

# Meningie Area School Newsletter



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## TERM 1 - 2017

<b>Week 2</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff/Family BBQ 5.00 to 6.30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Innov8 2017 Community Leaders Forum
<b>Week 3</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY – STAFF TRAINING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> February	MAS Swimming Carnival at Coonalpyn
<b>Week 4</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>USE Swimming Carnival at Coonalpyn – selected students</b>

### **URGENT RE: SCHOOL PARKING**

In the interest of child safety, we wish to remind all parents, carers and grandparents NOT to use the staff car park (including the library spaces) AT ANY TIME unless in circumstances when they might be collecting a sick child from the front office.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and support of this.

WELCOME TO  
2017 School year  
**Staff/Family BBQ**  
**Tuesday 7 February**  
**5.00 – 6.30 pm**  
Meet teachers &  
OTHER STAFF  
All families welcome  
RSVP FRONT OFFICE  
By Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students and teachers after what I hope has been an enjoyable break. Welcome also to all our new families. It is exciting to see a significant increase in the numbers of students joining our school this year.

I would also like to welcome both Bec Jackson (R/1) and Ryan Bubner (Year 1/2), who are starting their first year teaching at Meningie Area School. Bec has previously taught at Oak Valley Aboriginal School and Ryan has joined us from Ernabella Anangu School. We are excited that they have chosen to join our school community.

Teaching staff and SSO's have been in school during the last week preparing for the new school year, setting up classrooms and undertaking professional development.

This has included SSO's and teachers working with our Numeracy mentor Rosslyn Shepherd, learning how best to support student learning in this key area. Our English staff across the Secondary, as well as many of our Primary teachers, attended training on how to implement an exciting writing programme called Seven Steps and our Technology and Art team met to discuss and plan for the Innovate 2017 inquiry unit.

Work in classrooms is well under way and it has been great to meet our many new students and welcome returning students as I move around classes and the yard.

### **Innovation Inquiry and Growth Mindset**

The effects of increased automation and the use of artificial intelligence to augment and replace many areas of employment are already presenting challenges to communities around the world. It is essential that we prepare our students to make the most effective adjustments to these changes and ensure that they are best prepared to take advantage of the opportunities which these changes present.

Key organisations around the world agree on core desirable skills and attributes which will support students in successfully navigating their way through this time of exponential change. These skills, often referred to as 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, are highlighted in the Australian National Curriculum and the DECD STEM initiative (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and include:

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication
- Collaboration

Other skills highlighted as 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and attributes include the development of resilience, a positive outlook and growth mindset.

Coupled with our focus on improving literacy and numeracy across the site we will be focussing on providing support and opportunities for students across the school to develop these skills and attributes.

### **Community Innovation and Engagement Forum (Innov8 2017)**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a Community Innovation and Engagement Forum which will bring together educators, student representatives, community members, business, services and local government. The focus of the meeting will be to develop questions, challenges and provocations related to the direction which our school, community stakeholders, business and government need to consider as we move forward over the next ten to fifteen years.

Some of the questions, challenges and provocations generated through this process will form the basis for student inquiry across the site. Whilst the major focus will be on the middle years, all students will have the opportunity to engage in the process.

Groups of students working in the STEM, English and Art areas (STEAM) will choose a question/challenge to investigate and will work collaboratively to develop possible solutions which address these.

Their ideas, presentations and solutions will be presented at the Innovation Expo which will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. For all information and timelines please see Newsletter 19 2016.

## **Student Free Day 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

Teachers and SSO's will be working with an international organisation called "NOTOSH" (<http://www.notosh.com/design-thinking>) to develop an understanding of "Design Thinking" and how this supports student inquiry, curriculum design and implementation. Using a number of the questions/challenges identified through the community innovation meeting teachers will work with members of the NOTOSH team to design units of work which will form the basis of our work with students in Innovate 2017.

## **Preparing for the Innovate 2017 STEAM Inquiry and Expo**

Over two days (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February) the NoTosh team will work with teachers and students across the Upper Primary and Middle School to support them in identifying the challenge/question which they will inquire into and how to begin organising and planning their approaches and timelines. They will continue to support us through the year as we implement, review and adjust our STEAM initiative to ensure that we are best meeting student needs.

