

Meningie Area School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 4

Friday 14th Aug

- STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY

Term 3 Week 5

Wed 19th August – Festival of Music
Rehearsal at Magic Millions
USE 5-a-side soccer carnival for years
8/9

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance really matters!

**Consistent attendance
increases the chance of a
good job**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are now into the fourth week of this term, and time is flying by. There are a number of major events coming up in what is the remainder of this term that involves students. The first of these is the Adelaide Show. Once again as we have done for many years the Ag Show Team will be making their way to Adelaide on September 8th, with engagement in the led steer and carcass competition. Whilst this date is somewhat away the lead up work is (as it has been for several months) in full swing and that date is closer than we think.

The second major event is the Adelaide Festival of Choirs. This event is held in late September and involves students in Year 5-7. Once again this event is the culmination of months of practice. The students selected to participate will be part of the Choir that performs on the evening Wednesday 9th September.

Parent Feedback Requested.

Please refer to the article about the continuation of an annual school magazine as republished in this newsletter. To date we have had no feedback and only one extra copy ordered. At current order, the publication of a school magazine 2015 is just not economically viable and tells us that it has lost its value. We seek your urgent opinions and or orders.

External Review.

The Department for Education and Child Development has introduced an external review process as part of its continuing school improvement priority. This is the first year of this new process. All DECD schools will be reviewed over the next four years. The review of Meningie Area School will occur in Week 10 of this term. Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd of September. The reviewers will seek information in a range of forums inclusive of staff, students, and parents/ caregivers over the two days including a meeting with Governing Council. I refer you to the following article and process for consent in talking with students. Additionally, if you would like further information please contact me, by calling the office. Several schools in the Coorong Mallee Partnership have already been through this process, and all sites will be reviewed within the four year cycle.

National Recognition Week School Services Officers.

This week is School Services Officers (SSO) week. It is a chance to publicly recognize the amazing contribution that these people do in contributing to the school and wider community. Whilst the roles of an SSO in the school vary widely inclusive of the following Front Office duties, First Aid, Finances, in-class support of students in their learning and wellbeing, grounds, ICT and Community Library Assistant. A morning tea was held Wednesday morning as an acknowledgement of their on going work and commitment to Meningie Area School.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

For as long as I can remember and some research shows that for the last 35 years or more Meningie Area School has produced an annual school magazine. Within it there are a series of reports including that of the Principal and Governing Council Chairpersons reports and that of sub school managers. Every class has a page which includes photos, various articles and highlights of their year. There are sporting reports, music reports and photographs, the Captains' report and a record of prize winners. Every year the School Magazine though is slightly different and it has evolved over time and with changing technology. The preparation of the school magazine is time consuming and probably is in the order of 100 hours including the time that a teacher spends in forming up before being sent for production. On top of that is the cost of production. The quote for the production of the 2015 Meningie Area School Magazine is \$1,096.86 and is based on an order of 65 Magazines. The school magazine is on the book list at a cost of \$18.00 this year. To date we have an order for only 23 copies. This number is not viable. Unless we have at least another 35 orders we will not proceed with a Meningie Area School Magazine 2015.

The bigger question though given the small number of pre orders for this year and a steady decline over the past few years is about the relevance and value that the school community has with regard to an Annual Magazine.

We are interested in your opinion. As you can see there is a huge investment in time and money that goes into the annual magazine. Equally orders can still be made through the Front Office at a cost of \$18.00 per copy. Please provide us with your written opinions and feedback and orders **by Friday 21st August** by close of business. Written information can be sent addressed to the Principal, Monica Williams. Email responses can be sent to dl.075_info@meningie.sa.edu.au.

Connecting Spirits 2016

If you have a child in Years 9 -11 this year and you are interested in them attending "Connecting Spirits" at the end of 2016, expression of interest forms are now available at the front office. We anticipate the cost to be in the order of \$7500 with a \$500 deposit due on the 23rd October followed by a further \$2500 on the 29th February next year, with the final payment due in September 2016. Please contact me at the school if you have any questions. Please note that all students wishing to attend will need to have their Expression of Interest endorsed by Mrs. Williams.

