

Meningie Area School Newsletter



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TERM 4 - 2016	
Week 7	
29 th November	Year 8/9 Day Trip to Port Elliott – EDGE Program
1 st December	Year 9/10 VTech Final Day
1 st December	3 rd Kindy Transition visit 8.40 – 1pm
Week 8	
5 th December	Governing Council Meeting 7.30 pm
5 th – 7 th December	Year 9/10 Camp to Victor Harbor
8 th December	4 th Kindy Transition visit – all day
9 th December	5 th Kindy Transition visit – all day
Week 9	
13 th December	Choir singing for PROBUS 11.45 am
13 th December	PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm
14 th December	JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 9.30 to 10.30 am
16 th December	END OF TERM 4 Students Dismissed at 2.20 pm Buses Depart at 2.30 pm

TERM DATES FOR 2017:

Term 1 - Monday 30th January to Thursday 13th April

Term 2 - Monday 1st May to Friday 7th July

Term 3 - Monday 24th July to Friday 29th September

Term 4 - Monday 16th October to Friday 15th December

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

It has been great to be back in school after an exciting and very busy Canberra Trip for 41 students and four teachers!

Our student group were wonderful ambassadors for South Australian public education as they interacted with a wide range of people who we met on our trip.

Like many of our students, this was my first trip to our National Capital and I can highly recommend a visit for families.

Amongst the highlights of the trip were our visits to the Australian War Memorial, the Parliament of Australia, the High Court of Australia, as well as the afternoon spent at Questacon and our evening visit to the Telstra tower. Many students had taken details of a family member who had been killed in one of the conflicts that Australia has been involved in, whilst others chose to investigate a person from our local community who had been killed during the First World War. Finding each of these people's names on the Wall of Remembrance and placing a poppy against each name helped many of our students connect to the sacrifice made and the enormous impact that these conflicts have had and continue to have on many families.

Our visit to the Parliament of Australia was a wonderful opportunity for us to find out about the governance of our country and gain an appreciation of how our democracy works. The highlight of our visit was the opportunity to walk out onto the lawn on the roof of Parliament where our local Federal MP, Tony Pasin recounted how his visit to Parliament as a student had ignited his drive to become a politician.

You wouldn't have thought that a visit to the High Court of Australia would be an exciting event! However, we were fortunate to view the final stages of Clive Palmer's case challenging the legality of decisions made by the Federal Court in Brisbane. The staff of the court led us through the protocols and expectations of everyone attending the Court. It was great to see our students take this seriously as they entered court, bowed to the justices and tried to understand the complexities of the legal arguments!

Finally after an action packed week we climbed aboard our bus and "endured" the fifteen hour return trip to Meningie! Whilst the trip was certainly arduous it gave us all a great opportunity to see the varied landscapes and communities as we travelled through a small section of our huge nation. Amongst the highlights of the trip was seeing the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers overflowing with the waters which will be travelling down to us in the next month or so.

Iain Love (Principal)



Congratulations to these students for their reading achievements: Bohdi - 500 books, Indigo - 200 books, Christian - 100 books, Luke - 200 books and Aaliyah – 100 books. Well done!

Carly Wilamowski (R/1 Teacher)

CANBERRA EXPERIENCE

In week 4 (7th-11th November) 41 students from Year 6-10 undertook an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

Whilst in Canberra the students had the opportunity to visit the following places;

- Parliament House
- Royal Australian Mint
- Australian War Memorial
- National Museum of Australia
- National Capital Exhibition
- Questacon
- Telstra Tower
- Mount Ainslie lookout
- National Archives of Australia
- Australian Institute of Sport
- High Court of Australia
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Australian Art Gallery

Comments from students about the experience:

It was a good experience but a very long bus ride. *Lochie*

The Canberra Experience is something us students will remember forever. *Riley*

We got to learn a lot about what is happening in our Country. *Melissa*

It was good, I'm glad I went. *Dylan*

It was fun, exciting and I learnt a lot. *Tom*

There was a lot to learn in the places we went. *Chelsea*

It was very educational. *Cheska*

It was fun. *Imogen*

It was interesting. *Kirsten*

It was fun in Canberra but boring driving up & back. *Caylee*

I would like to go back again, it was fun. *Nick*

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government will contribute \$60 of funding per students under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and had already been factored into the original excursion costing. We thank them for their support.