## **Sports in Term 1 2017**

As usual this term is going to be a busy one! Traditionally, there is a major focus on Swimming and Athletics this term, with our school Swimming Carnival at the Coonalpyn Pool on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and the Upper South East Swimming Carnival on 21<sup>st</sup> February. HPE staff will also be working with students to develop their athletics skills in preparation for the school Athletics Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Community Acquaintance BBQ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm**

I would like to invite all families to an informal acquaintance night BBQ to be held in the Junior Primary Shaded area so that parents, carers and staff have an opportunity to meet and get to know each other.

We are looking forward to an exciting and fulfilling year working together with families and our community to offer our students the best educational opportunities.

Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns so we can continue to work together to resolve these.

*Iain Love (Principal)*

## **PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**

We seek your support in engaging with the Parent Opinion Survey and taking just a short amount of time to follow the link <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/awA6AXpx> and complete. The Parent Opinion Survey, as well as that of the Staff Opinion Survey, and Student Opinion Survey is a requirement of DECD. It is used in the Annual Report. Most importantly it does give very useful information that is used in the development of future strategies and plans. I thank you in anticipation of your support in this regard.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SURVEYS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**Scholastic Book Clubs:** The Term 1 Scholastic Book Clubs brochure was sent home with students earlier this week. Parents may continue to order and pay in the traditional way i.e. at the bookroom by cash, cheque or credit card, or may use the new 'LOOP' (Linked Online Ordering & Payment) platform now provided by Scholastic Australia on their website. Orders will close on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Introducing

 **SCHOLASTIC**

# Book Clubs **LOOP** for Parents

AVAILABLE  
AS AN APP!



**LOOP** is Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online**  
**Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and click on **HELP** in the top menu.





## HISTORY MYSTERY WEEK 2016



As part of History week we went to Port Elliot, Goolwa, Milang, and Old Tailern Town.







Can you spot any places or people you know?



## 2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE – ORDERS CLOSING SOON

It's not too late to order a 2016 School magazine. Please let the front office know if you would like to order one. The magazines will be available later this term.

# **PaCSS Meeting**

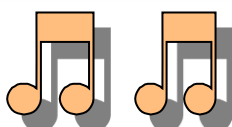
(Parents and Carers School Support)

**Tuesday 14th February 2017**  
**2.00pm**

All parents/carers/grandparents of students attending the school are welcome.  
Meetings are held in the cultural room. Sign in at the front office on arrival and you will be directed to the room if you are not sure where to go.

**It would be great to see some new faces at the meeting. ☺**

## **MUSIC AT MENINGIE**



Our music program continues at Meningie Area School this year. Mr Peter Longden and Mr Rod Williams will continue to be our Instrumental Music Service teachers for our band instrument students - clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. These lessons are offered to year 5 to 12 students free of charge on Tuesday mornings.

Students from year 4-7 are offered the opportunity to be part of the school choir: locally, regionally in Murray Bridge and in Adelaide. Our rehearsals will start on Wednesday afternoons.

Our school also allows 2 private providers to teach at our school on Mondays. These arrangements can be made with the teachers directly. These lessons are mainly in guitar and piano and are provided at the parents' expense.

Jack Love and Georgia Steinert can be contacted on Jack's phone number – 0437 666 697.

If anyone has any enquiries about the possible music education at Meningie, please contact Anne Wright at school.

**Anne Wright**

## **Free Junior Golf sessions for ages 5 to 18 years**

To be held at Lake Albert Golf Club commencing weekly from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12pm.

Shared golf clubs (or bring your own) - balls are provided.

Snacks are provided.

Adult helpers will be greatly appreciated.

Confirm your attendance by text to Lisa on: 0437 247 481

Everyone welcome! Come and have some fun!





Meningie Sailing Club offers  
**Come and Try Sailing Days**  
during the summer.



These sessions are free and are available to anyone who is interested.

Any students who are interested are welcome to come along and enjoy the lake and the boats. Parents and other community people are also welcome. PFDs and sailing equipment are all provided; just bring clothes you can get wet.

There are Come and Try Sailing sessions during the rest of the sailing season, as well as some fun days to help people become more familiar with the lake. Anyone is welcome to come along for familiarisation sessions to watch, learn how to sail or even to revise 'old' skills.

