

# Meningie Area School Newsletter



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## TERM 2 2016

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#### Week 2

10 – 12<sup>th</sup> May

**NAPLAN TESTING – Years' 3, 5 7, and 9**

11<sup>th</sup> May

PaCSS Meeting at 1.30 in the Cultural Room

13<sup>th</sup> May

School Band performing at Berri

13<sup>th</sup> May

Murraylands Career Expo at Murray Bridge Show Grounds

#### Week 3

17<sup>th</sup> May

Year 7 Conference at Murray Bridge

18<sup>th</sup> May

Scholastic Orders Close

20<sup>th</sup> May

Connecting Spirits History Week Presentation

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will commence the NAPLAN tests tomorrow. These run over three days with a session on Friday to enable students who have been absent to complete tests they have missed.

Many students can get quite anxious about NAPLAN even though teachers have worked with students to minimise their anxiety and to prepare them for the tests. It is really important to talk to your child about how best to approach these tests.

My grandson is in Year 5 and when we were having a chat at the weekend it was clear that he was a little worried about whether he would "do alright" in the NAPLAN tests.

I explained to him that NAPLAN was an opportunity for him to have a go and enjoy the experience of showing how much he could do. I also explained that the tests are structured in a way that means that there will always be some questions which most students will not be able to do and not to get worried about that. We discussed how he might best approach the tests so that he gave himself the best opportunity to do the best that he was able to do.

Amongst the things we identified were:

- Get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning.
- Try to stay calm and take a deep breath if you are feeling nervous, tell yourself that you are going to give it your "best shot".
- Listen carefully to the teacher's instructions at the beginning of each test, make sure that you understand what she/he has explained to you.
- Read all instructions carefully and make sure that you understand what you are being asked to do.
- Scan each question quickly to get a sense of what you are being asked to do. Then read the question carefully, looking at the multiple choice answers to see if you can narrow down the choices of answer before choosing the best answer.
- It is a good idea to use the paper provided to plan or check an answer .
- If you have had a go at answering a question, but are still not sure what to do, then move on to the next question. Each test is timed and you want to make sure that you've had a chance to answer all the questions.
- In the writing NAPLAN test be sure to read the instructions to make sure that you understand what type of "text" you are going to be writing. Plan out your text, using the paper provided and then stick to your plan!

Remind your child that the tests are designed so that teachers will be able to find out what each student is finding challenging so that they can help them improve in areas in which they are challenged.

### **Absence**

Unfortunately, due to a family bereavement I will be absent between 12<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Mal Jurgs will be Acting Principal in my absence. Please contact him should you have any queries, questions or issues. I will be checking my emails on a regular basis during my absence.

### **Murraylands Careers Expo in Murray Bridge**

A group of our Year 9 and 10 students will be attending the Murraylands Careers Expo in Murray Bridge on Friday. The Expo provides a wonderful opportunity for students, particularly Year 10 students who are undertaking their PLP, to begin to think about their career pathways, connect and engage with representatives from training providers and a wide range business and industry groups.

If your student is attending the event I would ask you to help them "debrief" when they get home so that they are able to reflect on their experience and highlight the areas that they might see as future career pathways.

### **School Production**

Our Year 6 and 7 students have been assigned parts in the Production "Danger Kids" and are in the process of learning their lines and developing their understanding of the play. Students & teachers across the Primary are in the process of choosing each class's song and starting to learn the words and practice their songs and dances.

More news to follow as we get closer to the date!

*Iain Love, Principal*

## Volunteers: Relevant History Screening Policy and Procedures Information

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child's learning.