Mal Jurgs

Isobell Koolmatrie Graduation

This Friday August 14th Isobell Koolmatrie will attend her Graduation Ceremony in Adelaide, along with her family and Principal, Monica Williams. Isobell is graduating with a Diploma of Narrative Approaches for Aboriginal People. On Behalf of the Meningie Area School community, congratulations Isobell on a fantastic personal achievement. It has been quite a journey for Isobell over the past two years, as Isobell in her own words says:

I was a Successful Applicant in 2013 into a Diploma of Narrative Approaches for Aboriginal People (Counselling, Group and Community Work), where I undertook my studies at Nunkuwarrin Yunti in Adelaide. I successfully completed the Diploma in June 2015.

The Diploma was particularly suited to Aboriginal workers from various Social and Emotional Wellbeing Roles where counselling duties maybe a significant part of their duties in some way.

I was required to do my studies in Blocks and externally which meant I was away from my family from weeks at a time, which was hard. As I have been learning this way of counselling, over the past 2 years I have implemented it within my work when supporting students and also in my personal life. The Course has strengthened me not only as a worker but within myself, I never had thought that I would ever get this far with my studies being so wearing at times, trying to manage work, being a mother and trying to study away but I pushed through.

I appreciate that Meningie Area School has supported me being able to complete the Diploma and look forward to working with this further in the Future.

Thanks, Isobell

Come and join us on the RED CARPET

Year 6/7 Class and Mrs Mason In Year 6 and & 7 HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) we have been learning about citizenship and how we can show that we are good citizens in our community.

Our class is doing some fundraising for students at One Tree Hill Primary School to show them that we care about them after the bushfires went through their area in January this year.

We will be holding an event each term and hopefully visit them in term 4. Thank you for supporting our event last term. We held a very successful casual day and crazy hair day and raised almost \$200.

This term we will be helping the School Captains to hold an R-7 Social. The theme of the Social is "Red Carpet" so everyone is encouraged to dress as a famous person. It could be a movie star, sports person, super hero or cartoon character.

The Social will be held on Wednesday 26th August in the School Hall. The cost will be \$2.00. Drinks and snacks will also be available on the night. We look forward to your support.

Year 6/7 Class and Mrs Mason



**LIBRARIES ARE
FOR
EVERYONE**
Opening hours
9 – 5 Weekdays
10 – 1 Saturday

BIG BOOK SALE

The library is planning a Book Sale
for

SATURDAY 5th September

to celebrate

ONE YEAR on the ONE CARD

and the start of a new project in putting our collection on the RFID system (Radio Frequency Identification) where all the Library material will be able to be identified automatically to facilitate distribution and identification as items travel around the State to and from Meningie.

Come along on Saturday the 5th September from (early start) 9am – 1pm and get a bargain book or donate any books, DVDs or CDs you may have suitable for the library. (Newish material under 5 years old please)

Book Donation

The Library was pleased to accept a donation of **A Ngarrindjeri story book for children Ngopur-api 'I went walking'** from Rita Lindsay Jnr which comes with a CD of her recordings of song and spoken Ngarrindjeri words.

Page three reads...

Through consultation with community this resource was developed to engage all children with Ngarrindjeri culture and language through rhythm and rhyme.



Librarian Bernie Ryan being presented with Ngopur-api from Rita Lindsay Jnr at the Meningie Library.



**Check out the
Meningie Library
Facebook page**

Children's Book Week will be celebrated in the Library in late August with all the short listed books and winners available for holds and loans to Meningie patrons.



This year's theme is **'Books light up our world'** and we hope to see children completing the **Premier's Reading Challenge** for 2015 by reading the award winning books and some of the old favorites available for loan in the Library.

Library Assistants Program

The last school assembly in Term 2 saw the graduation of **Phoebe Kartinyeri** and **Georgia Brooks** as Library Assistants. Both girls have demonstrated dedication and competency in general operations in the library and are capable of placing holds, shelving books and materials and assisting with student queries in the library at lunchtimes. Congratulation to the girls who received a badge, Dymocks book voucher and certificate.

