

Meningie Area School Newsletter



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TERM 3

Week 9	
14 September	Governing Council meeting 7.30 pm
15 September	Yr 8/9 Netball at Keith
Week 10	
21-22 September	External Review
21 September	Year 8 - 9 SHINE workshop
23 September	Year 10 - 12 SHINE workshop
25 September	End of Term 3 School finishes at 2.20 pm Buses depart at 2.30 pm



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Monica Williams

Firstly I apologise that this fortnight's newsletter was not out on Friday as per the Term schedule but it has been held over quite deliberately. As our major communication, not only does it contain information about coming or current events, but it provides the school over time with a written history and archival evidence of how the school community functions. Currently it goes out to our school community in several forms and is readily available. Just over half of families receive the newsletter by email, and the remainder in hard copy form sent home through the youngest child in the family. It is electronically uploaded to the Meningie Area School website and it is here that you can find our back editions not only from this year but over time, if at any time you miss a copy.

The reason for lateness this edition is the timing of some events and a report in two weeks' time would have lost impact.

SHOW TEAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to our amazing Show Team, ably led by Mal Jurgs and Coadette Low, who together with seventeen students from Years 9 - 12 have been putting in months and months of dedication and preparation. For a small school we punch above our weight, and to get the 'Best Presented Show' team for the second year in a row, as well as several placements, is



really something to be proud of. What an outstanding achievement!! Thank you to all involved. For all the details read the Show Report in this edition.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2015

The Adelaide Festival of Music is conducted over twelve performances in September every year and has been doing so for over 100 years. In total, over 230 schools are represented with more than 6000 students participating. Each concert features a massed choir of 450 students from participating public schools across the state, Meningie being one of them.

For almost as long as I can remember, and at least as far back as my own children participating, I have been attending the Festival of Music. Over the years Mrs Anne Wright has taught a new group of choir students each year a repertoire of songs selected annually and built around a relevant theme. This year, 100 years since the ANZAC troops began fighting in a conflict both at Gallipoli and on the Western Front a war we remember now as World War 1, songs and the staged performance reflected this theme. After many months of practice, requiring dedication, motivation and persistence our all girls' choir group had their time on stage Wednesday evening 9th September. It was an outstanding performance, and at times a particularly moving and emotional experience. This was not lost on the parents and families who made up the audience that evening. One to remember! For more details read the experiences of our students and Anne Wright within this edition.

MENINGIE AREA EXTERNAL REVIEW

As has been mentioned in at least two previous newsletters, Meningie Area School will be participating in a DECD initiated External Review on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September. Such reviews will be held every three years and all public schools are involved. Over the two days we will host two reviewers who will look at our data that relates to student learning in particular. The school will be required to show evidence of student learning against set standards and what we are doing to get them there. They will be talking to staff, students, the Governing Council (as a representation of parents) and Aboriginal parents. Given that Attendance is a significant priority for DECD with a target set at 95% by 2017, the reviewers will be looking at our policy and the procedures and strategies that we implement to address this significant issue. As a site we see the External Review as a positive opportunity to have a good look at what we are doing as well as ways to improve, as we continue on our journey of improvement and better outcomes for all students in the Meningie Area School community.

JUDY WALLACE RETIREMENT

Judy Wallace, who has been a relief teacher at MAS since 2008, has announced her retirement from teaching. Judy began teaching in 1972 and was a permanent teacher in Adelaide until 1979, then had a break to raise her two children, before returning to work as a TRT/contract teacher in Adelaide from 1984 until 2006. Judy and her husband Peter then moved to the Coorong.

After a couple of years Judy approached MAS to see if there were any openings for relief work, expecting to get the odd day here and there. Instead, she was inundated with work and has now done more than 600 days of relief teaching at MAS over the last seven years. She will miss the school staff, and all the contacts with the students, but hopes that friendships established will endure. We wish her and Peter all the best for many happy years ahead.



CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Included in this newsletter is the new Canteen price list. Some minor changes have been made to the previous list which has not been changed for 12 months. **The new list is effective at the START of TERM 4.**

Reception Father's Day Poems

The students in Ms Wilamowski's Reception wrote poems for their fathers for Father's Day. The children worked hard on the poems, and also a gift for their fathers which they presented to them on Father's Day.

Here is a sample of the great poems which were written:

My dad is the best in the world.
My dad is funny.
My dad is a farmer.
I like it when he plays with me.
By Harry Cartledge

My dad is ticklish.
My dad is on a farm.
My dad is funny.
My dad puts me to bed.
By Thomas Holmes

My nungi is awesome.
My nungi is cool.
My nungi is nice.
My nungi hugs me.
My nungi watches movies with me.
By Ngarpardi Rigney

My dad is cool.
I love him.
My dad is a fisher.
My dad burnt the veggies on the barbecue.
By Lenni Hincks



My dad helps me on the motorbike.
My dad goes for walks.
My dad is handsome.
- Shayla Hera-Singh

Red Carpet Social

Red Carpet Social – A Great Success!

On the 26th of August the Year 6/7 Class held the reception to Year 7 social. The theme we chose was Red Carpet. The School Captains helped us plan the social.

The day before the social we baked muffins.

There were balloons, stars and many decorations on the night.

We all had different jobs on the night. My job was canteen. The food and drinks were pop-tops, water, popcorn, muffins and mixed lollies.

There was music playing all through the social and many games to play.

When walking into the social there was music playing and a red carpet. You had a chance to get your photo taken by Abbey or Jemma.

Overall, we made a profit of about \$400.

By Justin Brooks (Year 7)



NOTE: photos from the social are available to view in the Community Library. Photos are 50cents each and can be ordered until the end of term.

WANTED!

Mr Woolston desperately needs rags for Tech Studies. He will gladly take any donations. He also needs any types of wheels e.g. solid, bike, wheelbarrow, etc. These are required for the Year 5/6 Billy Carts. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

Band Update

Last week saw the Murraylands Bands get back together for rehearsal and performance days with special guest conductor Grant Sheridan. On Tuesday 1st September, the Year 5, 6 & 7 Music students travelled to Mannum Community College to work with Mr Sheridan on music pieces all day. The Meningie Senior Band (made up of Year 8 & 9 students) travelled to Murray Bridge North School to rehearse with the Murraylands Band which was conducted by Mr Hicky. Later in the afternoon they joined the Advanced Band conducted by Mr Sheridan. All students performed very well.



Tom and Riley



Dakota and Kobie



Aimee and Gena



Kayla and Mr Williams



Felicia, Phoebe and Tiarnie



Jessica, Chelsea and Trisha



Georgia and Abbey



Adelaide Choir 2015

On Wednesday morning at 6:30 in the morning the 17 choir students and their helpful parents and teachers travelled to Adelaide for choir.

After a morning of rehearsal and a picnic lunch, we did a North Terrace crawl. We visited the War Memorial, Museum and Art Gallery.

After an early tea supported by our parents, we went back to the theatre to get dressed.

We filed in and sat under the stage in the Hold and then our big moment had come.....OUR FESTIVAL THEATRE CONCERT!

The performance was fantastic and all aspects of the concert went smoothly and showed a great amount of professionalism and polish. Congratulations to the 15 students from our school that performed with skill and knowledge. Unfortunately 2 of our number were too ill to perform.

The students who represented Meningie on the night were Georgia Evans, Trisha Leccio, Felicia Hartman, Georgia Brooks, Charlotte Treloar, Phoebe Kartinyeri, Tammin Clark, Abbey Selby, Annabelle Mead, Cheska Nacario, Jessica Turner, Chelsea Swan, Imogen Allan, Millie Treloar and Latoya Love. Congratulations to these girls as they were focused and prepared to work hard all day. Well done!



Thank you to our parents, teachers (Miss Giles and Mrs Wright), Mrs Hood and Mrs Williams (for coming to watch and help) and the students (THE CHOIR).

