

Meningie Area School Newsletter

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TERM 4 2020 12/10/2020 – 11/12/2020	
SUN SMART POLICY - NO HAT, NO PLAY	
Week 7	
24/11/2020 – Tuesday	2nd Year 8 Immunisation @ Coorong Medical Centre, 11.15am CANCELLED Kindy & R/1 Class excursion to Monarto Zoo Road Awareness Presentation by MFS to Yr 10-12 CANCELLED
25/11/2020 – Wednesday	Boat Licence for Senior Students CANCELLED
26/11/2020 – Thursday	Cricket Coaching for R-7 CANCELLED
27/11/2020 – Friday	STUDENT FREE DAY CANCELLED
Week 8	
30/11/2020 – Monday	Year 11 Overnight Camp, Coorong CANCELLED
02/12/2020 – Wednesday	Governing Council Meeting Production Students Camp @ Victor Harbour
Week 9	
07/12/20 – Monday	R – 3 Splash Day & Aqua Event
9/12/2020 – Wednesday	Presentation Night 7.00 pm in school hall
10/12/2020 – Thursday	R – 5 Christmas Concert Year 6/7 Excursion to Murray Bridge & Sleepover
11/12/2020 - Friday	Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 2.30pm

Principal's Report

Last week was an interesting time. Things developed rapidly from 12.00 noon on Wednesday and information was changing every few hours. Thankfully we didn't need to go to the extent of the lockdown that we were first advised of, with a very strong possibility of learning from home for all students this week and next.

I would like to thank all of the staff who worked quickly to put things in place to prepare students for learning from home should it have come to that. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Catherine Burnett and Emma Swan who were very efficient in getting notices out to all students only to have to have to take them back and replace them with the updated version in the last few minutes of the school day.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Wright, Mr. Bubner, Ms. Giles and Mr. Wauchope who volunteered to supervise the students who needed to come to school on Thursday and Friday. Thanks also to Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Swan for keeping the front office open. Thank you to all of the other members of staff who followed the minister's request to stay home.

I appreciate the lengths that parents took to find alternative arrangements for their children on Thursday and Friday so that we were able to fulfil the government's aim of having the minimum number of people, both staff and students, congregated at school while the team from SA Health went about their business of tracking all possible contacts of those linked to this outbreak of the coronavirus.

Hopefully this will be the last interruption to the school year that the virus will cause, but there are still restrictions in place and as a result some activities planned for the next few weeks may have to be cancelled or altered.

The Student Free Day that was planned for this coming Friday has been cancelled. School will run as normal on that day.

There are some camps and excursions that have been planned for the next few weeks and these will need to be approved by the Department for Education's COVID 19 team before they can be confirmed.



We had originally planned to have a Swimming Carnival on the last Monday of the year but the Coonalpyn pool is being repaired and will not be ready in time to honour the booking that we had made. The latest round of restrictions would have prohibited this anyway. There will be a Splash Day on that Monday in our pool and we will have some time available for older students to have time in the pool as well. The Swimming Carnival will need to be held early next year

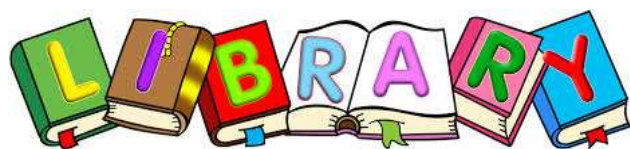
as it has in the past, COVID allowing, but we will recommend to next year's leaders that they consider having another carnival at the end of the year in readiness for 2022.

The Presentation Night will still run at this stage but the more stringent spacing requirements in place at the moment may limit the audience size, and as a result there may be some changes to the way we run it. The committee organising this will be looking at arrangements over the next few days and will communicate these as soon as possible.



