



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### NAPLAN 2019

By now most parents with students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will have received their child(ren)'s NAPLAN results.

It has been exciting for us to track student progress from when they last sat the tests in 2017.

This year presented some new challenges with all the Year 5, 7 and 9 tests being online and all of the Year 3 tests, with the exception of writing also being online.

Overall, students managed the transition well and we managed to deal with the small technical issues which arose.

The Department for Education uses the data from NAPLAN each year as one of the indicators for how our students are travelling in the key literacy areas of reading comprehension, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation with student progress in reading

comprehension being linked to one of the department's "standard of educational achievement" targets.

Similarly, the data from each year's NAPLAN Numeracy test is used as one of the measures to track student progress in Maths/Numeracy. As with reading comprehension, the Numeracy SEA is set at one level higher than the NAPLAN "national minimum standard."

Our results for 2019 have been encouraging across the majority of our classes

It has been particularly exciting to see the evidence of growth in the NAPLAN writing across Years 3, 5 and 7. This indicates that our focus on improving writing across the school is beginning to bare fruit.

Another area of note has been the increasing number of students who have shown greater than average for growth between NAPLAN tests with 40% of Year 9 students in the upper growth band in both reading comprehension and numeracy and no students in the low growth band.

Also of note, when measured against all students who sat the test, was above average number of students in the medium and upper growth bands in numeracy and literacy for our Year 5 students.

Our Year 3 cohort of students have also shown pleasing results with an increase in mean scores for reading comprehension, writing and numeracy when compared to previous years.

It is worth bearing in mind that NAPLAN gives us a snapshot of student progress in these key areas once every two years. Throughout the year teachers are conducting audits of student progress, making judgements about the next steps to support learning and using these and external testing data to inform their decisions.

If you would like to meet with myself or your child's teacher to discuss the NAPLAN results, please contact the school.

### School Redevelopment News

New paving running from the bus bay towards the hall, as well as changes to some of the Middle School access paved areas, were completed during the holidays as were improvements to the access into the Junior School

### TERM 4 2019 14/10/2019 – 13/12/2019

#### SUN SMART POLICY

#### Week 2

Mon 21/10	Governing Council Meeting
Thurs 24/10	1 <sup>st</sup> Kindy Transition
Thurs 24/10	Yr 7-12 Mental Health First Aid Training
Thurs 24/10	Yr 7-12 Mental Health First Aid Training
Fri 25/10	Yr 6/7 Aquatics Camp

#### SUNDAY 27/10

#### WORKING BEE

#### Week 3

Mon 28/10	Yr 10 & 11 Road Safety Presentation
Tues 29/10	Choir Murray Bridge
Wed 30/10	Yr 2/3/4 Excursion Careship Coorong
Thurs 31/10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindy Transition
Fri 1/11	Yr 7 – 10 Super 8 Cricket @ Karoonda

playground. The majority of these changes have fallen out of the scope of the project, so funding has had to come from our reserves which Governing Council has set aside to support the post project work.

We are currently working on tidying up areas which were inside the project as well as beginning the next stage of the development of the farm animal areas and future “market garden” near to the wetlands.

A working bee is planned for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We would be grateful for help from anyone who is free to help us complete the tidy up and get these projects underway.

Specific details are in the school notice section of this newsletter.

### **Opening of the School Redevelopment 8<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm**

We are finalising the arrangements for the opening of the new school redevelopment by the Minister for Education John Gardner on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Whilst there are a number of invited guests, I would ask all of our community to pass on the message to the wider community they are all welcome to attend the event. Over the years a large number of members of our school community, past and present, have been involved in advocating for and working towards this re-development and we would like to share our celebration of this with all involved.

The proceedings will commence at 1:15 pm approximately with a musical presentation from a group of our instrumental music students. Minister Gardner will arrive at approximately 1:30 pm when the formal part of the process will commence. This will last for about 45 minutes following which there will be the opportunity for all to tour the school.

Students will shortly be preparing a short item to include in a time capsule which will be prepared and buried later this term to commemorate the event. Their contributions will be displayed around the school for people to view as they tour the school.

Refreshments will be provided prior to and following the formal proceedings.

Specific details and timings will be sent out closer to the event.