**After Hours Chute
Computers/desk**

New



We have installed an after-hours chute in the front door of the library to make returning items possible out of hours. Three new touch screen computers and desk have also been installed for public use.

PLEASE NOTE

**Next Library Board Meeting
THURSDAY 27th June 2015 at 4.30PM**

MATT BYRNE MEDIA
in association with Tintinara Area School presents:

MARY & FRIENDS

VARIETY CONCERT

Tintinara Institute
Saturday, August 29 at 8pm

STARLINE: Lauren Potter with the cast of MBM's hit production of Mary Poppins:

"Lauren Potter is the perfect nanny!" *Advertiser*

And Students from Tintinara Area School

Adults \$20, Concession \$15
(Plus \$1 Booking Fee p/ticket)

Book through Wendy at the Tintinara Area School on 0428 560 020 or Lisa at the Keith Newsagency on (08) 87 551 788.

Further details at www.mattbyrnemedia.com.au

An Evening of
• Comedy • Song • Dance • and Mary ♥



MBM BRINGS MARY POPPINS TO TINTINARA!

Adelaide theatre producer Matt Byrne is bringing Mary & Friends Variety Concert, a concert version of his hit production of Mary Poppins, to the Tintinara Institute on Saturday, August 29 at 8 p.m.

The SA Premiere of the hit musical show was an enormous success in its five-week season in Adelaide, with critics calling its star Lauren Potter "the perfect Nanny!"

Byrne's company Matt Byrne Media will present the Mary & Friends Variety Concert in conjunction with Tintinara Area School which will also feature performances by Tintinara Area School students.

"It's exciting to be able to bring the show down to Tintinara and give the region a taste of this magical family musical," Byrne said.

"I've always loved taking shows to the country and the Tintinara Area School and the local community have welcomed us with open arms," Byrne said the show would feature a Variety Concert in the first half, followed by "highlights from Mary Poppins in the second half."

"It will be great to see students from the school present several numbers in the first half," he said.

"And then some of them will join our cast in singing the classic number Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, which will be a lot of fun for everyone."

"Our Assistant Musical Director Paul Sinkinson will accompany the concert with wonderful numbers like A Spoonful of Sugar, Let's Go Fly A Kite and Chim Chim Cheree."

Tintinara Area School teacher Tess Rohan said the students were "very excited at the chance to work with the MBM ensemble."

"They will get the chance to work on stage and also learn the technical process of presenting a big show, as Matt is bringing lighting and sound with him," Rohan said.

"It will be a wonderful experience and we hope to see a big crowd there on the night to celebrate the arrival of Mary Poppins in Tintinara."

Tickets are Adults \$20 and Concession \$15 (with a \$1 Booking Fee per ticket) and bookings are available from Tintinara Area School on 0428 560 020 or Keith Newsagency on (08) 87 551 788.




Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is **FREE** for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

Do you have any unwanted uniforms????

Please consider dropping off any t-shirts, jumpers or any other unwanted uniform items to the Front Office.

They can then be re-distributed to students that may need them.



headspace
Murray Bridge

Parenting Teens

A workshop for ALL
parents/grandparents and
caregivers

Parenting can often feel like an emotional roller coaster that we are ill equipped to ride, no more so than in the Teen years.

Come along to learn strategies and approaches based on the Tuning into Teens program that might make the ride a little smoother and ultimately support your relationship with your teen

This workshop will be run by:
Martin Gare, Social Worker from The Edge,
Better Behaviour Centre
Suzanne Fuzzard, Senior Clinician at headspace
Murray Bridge

When

Thursday 13th August 1-3pm or 7-9pm

Thursday 20th August 1-3pm or 7-9pm

Where

The Station 'group room' downstairs

3-5 Railway Tce Murray Bridge

Contact

Jo or Kris 8531 2122 to advise which session time you would like to attend



EDGE

Enhance Develop Grow Engage

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Health under the Youth Mental Health Initiative

