

Meningie Area School Newsletter



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Week 5	
14 th November	STUDENT FREE DAY
15 th November	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Year 12 Final Assembly 10.30 am
16 th November	PaCSS Meeting 1.00 pm Cultural Room
17 th November	1 st Kindy Transition visit 8.40 – 11.00 am
Week 6	
All week	SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket State Carnivals in Adelaide - 5 students from MAS participating
21 st November	Resources Meeting 7.30 pm Governing Council Meeting 8.00 pm
23 rd November	Year 8 Immunisations 9.30 am for 10 am start
24 th November	2 nd Kindy Transition visit 8.40 – 11.30 am
24 th November	Library AGM 4.30 pm



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Today is Remembrance Day, which commemorates the 98th anniversary of the end of World War 1. This is a time when we remember all of those who have lost their lives in times of war, whether as soldiers, airmen, sailors or nurses fighting on either side of conflict, or civilians inadvertently caught up in the horror that war brings.

It is a time to reflect on the terrible price that is paid, both at the individual and family level, and as a nation as a whole. At the outbreak of World War 1, Australia had a population of approximately 5 million people. Of that relatively small population over 300,000 men and women left our shores to fight in the "War To End All Wars". Of those, 60,000 lost their lives while another

150,000 were injured, many crippled by the effects of gas, or amputation of limbs. Many more struggled with what we now know as PTSD, although it was often not recognised at all back then. Even though they had survived the conflict, their lives were often cut short by the ongoing effects of this conflict.

10 years ago today, I, along with a number of members of the first Connecting Spirits trip, had the privilege of sitting in a VIP box around the Arc de Triomphe in Paris to watch the ceremony to remember the war dead there. In 2006 there were only 4 men left still alive of the millions who fought for France, and these 4 were all special guests of the French President, Jacques Chirac, under the Arc. This was the last year that any World War 1 veterans from France attended that ceremony.

10 years on and the number of World War 2 and Korean veterans is now diminishing, and many of our Vietnam veterans are also getting on in years. Meanwhile there are a large number of younger men and women who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq who should also be remembered, not just today, for the sacrifice that they made in service of our country.

Today is also a time for reflection on what it would be like to live in a world that is not impacted by war. Perhaps as individuals there is little that we can do on a global scale, but if each of us were to reflect and try to reduce the conflict in our own little part of the world, our family, our neighbourhood, our community and our country, then maybe we could all find the peace that is the wish of the vast majority of humanity.

Whilst 41 of our students, Mr Love and 3 teachers were returning from the Canberra excursion today, the remainder of the students and teachers at the school attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Meningie Memorial Park.

I would also like to recognise the tremendous work that Kathryn Hese and her team do in preparing our students and supporting them through the process of achieving their SACE at the end of Year 12.

There is a Whole School Assembly on Tuesday 15th November at 10.30 to farewell the 2016 Year 12 Meningie Area School students. Recognition Awards will also be presented. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mal Jurgs (Deputy Principal)

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES 2017

Copies of Materials & Services Charges for 2017 were sent home with students last week. The School Community is invited to attend the next Governing Council meeting to be held on the 21st November in the staffroom at 7.30 pm. The charges will be discussed at this meeting. If you have any queries/concerns you are invited to attend this meeting or present your queries in writing to the Chairperson before this date.

2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The 2016 School magazine is now in production. Please let the front office know if you would like to order one. The magazines will be available early in the 2017 school year. If you place an order and your children will not be at the school in 2017 arrangements will be made to get the order to you. Please consider purchasing a memento for your child/ren's year at the school. A huge amount of effort goes into the collation and printing of a school magazine, and your support will be greatly appreciated to ensure its viability and continuation.



YEAR 9-10 AG & SCIENCE EXCURSION

As part of our Agricultural and Science studies we have been focusing on Genetics and the patterns of inheritance. On Tuesday 1st November we were fortunate enough to be involved in the Artificial Insemination (AI) of some Flairdale Poll Merino Ewes. Margie Trowbridge, of Brecon Breeders, performed the AI, with our students on hand to help out. Margie gave the students a first-hand look at the semen samples and each had an opportunity to look down the scope into the Ewes uterus to see how the process works. Both Margie and Wayne Lehmann gave students an insight into how and why farming has taken to Artificial Breeding and why it is of particular importance for stud breeders today. It was fantastic to see some of our students getting involved in the session. Thank you to Wayne and Margie for giving us this opportunity.

Ms Lehmann & Mr Jurgs



Getting the samples ready



Melissa making sure the semen is active



Colin and Lochie getting the lifting sorted!



Performing the AI



Tom applying the antiseptic

Congratulations to Scarlett Biddle who has read 200 books this year!



Communities for Children Murraylands

Parents,

Is your child starting kindergarten or school in 2017?

Then join us for a FREE Jolly Phonics Workshop to help support your child as they learn to read.

Jolly Phonics Workshop

Funded by Communities for Children Murraylands
and supported by Meningie Area School (MAS)

Friday 25th November 2016

Meningie Area School

10am—2:30pm

Morning Tea & Lunch available to purchase through MAS

A free crèche will be available.

Spaces are limited. Bookings essential.

For all bookings or questions, contact—

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Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Coorong Suicide Prevention Network

Coonalpyn Town Hall Supper Room - 23 November - 5pm

Suicide Prevention
Officers from the
Office of the Chief
Psychiatrist, SA
Health will be
providing an
education session
on 'having difficult
conversations' at
the meeting.



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CONVERSATIONS
MATTER**

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CYBER SAFETY FORUM

What kids are really doing
online, and why we can't
ignore it.

SAPOL together with Carly RYAN
Foundation are holding a forum in
the Murray Mallee Area on Cyber
Safety, providing information in
relation to the law, staying safe, and
services available to the community
to prevent/protect them against
online offending.

Where: Unity College Steeple,
45 Owl Drive,
MURRAY BRIDGE

When: Tuesday, 6 December 2016.

Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
(Doors open at 6.00 pm)

GUEST PRESENTERS

Detective Sergeant Paul FEATHERSTONE – South Australia Police
Sonya RYAN – Founder and CEO of the Carly RYAN foundation.

Guest presenters will join Superintendent
James Blandford on a panel at the end
of the forum to answer any questions on
cyber safety.



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Communities for Children Murraylands

Brain expert **JOHN JOSEPH**

is coming to the Coorong

Join us for an evening with light refreshments and a FREE
seminar with John Joseph for parents of children & teenagers

WAKE UP TO THE IMPACT OF SLEEP

Funded by Communities for Children Murraylands & supported by
Coomandook Area School

Monday 21st November 2016

Tallem Bend Town Hall

Nibbles from 6:30pm

John Joseph Seminar 7:00-9:00pm

A free crèche will be available

Bookings essential by Friday 11th November

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PEACH™ LIFESTYLE

Would you like your kids to eat well and be active?
Would you like to improve your family's lifestyle?



Our **FREE** online **PEACH™ Lifestyle** program can help

What is PEACH™ Lifestyle?

PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) Lifestyle is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle program. It is currently funded by the Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation.

PEACH™ Lifestyle provides parents with skills to

- Improve child diet;
- Increase child activity time;
- Reduce child screen time; and
- Problem solve and plan ahead to improve family lifestyle

"The program was excellent and we're very grateful to have been able to participate. We can see the difference it is making"

Who is it for?

PEACH™ Lifestyle is a FREE program for families with a primary school-aged child.



What does it involve?

- Over 6 months you will:
 - complete our short, online sessions
 - Join our 1 hour online 'chat' sessions with our PEACH™ facilitator
 - Use our 'Discussion Forum' and hear from other parents
 - Complete a survey before and after the program to see what benefits your family has gained from engaging in PEACH™ Lifestyle.

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Register now at:

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