To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

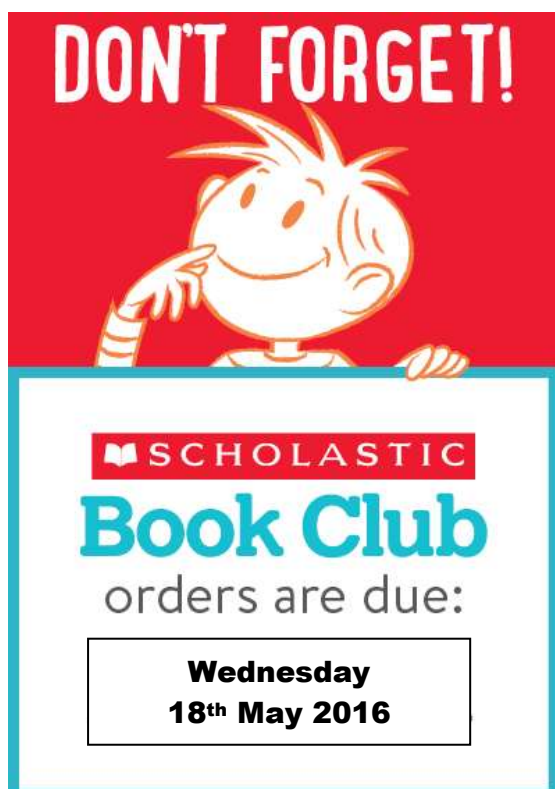
A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming carnival or sports day.

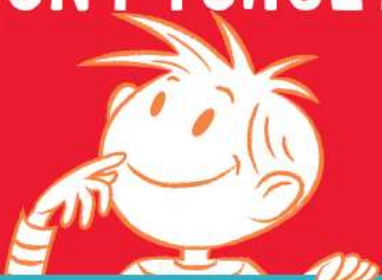
Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au).

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.



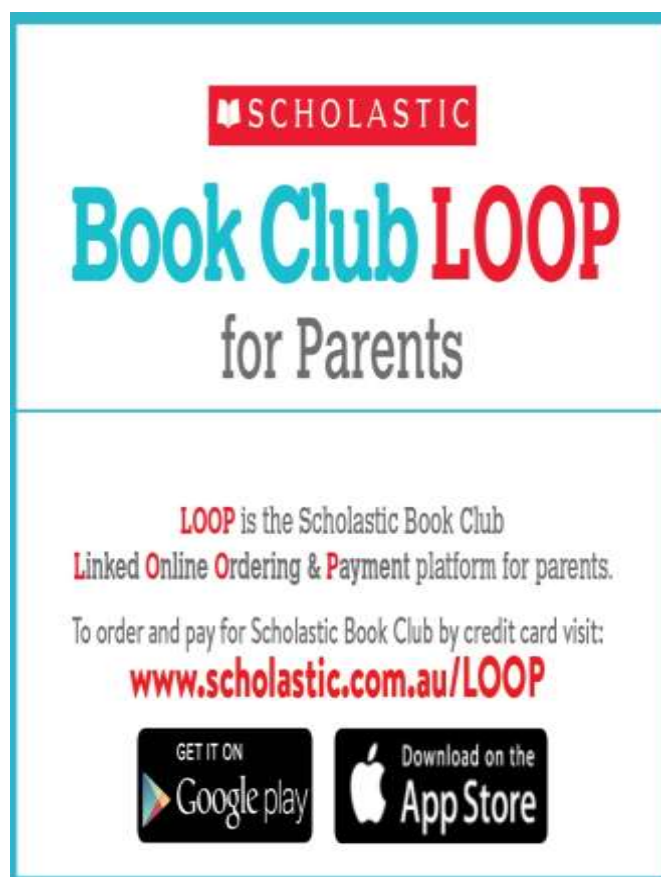
**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

**Wednesday**  
**18<sup>th</sup> May 2016**


Orders and payment can be made by at the front office or parents/carers can use the Online LOOP System →




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## LIBRARY NEWS

### LIBRARY ASSISTANTS PROGRAM

Well done to the students who presented written applications.

We have had nine written applications for the training positions and Mr. Ryan will be conducting interviews at the beginning of Term 2.