While the lockdown has been lifted, students who are sick should still be kept at home until their symptoms have cleared. If the symptoms include those related to the virus, sore throat, runny nose, coughs, and fever among them, please arrange for a COVID test to rule out the possibility. Even if the test is negative, students should not return to school until their symptoms have cleared.

We are still required to minimise the number of adults entering the site. As a result, we ask that parents who walk their children to school leave them at the gate and let them walk the rest of the way to class by themselves. We will have some senior students and SSO's at the front gate who can escort students to their rooms if necessary. We are also reviewing the number of visits that other people make to the school and are prioritising those who are working directly with students to support their learning. Other visits are being postponed or cancelled.



This will mean that the library will be closed during school times until further notice, but we will open it, if restrictions allow, in the week immediately following the end of the school term. This will mean that it will be open on the 12th of December from 10.00am until 1.00pm and holiday hours from the 14th to the 19th December. It will then be closed for normal Christmas holidays, opening again on the 11th January, restrictions allowing.

Presentation Night

Wednesday 9th December 2020

7.00 pm School Hall

R – 5 Christmas Concert

Thursday 10th December

9.30am in School Hall

Changes to the format due to COVID 19
Check Facebook for updates

Ngarrindjeri Language



During this term, students have learnt Ngarrindjeri words and sentences associated with Ngarrindjeri weaponry. The Year 6/7, Year 7/8 and Year 8/9 Ngarrindjeri language students have participated in Ngarrindjeri Boomerang Throwing Sessions. Ngarrindjeri Cultural Instructor and Boomerang Thrower, Michael Lindsay, demonstrated Boomerang Throwing techniques and taught the students how to throw the Boomerang. Vortex throwing was also incorporated into the sessions.



Jallarah Friends update from Year 4/5 by Mrs Wright



We are sending a photo of our decorated Christmas Tree.

This tree was decorated by the class of Year 4/5 students from Meningie Area School yesterday afternoon, after we found out about the changes in our learning due to lockdown and at home learning. Unfortunately, the students are not here today to be part of the photograph, but I will be sending a photograph to them on our class communication tree.



The tree will be taken to our local aged care residential accommodation centre today. The aged care facility is called Jallarah Homes.

During 2020 our class has written letters, made cards and gifts for the residents on six occasions. We have been unable to visit in person, but the children have formed great friendships and understandings with their Jallarah Friends. The Jallarah Staff have helped the residents respond by writing notes and providing feedback for the students. It is a grand time when we receive a letter or card back from our Jallarah Friends. This has developed great understandings of differences and similarities, kindness and gratitude and built bridges across the ages and times. They have shared their lives, their memories and their dreams.

Our tree has 4 different decorations:-

- A two-sided circle from each student that has a photo of each student on one side and a Christmas greeting and the student's name on the other.
- A tear drop shape for each resident with their name on one side with a fact that the student has learnt about them from our communications, and on the other side a special star on the shiny side.
- Blue baubles made from blue plastic legs covers from our new classroom tables. We saved these plastic tubes to recycle them. The students have made many baubles with shiny beads glued into the centre to create a round Christmas decoration.
- A big blue star using recycled wire coat hangers and blue chair leg covers.



Year 7/8 Art by Ms Wilson

Recently, the year 7-8 class have been learning about the Surrealist Art movement in Art. We learnt about the concepts and motivations for Surrealism and viewed and discussed artworks by Salvador Dali. Students then engaged in a variety of Surrealist Art games such as 'Eclabossure' and 'Grattage'. Many of these games involve chance and were often used as a starting point by the Surrealist Artists to then refine and make a complete artwork. Using their results from experimenting with the Surrealist games, students are now composing 'Dreamscapes' that use some of the Surrealist techniques such as juxtaposition, dislocation, metamorphosis and transformation. They have used the mediums of painting, drawing and collage to make a fantastic array of beautiful artworks.





