy activities and their sons' progress in reading (Zambo & Brozo 2009)

When Dads read with children it

- models positive reading behaviour.
- prepares your child in learning to read.
- introduces your child to written language
- opens up new worlds.
- develops reading mileage, which means the more you read together the better it improves.
- improves your language and listening skills.
- gives your child an opportunity to talk to you about ideas presented to them and how he/she sees the world.
- builds social skills and family bonds.
- stimulates creative and critical thinking.

So get reading together. Just 10 minutes a day can make the difference. Check out the website Dad's Reading <http://dadsrread.org.au/> There you will find books to read, tips and activities. Furthermore, the Meningie School Community Library is a great place to find amazing books to read with your child/children. Don't forget to ask Bernie, Mary or Lorraine for assistance and whilst you are in the library ask about the new features and opportunities of the One Card system. Best wishes for a Happy Father's Day. I hope you have a great one.

Monica Williams

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dads Read is a web site I came across the other day: <http://dadsread.org.au/>.

What an appropriate time to promote this great resource in this newsletter, coinciding with Father's Day. The article talks about the importance of reading and the role of dads in this incredibly important activity. Being read to from a really early age, even from infancy, is incredibly important in a child's all round development; social, emotional, cognitive, language and general well-being.

The website was developed following recent research that highlights the importance of Dad's reading to their children in the very important developmental years and beyond.



PLAYGROUND

Last Saturday a group of volunteers came in to help erect a new piece of playground equipment in the middle school playground. This is an octahedral climbing pyramid and replaces a piece that we removed as it was unsafe. Russell Starr, Celia and Neville Kernick, Renee Smith, Gary

Milmde, David Eckert and Hamish Jurgs all leant their hands to the team from James Hubbard Recreational Products to get the central pole fixed into the ground and footings laid for the anchor points for each corner. After a suitable curing time, Russell and John Hastings will complete the work by fixing each corner to it's footing and tensioning the ropes. Once this is completed and appropriate soft fill has been put in



place, students will be able to use the equipment, which should be there for many years to come. Thank you to all those who volunteered as well as Zane Turner, Geoff Gallasch and Bonney's Hardware and Electrical for helping us get the materials needed and the site ready.

ROYAL SHOW

After 6 months of preparation our Royal Adelaide Show team will make its way to Adelaide next Tuesday in readiness for competition on Wednesday and Thursday. We are taking 5 steers and 2 teams of three merino wethers. The students involved have been spending lunchtimes and some lesson time feeding and training the animals and all of this hard work will come to fruition in the judging ring. On Wednesday morning the steers will be weighed and scanned for eye muscle area and fat depth. While this is happening the wethers will be judged for their overall appearance and wool quality. After weighing the steers will be washed ready for team selection for the Thomas Foods breed competition and then a quick walk around the oval in the Grand Parade. Meanwhile the wethers will be shorn and the fleeces weighed and assessed. Later in the afternoon the prizes for the Wether competition will be awarded while two of our leaders will compete in a handler's competition.

On Thursday morning the steers are judged on the hoof. That afternoon we pack up and make our way home.

The students involved are Zac van den Brink, Dale Appenkamp, David Bristow, Alysha Eckert, Jessie Bland, Alex McPherson, Tessa Bagshaw, Brenda Baldock, Brittany Thompson and Aleisha Williams.

If you are at the show on either of those days make your way to the south western corner of the showgrounds and show your support.