South Australian Association of School Parents Clubs (SAASPC)
invites parents to attend

Sessions with Andrew Fuller

Monday 17 August

7.00 – 9.00pm

Valuing girls / valuing boys

Tuesday 18 August

9.30am – 4.00pm

Unlocking your child's genius

Building resilience in children

Survival skills for parents

SAASPC annual general meeting

Where

Australian Education Union Building 163a

Greenhill Rd, Parkside

Cost

For SAASPC affiliated preschools and
schools - free

For non affiliates

Monday evening \$27.50

Tuesday only \$44.00

Both sessions \$55.00

A light supper on Monday, and morning tea
and lunch on Tuesday will be provided

Andrew Fuller is a clinical
psychologist who has worked with
many schools and communities in
Australia and internationally,
specialising in the wellbeing of young
people and their families.

He has recently been described as an
'interesting mixture of Billy Connolly,
Tim Winton and Frasier Crane' and as
someone who puts the heart back into
psychology.

**This is also an opportunity to meet
and talk with parents from other
preschools and schools**

**We appreciate the financial
assistance of the Minister for
Education and Child Development
which enables us to meet the cost of
the conference and provide
accommodation for our country
affiliates.**

Accommodation

Limited free accommodation is
available on Monday 17 August
at Tiffins on the Park, 176
Greenhill Rd, Parkside for
parents attending from *affiliated
country preschools/ schools*. It
does not include meals or other
expenses incurred.

If you do not belong to an
affiliated preschool/ school or
you wish to extend your stay you
will need to make your own
arrangements for
accommodation, although we
are happy to assist you in any
way.

Child care

While we are unable to provide
child care ourselves, for parents
attending from *affiliated
preschools/ schools* we are able
to reimburse you so your costs
are covered.

Registration form / tax invoice – Sessions with Andrew Fuller

Please photocopy this form for multiple registrations

**Return by 3 August if
accommodation is required,
otherwise by 10 August to
SAASPC**
GPO Box 2126 Adelaide 5001
fax 8522 4084

For more information
telephone 1800 724 640
email info@saaspc.org.au



ABN 60 901 906 615

Please make cheques payable to
SAASPC - contact us for EFT details

**Confirmation of registration and
accommodation will be emailed or
posted to your home address**

Name _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Preschool/School _____

My school/preschool is affiliated with SAASPC – no charge

I will be attending (please cross box)

Monday evening ☐ Tuesday ☐ Both sessions ☐

My school/preschool is NOT affiliated with SAASPC

I will be attending

Monday evening	\$27.50	\$
Tuesday	\$44.00	\$
Both sessions	\$55.00	\$

I will require accommodation on

☐ Monday 17 August

Please indicate if required

☐ Special needs (eg dietary, wheelchair facilities) _____

☐ I will be applying for reimbursement of childcare costs



Training for Parents of Teenagers (TPOT) Research Study

FREE training for parents to help the mental and physical health of teenagers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SOUTH AUSTRALIA !

Who is running the project?

The Centre for Mental Health at The University of Melbourne.

Who can take part?

Parents with teenagers aged between 12-15 years within Australia (one parent and one teenager per family). This includes Educators or other Staff who are parents.

What are the aims?

The project aims to teach parents the skills to recognize and respond to mental health problems in teenagers as well as first aid injuries and to evaluate the training offered.

Researchers are interested to see if the skills taught to parents are used on teenagers and whether this benefits a teenager's health in the longer term.

What's in it for me?

A \$50 Coles/Myer Gift Card after course attendance! This is to acknowledge parents' time commitment (2 days) and travel expenses.

Parents receive the training course, materials and Certificate of completion for FREE.

Note: To be eligible, you must not have undertaken training in the previous three years in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Youth MHFA or physical First Aid.

Questions?

Please contact Julie Fischer, TPOT Trial Manager, Centre for Mental Health, The University of Melbourne, email: jfischer@unimelb.edu.au, tel: 9035 6770 or mobile: 0401 772 648.