## **Time Capsule News**

Have you ever wondered what you were doing 10, 20 or 30 years ago?

We are planning to plant a time capsule as part of our School Redevelopment Opening Celebration.

Every student will be asked to be part of the event by completing a page for remembering.

Do you have any ideas about what information we can include on each page?

We are planning to include a photograph of each student, their name and class and other interesting facts that they can contribute.

Please contact Mrs Emma Swan at school if you have any other ideas.

From the Year 4/5 Class

## **Lake Albert's School Day**

The Lake Albert Gun Club in Meningie (South Australia), was fortunate enough to host a group of Secondary school students from the Meningie Area School, for the South Australian Clay Target Association 'Introduction to Clay Target Shooting and Firearms Safety course' on Friday September 25.

It ended up being quite a pleasant morning with a slight breeze after an early bit of drizzle cleared away. Mal Jurgs, (Club Committee member) and Meningie Area School's Deputy Principal had the 'in-class' sessions of the curriculum already delivered before the students arrived. As the school bus arrived and the students filed out, there was an air of excitement as they came into the Clubhouse. We made sure there were plenty of biscuits and lollies at the ready to keep the energy levels up.

Most of these students had never held a firearm before, let alone something as heavy as a shotgun. About an hour was spent in the Clubhouse – here we did a revision on what they have learned in the classroom, before a safety briefing on rules, regulations and safety protocols on the grounds. Club member Graham Harvey made quick work of showing the class what expectations are practiced in relation to firearm safety outside.

During the 'dry runs' the students were shown and learnt the correct gun mounting principles, stance, one eyed or two eyed shooting etc. They then all got to shoot at the pattern plates to make sure that they were shooting exactly where they were looking.

Once we completed another quick briefing in the Clubhouse, we all headed out to the walks to hit some targets. In single file, from the centre lane and over two layouts, they each got a few shots away before they got the hang of it and started punishing those targets.

It was an excellent group of students that had a heap of fun doing something way different during their sports lessons – and at the end we had a competition of guys against gals. Let me tell you that there were some serious 'guns' in among the group as no one relented to having the others win. Special thanks must go out to Mal Jurgs and Ian Wauchope from the school for assisting in the organisation and bringing the students to us. We've done this a few times now and the students get a real kick out of learning and trying something like this.

Thanks also to our State Secretary Deb McPherson for spending the time on the day with the kids who are sometimes a bit timid. She works so well with them to make them feel comfortable and passes on her ability to get them hitting targets.

All in all, a great day was had by all, and everyone left with a great smile on their face. The 'Certificates of Achievement' will be passed on to the students at one of the school assemblies over the coming weeks so they all have a memento of their attendance.

