

Meningie Area School Newsletter



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 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Mal Jurgs
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 MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR: Ms Kathy Quinn
 GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Mr Neville Kernick

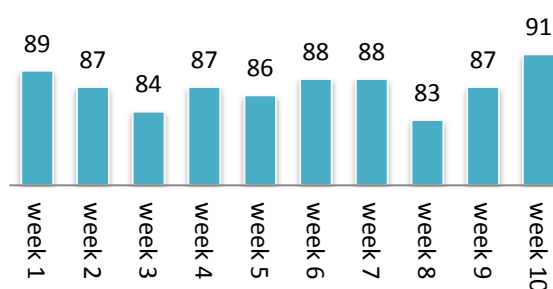
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TERM 1

Week 11	
10 April	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 12.15 PM Last day of Term 1 School finishes at 2.20 pm Buses depart at 2.30 pm
15 – 18 April	State Team Sailing Championships at Meningie
TERM 2	
Week 1	
27 April	Term 2 commences

Student Attendance Percentages - Term 1 2015

DECD TARGET FOR 2015 = 94%



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This Friday marks the conclusion of Term 1. I am sure that I am not the only one that is pleased that this is the case and that we can now enjoy a two week break after what has been an incredibly busy term dominated by sporting events. There is no doubt that both students and staff are tired, with this being reflected in the number of staff and students coming down with ailments in most recent weeks taking its toll on both student and staff attendance.

CONNECTING SPIRITS

The Connecting Spirits group left Tuesday 7th April and have arrived in Paris for the start of their tour of the Somme. An outline of events was detailed in the last newsletter by Mal Jurgs who once again leads the group. This can be found on the Meningie Area School web site and you can track movements through the Connecting Spirits website where the group will log comments of their experiences. I am sure many parents and family will also follow Facebook as our students work their way through this amazing project's commitments. We wish them well, in the knowledge that such an event will have an amazing impact on each and every one.

STATE TEAM SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MENINGIE

For those looking for somewhere to be between Wednesday 15th April and Saturday 18th April, along the shores of Lake Albert could well be the place, as Meningie Area School in conjunction with Yachting South Australia and the Meningie Sailing Club, host the Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship; a major event. Twenty four State, Independent and Catholic schools will participate in the event which will be held at the Sailing Club and Meningie Area School. Regatta Director Vic Woolston has been engaged in the

planning of this for many months. Several clubs are providing catering over the days and accommodation has been booked out. We hope for great weather, and encourage you to take the time to have a look at the activity on the lake and encourage our team sailors.

TERM 2 STAFFING CHANGES

Mr Mal Jurgs is taking Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of Term 2. On his return from Connecting Spirits he will be returning to Europe. Mrs Anne Wright will pick up his teaching load which includes Maths at Year 11/12 as well as Agriculture, supporting Ms Coadette Low. Mrs Ali Jurgs will also be on leave for the first four weeks of Term 2.

Mrs Coralie Qualmann, will be on Long Service Leave for at least Term 2 and 3. Mrs Catherine Burnett will be back filling behind her in administration and finance. We wish Coralie all the best in her travels.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Our end of term Whole School Assembly will commence at **12.15 pm this Friday 10th April** in the school gym/hall. I would like to encourage family and community members to come along for the assembly which will include a performance by our school choir, sports presentations, Premiers Reading Challenge information and Attendance Awards (which will be presented by Governing Council Chairperson; Mr Neville Kernick).

LAST DAY OF TERM AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Students in Years 5 to 12 will receive their Term 1 reports on Friday afternoon. If your child is absent, please phone the school if you would like for their report to be sent home with a sibling. All reports not collected will be kept in the Library for the duration of the holidays and may be collected from there.

A reminder to all parents/carers that **students will be dismissed at 2.15 pm and buses will depart at 2.30 pm this Friday**, the last day of the term. Please ensure that you have made arrangements to collect your child/ren up at this earlier time, either from school or their bus stop.

Monica Williams

SACE ART SHOW 2015

Congratulations to former student Alysha Eckert who has been selected to have her artwork displayed at the SACE Art Show 2015.

Alysha is exhibiting her pen and embroidery piece entitled '*Decisions Underground*'. It features a grand and elderly tree with sprawling roots symbolic of an old experienced being. Her work is among about 150 pieces, including traditional paintings and drawings, sculptures, jewellery, costumes and multimedia works, being showcased at Light Square Gallery in Adelaide until 29 April.