CANBERRA EXPERIENCE PART 1



Flooded Murrumbidgee River



Parliament House



Lunch stop at Balranald



Past Prime Ministers



Motel rooms – Ibis Styles, Eaglehawk





Photos on the roof of Parliament House
with Mr Tony Pasin MP Member for Barker



Australian War Memorial



ANZAC Parade



Royal Australian Mint



Ten Pin Bowling



Waiting for the introductory presentation at the
Australian Museum

Recognition Awards



The following students received Recognition Awards at the Whole School Assembly held on Tuesday 15th November:

RECEPTION/1– Ms Wilamowski

Shanell Rigney for wonderful Geography work and independent work.

Jai Zimmermann for being a caring friend and sharing during Maths.

Jiyeden Richardson for trying his best with writing his Geography poster.

Luke Newell for careful and creative Art work on KidPix.

Jacob Kartinyeri for a persistent effort to improve his attendance and for having a go at new learning.

Kodi Oakes for trying his best during Base 10 Maths lessons.

YEAR 1/2 - Mrs Woolston

Hamish Hill for great improvement in writing genres; particularly narratives, and showing maturity.

Ella Davey for improvement in genre writing; particularly narratives.

Gabrielle Swan for success in writing a narrative and being persistent.

Thomas Holmes for persistence in writing a narrative.

Josh Parsons-Averay for compassion toward his fellow students and great number skills.

Harry Saint for achieving success in reading and narrative writing.

YEAR 2/3 –Mrs Starling

Zoe Kernick for excellent participation when participating in Reading Circle.

Caitlin Oakes for a persistent effort in settling into a new school.

Sierra Ridley for working hard at solving Maths problems.

Ella Swan for persistent effort in solving maths problems.

YEAR 4/5 –Mrs Wright

Justin Miller for improved levels of accurate, independent work in all areas.

Kali Hincks for completing all set tasks to a good standard.

Marcus Hartman for more completion of independent tasks.

Tarsha Humphrey for excellent work in completing set tasks.

Lauren Parsons-Averay for independent work in HASS and Art.

Matthew Hughes for a diligent approach to all areas of learning.

YEAR 5/6 –Ms Giles

Coen Pearson for his attention to detail in his illustrations and creations.

Kirsten Hartman for completing weekly spelling activities.

Cameron Sumner for awesome participation in all class activities and showing respect for his own and others' learning.

Chase Rigney for being a caring class mate with awesome athletic abilities.

Destiny Shaw for being a conscientious student who always presents her best work.

Millie Treloar for being an awesome class mate, sewer and speller.

Connor Hill for being a great class mate who always shares and helps others.

HISTORY MYSTERY WEEK

During Week 4 the year 4/5, 5/6 and year 7 students who didn't go to Canberra had a History Mystery Week. On Monday we watched the Ngurrunderi (Dreaming of the Ngarrindjeri People), learnt about local art and walked a tour of the walking trail in the park and historical sites along Princes Highway.

The next day we had a day at school and music lessons getting ready for Presentation Night. We also looked at the maps of where we would be travelling on Wednesday and Thursday.



The biggest day of our week was Wednesday. We had a big day trip to Port Elliott and back. Our trip included looking at the Barrages, the place Matthew Flinders and Nicolas Baudin met, and seeing plaques remembering Charles Sturt and Collet Barker.

Thursday was our day at Old Tailern Town; a day of going back in time and looking at old time technologies and ideas.

On Friday we regrouped, recovered and remembered. We completed some work in our books and went to the Memorial Park to be part of the Remembrance Day Observations.