**Len DeCandia – President – Lake Albert Gun Club**  
**SA Coaching Coordinator.**

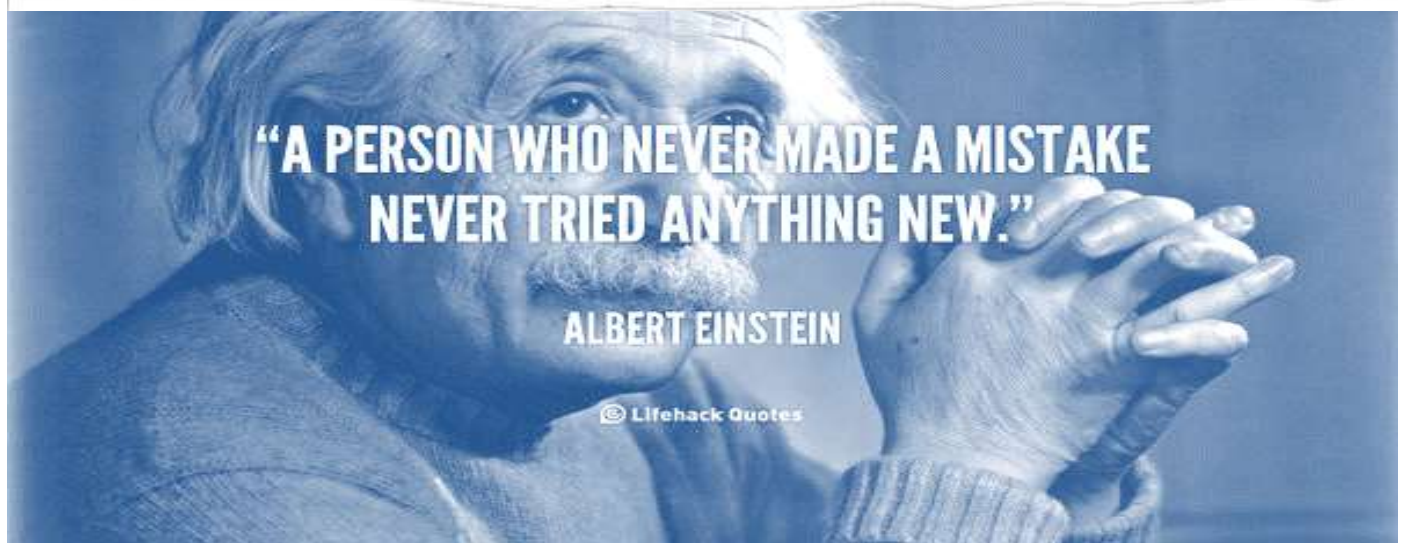
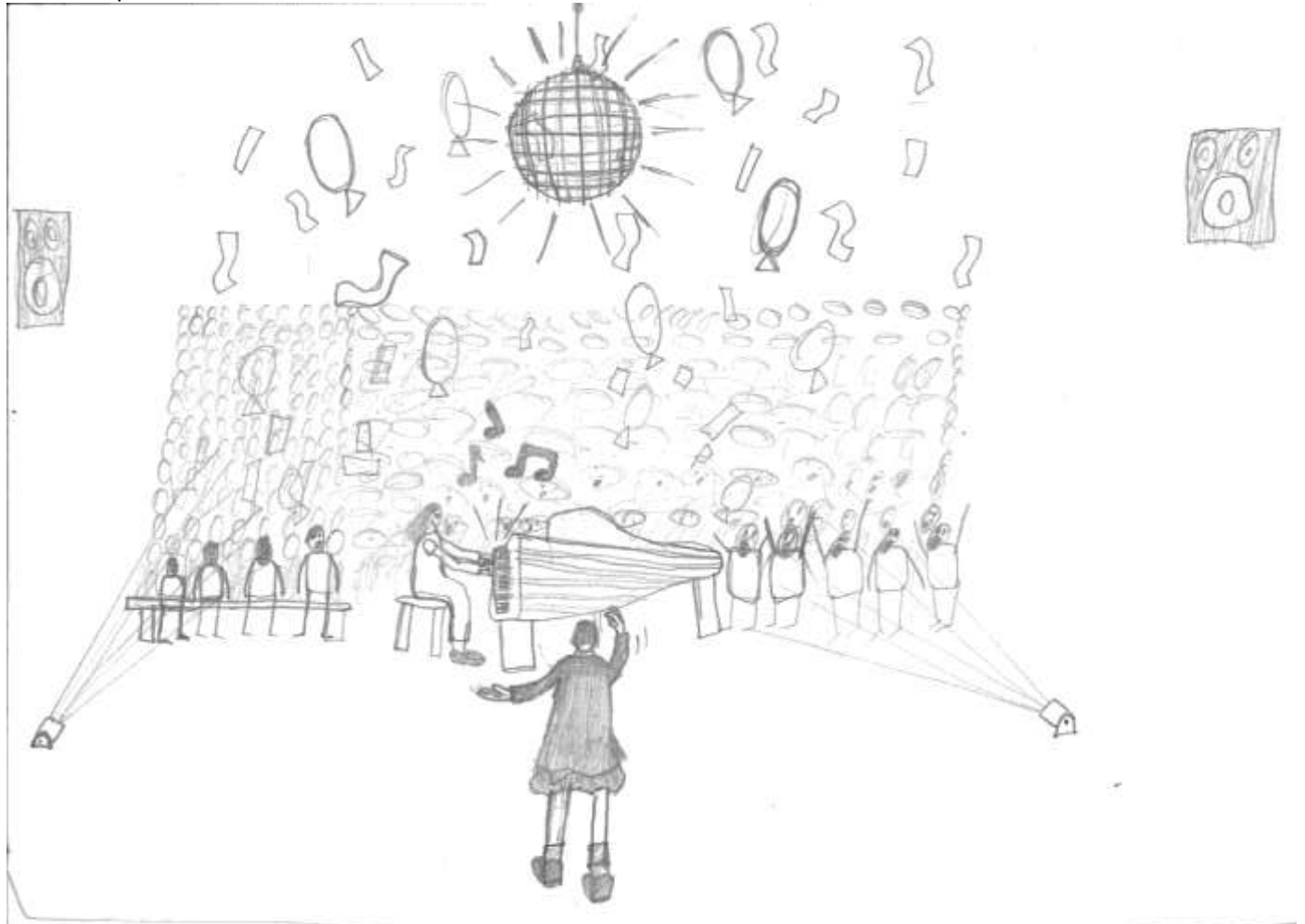


