

Meningie Area School Newsletter

ACTING PRINCIPAL: Mr Mal Jurgs
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Katrina Hood
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TERM 4 2020 12/10/2020 – 11/12/2020	
SUN SMART POLICY - NO HAT, NO PLAY	
Week 5	
9/11/2020 - Monday	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY for Day of Local Significance. NAIDOC Bridge Walk in Murray Bridge
10/11/2020 - Tuesday	STUDENT FREE DAY
11/11/2020 Wednesday to Friday 13/11/2020	Year 4/5 Camp @ The Bend Year 10/11/12 HPE Aquatics @ Victor Harbour
12/11/2020 Thursday	Kindy transition full day
Week 6	
19/11/2020 – Thursday	Footsteps Workshop SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide
20/11/2020 - Friday	SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide
Week 7	
23/11/2020 – Monday	Governing Council Meeting
24/11/2020 – Tuesday	2 nd Year 8 Immunisation @ Coorong Medical Centre, 11.15am Kindy & R/1 Class excursion to Monarto Zoo
25/11/2020 – Wednesday	Boat Licence for Senior Students
27/11/2020 – Friday	STUDENT FREE DAY

Principal's Report

New Deputy Principal: I am pleased to announce that Kathleen McGuire has accepted the position of Deputy Principal from 2021. Kathleen has been working at Coober Pedy Area School for the past 5 years and is very excited about taking the next step in her career at Meningie.

I believe that the process for selecting the new Principal is well under way, and there are some further teaching and leadership positions currently being advertised.

Maths Results: Students across the school undertook PAT Maths and PAT Reading tests late in Term 3. Our Maths consultant, Kathy Palmer, analysed the Maths results for students in Years 4 – 8, and her results show that, on average, students in those year levels have made great progress. This is a fantastic result and indicates that the work that the school has done over the past few years in numeracy is having an impact. Obviously, there were varying results for individual students, and teachers will look at each child's progress and develop plans to meet their needs. We are currently working on next year's Site Improvement Plan and on our Student Free Day next Tuesday staff will be deciding on which actions need to be undertaken next year to build on the progress that we have already achieved in reading, writing and numeracy.

Childrens' University Graduation: It was a great honour to be able to a part of the Graduation Ceremony for the Children's University last week. This was held in our school hall due to the restrictions placed on the project by COVID. Normally the students would travel to Adelaide to receive their certificates at the Bonython Hall in the University of Adelaide. The most

heartening part of this was the fact that, despite the barriers that the COVID restrictions put on the students in completing many of their tasks, a large number overcame these issues and were able to complete the required hours for their certificate. Well done to all of those students who received a Certificate of Participation, a Bronze Level award and to the 2 students who completed a Silver Level award.



NAIDOC Week: Next week is NAIDOC Week around Australia, and therefore we have a School Closure on Monday to allow families to attend the Bridge Walk and other activities in Murray Bridge that day. There are other activities around our district during the rest of the week as well. Students will participate in a variety of lessons and activities at school during the week.

Potential Change to next year's School Day: At the beginning of this year we changed from a timetable with 7 lessons per day each of 45 minutes to one with 6 lessons of 50 minutes. However, we were not able to change the overall length of the school day and so home group sessions in the morning and the afternoon were both extended by 5 minutes and 5 minutes was also added to recess. Governing Council have looked at this and are seeking feedback from the community on a change to the length of the school day. The homegroup periods will both be reduced by 5 minutes as will recess, meaning that school will finish 15 minutes earlier at 3.05pm.

Proposed Timetable for 2021

Start of school day	8.45am
Lesson 1 starts	8.55am
Lesson 2 starts	9.45am
Recess starts	10.35am
Lesson 3 starts	10.55am
Lesson 4 starts	11.45pm
Lunch starts	12.35pm
Lesson 5 starts	1.20pm
Lesson 6 starts	2.10pm
Homegroup starts	3.00pm
School finishes	3.05pm.

Remembrance Day



11 November at 11am

If you would like to give any feedback on this proposal, please contact me at the school or talk to one of the Governing Council members. To date the feedback has been very much in favour of changing the length of the school day, but if you do have concerns please let us know.

Book Week



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2020 BOOKWEEK colouring in competition



Winners this year were Anikka Claridge, Lillie Kartinyeri-Rigney, Shanell Rigney and Kadience Saler. Great work by all those who entered and dressed up for the Parade - there were a lot of creative designs.