The SACE Art Show is free and displays selected art and design work created by Year 12 students who completed their Visual Arts – Art, and Visual Arts – Design subjects last year. The Show is designed to inspire and encourage current and future SACE art and design student and raise awareness about how these subjects can be used as stepping stones to higher education and career pathways.

For the first time in the Show's 33-year history, visitors will have an opportunity to win a prize worth \$500 by simply voting for their favourite piece through the new *Community Award*, sponsored by Credit Union SA.

Also, a "Meet the Artists" afternoon will be held on Saturday 11 April to enable visitors to get a greater insight into the creative processes and inspiration behind a number of the works.

For more information about the Show, visit the SACE website: <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/news/events/sace-art-show>





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EVERYONE**
9 – 5 Tuesday to Friday
(Closed for lunch 1 – 2 pm)
10 – 1 Saturday

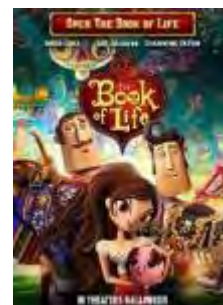
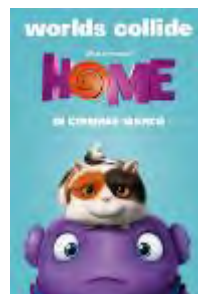


Put holds on and renew loans online from home or elsewhere on your mobile device?

www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Visit the library during the holidays and pick up a Home activity sheet or a Book of Life 'spot the difference sheet' when you borrow a book to read for the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students who have completed 6 of the 12 books required by the end of week 2 term 2 will be in the free draw for a double pass to see The Book of Life Movie



HOLDS AND OVERDUE REMINDERS

You can phone 8575 1681 and talk to staff to renew items or do it online yourself. Remember that holds are only held for 10 days and then they automatically return to the owning library or to another patron waiting for them.

LIBRARY HELPERS

Our four trainee Library assistants have engaged in two training sessions and have already demonstrated good understanding of where the various collections are held in the library. All trainees now are capable of shelving items in the correct location and will now move on to further training in searching and finding items on the catalogue.

What is the Premier's Reading Challenge?

- The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to improve literacy levels.
- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and
- The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How do I complete the Challenge?

- Get a Student Reading Record from your school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator (ask your teacher), or download one from this website.
- Read 12 books: - for years Reception to 7, 8 books from the PRC booklist, and 4 of your own choosing (which may or may not be on the PRC booklists); - for years 8 and 9, 4 books from the PRC booklists, and 8 of your own choosing; - for years 10 to 12, all 12 books are your own choice.

You can include the following types of books: - E-Books - Audio Books - class/shared reading - this includes books you read at home with your family, or even books that are read to you by an adult - Prescribed books that you have to read for school (any subject) - non-fiction - research for assignments - books in another language other than English

Fill out your Student Reading Record as you go, and get an adult (parent/carer, school teacher, etc.) to sign each one to verify that you read the book.

Hand the form in to your school's PRC Coordinator by the due date - please check this date with your PRC coordinator, as they may elect to make the finishing date earlier to allow all students to get their awards on time

Challenge reading finishes on 4 September 2015

Contact the library for any further details or look on the website @

www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.gov.au

Bernie Ryan – Teacher and Librarian



The Meningie Area School Choir proudly represented the school at the opening of the Memorial Park



Skyeisha Rigney being presented with a congratulatory letter and framed sporting excellence certificate from Jim Quinn, Manager Development & Environmental Services, Coorong District Council, before her departure for the Indigenous Marathon Project – United States of America Young Indigenous Runners Program.

NET SET GO! IS BACK FOR 2015!



**Meningie Netball Club will be running
Net Set Go! Program throughout
Term 2 of 2015**

**Registration & First session will be on
Thursday 30th of April at 3:45pm.**

Cost for 10 week program is \$50.00

**Please contact club president Coadette Low on
0449 604 011 if you have any queries.**

NAPLAN TESTING

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May in Week 3, students will take the 2015 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> and to support students in preparing for NAPLAN testing you may like to visit: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/preparing-for-naplan.html>

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.

Please read the 'Information for Parents' brochure at the end of this newsletter for further information or visit the NAPLAN website.