The sessions for these sailing sessions are on the following dates and times:

- Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic Sailing Day (lunch provided) starting at 12 noon
- Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> Come and Try Sailing 11:00 -12:00
- Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> sailing races 1:30pm
- Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> Short Course Team Sailing 1:00 pm
- Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> Come and Try Sailing 11:00 -12:00 and a novelty fun race at 1:30pm
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Regional Team Sailing Hosted by Meningie at Meningie

Contact numbers for sailing are:- Jeff Wright 08 85 755029, Tim Wright 0438 458 945  
or speak to Steve Starling, Anne Wright or Vic Woolston



All children are invited to participate in the Challenge in 2017. Reading Logs are available from the library or PRC website.

Parents are encouraged to get involved and sign off books their children have read on the reading log. More information is on the following page. There will be house points awarded to all students who complete the Challenge.

There were over 50 students who completed at least 12 books last year and it would be great to see that many participants again in 2017!





## Premier's Reading Challenge Guidelines

1. The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students from Reception to Year 12 in South Australian government and non-government schools as well as home education students.
2. Students are challenged to read 12 books from the start of the school year until the first Friday in **September**.
3. Students will record the titles and authors of the books they read on the appropriate [Student Reading Record](#) on the Challenge website.
4. Teachers, teacher librarians, public librarians or parents/carers must sign each entry on the Student Reading Record. This indicates that a student has read (or shared in the reading of) a book at an appropriate literacy level and that the book title and author are accurate.
5. For **Reception - Year 7** students, at least 8 of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level or at an appropriate literacy level for each student. A maximum of 4 books can be the student's own choice and should be of a similar standard to books on the list.
6. For **Year 8 and Year 9** students, at least 4 of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level and the remaining 8 can be the student's own choice to cater for more diverse reading preferences at this level. The books should all be at an appropriate literacy level for each student and guidance may be required.
7. **Year 10, 11 or 12** students read 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level for each student and may include prescribed texts. The books will be signed by an adult in the usual way. Students will submit the form to the school contact person by the first Friday in September and schools will include these students when they add the data for all students.
8. The Premier's Reading Challenge should be inclusive for all students who are willing to take up the challenge to read 12 books. At the teacher's discretion, students may read more than 4 books not on the booklist (Reception - Year 7) or more than 8 books not on the booklist (Year 8 - 9).
9. The books in the MATURE category are most appropriate for students from Year 9 - 12.
10. If at least one book from a **series** is included on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist, then any book from that series can also be included.
11. Students can read books at an appropriate level for their language proficiency or literacy level to achieve the Premier's Reading Challenge:
  - Books chosen from the Challenge booklist can be from the booklist for their year level and from **booklists for year levels above their own**. Guidance may be required for students in their choice of titles from booklists for older students.
  - **Students with disabilities** may read books that are at an appropriate literacy level for them and/or use texts that have been adapted to meet their individual learning and literacy needs including Braille texts, talking books, e-books, and books on tape, DVD or CD.
  - The challenge of reading books in other languages may appeal to students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are learning English as a second language and those involved in First Language Maintenance and Development Programs. (eg: students with special needs, ESL students).
12. Schools are requested to nominate a **school contact person** to manage participation in the Challenge for their school. Students and classes do not register separately. Registration includes the details for two school contact people for all communication to be sent to both people. Also, the school's general contact will be used as a third contact to ensure that information is received at the school.
13. **Home education students or those participating individually** do *not* need to register. Simply download the [Student Reading Record](#) from the website and submit the completed form by the end of September directly to the Premier's Reading Challenge Manager.
14. The awards are: first year - certificate signed by the Premier, second year - bronze medal, third year - silver medal, fourth year - gold medal, fifth year - champion medal, sixth year - legend medal, seventh



## KINDERGYM EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Time: 9.30 am – 10.30 am**

(time subject to change, like on Facebook to keep upto date)

**Where: Uniting Church Hall,  
Princes Highway, Meningie**

**Term Fee: \$50** First Child  
**\$35** for Second Child

**Casual Fee: \$7** per child

**Lots of fun for the kids!**



***For children aged  
0-5 years  
All Welcome***



*Enquires phone Emma 0417 809 469*

*Sessions run every Wednesday  
during school term*

*First Session **FREE** for new child/ren*



## MAKE IT A FRESH SNACK - IDEAS FOR YOUNG KIDS

Kids don't need expensive, packaged foods. Try these simple ideas to tempt kids with fresh snacks.