Year 10/11 HPE Aquatics Camp by Ms Hattam

In week 5, the Year 10 and Year 11 SACE Physical Education students participated in a 3-day aquatic camp at Victor Harbor. On Wednesday, we participated in a kayak session along the Hindmarsh River and on Thursday and Friday we participated in surfing at Horseshoe Bay and Middleton Beach. Horseshoe Bay was beautiful and calm which allowed the students to build their skills before surfing in the larger waves at Middleton. All the students did an amazing job and it was great to see them catch some waves. We stayed at Port Elliot Caravan Park and spent our nights cooking, jumping on the jumping pillow and walking along the beach. We had a great time and it was awesome to see our students enjoying themselves. Thank you to the Year 10 and Year 11 students for a great semester!



School Sport



I went to SAPSASA Golf and played pretty well. I made some new friends and had a good day. I missed the 2nd day cut by one stroke. West Beach was a fund golf course but very tight. The greens were too fast for me. The weather was nice.

I have since been playing at Lake Albert Golf Club on Saturdays.

I have moved from a 45 handicap to a 23.

By Jacobe

Year 4/5 camp

In week 5 we went to The Bend Big 4 Camping Ground for our camp. We slept in dorms. The Year 4/5 class and the year 4 students form the year 3 / 4 class set out for three day trips. Some sentences are below from the students' recount writing.

At the end of the day we had dinner and in my opinion it was delicious.

On Thursday, after a very well needed sleep we got up and had a shower. It was very nice. We had to wash our hair and our bodies. After our showers we had breakfast. Some of us had toast and the rest had cereal or baked beans. After all that yummy food, we waited for the bus. By Aaliyah



Then we went back we went to the kitchen to eat tea. We had hot dogs and sauce. Then we went to the cabins and settled in for a novel we've been reading at school called The War I Finally Won. At the end of the week we had a fantastic time at camp and we said thank you to Emma, Mrs. Wright, Mr Healey, Mrs Mason, Judy and Ms. Bagshaw I loved Monarto zoo the best because all the fantastic, roaring animals. By Christian

On the Wednesday year 4/5 class went on a camp to the Bend Motor Sport Park. We had a behind the scenes tour. We went on the podium where the winners stand, in the green room and to race control. We went on the pool and bouncy pillow at the caravan park and had lots of fun. By Katelyn

We went to the movies on Friday in Murray Bridge and saw Trolls World Tour. We got popcorn and a drink, then we ate lunch at Sturt Reserve. It was International Kindness Day on Friday. By Clara





Recently as part of my role as Meningie's Pastoral Care Worker I attended a webinar held by the esafety commissioner. I learnt about the fantastic resources and support available to students, parents and school staff that this service provides.

Next year there is a calendar of scheduled webinars for parents that we will be advertising but right now the site is worth a visit with lots of tips for kids, young people and adults.

Do you need help with being safe?

Do you want support with pressures from social media or online gaming?

There are age level sections that can help you on their website.

<http://esafety.gov.au>

One of the most important services esafety offer is the ability to make a report if you are having issues online that you don't feel like you or your child can resolve.

Their team supports you in the steps to take-right up to legal action if an issue is unresolved.

Remember staff at school including me are also here to support your children. As we are on a Covid break I'm still available to help out with any support required and can be contacted via email or phone via the school.

eSafetyeducation

2021

Online safety webinars for your parent and carer community

The education team at eSafety has been working on a new free webinar series for parents and carers, to be delivered live in 2021.

The demand for our popular parent and carer webinars in 2020 prompted us to develop the 2021 series to support school communities.

Each term, we will offer a new topic that will run numerous times. These webinars will provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences. This is especially important in an era when we are all online more than ever before.

The Term 1 webinar topic is **eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama**. This will be offered five times over the term. We will let you know when the topics for the following terms are announced.

Attached is eSafety's 2021 webinar schedule. We would be grateful if you could note the dates as you start planning the year ahead, then advertise them in 2021 through your communication channels with parents and carers.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

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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