Next term the same songs will be performed by students from the year 4-7 choir in a combined choir at Murray Bridge... please feel free to come and watch. Our years 4-7 Choir Performance at the Murray Bridge Town Hall is on Tuesday, 27th of October. We will be performing with other schools in the Murraylands Region.

Mrs Anne Wright (Choir Teacher)

Comments from our Choir students:

*Choir was fun, exciting and tiring. I had lots of fun and can't wait until next year. **Phoebe***

*It was awesome and it sounded good when we were singing to the audience. **Latoya***

*The choir was really emotional, especially when we did the poppies for the remembrance songs. **Georgia***

*Adelaide choir was amazing, I reckon everybody loved it. The best part of the festival was when we all waved our handkerchief, the balloons came down and fireworks were behind us. **Chelsea S***

*On Wednesday the 9th of September we went to Adelaide for Choir. It was really fun because I was with my friends and we got to be part of something really cool. **Trisha***

*I think it was very, very, very fun. I was so, so, so excited to sing the wartime songs. **Millie***

*I thought that choir in Adelaide was really fun and exciting. It was really cool when we went on top of the festival theatre. **Cheska***

*It was so exciting when the concert started especially when the Remembrance songs started. **Annabelle***

*Choir in Adelaide was amazing I reckon everyone loved it. There were 15 people from Meningie. The best part was the ending when we waved our handkerchiefs and when the Adelaide High School sang. **Jessica***

*Choir in Adelaide was a very long and tiring day. But it all pulled off and was an amazing and fun night. **Imogen***

*When we went to Adelaide for choir I thought it was fun. **Abbey***

*Choir was great, the special effects good, I enjoyed singing ANZAC biscuits. The museum was good. **Felicia***



Ag Team at Royal Adelaide Show



SHOW REPORT 2015

This year 5 steers and 6 merino wethers were entered by Meningie Area School in the Royal Adelaide Show. The steers, Moyle Park Jerky, Mentara Park Jethro, Wellington Lodge Jiminy, Lancaster Jupiter and Raven Jedi, were entered in the School's class of the Led Steer Competition, while the wethers were entered as 2 teams of 3 in the Schools Merino Wether Competition.

Preparation began in February when the Year 11 and 12 students went to David and Gwenda Eckert's farm to select the 10 wethers that we would feed and monitor before selecting our final teams. These were then shorn, inspected and tagged as being eligible to enter.

In April our steers began to arrive and students who wished to participate started spending lunchtimes up at the Ag Block feeding and preparing them for the show.

This year we took 17 students, with only 3 having been part of the successful team last year that won the Most Professional Show Team trophy for the Led Steer Competition. The students from Year 9 were; Jiye Hoad, Daniel Bland, Aimee Brooks, Colin Baldock, Georgina Tiver, Gena Mansfield, Lochie McPherson, Sharnee Gemmell, Bree Stone, Jai Ling and Kobie Hood. Brittany Thompson, Lachlan Brown and Holly van den Brink from year 10 were joined by Brenda Baldock from Year 11 and the 2 Year 12's were Jessie Bland and Haylee Jacobs.

After months of preparation, grooming, breaking in and washing, we were ready for the show. The steers went down to Adelaide last Monday night, while the wethers and all of our gear followed on the Tuesday. Hamish Jurgs and Mel Treloar helped with transport and stayed on to help over the next few days as well. Tuesday was spent setting up our stall, getting the wethers weighed and scanned and settling the animals into the routines of the show. We then made our way to Hamilton Secondary College where we slept in the gym that night along with students from Coomandook Area School.

An early start Wednesday had us at the show before 7am and we started by cleaning the stall and feeding the stock. The wether judging started at 8.30am, after which the sheep were shorn, which took most of the day. The steers were taken for weighing and scanning before being washed to remove all of the scanning oil and to get them ready for the judging ring. The rest of the day was spent either in selection for the Thomas Foods International trophy or in the Grand Parade.

At 5pm the results of the wether competition were announced. The first category was for Growth Rate. The wethers were weighed when they were inspected and then those who had gained the most weight from then until the show were awarded ribbons. Our two teams came 3rd and 8th, out of over 40 teams, so quite admirable. The next category was skin value which we didn't receive any ribbons for, but we did win the Meat Value Category and also came 8th in the Wool Value section as well. So overall a very successful year for us. We then spent a few hours enjoying the other attractions at the show before watching the fireworks and heading back to Hamilton.

Thursday is the main judging day for the steers, so it was another early start to make sure that the stalls were clean and the animals fed and watered before giving the steers their final make-over before going into the ring. Brittany was the first to go into the ring with Raven Jedi. While Jedi did not get a place, Brittany was asked to come back for the Urrbrae Handlers' Award at the end of the steer judging. She is the first Meningie student to make the final of this competition for many years.

The next into the ring was Haylee with Jerky, then Daniel with Jiminy, and then Jessie and Lachlan Brown were both in the same class with Jethro and Jupiter respectively. Unfortunately none of our steers received any ribbons on hoof this year. After the announcements of the champions steers the Urrbrae Handlers final was held. Despite her good efforts Brittany didn't get a ribbon here either.

After winning the Most Professional Show Team award last year and only having only 3 show veterans this year we didn't expect to win again this year. Our stall looked great again, and all of our students worked hard to keep

it looking clean and tidy but we were very surprised to find out we had in fact taken out back to back awards. This is a real honour and is a measure of the efforts that everyone involved put in.

On Saturday Ms. Low and I returned to the showgrounds to attend the presentations of the carcass prizes for the steers. Again we didn't receive any ribbons but Mentara Park Jethro was the highest scoring Red Angus carcass, the second time in 3 years that we have won that award with an Eckert steer.

We need to thank the breeders of the steer; David and Gwenda Eckert, who also bred the wethers, Richard and Kaye Daley from Moyle Park Red Polls, the McFarlane family from Wellington Lodge Angus, the Cartledge family from Lancaster Black Simmentals and Jason and Penny Schulz from Raven Limousins.

We also need to thank our sponsors who helped with the costs of the team including our purple shirts and black vests that caused quite a stir around the cattle sheds. These were; Thomas Foods International, Swan Farm Machinery, Wanderibby Feedlot, Meningie Fodder, Coorong Ag Services, Meningie Veterinary Clinic, Lake Albert Caravan Park, Mappinga Park Dairy and Mentara Park Farm.

We also need to thank Mel Treloar, Hamish Jurgs, Bethany Jurgs and Katelyn Jones for helping around the shed and for getting us to and from the showgrounds.

Well done to everyone and now the challenge is on to take out the hat trick next year.

As a foot note, the Grand Champion steer was won by Coomandook Area School and the Grand Champion Carcass was won by Tintinara Area School so along with us, the Coorong Mallee Partnership took out the 3 big prizes for the steer competition.

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interested.**



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Saturday October 17th**

Members show books are out and we will place extra books in Coonalpyn and surrounding towns in the next week or so. All entry sections will also be on our website soon. www.coonalpynshow.info

Check out our special classes to win great cash prizes. There are lots of ways to win prizes in the pavilion for everyone. All Junior classes have prize money and trophies up for grabs, so think about your entries now. Don't forget – everyone who enters anything in the pavilion goes into a draw for a \$50- prize!

ON THE DAY:

- **Landmark Schools Challenge**
- **Live Music**
- **Bungee Run and Giant Slide**
- **Climbing Wall**
- **OPAL Discovery Trail**
- **Mallee Stump Toss**
- **Light Horse Display**
- **Great Traders and Food!!**

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As John Steinbeck, Nobel Laureate in Literature, wrote: "No man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is to suppose that they are like himself."

Getting to know another person, especially one from a different culture, can be exciting, challenging, and has its unique benefits. Department of Education-registered and approved Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (since 1983) is providing such a unique experience to help your children and family learn through bridging cultures, grow closer with one another, understand one another better and see the world in a new light.

International exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the USA are arriving in Australia to live as a local with volunteer Australian families and attend a local secondary school. The students, aged 15 – 17, arrive from February 2016 for 3, 5, or 10 months and are fully insured, with their own pocket money. If you have a spare room or bed, and a place at the family table, why not be the "heart" of cultural exchange by becoming a volunteer host family?

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Communities for Children Murraylands

Coorong Holiday Activities

GORGE WILDLIFE PARK

Thursday 1st October

Pick up times/locations

Tintinara— 9am Heart of the Parks

Coonalpyn - 9.20am Bus stop (opposite hotel)

Meningie— 9.15am Front of school

Tailem Bend-10am Community Centre

Run in partnership with the Coorong Tatiara LAP



Excursion

Meet wonderful
wildlife and pat a
koala

Children must
be six or older
to attend

BYO lunch



Nature Weaving

Friday the 9th
of October

Tintinara— 9.30-11.30am

-School Library

Coonalpyn— 1-3pm

-Town Hall

Gather a collection of items to
create your own beautiful
woven artwork

Run in partnership with Coorong OPAL

All activities are free for children under 12 in
the Coorong area. To book contact-

Tailem Bend Community Centre

141 Railway Terrace

(PO Box 203),

Tailem Bend 5260 SA

P 08 8572 3513



Mud Play @ Meningie

10am— 2pm

Wed 7th October

Football Oval

BBQ lunch provided

Come along and
make a mess!

Run in partnership with Coorong OPAL



All participants must complete an enrolment form.

Call at the centre or find a copy on tbcc.org.au/pages/c4c.php

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MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

12 October 2015

Food must be ordered no later than 11am

**Food will not be supplied unless it has been paid for
i.e. there will be NO booking up**

HOT FOODS		ICE CREAMS <i>Collect from the canteen please</i>	
Lasagne	4.00	Paddle Pops	1.30
Hot dog with sauce	3.50	Frozen Yoghurt	2.00
Hot dog with cheese	3.70	99% frozen Fruit Juice Sticks	.50
Ham and cheese roll	4.00	Moosies	1.00
Chicken and mayo roll	4.00	Mini Callipo	1.00
Chicken and gravy roll	4.00		
Cup of Magic noodles	3.00	CAKES	
Pita pizzas	4.00	Vanilla Slice	2.80
Chicken fingers (cup of)	3.00	Donuts - large	2.80
Beef hamburger (100% beef)	4.50	- small	2.00
- with lettuce, tomato, mayo or sauce		Lamington	2.00
Potato wedges (cup of)	3.00	FRUIT Must be ordered in the morning	
- skin on, 97% fat free		Apples	1.00
Pies - plain	4.00	Squiggly Apples	1.00
Pies – flavoured	4.30	- or bring your own apple	.20
Pasties	4.00		
Sausage rolls	3.40	Oranges	1.00
SANDWICHES / ROLLS		Watermelon wedges	1.00
(white or whole meal)	s/cut	Other fruits available when in season	
Beef	3.80		
Ham (Virginian)	3.80	<i>Prices will vary when fruit is in season</i>	
Chicken (roast)	3.90		
Cheese	2.00	DRINKS	
Vegemite	2.00	Water	2.00
Salad	3.00		
Cheese salad	3.40	Big M Milk – chocolate or strawberry	2.45
Meat salad – ham or beef	5.00	Chocolate milk Farmers Union (Low Fat)	2.85
Meat salad – chicken	5.00	375ml	
Extras:		Chocolate milk Farmers Union (Low Fat)	4.20
cheese, gherkin, lettuce, carrot,	20c ea	600ml	
pickled onion, tomato, cucumber			
mustard/pickles, sauce, mayo	10c ea	Apple, tropical or orange 100% fruit juice	3.00
Buttered roll	80c	350ml	
WRAPS			
Choice of Chicken, Beef or Ham, with	4.00		
lettuce, mayo, tomato & cucumber (or			
made to order)			
Monday & Friday	3rd Term ONLY		
Home made chicken noodle soup			
with dinner roll	per mug		
	3.00		