### Young kids love to eat...

- > **Yoghurt dippers** – Spoon out reduced-fat yoghurt into a small cup and serve with cut-up fruit for dipping.
- > **Fruit kebabs** - Thread pieces of fruit such as melons onto a straw or pop stick, or get young children to thread their own fruit kebab!
- > **Veggie faces** - Use bite-sized salad vegies to make a veggie face on a plate with cherry tomatoes for eyes, sliced mushrooms for ears, cucumber for a mouth, grated carrot or sprouts for hair.



For more fresh snack ideas visit  
[opal.sa.gov.au](http://opal.sa.gov.au)

Communities for Children  
Murraylands

Join us at the Meningie Hunter  
Park near the Caravan Park

## Kayak with Lyall

Wednesday's 6.30pm-7.30pm

February 22nd

March 1st

March 8th

March 15th

March 22nd

This is a free activity for children aged 5-12  
Parents are welcome to join in

Places are limited - Call 8572 3513



Tallem Bend Community Centre  
141 Railway Terrace Tallem Bend P 08 8572 3513  
E [c4c@fbcc.org.au](mailto:c4c@fbcc.org.au) www.[fbcc.org.au](http://fbcc.org.au)



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Murray Bridge Basketball Association

## BRIDGE HOOPS

Term 1 Bridge Hoops will run on

**WEDNESDAYS**

**FROM: March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**TIME: 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

**COST: \$35 for 6 weeks**

Boys and Girls Aged 5-8 Years

Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants.

Registration forms are available on our website or at the Stadium.

Telephone: 8531 0755

Email: [admin@mbba.com.au](mailto:admin@mbba.com.au)

## MURRAY BRIDGE UNITED SOCCER CLUB

are holding a Come 'n Try /  
Registration / Information night  
on Friday the 10th February from  
4.00pm to 6.00pm, at their  
clubrooms, Beatty Terrace,  
Murray Bridge.

All welcome, past, new players,  
boys and girls. Juniors and  
Seniors.

All Enquiries to Grant please -  
0411 057 039

WK	DATE	DAY	MEETINGS	PLANNED EVENTS
1	30 Jan	Mon		Term 1 2017 BEGINS
	31	Tues		
	1 Feb	Wed		
	2	Thurs		
	3	Fri		
2	6	Mon		
	7	Tues		Parent/Teacher BBQ 5 to 6.30 pm
	8	Wed		Innova8 2017 Community Leaders Forum
	9	Thurs		
	10	Fri		
3	13	Mon	PLEASE NOTE STUDENT FREE DAY -> -> -> -> -> -	STUDENT FREE DAY – STAFF T&D
	14	Tues	PACSS MEETING 2PM	
	15	Wed		MAS SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT COONALPYN
	16	Thurs		
	17	Fri		
4	20	Mon		
	21	Tues		USE SWIMMING CARNIVAL @ COONALPYN
	22	Wed		SAPSASA Softball selection day @ Lameroo
	23	Thurs		'No Tosh' Innov8 2017
	24	Fri		'No Tosh' Innov8 2017
5	27	Mon	Governing Council meeting 7.30 pm	
	28	Tues		
	1 March	Wed		SASSA Swimming Carnival – Adelaide@ Marion
	2	Thurs		SCHOOL PHOTO DAY from 11.30 am
	3	Fri		
6	6	Mon		SAPSASA Swimming Selection @ Murray Bridge
	7	Tues		
	8	Wed		MAS ATHLETICS R-12 AT SCHOOL OVAL
	9	Thurs	Library Board Meeting 4.30 pm	
	10	Fri		
7	13	Mon		ADELAIDE CUP - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	14	Tues		
	15	Wed		
	16	Thurs		
	17	Fri		SAPSASA Swimming @ Marion
8	20	Mon		
	21	Tues		
	22	Wed		
	23	Thurs		USE ATHLETICS @ COOMANDOOK
	24	Fri		24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Regional Team Sailing @ Meningie
9	27	Mon		
	28	Tues		
	29	Wed		
	30	Thurs		
	31	Fri		
10	3 April	Mon		SAPSASA Softball Carnival @ Adelaide – all week
	4	Tues		
	5	Wed		
	6	Thurs		
	7	Fri		
11	10	Mon		SASSA Athletics at SANTOS Stadium
	11	Tues		
	12	Wed		
	13	Thurs		Innov8 2017 Expo Last day of Term 1 School finishes 2.20 pm Buses depart 2.30 pm
	14	Fri		GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY