

# Meningie Area School Newsletter



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## TERM 2

### Week 5

All week	<b>SAPSASA State Netball &amp; Football</b>
27 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Immunisations – All Year 8 and 3 Year 9 students 10.30 am
27 May	Middle & Senior School Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Week 6

4 June	Library Board Meeting 4pm
4 June	SSSSA/SAPSASA Cross Country at Oakbank
4 June	<b>Band Day at Murray Bridge North</b>
5 June	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>

### SCHOOL TIMES AND DUTY:

Students should not be at school before 8.30 am. There are no staff on duty until this time.

The first siren sounds at 8.40 am and students are to be ready to enter their classroom at 8.45 am when the second bell sounds.

The school day finishes at 3.20 pm and there are no staff in the yard after the buses leave at 3.30 pm. Please be mindful of this and collect your children in a timely manner.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a busy few weeks and hard to believe that next week marks the 5th week of the term. Mal and Ali Jurgs return from leave next week. Ms Kathryn Hese has taken on the role of Acting Deputy in Mal's absence. I would especially like to thank her for her support in the role these past four weeks. Together we have been supported by Mrs Kathy Quinn, and I thank her for her work and support.

Last week saw students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 undertaking the NAPLAN testing in Writing, Literacy, and Numeracy. My thanks to all staff for the extra work that they put in during this time, particularly Mrs Sarah Chandler for organising the administration of the tests and for ensuring that the students absent for a test got a chance to engage in catch up. The data that these tests provide add to our understanding of each student's skills and abilities, as well as helping governments direct resources to where they are most needed.

The NAPLAN results arrive in the school sometime in September and will be forwarded to parents of students in those year levels at that time.

## **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Please be reminded that the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Student Free Days in which Meningie Area School engage this year is on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** as indicated in the Term Planner sent out with the last newsletter. This dates backs on to the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, staff will remain at the site and engage in Module 1 of Certified Educational Assessor (CEA). The module CEA1- Principles of Language and Assessment is the first of five modules and is designed to support teachers in the:

- Capacity to convey knowledge and understanding of assessment as an integral component of course planning and design.
- Strategies for supporting colleagues to select effective and accessible language that supports student learning.
- Capacity to evaluate the validity and reliability of assessment practices.

This training is being delivered by the SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) and is of eight hours duration. A second module will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

## **ONLINE BULLYING SURVEY**

Parents have your say about tackling bullying in schools. Our school has joined a new national study into what schools are doing about bullying.

Parents across Australia, as well as students and staff, are invited to say what they know about bullying and how students may or may not be affected by it.

They will have the chance to say what they see schools doing to prevent and stop bullying.

We invite parents from our school to join in this research.

Your views are very important and what you say can help us to understand what is happening and how the lives of children at school can be made safer and happier.

You can complete the anonymous on-line questionnaire at <http://tinyurl.com/RigbyPS2015>.

You can find out more about this survey at <http://www.kenrigby.net/School-Action>.

## **SA HIKING CHALLENGE 2015**

Congratulations to both Katrina Hood and Denice Mason who are completing their marathon walk this weekend in the SA Hiking Challenge 2015 for the Jodi Lee Foundation, raising funds and awareness of Bowel Cancer. This year they are venturing through South Australia's historic Copper Country, the North Mount Lofty Ranges. This is the third year that both women have taken part, with the school supporting their release to do so. It will be a physically and mentally demanding experience but both ladies are well and truly up to the challenge. We wish them well.

## **CAPTAINS' BAKE SALE**

The School Captains' wish to express their gratitude to the wonderful support they received from parents and carers who provided baked goods and also for those who purchased the goods on the day. A total of approximately \$300 was raised with proceeds going to the Jodi Lee Foundation.

**Monica Williams, PRINCIPAL**

## NATIONAL MERINO CHALLENGE

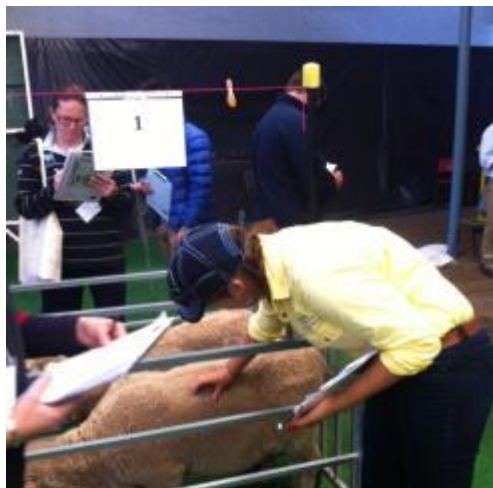
Two students (Jessie Bland, Year 12 and Brenda Baldock, Year 11) took part in the National Merino Challenge for 2015 at the Adelaide Showgrounds over the 9th and 10th of May. Many months of preparation had taken place. The girls competed individually in the challenge against 7 other secondary schools. The challenge consisted of 7 mini-challenges over the two day event. These were feed budgeting, use of the AWEX identification, classing of wool, ram and ewe selection, visual selection, and condition scoring. There were 7 groups in total that rotated around the challenges. All students from the same school or tertiary campus were separated, and this included their trainer.

There was plenty of knowledgeable and inspiring guest speakers, including Shannon Warnest (10x Australian shearing champion), Jimmy Jackson (AWI's General Manager) and Peter Michell (Executive Director, Michell Wool P/L). Everyone had the opportunity to network with the businesses that had set up in the foyer during breaks, and also there was a huge networking opportunity at the formal dinner on the Saturday night. Once again all students were spilt up, and 3-4 industry heads were placed on each table to chat with the students. This experience was priceless for both Jessie and Brenda.

Both girls achieved extremely well. Even though no prizes were won, the networks formed made the event more than worth it.

As the trainer of these two students I would highly encourage any student's with a passion for agriculture to participate in the National Merino Challenge.

**Coadette Low, Ag. Teacher**



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> May more than 60 students from the Coorong and Mallee schools participated in the combined Primary and Secondary Cross Country event held at the Meningie Golf Course. The weather was perfect for long distance running. Many of our 10 year old runners were competing for the first time and were eagerly anticipating their event. In total 17 students from Meningie Area School were involved and all performed well.

Ben Schaefer, Henry and Jess Turner all qualified for the State Cross Country event to be held at Oakbank Racecourse on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible for this event students must have been born in 2005 or earlier and meet the qualifying time. A big thankyou to Felicity Turner for volunteering her time to officiate at the event.

Ribbons were given to all placegetters, medals were given to the fastest male and female in the 2km, 3km and 4km events and all participants received a certificate with their time on it.

The medal results were as follows.

Distance	Gender	Student	Time	School
2km	Male	Jacob Evans	9.12.32	East Murray
	Female	Jessica Turner	9.46.95	Meningie
3km	Male	Raine Watts	13.07.12	Karoonda
	Female	Courtney De Barro	13.00.96	Keith
4km	Male	Silas Peter	14.54.05	Coomandook



*The MAS Cross Country Team*



*2km Medal winner  
Jessica Turner*

Name	Time (distance)	Name	Time (distance)
Marc Nacario	28.49.07 (3km)	Ben Schaefer	15.10.50 (3km)
Aaron Clarke	22.10.42 (3km)	Cameron Miller	22.10.18 (3km)
Henry Turner	13.56.78 (3km)	Amaru Kittelty	13.47.83 (2km)
Aaron Hamer	32.05.09 (2km)	Massimo Marotti	16.38.63 (2km)
Guardxavier Leccio	14.20.47 (2km)	Justin Miller	10.12.81 (2km)
Leavi Dalton	21.48.26 (3km)	Tarsha Humphrey	15.09.82 (2km)
Grace Gubbin	13.25.30 (2km)	Jasmine Cunneen	11.12.54 (2km)
Lauren Parsons-Averay	13.13.36 (2km)	Kali Hincks	13.57.62 (2km)



## ADELAIDE 36ERS VISIT

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May the Years 8-12 HPE students were lucky enough to have a 2-hour basketball session run for them. All eagerly awaited the arrival of some of the Adelaide 36er's team members (Luke Schenscher, Peter Crawford, and Adam Gibson). They were taken through a dynamic warm up, then landing techniques, and ball skills. Following this they were able to put all that they learnt into practice in a game-like situation. All students were eager to impress the boys. There was no time to sit around, but the boys stayed back to allow photos to be taken with them. A huge thank you to SA Health and the 'Keep it Corka' campaign for bringing them out here.





9 – 5      Weekdays  
10 – 1      Saturday

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

[www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong)

**Premier's Reading Challenge**  
**Congratulations to Eleanor Kelly who won a double pass to see *The Book of Life* Movie**

For more info on the challenge checkout

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.gov.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.gov.au)



You can return items after hours through the chute in the door.

We have also installed a doorbell for times when we have stepped out for a moment as well as if you have difficulty opening the door for staff to assist you.

**Have your say...**

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES SA/COORONG COUNCIL & DECD**

Are holding a Community Consultation event on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm** in Meningie. The initiative is part of a planning pilot that the SA Libraries Board are engaged in and will involve a public survey, meeting and opportunity to hear from the community what their expectations and desires are for libraries into the future. Details about the Survey Monkey and hardcopy survey will be distributed by Council.

**Bernie Ryan – Teacher and Librarian**

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## **FRIENDS OF THE COORONG**

**Coorong National Park is Nature Play SA's Park of the Month during May.**

To celebrate Friends of the Coorong are hosting a short walk from the Coorong at 42 Mile Crossing to the ocean on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

- \* Local Salt Creek identities Sarah Pearson and Mandell Tiver will be our guides for the day.
- \* We will have A Nature Treasure Hunt nature treasure hunt and give aways for kids.

\* All are welcome, family friends, children.

\* The walk to the ocean beach is 3.5kms return.

Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring weather protection. BYO picnic lunch, drink and binoculars. If you want to camp overnight, book your campsite online before you go.. Meet at the 42 Mile Campground shelter at 10am for 10.30am start.

Please RSVP to Wendy 0424 261 740 [walks@friendsofthecoorong.org](mailto:walks@friendsofthecoorong.org).

Travel time approx. 55 mins south from Meningie



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### 'ANIMALS ANONYMOUS EDUCATION SHOW'

The R-7 students had a special experience on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, when a guest speaker, Adrian, presented the 'Animals Anonymous Education Show'. The 'Coorong Local Action Plan' provided the finance for this presentation as a courtesy workshop for Meningie and children were able to touch amazing Australian creatures, ranging from a Murray Darling python to a small gecko, beautifully striped in orange, brown and black bands. Adrian discussed their natural features and the special habitats these creatures live in.



### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 students recently completed their first NAPLAN and there was a 100% attendance for each exam. The students were calm and all did the best they could to finish their exam each day. The best part is still to come, with a Year 3 NAPLAN Party being planned as a celebration of working hard and practising resilience and persistence.



### COLD WEATHER

As the weather is growing colder and winter is nearly here, it would be great to see all of our Junior School children warmly dressed, especially with jackets that can be buttoned or zipped up, scarves, gloves and beanies. It would also help students if caregivers could please place more food in lunchboxes as children seem hungrier during the cold weather.

### REPORTS

Reports for R-4 students will go home at the end of this term. The R-4 Team now has a new Report format as a result of a 2014 DECD review. Our new format follows the DECD recommended proforma and aligns with the Australian Curriculum and best practice. Parents will notice that teachers will now write comments for English, Maths and Science only, with grades being given for all subjects covered during Terms 1 and 2. No work samples will go home and the reports will only be four pages long.



**Wendy Starling (R-4 Team Leader)**



## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland 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. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@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!

## LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19<sup>th</sup> Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local High School, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@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.

Kind Regards,  
Robert Lindsay  
National Director

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**BOATING INFORMATION SPECIAL PERMIT & LICENCE EXAM**

WILL BE HELD AT

**THE TAILEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**141 RAILWAY TERRACE TAILEM BEND 1PM SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**REGISTER YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NOW!**

THE DAY STARTS WITH A 90 MINUTE PRESENTATION COVERING POSSIBLE QUESTIONS IN THE EXAM, FOLLOWED BY THE EXAM ITSELF.

REGISTRATIONS START FROM 1:00PM AND THE COST IS \$30 ADULTS, \$15 FOR 12 – 15 YEAR OLDS.

PLEASE BRING ALONG A PEN AND 2 FORMS OF ID (DRIVERS LICENCE, CREDIT CARD, MEDICARE CARD, STUDENT ID).

THIS DAY SHOULD FILL SOON SO IF YOU NEED YOUR BOAT LICENCE FOR SUMMER, DON'T DELAY.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL TELEPHONE TBCC 08 8572 3513**

**LIMITED NUMBERS SO PAYMENT PRIOR TO FRIDAY 28 AUGUST GUARANTEES YOUR SEAT**

**Tailem Bend Community Centre**

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# "Tickle your Taste Buds"

With author Neville Bonney

**1pm Thursday June 4th at Meningie Area School Library**

**Hosted by Meningie Area School Library and Meningie Garden Club**



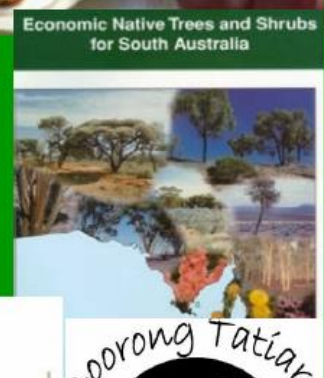
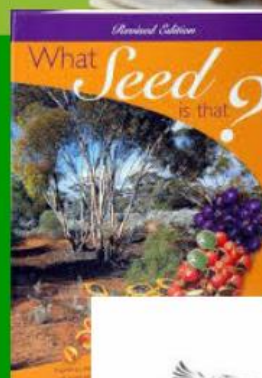
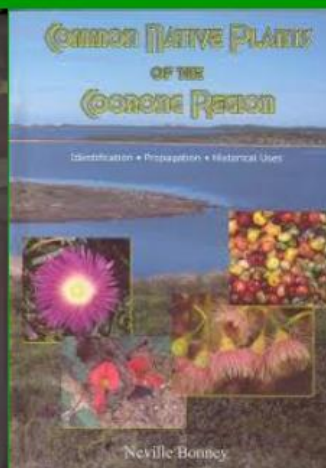
**Join South Australian author Neville Bonney as he shares his passion for Edible Wild Food Plants.**

**Neville is the author of several well known books;**

- Jewel of the Australian Desert Native Peach Quandong
- Common Native Plants of the Coorong Region
- Economic Native Trees and Shrubs for South Australia

**Bring along your questions, and any native plants you would like identified.**

**The Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan will provide a native wild food produce tasting after Neville's presentation.**



**For catering purposes please register at the Meningie Area School Library by 4pm on Thursday the 28th of May.**

**Phone: 85 751106 or email: [pcrabb@coorong.sa.gov.au](mailto:pcrabb@coorong.sa.gov.au)**





**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE



# POLICE AND COMMUNITY- ICE – THE COLD HARD FACTS PARTICIPATE IN THE FORUM

SAPOL AND OTHER COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WILL PRESENT ON ISSUES RELATING TO ILLICIT DRUG USE IN THE COMMUNITY.

- Hear about illicit drugs and how the use of drugs is impacting on the local community and how you can help reduce its impact.
- Find out what services and supports are available for those affected – from addicts, friends, family or professionals.
- Learn about the dangers associated with the drug and how easily addiction occurs.



**When** Wednesday, 27 May 2015  
**Where** Unity College Chapel, Owl Dr,  
MURRAY BRIDGE  
**Time** 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm  
(doors open at 6.00 pm)

Tea, coffee and light refreshments provided.

While questions will be taken from the audience on the night, community members can send in questions prior to the evening which will then be addressed on the night.

Questions can be lodged by email to:  
[SAPOLMurraymalleeLSA@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:SAPOLMurraymalleeLSA@police.sa.gov.au)

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Det. Sgt Halliday & Det. Brevet Sgt Hunt – SAPOL

Dr Caroline Edmonds – Drug and Alcohol Services of SA

Dr Peter Rischbieth – Bridge Clinic (Murray Bridge)

Magistrate Harrap – Courts Administration Authority



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