Our thanks for a great week go to Mrs Mason, Mrs Keynes, Ms Alexander, Mr Robinson, Mrs Wendy Van Den Brink, Mrs Jurgs, Ms Karin Rebner, Mrs Karen Crouch, Miss Wilson, Mrs Celia Kernick, and of course our great bus driver and tour guide, Mrs Judy Appelkamp.

Mrs Wright and Miss Giles



Library open

Weekdays 8.30 – 4.30 and Saturday 10 – 1

The new opening hours have been in operation now for four months and have proved to be popular with a number of students coming in before school to borrow, return and extend their loans. Parents and the public are also invited to take advantage of the **early opening time (8.30 am)** to come in and use the internet or borrow and return items.

Meningie Area School Annuals

We would love to hear from you if you have a 1989, 1973, 1971, 1970 or pre 1968 school annual to add to our collection as we are missing these copies. Ph 8575 1681 or Meningie.library@gmail.com

The library has secured a prize pack from the promoters of the new animation film **SING** and a colouring in competition is now open for a chance to win. Children who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge will also have the chance of free tickets to the movie.



The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates and medallions will be presented at Assembly in week 9. Congratulations to all the students (over 50) who completed at least 12 books this year.



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 5th December 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.



FUNDRAISER FOR NEPAL

The Year 8/9 class have been talking to Mrs Bagshaw and we have decided to help raise money by selling bags that have been made by people from Nepal.

All profits made will go straight back to the Rainbow Children's Home to help the children that live in the home.

The bags range from \$10 to \$30. It will be held on Friday 2nd December Week 7 at 1:00pm to 1:45. Everyone is welcome to come.

You might like to buy some Christmas gifts or maybe treat yourself.
Year 8/9 Class



A Great Christmas Idea

Bag Sale

**When? Friday week 7 at
lunchtime
1pm- 1:45pm**

**Why? Raising money for the
Rainbow Children's Home**

Where? In the Fernery



Christmas Gift Stall

Want to support a fundraiser you can receive from?

Want to teach your child the gift of giving?

PACSS are holding a Christmas Gift Stall
at this years Christmas Pageant in the Park

4th December at 12pm - 4pm

Female & male gifts available.
Many amazing gifts to chose from! Suitable for
Mums, Dads, Grandparents or even your child's teacher!

\$5.00 per gift (including gift wrapping)

Take a look at the MAS Facebook page
for a glimpse of the gifts in the making!

Limited gifts available so get in quick! Any unsold gifts will also
be available for purchase during week 8 at the school.



Meningie Oval Playground Support Group

Christmas Tree Festival

(Competition and Display)

At Coorong Cottage Industries

From Sunday 4 December

Until Christmas.

Categories:

- *1: Decorated Christmas Tree \$5 entry fee
- *2: Christmas Wreath \$5 entry fee
- *3: Christmas Table Centre \$5 entry fee

*4: Hand made Christmas Card

Section 1 - Open / Section 2 - Student
no entry fee

*5: Handmade Christmas decoration

Section 1 - Open / Section 2 - Student
no entry fee



Entries to be brought to CCI

Albert's gallery room between 10am and

noon on Saturday 3 December.

Judging by Peoples Choice system.



Meningie Progress Association Inc
presents a community 150 event

PAGEANT IN THE PARK

December 4th
12.00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Displays Food Stalls Jumping Castle
Face Painting Kids Games Loads of Fun
Santa 1 - 3
Lions Jubilee Park, Meningie

Entry forms can be collected from Meningie Council Office, The
Chambers or Email meningieprogress@hotmail.com

You are invited to Meningie Nature Playground

Official Opening

Including the Amazing Race

This OPAL activity is suitable for all school aged children

Friday 2 December

3:30pm

For those volunteers involved in the project a BBQ will also be provided at the Meningie Info Hub following the opening

This project has been funded jointly by the Council, Opal and State government
as part of the Minister for Planning's commitment to provide investment in local reserves and playgrounds