YEAR 9/10 SOSE TRIP

The Year 9/10 SOSE class is currently studying Australia's involvement in World War 1. As part of their studies, each student is researching a soldier, including their personal life as well as the role that they played during the war. Last Thursday the class travelled to Adelaide to visit a number of memorials and a photographic exhibition to help the students gain a deeper understanding of the impact of the war on these men and on Australian society as a whole. First stop was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Memorial in the Torrens Parade Ground. This memorial commemorates all indigenous men and women who have served in the military in every conflict that Australia has been involved in since Federation. Many of the students were able to find the names of the soldiers that they are researching, as well as the names of relatives from more recent conflicts. We then visited the Vietnam War Memorial and talked about Australia's involvement in that war and the huge impact it had on society. The path behind Government House is called the Path of Honour and is lined with small memorials to units and other service groups. The students walked along here looking at each of these, especially those dedicated to the units that their soldier was a part of. From here we made our way to North Terrace to the National War Memorial. The students had the opportunity to find the name of their soldier on the walls inside the memorial, as well as reflecting on the names of those lost during the Second World War. We also looked at some of the battlefield memorials that have been brought back from places such as Pozieres and Villers-Bretonneux. The State library of South Australia is currently holding an exhibition featuring photos of Australian soldiers that were taken in the village of Vignacourt during the WW1. The glass negatives

of these photos were stored in the attic of the house that belonged to photographers and survived over 90 years there including looting by German soldiers during World War 2. They were about to be dumped when somebody realised their significance. Kerry Stokes paid for the negatives and donated them to Australian War Memorial. Some of the 4000 images have been printed and can be seen for the next month or so in Adelaide. The value of these images is the way that they show the character of the men who fought and often died on the other side of the world. They also helped the students visualise how the men that they were researching would have looked and some of the conditions that they fought in. From here we grabbed a bite for lunch and made our way home.



BANDS WITH ADAM PAGE

Yesterday the beginner band students travelled to Mypolonga Institute to rehearse and perform with Adam Page and students from all around the Murraylands. A report with photos will follow in the next newsletter.

In week 10 the more experienced students will be travelling to Murray Bridge to rehearse and perform at the Murray Bridge Town Hall with Adam Page and other students. The performances will be on Wednesday, 24th September - both as a matinee and as an evening performance. There are some tickets available through the school, however, most tickets can be purchased through the Murray Bridge Visitors Centre.

We look forward to a great series of concerts.

Anne Wright and Elyssa Kreher

CHOIR IN ADELAIDE

Some year 5, 6 and 7 students will be performing in Adelaide at the Festival Theatre in week 9. We will give you a full report later. Tickets can be purchased through BASS.

COORONG MALLEE TRADE SKILLS CENTRE

Earlier in the year we announced that, along with Coomandook Area School, we were successful in gaining funding to start up the Coorong Mallee Trade Skills Centre. This centre will allow us to offer our students accredited training in Certificate II in Rural Operations. The funding will provide equipment and resources to improve our capacity to do this. The funding has recently been released to us and has already been used to buy a new tractor, a new spray unit and a chemical shed. In the next few weeks a vehicle hoist will be installed in the Tech Studies area and a new shelter built in the ag block. During Term 4 work will be done on increasing the capacity of the aquaculture unit. In the meantime students have been working on units in Occupational Health and Safety, Fencing, Livestock Feeding and Handling and Tractor Driving. Some students have also completed a Chainsaw Operators course. We look forward to having the course in full swing next year making use of the new facilities.

USE 5-ASIDE SOCCER

On the 18th August the 7/8 PE class (Mrs Mason) and the 9/10/11 PE Class (Ms Low), make their way to Coomandook for the USE 5-a-side Soccer Carnival.

The day was overcast and there was a definite chill in the wind. However, all three teams, 1x 9/10 girls, 1x 7/8 girls and 1x boys 7-10 took to the field. Other schools competing were Coomandook, Keith, Tintinara, & Karoonda.

All teams were to play 8 games each, with each game being 20 minutes long (10min halves). There were wins, draws and losses by all teams but it was a great day had by all, and we look forward to the 2015 competition.



LIBRARY OPEN TO STUDENTS AND PUBLIC

9 – 5 Monday – Friday

10 – 1 Saturday

**School holidays closed Mondays and
lunchtime**



We are now operating on the One Card System and have had a **massive increase** in items being requested from our library. The first few days have averaged around **100 items** going out to other libraries and borrowers

around South Australia from the Meningie School Community Library.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Students need to return their **membership forms**, which were mailed out, to update their records and allow them to use the new system. If you have misplaced the form please request a new one for each child either by calling the library on 8575 1681 or your child can come in for one.

Try out the new catalogue at

www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong

If you have any difficulties please ring 8575 1681 to get some help logging on or using the new system.

Over the next few weeks students will be reminded of overdue by their class teacher each week. If items are not renewed or returned a replacement charge will automatically be generated by the system and forwarded to parents/caregivers so please emphasize to your children to return or renew their school books and library loans.



**Bernie Ryan
Librarian**

ENGLISH – YEAR 7-8 CLASS

The Year 7-8 English class has been learning about descriptive language and the use of literary devices in texts.

The students were read a description of a place and then were asked to write about a place they enjoy or enjoyed visiting.

THE BEACH

My favourite place would be over at the beach, I love listening to the soothing sound of the wave rolling in and crashing and the shore. I love the feel of the soft salty sand. What I really, really love is a fresh, fishy, delicious BBQ with the smokiness filtering through the mouth-watering flesh of the fish. I love the sound of the birds screeching and squawking and watching them swirl as they fly by.

When we go 4WD we go for day and have a fantastic day! I enjoy time over the beach with family and friends we can sit down and relax and have a wonder full time with a radically ripping sun shine smiling down on us. When we can go get a towel and lay on the squashy, soft, sand and get a good tan. We eat lots of junky, chunky food and make gigantic sand castles like sandy skyscrapers reaching high for the bright blue sky. We cover ourselves in the soft sand like burrowing crabs.

We run like crazed athletes from the camp site over to the beach and go swimming in the big, salty, blue ocean and have a terrific time with big beach balls and boogie boards

If we take the motorbikes over we can go motorbike-riding and go up down over and around the slippery sand dunes, motorbike engines loudly groaning and squealing, and to go into the ginormous, roaring, blue water and go riding up and down the shore line.

I really enjoy when we go camping over the beach. The unique Coorong environment is soothing to the soul. RESTED AND RELAXED AND WE HEAD HOME!

By Gena Mansfield

THE BEACH AT WRIGHT'S BAY

My favorite place is the beach; especially Wrights Bay near Kingston South East. I love the waves crashing on the shore, I love the soft sand squishing in between my toes and the smell of fresh fish cooking on the BBQ;

compared to the smell of mums fish on the stove at home.

Whenever I go to the beach I go snorkeling and fishing with my dad, It makes me feel extraordinarily content and happy when I see all the fish swimming fast in the salty water, like birds flying in the bright, blue sky. Seagulls are a common sight at Wrights Bay; not only are there seagulls that squawk, snap and snarl, but also plovers and pelicans which glide over your head.

Going to the beach for me is like going to Disney Land for most kids; exciting and absolutely awesome. I love the taste of fresh seafood more than most of the other foods I have ever tasted, it tastes so buttery and crisp - it just melts in your mouth.

The things I love most about the beach is going 4 wheel driving and the sun sets, a golden orb of fire in an endless orange and blue sky.



By Dakota Wenske

DISNEYLAND

That moment when I walked up to the entrance of Disneyland I felt like I just received one thousand presents. As you walk through the gate you suddenly hear the sounds of screams and laughter. My family and I strolled around the park for a while to see what ride we wanted to go on first. I still couldn't believe I was in Disneyland.

Our first ride was Indiana Jones. We stood nervously in the line, the wait was killing me. My family was panicking because they could hear the terrified screams. We anxiously climbed into the cart; the ride was blood pumping fast. By then we were hooked on adrenalin rides. On our way to California adventure we walked by Mr Walt and Mickey Mouse holding hands, which was really,

really amazing. California adventure has a different feeling when you walk through the gate into the park, you smelled popcorn and the mouthwatering churros, and the ones at Disneyland were to die for. California adventure had some nerve racking rides, Dad said “I thought that Disneyland had some scary rides but these are just insane.” We told him to ‘man up’ because he was going on every single ride. The scariest ride there was Hollywood tower of terror, oh my god, it was the most insane ride I have ever been on. As we were waiting in line I started to get terror sweats, it really did look like an abandoned hotel. We got into the elevator with trepidation. Once in the elevator the terror began. Ghosts randomly appeared and slowly crept towards us. I almost started to cry. When the ride began my stomach straight away entered my mouth. The downwards pull was the most adrenalin inducing ride you would ever feel. A rollercoaster called “Speed” was the next adrenalin pumping ride on our list.

The amazing fireworks were astonishing, and a relaxing way to end the day. Everyone should be able to go to Disneyland someday.



By Kobie Hood

DARLING HARBOUR

In Darling Harbour the air is clean, the ground has no rubbish on it, and the shops are awesomely decorated with lights with patterns on them. There are boat taxis and some ferries carrying the heavy loads of people; taking them back and forth, back and forth between places. There were also a lot of people getting ready for Australia Day with the shops displaying flags in the windows. People were rushing around like wild boars in a tiny pen. With all of the shops packed by 10 o'clock the noise went down. Noise went from chattering and

yelling to quietness, with hardly anyone out and with just a couple of pigeons cooing and eating scraps off the ground. Light fell as quickly as the sun came up only a few people working their night shifts, with everyone else home asleep.

As the sun rose on Darling Harbour people were up and about, setting up for the Australia Day fireworks. The old boats were groaning as they got put on the water. Australia Day was here; everyone excited and thrilled. When night fell, the fireworks display started, and they went whizzing through the air, popping and cracking, spraying sparks everywhere. The smell of the burnt fireworks was like sniffing burnt lit paper. The brilliant lightshow soon ended while all of the old ships sailed gracefully around Darling Harbour, people took tons of photos. It all finished and everyone left to go home and go to bed. It had now all finished now for yet another year - Australia Day was finished.



By Lochie McPherson

THE BEACH

The Parnka is a beautiful, huge open place, full of loads of fun to share with your family and friends. It just makes me so happy that I am there, and is as beautiful as a stunning sunset on a Friday afternoon. It is just marvellous.

The beach is also a peaceful yet noisy place, with seagulls flying high, squeaking and squealing. It is a great place to be because of the big, blue waves, crashing and swooshing into the sandy shore, drawing you in to the unique environment of the beach.

The smell of being at the beach is a fresh smell mixed with a seaweedy, salty smell, plus all of the fresh air blowing into your face. If you are having a BBQ it would be the mouth-watering smell of sausages and patties slowly sizzling and spluttering away as they cook. When they're done, it tastes delicious; the meaty goodness just melts in your mouth.

As you walk along the bright, golden, sandy shore you can feel the cold, damp and gentle sand oozing in between your toes; and see all the shells sitting softly along the sandy shore. When you walk over the sand dunes they are very steep and hard to walk up, but when you get to the top of them, there is an extraordinary view that gives a chill of excitement. It makes me so relaxed; a day at the beach is always a wonderful day.

By Aimee Brooks

NORA CREINA

Visiting Nora Creina will change your view of this island forever. Nora Creina is a spectacular place for a holiday. It has a beach which you can relax on and water where you can swim. When you relax it's like you're in Fiji and when you go swimming it feels like someone's watching you. The fishing there is amazing you almost catch a fish in every spot no matter what the weather conditions are like. The most annoying thing is the sound of squawking, screaming seagulls and sand in your eyes it makes me furious.

The taste of the fish that my nanna makes is salty and rich bursting in ones mouth with delicate flavours. And the taste of squid is oily and hot which makes your throat feel like its throwing a party. Your eyes explode with bright colours when the sun rises. And the calmness of the water at the time of the morning is a pleasant shock to your senses what a sight to behold.

The sand is as soft as new clothes but also as hard as a rock after high tide. King George Whiting rules Nora Creina's underworld; it is fast, well camouflaged and most people love to eat them. My most favourite thing is the sound of the waves crashing against the shoreline, like music to my ears. It's the most beautiful, peaceful place I've been. So put this location on your must visit list.



By Dylan Gubbin

NANNA AND POPPA'S HOUSE

I know it is strange that my grandparent's house is one of my favourite places. When I go to visit my Nanna and Poppa I like to do different things every day. I love my Nanna and Poppa's house because every day my Poppa makes me hot chocolate that tastes like milk, sugar, and chocolate and the taste stays in my mouth for a while.

I don't like it when my Nanna makes potato bake because the look of potato bake looks like someone has just vomited on the plate! Every time I walk into the kitchen someone is always cooking and it always smells delicious around the house, especially the one time my Nanna was making soup. So tasty. Just by looking at it I wanted to eat it up.

My Nanna and Poppa's house is a peaceful house filled with joy. The house is a family house.

When I go for a drive with my Poppa, I like to wind the window down and listen to the sound of the car. The car sounds like it is broken. It is like when you have a sore throat and you cough. It's extremely loud. It's like a motorbike – loud and rumbling.

Outside is a wonderland. Walking through all the bushes as they slowly wave in the gentle breeze. Birds look like mobiles hanging in the still air. The stormy wind building up as it holds the birds in. The house is a suspension four bedroom house with large, well decorated rooms. My bed is as soft as a pillow.

It is for these reasons that being with my Nanna and Poppa is such a special thing. All kids should have a Nanna and Poppa just like me. There is no place like Nanna and Poppas!

By Kiana Kartinyeri

LIFE ON A FARM

A life on the farm is not what you would expect; it is not all just hard work and no fun. Actually, there is more fun than work if you ask me. Most farm work is exciting. To name a few there is chopping down trees, transporting hay or silage or, just lighting up piles of sticks, pinecones and dead trees.

Now I bet you don't care about how fun the farm can be, but just in case you WERE wondering, here are some of the common but action packed farm jobs that need to be done.

Chopping down trees, that is a king of exciting and thrilling job for winter. When the tree falls down, the sound is so loud it could deafen your

eardrums. (Depending on the size and thickness of the tree) when the tree has fallen, kids can climb on the colossal bundle of twigs, and even make tree houses. But the best part is when you stack trees on top of each other and light it up. When you light it up, so does the sky. "Marshmallows anyone"

Moving hay bales, the happiness of hauling hay bales along can be stunning for a couple of reasons. 1, the view in the loader is great because of its height and 2, you can sit on the hay bales and you have an elevated view of the whole farming landscape.

Feeding the cows may not seem that interesting but what if you could do it on a Motorbike. Would that lighten the job up a bit? Actually, it is pretty cool (apart from the smoke and sand gushing in your mouth) but the best part is getting the feeling that you're going over jumps but are just going really fast.

So now you know how excellent, enlightening and, well, incredible a life on the farm can be.

Hard work on the farm spraying the crops.



By Riley McNicol

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

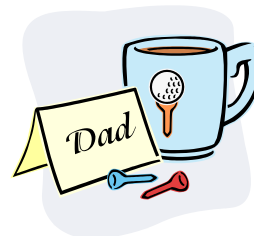
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



RECEPTION FATHERS DAY WRITING

This week the reception class have been writing some descriptive poems about their fathers. The children have all done an amazing job talking and writing about the little traits that make their dads special.



My dad is a farmer.
My dad's name is Tim.
My dad is funny.

Harry Saint

My dad is funny.
My dad is a little bit hairy.
Dad lets me sometimes help him.
I love my dad because he loves me back.

Amelia Boscence

My dad works and cleans.
My dad is funny.
My dad is tall.

William Crouch

My dad is a meat eater.
My dad is funny.
My dad fixes cars.

Leyah Short

My dad has lots of hair and he is strong and he makes stuff.

Peter Long

My dad is funny.
My dad is lovely.
My dad is a good cook.
I love my dad because he is nice.
My dad is a bit hairy on his chin.

Matilda Brooks.

