

# Meningie Area School News

## From the Principal

Fiona Haselgrove

Welcome to Term 4.

We are looking forward to finishing the year and preparing for 2024.

Our year 12's are busy finalising assessments and celebrating the end of their school years at the farewell assembly Friday 10th November 11:45am. All families welcome and we hope as many families as possible of our year 12 students can attend. There will be a lunch for year 12 students and their families after the assembly. It can be a stressful time for year 12 students so please contact teachers if you think your student needs a bit of extra help to get final assessments completed.

This year our celebration evening will be a Reception to 12 event. It will include class performances, class awards, band, choir, and special awards. There will be an intermission where families of young students can leave or if you choose to stay your students can move to sit with you. The evening is "Achieving our way: Winani namawi palurmi" celebration. It will recognise the many different ways our students achieve at Meningie Area School.



Friday 3rd November 2023



**Meningie**  
Area School

## Term 4 Diary Dates

November	
Thursday 9	Children's University Graduation Kindy Transition Primary Swimming Lessons
Friday 10	Year 12 Farewell Assembly 11.45 am Primary Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 14	Band at Murray Bridge North School
Thursday 16	Primary Swimming Lessons
Friday 17	NDIS Info Session 1.00pm – 3.00pm Kindy Transition Primary Swimming Lessons
Monday 20	Student Free Day
Tues 21 to Thurs 23	Year 7 Camp
Thurs 23	YEL – Selected Yr 5/6 Primary Swimming Lessons
Friday 24	Invitation Tag Rugby Adelaide Primary Swimming Lessons
December	
Friday	SACE Seminar – Last Day Year 11
Tuesday 5	Achieving Our Way Celebration Winani namawi palurmi
Wednesday 13	Swimming Carnival 2 – 6 pm
Friday 15	Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2.05pm Buses depart 2.15pm

The swim carnival will be in week 9: **Wednesday 13th December 2pm -6pm** at the Coonalpyn Pool and all students are encouraged to attend, and families are welcome.

Reports will be provided at the end of the term. We are working on reporting from the new EMS system, they will be of similar format to Semester 1 reports but there may be some slight formatting differences.

A working party have been looking into new school T-shirts and as announced last newsletter each student will be provided a new T-shirt at no cost to families in 2024 covered by grant funding. We aim to have these ready for pick up in week 0, 2024. We are also preparing a new jumper; these will also be provided to each student at no cost and we aim to have these ready in Term 1.

A big thank you to Kirsty Ridley who was in this week taking photos for our new website. The updated website will go live this term. Content will be updated through this term and next year. The website will have

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school information and the newsletters – it will not be used for event updates; we will use our Edsmart broadcasting system and Facebook for day to day news.

Staffing and class structures:

We have several positions currently at panel process, but we are working on class structures and the timetable. At secondary we are excited to be offering a “Enterprise” subject for year 8, 9 and 10 for students to work on projects for the Enterprise Expo in Term 3. This will provide the opportunity for students to work in areas of interest. There will be some choice within the arts and technologies for the Year 8, 9 and 10 students.

If your child is not returning to MAS in 2024, please advise us – this will help us in our budgeting and class structure processes.

Leadership Principal Fiona Haselgrove, Assistant Principal Primary Jessica Hankin, Assistant Principal Secondary Rachel Neumann, Assistant Principal Wellbeing, Intervention & Support Abbey Gibbs.

Junior Primary 3 classes Bree Edwards, Rhian Griffith (for Tamika Williams – leave), to be appointed

Primary 2 classes Anne Wright/Anyupa Giles, to be appointed

Primary NIT AUSLAN Barb Mann, Anyupa Giles

Health & Physical Education Lauren McGargill

Secondary 4 classes Caitlin Hattam, Denice Mason, 3 to be appointed.

Wendy Starling will take some well-earned leave in 2024. Amelia Nakone has won a position at the new Morialta Secondary College. Sarah Wilson will be leaving us for a metropolitan school closer to home after a number of years of commuting.

We look forward to announcing our full staff soon and finalising the timetable later in the term.