## **Murray Mallee Regional Festival of Music**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, choir students, wood wind instrumentalists and dance troupe will perform to a sold out crowd at the Murray Bridge Town Hall.

This festival is part of the South Australian Primary Schools Music Festival. Children in Years 4,5,6 and 7 from local primary school's present choir songs, some using soloists, and are accompanied by a band of local music teachers and high school students. Talented primary and high school students also feature as assisting artists. Each concert features around 120 students and is a night to celebrate the joy of singing in a choir.

Below is a picture drawn by Ryan Cunneen, Year 5. This is a reflection of their visit to the Adelaide Festival Theatre on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for the Festival of Music.





**MYTERN**  
Take Emotional Responsibility Now

You may not be able to change your circumstance at the moment, but you always have the option to change the way you feel.

## School Notices

Meningie Area School use **School Star App** to communicate with families. The APP allows you to message the school for absences or other messages, email and phone links



## Scholastic Orders

Scholastic brochures were sent out last week with students R - 7. The last date for orders is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Please hand orders in to the front office with payment or make your payment online via LOOP following the information on the order slips and record your order confirmation number on the order form.

Thanks to all who support both students' reading and the school by purchasing from Scholastic, as we receive bonus credit on all orders which are mainly used for Junior Primary resources.



## ISA Brown Point of Lay



Available in November - place your order at the school, call in or phone 8575 1106.

# WORKING BEE

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019** ★★★★★★ **9am to 12.30 pm**

Jobs include - gardening, mulching, painting, fencing animal nursery & chook yard, installing benches and many more...

Please bring along any garden equipment, trailer etc. you may have to complete any jobs

We will finish off with a sausage sizzle for lunch

## *All Welcome*

Don't forget a hat, sunscreen and water bottle

If you cannot attend on the day but would like to help, please contact Mal Jurgs or Emma Swan

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Monday during School Term ✨ 3.20pm – 4.30pm

for Year 4 – 12 students

Staff are in the room to support students

Registration form available at the Front Office



## TERM 4 – SUN SMART POLICY APPLIES

**Students require a broad brim hat** in Term 4 or they will be required to stay in the shade.

A friendly reminder that short shorts are not appropriate for school. Shorts should be knee length.



# BRIDGE HOOPS

Term 4 Bridge Hoops will run on:

**WEDNESDAYS**

FROM: **October 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 27<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Rookies and Stars - 5:15pm to 6:15pm**

**Legends – 5:15pm to 6:15pm Week 1&6  
- 5:15pm to 6:40pm Weeks 2-5**

**COST: \$35 for the 6 week program**

- ★ Aimed at Boys and Girls Aged 5 to 8 (older first time players are welcome however)
- ★ Bridge Hoops provides an introduction to and development of individual and team basketball skills for all participants, with the aim of transitioning them into competition basketball.
- ★ Registration/Information Forms are available on our website or at the Stadium.

Tel: 85310755

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

## MENINGIE CHEESE FACTORY MUSEUM INC



### Swap-meet & Car-boot sale

**Saturday, 2 November.**

auto At the Museum block general  
caravan Fiebig Road, Meningie.  
**12.30—4pm** retro

Held in conjunction with  
the Lake Albert Caravan Park Vintage &  
Classic Caravanners Open Day and swap meet

Sausage Traders Site fees and much  
sizzle car boot - \$15 more  
trailer or 3mx3m marquee - \$25.

Set up from 11.30am

To book your site phone Syd on 0412 159 962  
or Marianne on 0437 320 779



## Come and try sailing!

### @ Meningie Sailing Club

1 Princes Highway, Meningie

#### •Twilight series, HEAT 1:

○ Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30pm

#### •Discover Sailing Day

○ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00am – 3:00pm

• Learn to sail in a supportive environment with experienced instructors!

• All new or returning sailors welcome!

**\*\*Please see Mr. Bubner or Mrs. Wright for more information\*\***



#### Dates:

24-25 October, 2019

25-26 November, 2019

2-3 December, 2019

Age group: 11-14 year olds  
and their parents/caregivers



Internet gaming and social media provide challenges to many families. Simon Andrews from Optimistic Kids and OK Psychology has partnered with Canoe the Coorong to provide a wilderness psychology program where parents and their children can experience two days completely without screens, in one of Australia's most beautiful national parks.

#### The program will:

- Assess screen use and its impact on daily life for both children and parents.
- Teach skills for coping with difficult feelings and behaviours around screens.
- Teach strategies to re-engage with school and family life in a way that is not dominated by screens.

Post-program follow-up sessions are available to help maintain new behaviours.

The program is also available at our city and Tea Tree Gully offices for those who are unable to spend two days away.

Please contact Fiona Ferguson at [fiona@okpsychology.com.au](mailto:fiona@okpsychology.com.au) or on 8264 2311 for more information.

CANOE THE COORONG





## **Meningie Area School**

**Official School Redevelopment Opening**

**All Welcome**

**8th November 2019 ~ 1.00pm to 3.30 pm**

**Official proceedings  
commence at 1.30 pm  
followed by light refreshments  
and tours**

**RSVP  
(08) 85751106  
[dl.0750\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0750_info@schools.sa.edu.au)**

**REMINDER – TERM 4 – SUNSMART POLIY (Hat, Sunscreen, Sunglasses)**

WK	DATE	DAY	MEETINGS	PLANNED EVENTS
1	14 Oct	Mon		
	15	Tues		
	16	Wed		
	17	Thurs		
	18	Fri		Kindy Parent Transition Meeting 2.00 - 315pm
2	21	Mon	Governing Council Meeting Mental Health First Aid Training - Staff	
	22	Tues		
	23	Wed		
	24	Thurs		1 <sup>st</sup> Kindy Transition Visit – 8.40 – 11.00 Yr 6/7 Aquatics Murray Bridge Yr 7 – 12 Mental Health First Aid Training
	25	Fri		Yr 6/7 Aquatics Murray Bridge
	27	Sunday	WORKING BEE	
3	28	Mon	Partnership Meeting	Yr 10 & 11 Road Safety Presentation
	29	Tues		Choir Murray Bridge
	30	Wed		Scholastic Orders Due
	31	Thurs		2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindy Transition Visit – 8.40 – 11.30
	1 Nov	Fri		
4	4	Mon		SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket
	5	Tues		
	6	Wed		
	7	Thurs		3 <sup>rd</sup> Kindy Transition Visit – 8.40 – 1.00 Yr 7 – 12 Mental Health First Aid Training
	8	Fri		<b>OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING</b>
5	11	Mon		
	12	Tues		
	13	Wed		
	14	Thurs		Final Kindy Transition Visit – 8.40 – 3.20 Yr 7 – 12 Mental Health First Aid Training
	15	Fri		Year 12 Assembly
6	18	Mon		
	19	Tues		
	20	Wed		
	21	Thurs		
	22	Fri		
7	25	Mon	Governing Council Meeting	INNOV8
	26	Tues		INNOV8
	27	Wed		INNOV8
	28	Thurs		
	29	Fri	Partnership Meeting	
8	2 Dec	Mon		PUPIL FREE DAY Yr 7-12 Melbourne Trip
	3	Tues		
	4	Wed		
	5	Thurs		
	6	Fri		
9	9	Mon		
	10	Tues		<b>PRESENTATION NIGHT</b>
	11	Wed		
	12	Thurs		
	13	Fri		Last day of Year School finishes 2.20 pm Buses depart 2.30 pm

Term 1, 2020 - Tuesday 28 January 2020.....Thursday 9 April 2020