If your name is not listed and you want an opportunity for an interview, **please see Mr Ryan by the end of week 2.** If you are named below please arrange a time with Mr Ryan for an interview.

- Charlie Anderson
- Alex Wilson
- Katrina Brown
- Lauren Parsons–Averay
- Brendan Kartinyeri
- Georgia Brooks
- Georgia Evans
- Alyssa Wilson
- Charlotte Treloar



63 students who have begun the Challenge and completed reading at least one book, whilst some have already finished the 12 book challenge.

As a further incentive to continue the Challenge there will be a random prize draw for an emoticushion in week 6 for all students who are 75% of the way through and have read 9 books. Just show your 9 books signed off by a parent or teacher to library staff and you could be the lucky one.



Don't forget there will be **house points** awarded to all students who complete the Challenge so if you haven't started begin it today.

## MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews are an important part of our Assessment and Reporting schedule and it is hoped that all parents can attend requested interviews.

Interviews are being schedule for Week 4 and letters will be sent home to parents at the end of this week or beginning on Week 3.

## NEW SCHOOL JUMPER

The current PACSS committee have chosen to trial adding a new warmer jumper to the current school uniform. The current jumper will still be available for purchase and will remain an appropriate uniform option.

The new jumper design is of the same fabric quality and colour combination, all that has been added is a collar with zip (replacing the v neck) and side pockets. The cost is comparable to the current jumper and will be between \$35 and \$40.

Due to the fact that winter is fast approaching and time from order to supply is approx. 30 days a decision has been made and supported by Governing Council to order a batch of 30 in varying sizes. These jumpers will be sold on a 'first in first served' basis.

Subsequent orders will be taken and once orders of 10 or more are reached and payment received, the order will be placed.

So if you looking at purchasing a new school jumper for your child you have several options.

1. You can place your order now by contacting myself (0409095982) or filling out the form below and returning it to the front office as soon as possible.

However please take into consideration that sizing samples are not yet available, so you will need to estimate this.

2. You can wait (30 days) until the first batch of jumpers has been received to make your decision and check sizing before placing your order. Bearing in mind this process will take a further 30 days. So it will be 2 months before your jumper will be available.

3. You can purchase an existing jumper (v neck style).

We appreciate your patience and understanding of this process. Whilst it is impossible to cater for everyone's needs and preferences we welcome all feedback in regards to uniform designs, and hope that you will appreciate the uniform options available here at MAS.

**Mandy Cunneen, PACSS Co ordinator.**



### New School Winter Jumpers – Pre order form

**Payment must accompany order form. \$37each**

Parent/Carer Ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

Sizes range is : 4-16 & Small to 5XL

Childs name	Class	Size ordered	Quantity

Paid: \$

date:     /     /

Receipt #:





**Net Set Go! Is back for 2016**

**Meningie Netball Club will be running  
the Net Set Go! Program throughout  
Term 2 (week 5 – 10)  
And Term 3 (week 1-5) of 2016.**

**Registration will be on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of May (week 4) at 3:45pm.**

**Cost for 10 week program is \$50.00**

**Please contact NetSetGo! Coordinator  
Laura O'Leary on 0437 199 922  
if you have any queries.**



Murray Bridge Basketball Association

## **PLAYERS WANTED**

Winter Season 2016 will commence on  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> of May

**We are desperately looking for players** in the  
following age groups:

- Under 10/12 Girls – Born 2005 or later
- Under 12 Boys – Born 2005 or 2006
- Under 14/16 Girls – Born in 2001, 2002, 2003 or 2004
- Senior Men and Women

We can accommodate Juniors of all ages if they are  
wanting to play.

Junior Boys play Monday nights, Junior Girls play  
Tuesday nights and Seniors play Wednesday nights.

Please contact our Stadium Coordinator for further information.

Phone 85310755 Fax 85310648 Email [admin@mbba.com.au](mailto:admin@mbba.com.au)