School Sport

SAPSASA Track and Field – Selection Day was held at Karoonda last Tuesday 27th October. 23 students attend the selection day and all of the students represented the school to the best of their ability. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in Adelaide on Friday 20th November: Ella Davy, Alexie

Mitchell, Elliott Hurle, Anthony Long, Rahni Jackson, Serenity Booth, Bailey Stuut.



Softball Carnival – This week Shayla Hera-Singh, Millie Cunneen, Aaliyah Purvis, Gabrielle Swan, Josh Parsons-Averay and Bailey Stuut represented the Murray Mallee.



Premiers Be Active Challenge by Mrs Wright

This year 22 students from Meningie Area School achieved their Premiers Be Active Challenge award. The Challenge is to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 4 weeks. You will need to record your activity on paper. Congratulations to these people:- Estelle Biddle, Olivia Brumfield, Elsie Cunneen, Imogen Hurle, Flynn O'Leary, Kodi Koolmatie, Albert Greenwood, Harrison Brumfield, Ruby Cunneen, Doug Greenwood, Hugo Swan, Kadience Saler, Carter Cunneen, Scarlett Biddle, Elliott Hurle, Clara Swan, Millie Cunneen, Ella Davy, Shayla Hera-Singh, Thomas Holmes, Alexie Mitchell and Gabrielle Swan. These students won either a silver or bronze award.



Children's University Graduation *by Anne Wright*

During the past 10 months some students at MAS have been challenging and extending their ideas, understanding and experiences. Students have cooked, researched, played sports, played musical instruments, read books, visited exciting places and lots of other things. They have been part of Children's University of Australasia and Africa through the Adelaide University. As students present their work, they have hours stamped off in their passports. At our school Mrs Wright has stamped the passports, and checked the work and online site work of the students.

Last Thursday a graduation ceremony was held for the students that completed 30 or more hours of activities for their Children's University Award. Students who are part of the award but are still working towards completing their 30 hours received a Participation Certificate.

Students who received the National Silver Award for 65 hours: Millie Cunneen and Ella Davy.

Students who received the National Bronze Award for 30 hours: Scarlett Biddle, Harrison Brumfield, Melissa Burnett, Carter Cunneen, Ruby Cunneen, Shayla Hera-Singh, Danica Hunter, Katelyn Hunter, Elliott Hurle, Lincoln Jeffery, Alexie Mitchell, Aaliyah Purvis, Kadience Saler, Heston Schulz, Clara Swan, Gabrielle Swan, Hugo Swan, Charlie Williams.

Students who received the Certificate of Participation: Peter Burnett, Archer Cunneen, Ryan Cunneen, Sarayah Grigg-Mullan, Cianna Heron, Mitchell Hullah, Lyla Jeffery, Zoe Kernick, Alyssa-Jayne McLaughlin, Angeline McLaughlin, Jaymes McLaughlin, Charlie Nankivell-Watkins, Samzon Oliver, Macey Ridley, Sierra Ridley, Amber Robertson, Leyah Short, Ella Swan, Mya Swan, Eugene Wanganeen, Jordan Willment, Jasmine Wright.

Well done to these students and a big thank you to Gemma Stanger from Children's University for coming to present the awards.



Behaviour Management Survey by Emma Oliver

Term 4 is flying and if we aren't careful it will get away from us! We have a big change in leadership next year so it is important that current leaders leave them with a manageable task. I know from personal experience how difficult it can be starting at a new site as a leader. There is so much to learn! How do they manage things, where is the photocopier, what do I do is a, b or c happens? To that end, I am surveying students, staff and families about behaviour management at Meningie Area School. This information will inform our Student Behaviour Management Policy which is currently under review. There are only 5 questions and the survey will take less than 5 minutes to do. Your input is greatly appreciated! Please go to this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZX3FH26> and complete the questionnaire. Thank you in advance.



If you feel overwhelmed, don't worry. Take a deep breath and know that everything will be OK. The most constant thing in life is change, so this road won't last forever. You're just busy building your resilience and that's a good thing.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Michael Camac Education Support Scholarship

This Scholarship is to be used to support their studies by assisting with cost of resources/materials, related travel expenses, course fees or other related expenses incurred.

1. Apply for further education at a university or
2. Attend TAFE SA or
3. Pursue higher education deemed appropriate to apply for this scholarship.

There is a \$500 scholarship available per year for one **Meningie Area School** student per year who intends to further their studies towards their future goals.

Application forms are available from Emma Swan or from the Senior Room Information Desk

Applications Close Thursday 26th November 2020

2020 SPORTS AWARD – NOMINATION FORM

Meningie Area School are calling for nominations of a student from Year 6 to 12 in the criteria of recognising high level participation in a sport or sports that were not normally recognised by the school in the normal sports day etc

Name of Student: _____

Sport participated in: _____ Club affiliation (if applicable): _____

Level participated at: _____ (could be age group, region etc)

Person Nominating: _____ Contact Number: _____

Comments : _____

Nominations Due by Friday 13th November 2020

What is the Sports Vouchers program?

The Sports Vouchers program is a Government of South Australia initiative administered by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a \$100 discount on sports or dance membership/registration fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport or participating in dance activities by reducing cost as a barrier.



From 1 January 2020 'Learn to Swim' providers are eligible.

Who is eligible for the program?

All South Australian primary school aged children, meaning if the child is attending or is eligible to attend primary school (Reception to Year 7, even if Year 7 is based at a high school). Remember it is one voucher for every primary school aged child per calendar year. To find your nearest provider please use the 'Find a Provider' tool.

How does the program work?

There are currently two methods of claiming a voucher. The method depends on the providers system. Some providers have online registrations, claiming the voucher has been integrated into their systems.

If the provider does not have the voucher integrated into their online registrations, you'll need to download the voucher. Once completed, take the voucher to an approved provider to receive a discount on the fees when you register.

Providers access the secure Voucher Portal to redeem vouchers and receive reimbursement.

When will the program finish?

The Government of South Australia has approved to continue the Sports Vouchers program until 2021-22.



Do you want to improve your swimming?

Murray Bridge Swimming Club

Starts November 9th 5:15pm

Ages 5+

- Lots of fun
- Regular club nights
- Local carnivals
- Meet new friends

For more information contact us on:

Facebook-Murray Bridge Cods

Email- murraybridgecodsswimclub@gmail.com or

Visit us - on pool deck 30th Oct (pool opening) or Nov 9th

Communities for Children **Murraylands**

PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE

TERM 4

Parent-Child Mother Goose is an evidence-based program that strengthens attachment and interaction between parents or carers and their young children (birth–4 years) by introducing them to the power of using rhymes, songs and stories.

Join us for a 45 minute session of singing and story time.

When:
Wednesday Mornings
Starting Wednesday 14th October, 21st Oct, 28th Oct, 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec

Where:
Meningie Waterfront Motel
Function Room, 40 Hyde Avenue, Meningie

Time: 9:30–10:30AM

Due to COVID-19, BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL
Bookings can be made through TBCC by
Phone: 8572 3513 or
Email: c4c@tbcc.org.au

Please note: There will be set guidelines in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants as per TBCC COVID safe plan.

These include the following:

- **All participants to adhere to social distancing (1.5m) and infection control measures.
- **Maintain high level personal hygiene, handwashing routines and cough/sneeze etiquette.
- **Any participants (adults and/or children) that are feeling unwell remain at home.
- **All participants to sign in on the contract tracing record with their contact details
- **Encourage participants to download the COVIDSafe App

Stay for coffee and chat after singing & story.
Waterfront Café will be available for drinks and morning tea.

Tallem Bend Community Centre
141 Railway Terrace Tallem Bend
P: 08 8572 3513 E: c4c@tbcc.org.au W: www.tbcc.org.au

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Term 4 2020

WK	DATE	DAY	MEETINGS	PLANNED EVENTS
6	16/11	Mon		Band Practice today. Year 8/9 Ag Excursion, Cooke Plains
	17/11	Tues		
	18/11	Wed		
	19/11	Thurs		Footsteps Workshops Tentative SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide
	20/11	Fri		SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide
7	23/11	Mon	Governing Council	
	24/11	Tues	REPORT WRITING WEEK	2nd Year 8 Immunisation, Coorong Medical Centre, 11.15am R / 1 & Kindy Excursion to Monarto Zoo Year 7-12 Road Awareness Presentation by MFS, 1.40pm
	25/11	Wed		Boat Licence for Senior Students
	26/11	Thurs		
	27/11	Fri		STUDENT FREE DAY
8	30/11	Mon		Year 11 Overnight Camp
	1/12	Tues		
	2/12	Wed		
	3/12	Thurs		
	4/12	Fri		
9	7/12	Mon		Swimming Carnival & Splash Day @ Coonalpyn Swimming Pool
	8/12	Tues		
	9/12	Wed		Presentation Night – 7.00 pm in school hall
	10/12	Thurs		
	11/12	Fri		Last Day of Term – School Finishes @ 2.20 Buses Depart 2.30pm