NAPLAN 2015 timetable

	Tuesday 12 May 2015	Wednesday 13 May 2015	Thursday 14 May 2015
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
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Year 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy (calculator) 40 minutes Numeracy (non-calculator) 40 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy (calculator) 40 minutes Numeracy (non-calculator) 40 minutes

FRESHWATER SAILING AT ITS BEST



Meningie Area School and Meningie Sailing Club will host the 2015 S.A. Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship on April 15-18 2015

Some 200 sailors are expected with competition between 24 teams of students from public and private schools.

What is team racing?

Team racing is a sailing competition between two teams of sailors. There are three boats in each team; each boat has one skipper and one crew. One team is identified on the water with jibs (small sail at the front) of the same colour. Teams compete against each other to finish a course around buoys set in the water, each race taking approximately twelve minutes. The six boats in the race must sail well and apply rules to maintain a winning combination of places as they cross the finish line.

Meningie is an excellent location for the competition as was proven when the 2003 championships were held here. Practice sessions will be held between midday and 4 p.m. on Wednesday 15th with full competition Thursday to Saturday 9.00a.m to 5p.m. You can get up close to the competition by viewing from the Meningie Jetty. Ask someone at the club how to distinguish the winning team and basic rules.

Meningie has a reputation with the wider sailing community as an inviting venue for both regional and national competitions. We take the opportunity to welcome all sailors and their families and wish them a successful sailing competition.

**Vic Woolston
Event Manager**

SPORTS NEWS

RECORDS BROKEN OR EQUALLED AT MAS ATHLETICS 2015

Age	Event	Record Holder	Year of Record	Distance	New Record Holder	Year of Record	Distance
Under 12 Boys	High Jump	Jamie Austin	1995	1.37m	Aaron Clarke	2015	1.37m
Under 9 Girls	Shot Put	Jenna Lokan	1999	5.2m	Addison Swan	2015	6.12m

SSSSA KNOCKOUT CRICKET



Meningie players

Kobie Hood, Daniel Bland, Jai Ling & Jiye Hoad

Other Players: **Tintinara:** Nick Croser, Mitchell Cocciolone, **Karoonda:** Shane Paech, Joel Maxwell, **Keith:** Zac Driver, Gus Driver, **Coomandook:** Josh Haslem

During Term 1 Kobie Hood, Daniel Bland, Jai Ling & Jiye Hoad participated in the combined Year 8/9 Upper South East (USE) Knockout Cricket competition. Boys narrowly missed playing in the grandfinal when they were beaten by a few runs by the Eastern Fleurieu team. The team had good wins against both Murray Bridge High and Unity. Congratulations boys on a great team effort.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Following the glitches in the new SportsTrak athletics program the following results came through. Although Meningie did not win any of the Pennants our athletes performed to a high standard and many students recorded personal bests. Congratulation to all students for their performances. It was disappointing to have some students that were selected in the team not turn up, this put extra pressure on the School Captain to try to find students to fill these events. Thank you to the students who stepped up and went in extra events often outside their own age group to gain points for the school. A HUGE thank you to the Parents who helped officiate, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Pennant Results

Sub Juniors	2 nd
Juniors	3 rd
Intermediate	4 th
Seniors	4 th

Congratulations to Hank Trevorow breaking the U16 Shot Put record.
 Congratulations to the students who were selected to participate in the USE SSSSA Athletics team at Athletics SA headquarters at Mile End on April 1st.

SSSSA ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 1st April 11 students from Meningie Area School travelled to Athletics SA Stadium at Mile End to participate in the SSSSA D Grade athletics competition. All students performed well and contributed to a fantastic team result. The boys finished first overall, the girls 3rd and combined the USE team finished second. Congratulations to all involved.

Aleisha Williams	U15 400m (3 rd), High Jump (2 nd) Relay (4 th)
Kobie Hood	U14 Discus (1 st) Shot Put (3 rd)
Hank Trevorow	U16 Shot Put (1 st)
Jane Tiver	U16 100m (5 th), 200m (2 nd) Relay (3 rd)
Sharnee Gemmell	U15 100m (2 nd), 200m (3 rd)
Brittany Thompson	U16 Triple Jump (6 th) Relay (3 rd)
Gena Mansfield	U15 Discus (1 st) Relay (4 th)
Tom Schaefer	U14 Relay (1 st)
Dylan Gubbin	U14 Relay (1 st)
Tyson Carter	U14 Relay (3 rd)
Trae Rigney	Open Relay (5 th)



Back L-R: *Dylan Gubbin, Tom Schaefer, Kobie Hood, Tyson Carter, Trae Rigney, Hank Trevorow*
 Front L-R: *Gena Mansfield, Aleisha Williams, Brittany Thompson, Jane Tiver,*
 Absent: *Sharnee Gemmell*

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Congratulations to Jace Ridley, Jess Turner, Henry Turner, Charlotte Treloar and Ben Schaefer on being selected to participate as part of the Murray Mallee SAPSASA swimming team which competed on March 27th at the SA Aquatics and Leisure Centre.

MISSING ATHLETICS TOPS

The following Athletic Tops are missing prior to 2015 – please check your cupboards at home and return to the front office as soon as possible – no questions asked!

M3 M5 M10 M11 F7 F14 F16 F42

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national *Statements of Learning* for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are 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.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 15 May 2015.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the *My School* website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child's school
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAP website).

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- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

Communities for Children Murraylands

Beyond Kayaking

free for families
with children aged 4-12.



**Come & Try Anytime on Monday 13th April
between 10.00-3.00pm in Taillem Bend**



Come and try some fun recreation with your child with easy to use Sit On Top double kayaks.
All equipment is supplied. Just bring hat, water, sunscreen and solid soled shoes – not thongs.
Sit on Top kayaks are wide and stable for beginners and provide great fun for children.

please book by
calling Lyall @ Centacare 85318888



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PRACTICE YOUR SPANISH WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

Capture the spirit of family and friendship -
Host a Spanish international exchange student!

- Introduce your family to different customs, values and ideas
- **Improve your language skills**
- Make lifelong international friends
- Share Australian culture and lifestyle

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for International High School students from Spain.

Students arrive in July 2015 for 10 weeks and can be placed anywhere in South Australia. You do not need to have children of your own or the same age to enjoy this experience.

All students are carefully selected, will attend a local high school, have their own spending money and can bring your family to life!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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(08) 83230973**

EMAIL : jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

Craft & Produce MARKET

held in conjunction with the
**Tintinara Lions Annual
Auction & Wool Show**

SUNDAY April 12

Tintinara Town Oval
10am-3pm

Market stalls include:

- ~ **Aldersey's Vineyard** - Wine Tastings & Bottle Sales
 - ~ **B Sweet** - Individual Homemade Cookies
 - ~ **Bella Ella Rose** - Hair Accessories; Lupin Heat Packs; Childrens Clothing; Canvas Bags - and more!
 - ~ **Bibkinz - Bibz & Bobz** - Handmade items - sewn, knitted and beaded, Bath Towels; Bibs; Hats; Bookmarks + more
 - ~ **Chris's Crafts** - Huge range of Handmade Giftware
 - ~ **The Coffee Run** - Hot Coffee/Tea; Iced Chocolate/ Coffee; Chair; and Smoothies
 - ~ **Coonara Scouts Group** - Chocolate Show Bags; Major Raffle
 - ~ **Coorong District Council** - LAP; Animals Anonymous; Adventure Playground Equipment; OPAL - and much more!
 - ~ **Funky Chook** - Handmade Childrens Clothing
 - ~ **Love Press** - Custom made, hand stamped Silver Jewellery
 - ~ **Lucy Purls Handmade Bags** - bags, cushions, nappy change mats, make up bags, lavender bags, etc
 - ~ **Rainbow Children's Home: Bags & Jewellery** - Handmade and Handwoven cotton bags; Yak Bone Jewellery
 - ~ **Seaside Scrapping** - Scrapbooking and cardmaking supplies
 - ~ **Swains** - Etched Glassware; Wooden Signs; Animal Silhouettes; Insect Hotels; Lemon Butter
 - ~ **Tintinara Men's Shed** - Wooden Boots & Planes
 - ~ **Webb's Produce** - A wide range of Fresh Vegetables
 - ~ **Weona Riverland Fruit** - Fresh Riverland Fruit + Dried & Glace
- + HUGE Jumping Castle and activities planned for the kids

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

There will be a Bacon and Egg Breakfast available from 8am-11am; the Lions Hot Donuts and Chips will be on from 11am; there will also be Lunch provisions available at the Football Clubrooms from midday.

For inclusions in the Craft & Produce Market, or for more information, please contact Wendy on 8756 0020 or email inniskillan@activ8.net.au. Site holder applications will be considered up to April 3rd. For inclusions in the Lions Auction please contact Graham on 0427 572 330 or Terry on 0412 226 083. For photos of auction items, please visit www.tintinara.com/lions