### Primary Swimming Lessons Timetable

WEEKS 4, 5 & 6			
THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Lesson 2	Year 3 – Mrs Starling	Lesson 2	Year 3 – Mrs Starling
Lesson 3 & 4	Year 1/2 – Miss Edwards Year 4/5 – Mrs Wright	Lesson 3 & 4	Year 1/2 – Miss Edwards Year 4/5 – Mrs Wright
Lesson 5 & 6	Rec/Yr1 – Ms Griffin Year 5/6 – Ms Giles	Lesson 5 & 6	Rec/Yr1 – Ms Griffin Year 5/6 – Ms Giles

Tamara Wienke and Cassandra Lutze will be delivering the water safety program.

Students will participate in a program to further develop their swimming skills, awareness of water safety and rescue exercises.

What to bring for swimming:

- Bathers and towel
- Rashie top or t-shirt to cover shoulders (students will not be able to swim without a rashie or t-shirt)
- Goggles
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Towel
- Sunscreen (if you do not wish to use the one provided by the school)



## Positive Parenting Program

Looking for some help with parenting? Online program, research-backed | Positive parenting strategies | Triple P <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/triple-p/>

Parenting is hard work and parents are faced with many challenges. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. It is on-line self-paced with information about child behaviour and positive approaches to managing challenges we face in supporting children to develop responsible and respectful behaviours.

If you try the website we would love to hear how it has helped. Send your feedback (you can provide your name or ask to not be named) to [Emma.Swan733@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Emma.Swan733@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Facilities Update by Laurie Vermeeren

We are very excited to say that our new flagpoles should be arriving for installation in week 4.

You may have noticed 3 trees have been cut down on the hill behind the school noticeboard, as this is where the new 3 flagpoles will be located. Creating an open and safe place for outdoor assemblies and ceremonies to be held with the flags in the background. The flags will also be clearly visible for anyone driving past.

Week 4 will see the start of the long-awaited paving project at the entrance of the Hall which will include the laying of the original school logo and sponsor pavers.

Since the new school build, MAS has been working towards putting a set of swings in the Junior Primary area. We have managed budgets and location constraints and can now happily say we have a set of swings ready to be installed (hopefully installed this term, or in the Christmas holidays at the latest). This is very exciting for our young people as swinging has several benefits, including:

- Developing the sensory system
- Supports self-regulation- soothing and calming effects.
- Encourages social interaction and development.
- Increases spatial awareness.
- Develops gross motor skills such as pumping legs, running, and jumping.
- Develops fine motor skills such as grip strength, hand, arm, and finger coordination.

We have an excess of items that are no longer suitable for classrooms but are too good to throw out. These are currently stored in buildings which will be removed in preparation for the building of the new administration and Community Library building.

Over the next month or so, we will endeavor to place unwanted items under the shelter next to the old Tennis Courts, beginning with 4 large tables that are unsuitable for students. We would love to see these going to community groups, or anyone who can use them. Please contact the front office prior to collection so that we can arrange access. Photos of items will be placed on our Facebook page as they become available.

## School Leavers

Services Australia has put out a school leavers eKit that has information for students finishing year 12 and access to relevant forms for support.

They also have links to more information and resources about payments and services for students.

You can find the kit at

<https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/school-leavers-resource-ekit-for-education-and-training-providers?context=60075#a1>

class of  
**2023**

**Year 12 Assembly Friday 10 November 2023 at 11.45 am**

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# 2023 M & S Fees Overdue

Overdue school fees, please either come into the office or phone us to pay your account. Payment plans are available.

If you believe you are eligible for School card, please apply online [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

Paper copies can be sent home or collected from the office.

There are various applications available including hardship.

Applications for the 2023 year remain open until the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

School fees are used to fund your child's classroom items such as workbooks, stationary, printing etc Please call Laurie, Business Manager, on 8575 1106 if you need assistance

## 2024 Materials & Services Charges.

The M&S charges will be discussed at the next Governing Council Meeting Monday 30th October 7:30pm. All parents, caregivers and independent students are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the M&S charge. You can express your views in writing to the chairperson Mark O'Leary mark@spencedixandco.com.au rather than attending the meeting.



Meningie Area School - 0750		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for Year 7 - Year 12		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$24.00
	Photocopied Material	\$24.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$30.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$62.00
	Access to Machinery	\$18.00
	Access to Equipment	\$22.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$182.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$274.00</b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$27.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$27.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$379.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00



Meningie Area School - 0750		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$22.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$23.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$30.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$70.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$22.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$93.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$27.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$27.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$287.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00



## Disc Golf

My group was Mya, Albert, DJ, another Tintinara friend and me. Albert's frisbee went into the water. It was fun. I was happy. Avayah

On Thursday we went to Tintinara to play Disc Golf. We left and got on the bus at 9:00am. When we got there, we sat in a little shed and talked about what we were going to do. Our team started at hole number 3 and went up to 18 then went back to 1 and 2. My group was Oscar Z, Pippa N, Lincoln J, Levi M, and me. Levi and Lincoln got disqualified for throwing their frisbees in the water in hole number 14. Hugo



We arrived at the school and had recess. Then we walked to the place and started we had lots of fun. Lainey



It was hot yesterday at Tintinara, we went there to play Disc Golf. I left with a frisbee but I loaned mine to one of the Tintinara kids. Unfortunately, they threw it on the road and a truck came along and ran it over and it!!! Reggie

On Thursday the Meningie and Tintinara 4/5/6 class played disc golf. It was very hot. Lots of people accidentally threw their frisbee in the lake. Miss McGargill had to go on a boat to get the frisbees. Ruby C



On Thursday, some of the people went to Tintinara on the bus. When we got there, we had to throw a frisbee into a basket and it was hot. Summer



## Cricket

On Monday two people from SACA cricket came down. The year 1 / 2s and 4 / 5s had one lesson learning and playing cricket. We learned how to bowl, bat and more. At the end our teacher gave one student from each class a hat. Samzon

On Monday my class and I, and the year 1/2 class learnt how to bat and also learnt how to bowl. We were in mixed groups and then we played "Simon Says" as one game. Elise

## Coonalpyn Show

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October was the Coonalpyn Show which is the only Ag Show in our Coorong District Council.

The school had a display of our Ag students work and the Pinocchio production in the pavilion – several guests commented on the great opportunities our students are given at Meningie. Junior school students brought over their Led goats and with the support of Miss Hattam and Ms McGuire they ran a great little competition that entertained the crowd.

We had several students enter individual sections in the main pavilion for art and crafts. Some students had a very successful day along with their family in entering a range of categories. Heston had many wins.

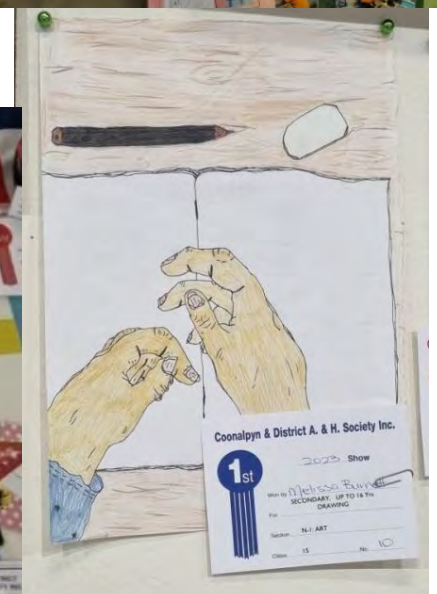
The show is a not-for-profit organisation that uses all funds received on the day to subsidise a low-cost day for families.

Well done to Miss Edwards' class who submitted a range of Aboriginal Flag hands paintings that were displayed in the Celebration section of junior art. The 1/2 class also painted hard-boiled eggs with the support from SSO, Karen. Georgie received a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a small cash prize for her efforts. From the 5/6 class several art works were entered with prizes won by Doug, Tayla and Melissa. Melissa also won a trophy for outstanding exhibit in art. The student's art efforts are now displayed in the front office.

Sabaai won mini show ambassador and Lincoln L won junior runner up ambassador. Show ambassadors often go on to support events at the show as they get older and help run sections. Several previous ambassadors for Coonalpyn show have gone on to state level and receive sponsorship for further study or opportunities to travel Australia visiting shows and even overseas travel.

Lilly competed in the Stockman's Challenge section and won numerous ribbons and prizes for her efforts on her two horses.

We look forward to supporting the show in 2024 and hope you can come and visit to cheer on Meningie students.



## School Support Officers (SSO)

Student support officers are an important part of the Meningie Area School (MAS) team. These staff work in classrooms to support teachers delivering curriculum and/or give support to individual students with learning challenges.

If you are interested in finding out more about opportunities to become an SSO please contact Laurie Vermeeren for an Expression of Interest letter. [laurie.vermeeren656@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:laurie.vermeeren656@schools.sa.edu.au) or 85751106 Mon to Thurs



## Relief Bus Drivers Required

Are you interested in being a relief School bus driver for Meningie Area school? Do you hold a LR, MR, HR, HC or MC licence? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact James Stafford of Bus Biz 0438 821 220 or call in to Reception at school.

**TERMS 1 & 4**  
**Students need to wear hats**  
**Available for purchase at the**  
**Front Office for \$5 or \$10**



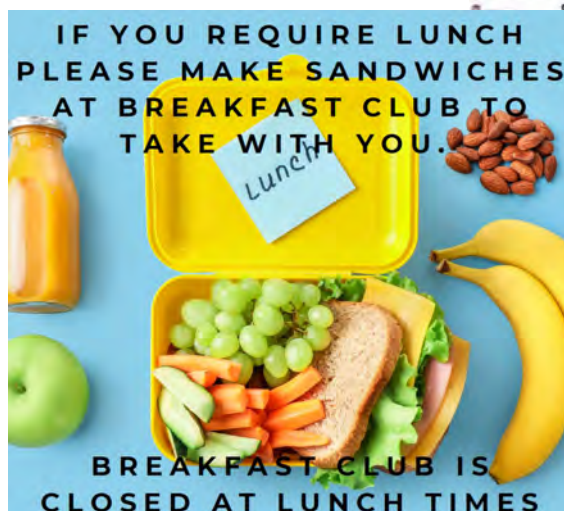
## HOMEWORK CLUB

Available to all students from Year 4 – 12

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
3.05 – 4.00pm

Ms Chandler will supervise and support students with homework, project research and other school work.

Maths Tutors are available sometimes please speak to Ms Chandler if you need assistance or have questions.



## 2023 SPORTS AWARD – NOMINATION FORM

Meningie Area School are calling for nominations of a student from Year 7 to 12 in the criteria of recognising high level participation in a sport or sports that were not normally recognized 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 close Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
CELEBRATION IN THE MARQUEE !

# TWILIGHT TASTINGS:

## PIZZA AND LIVE MUSIC

LICENCED EVENT



Date: Friday 17th November, Time: 5.30  
'til dark, at The Chambers,  
FREE ENTRY

Brought to you by  
Coorong Cottage Industries  
All Fired Up Pizza  
The Winehouse, Langhorne Creek  
Music by Sam Hissey

30 YEARS



# SA AMBULANCE SERVICE OPEN NIGHT & BBQ



## MENINGIE STATION

Meet the volunteers and enjoy a sausage sizzle, learn CPR and find out about volunteering for your local community. Take a look at what your Volunteer Ambulance Officers do.

**When: 7pm Wednesday 15 November**

**Where: 104 Princes Highway, Meningie**



**More information: Regional Team Leader Tess Judd 0427 615 141**

# NDIS

## Info Session

Friday

17 November 2023

1.00pm - 3.00pm

Meningie Area School

Afternoon tea provided

Presented by Fiona Turner

Guest Speakers include  
NDIA & Local Support Co-Ordinator

*All Welcome*

RSVP by 10th November to Meningie Area School  
Front Office 8575 1106 or on the Facebook Event

*You're invited to*

**ACHIEVING OUR WAY**  
WINANI NAMAWI PALURMI

*Celebration*



**Meningie**  
Area School

Guest Speaker Amy Herrmann

Year 6 & 12 Graduation

Primary Performances

Class, Subject & Special Awards

**Tuesday**

**5th December 2023**

**6.30pm**

doors open at 6.00pm

**Meningie Area School Hall**

**RSVP to Front Office - 8575 1106**