This study has received ethics approval from The University of Melbourne's Behavioural and Social Sciences Human Ethics Subcommittee ID: 1135679, The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) ID: 2012_001480 and the Catholic Education Office of Melbourne (CEOM) ID: 1877.

For more information and to register: www.tpot.net.au

Courses offered:

- **14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid** which teaches adults the skills to recognise the early signs of mental illness, identify potential mental health-related crises, and assist teenagers to get professional help.
- **15-hour (HLTAID003) Australian Red Cross Provide First Aid** which teaches the skills to sustain life, reduce pain and minimise the consequences of injury and illness until professional help arrives.

WHEN in 2015?	WHERE?
10-11 August , 9.00am – 4.45pm (Mon & Tues)	Baptistcare, 159 Commercial Street East, MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290
19-20 August , 9.00am – 4.45pm (Wed & Thurs)	Conference Room Naracoorte Hospital Jenkins Terrace NARACOORTE SA 527
19-20 August , 9.00am – 5.00pm (Wed & Thurs)	Ground Floor, 212 Pirie St ADELAIDE SA 5000
24-25 August , 9.00am – 4.45pm (Mon & Tues)	Heavy Horse Memorial Bldg, Adelaide Showgrounds, Goodwood Road, WAYVILLE SA
24-25 August , 9.00am – 5.00pm (Mon & Tues)	Ground Floor, 212 Pirie St ADELAIDE SA 5000
7-8 October , 9.00am – 4.45pm (Wed & Thurs)	MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253 – venue to be advised -
Register at: www.tpot.net.au	

During online registration, parents will need to select two courses but a computer will randomly place them into one course or the other.

Telephone interview prior to training

Before parents can attend their allocated training course, they and their teenager will be required to undertake an individual 20 to 30 minute telephone survey, which will ask about knowledge and attitudes about health problems.

WK	DATE	DAY	MEETINGS	PLANNED EVENTS
1	20 July	Mon		
	21	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	
	22	Wed		
	23	Thurs		
	24	Fri		
2	27	Mon		
	28	Tues	Sub Schools/PLC's 3.35 pm	
	29	Wed		
	30	Thurs		
	31	Fri		Newsletter
3	3 August	Mon		
	4	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	
	5	Wed		PACSS meeting 2.00 pm
	6	Thurs		
	7	Fri		
4	10	Mon	Governing Council 8pm	
	11	Tues	Sub Schools/PLC's 3.35 pm	
	12	Wed		
	13	Thurs		Newsletter
	14	Fri		STUDENT FREE DAY
5	17	Mon		
	18	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	
	19	Wed		Festival of Music – Rehearsal at Magic Millions
	20	Thurs		USE 5-a-side soccer
	21	Fri		
6	24	Mon		
	25	Tues	Sub Schools/PLC's 3.35 pm	
	26	Wed		School Social R-7
	27	Thurs	4.30pm Library Board Meeting	
	28	Fri	R-4 T&D Day 'Literacy Assistive Technology'	Newsletter
7	31	Mon		Online testing all week
	1 Sept	Tues	General Staff 3.35 pm	
	2	Wed		
	3	Thurs		
	4	Fri		
8	7	Mon		Online testing all week
	8	Tues		Ag at Royal Adelaide Show
	9	Wed		↓ Festival of Music – Adelaide PACSS meeting 2pm
	10	Thurs		
	11	Fri		Newsletter
9	14	Mon	Governing Council Meeting 8pm Resources 7.30pm	Online testing all week
	15	Tues	Sub Schools/PLC's 3.35 pm	Yr 8/9 Netball at Keith
	16	Wed		
	17	Thurs		
	18	Fri		
10	21	Mon	EXTERNAL REVIEW	SAPSASA Athletics Yr 8-9 SHINE
	22	Tues	EXTERNAL REVIEW General Staff 3.35 pm	
	23	Wed		Yr 10-12 SHINE
	24	Thurs		
	25	Fri		End of Term 3 Students dismissed 2.20 pm Buses Depart 2.30 pm Newsletter