My dad is called Ashley.
My dad is a truck driver.
My dad is special.
I love my dad because he loves me.

Hamish Hill

My dad runs the camp. My dad is black.
My dad is Luke.
I love my dad because he is my only dad.
My dad has brown eyes like me. My dad has a bird.
My dad is Ngarrindjeri.
My dad gives me money because he is nice.
My dad is silly. My dad tickles me.
My dad is special.

Keira Trevorrow.

THE R-5 BRAIN FOOD CHALLENGE



Each day in the Junior Primary and Primary classes there is time allocated before recess for children to enjoy some 'brain food'. This is designed

to help them take a break, and to have something healthy and nutritious to eat and drink that will sustain them for the long period in the morning until recess break, as this is the time that maximum learning occurs.

After discussing healthy food choices with students, the Reception to Year 5 classes have decided to focus on healthy eating choices for the remainder of this term.

The classes have decided to engage in a friendly competition looking at healthy brain food choices. Beginning in week 7, each child who brings in a healthy brain food choice will earn a point for their class, and for their school house team. At the end of that week, the class with the highest percentage of healthy brain food will earn a certificate and a reward.

Some examples of healthy brain food choices are

- Raw vegetable cuts (carrots, cucumber, celery, capsicum, mushroom, etc.)
- Raw fruit
- Nuts, if your child is in the habit of eating them
- Dried fruits if fresh fruits are not available
- Cheese and crackers

The results will be published in the newsletter every fortnight, so watch this space!

JUNIOR STAFF WANTED:

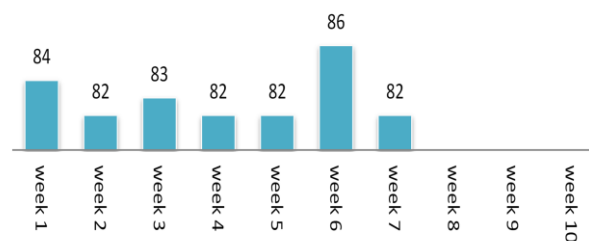
Lakeview Café is looking for students 14+ for general café duties. Must be honest and reliable.

Apply in person to Tiffany at Lakeview Café.



Student Attendance Percentages - Term 3 2014

DECD TARGET FOR 2014 = 94%



JEMMA'S EXCHANGE TO VIENNA

Jemma Williams from the year 10 class ventured to Vienna, the capital of Austria, on Saturday the 30th of August, arriving Sunday morning, to begin her 5 month STS student exchange. During her first week in Vienna Jemma has seen some of the city, started her Austrian schooling, taken beautiful photographs and visited the local zoo as well as trying some local cuisine. She was a little bit nervous but is off to a promising start with her host family and her exchange friends. We hope to keep you updated with what Jemma is up to for the next few months and we wish her all the best.

The Year 10 Class



Meningie Area School

INTERMEDIATE Band Students

along with other **Murraylands Music Students** will be involved in a number of workshops and rehearsals, leading to a

performance with

Adam Page



Performance prices, dates and times are advertised here

As advertised on the poster, tickets are available from the Murray Bridge Local Government Centre (Murray Bridge Council)

20 tickets for the Evening Show
are available from the Meningie Area School Front Office

Please contact Meningie Area School
if you have any difficulty purchasing tickets

BEGINNER Band Students perform a **FREE CONCERT** with Adam Page at
Mypolonga Town Hall 1pm Thursday 4th September, Week 7

Murraylands Schools Present Adam Page

24th of September – Murray Bridge Town Hall

Matinee @ 12:30pm Evening Performance @ 7:00pm
\$10/\$7 (conc) \$15/\$10 (conc)

Tickets available from:
Local Government Centre
2 Seventh St
ph 8539 1100
Murray Bridge
murraybridge.sa.gov.au



Presented in conjunction with:

- Murray Valley High School
- Naradine Primary School
- Fallick Head Primary School
- Mcintyre
- Carmichael Area School
- Murray Community College
- Ramp Ridge Community Council Events
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- Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre