

# Meningie Area School News



**Meningie**  
Area School

Friday 16th February 2024

## Principal's report

from Fiona Haselgrove

Welcome to the 2024 school year. A big thank you to staff, students, and families for ensuring a smooth start to the year. Our new staff, new receptions, and transitioning year 7's from Raukkan look at home in their classes after extensive transition programs in 2023.

We are really excited for the 2024 year with fantastic learning opportunities for students on offer. Our Enterprise program, which focuses on capabilities development, is off to a terrific start. Our SACE students will once again attend the Adelaide Fringe and in big news we will be running the Canberra Camp for Year 7-10 students at the end of June (Sunday 23/6 – Friday 28/6). We will be sending out information and payment plan options soon. Please ensure you add our calendar dates into your diaries.

We will be announcing our Student Wellbeing Support Officer (funded through the federal National Student Wellbeing Program) soon. This position will focus on supporting students' readiness to learn through managing the Breakfast Club and Homework Club. If you cannot send lunch for any reason, students can make lunch for themselves at Breakfast Club in the morning.

We are continuing our Berry Street Education Model on "readiness to learn" focus across the school. This includes helping students develop self-regulation. Abbey Gibbs initiated the swings within the Thukabi block to support students' self-regulation and is also developing regulation spaces for students. Staff will also use "check ins" to help students develop awareness of their own readiness to learn and Rachel Neumann and I will be working with our SACE students on "Learning Intentions Plans" to support students to meet their goals.

We will also be working with students to embed our new values: "*determination, collaboration, kindness, respect*" and ensure they are "lived" within the school community. If you have not got our poster with our new vision, mission, values, motto, and logo, they are available from the front office. Apologies for the delay with the new T-shirts, they should be arriving next week, and we will distribute them to students – please write your child's name on the shirt when they bring it home.

Please enjoy our first newsletter and we hope to see you at Sports Day and our first formal assembly to celebrate our students.

<b>Term 1 Diary Dates</b>	
<b>February</b>	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Swimming @ Murray Bridge
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council Meeting
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Back up Sports Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Formal assembly (2pm Hall) – families welcome
<b>March</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 11/12 Fringe Camp
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 11/12 Fringe Camp
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Athletics @ Tintinara
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council AGM
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
<b>April</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term School finishes at 2.05pm Buses depart 2.15pm

**Check out Sports Day information on pages 10 & 11**

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## Introducing you to the 2024 MAS Student Representative Council (SRC)



4/5- Beau Henrich & Avayah Love. Proxy- Sam Strother  
5/6- Ruby Cunneen & Samzon Oliver. Proxy- Doug Greenwood  
7- Shakaya Heron & Lincoln Jeffery. Proxy- Antonia Kohler  
8- Charlie Nankivell-Watkins & Katelyn Hunter. Proxy- Jordan Willment  
9/10- Winter Pona & Aaliyah Purvis. Proxy- TBC  
11/12- Connor Wanke & Addison Mammone.  
School Captain- Kalisha Sumner.  
Staff support- Mrs (Abbey) Gibbs

Our meetings will be held in week 3, 6 & 9 of each term. Our main event for Term 1 will be Harmony Day in week 8. More details to come soon.

## Introducing our new receptions



# 2024 New Staff



**Jessica Hankin**  
Primary Assistant Principal

- Favorite Movie - Coach Carter
- Last Concert - Adele
- Last Holiday Destination - New Zealand & Sydney
- Favorite Food - Laksa
- Any Pets - 1 dog Dudley & 1 cat Ruby



**Caitlin Angel**  
Secondary English & Art Teacher

- Favorite Movie - Mulan
- Last Concert - Morgan Evans & James Johnston
- Last Holiday Destination - Bali
- Favorite Food - Pizza
- Any Pets - Alvey a King Charles Cavalier



**Georgiana Quintal**  
Secondary Math, English HASS  
Teacher

- Favorite Movie - The Matrix
- Last Concert - Pentatonix
- Last Holiday Destination - Cruise to Tasmania
- Favorite Food - Lasagna
- Any Pets - None at the moment



**Ben Scharfbilig**  
Year 3 Class Teacher

- Favorite Movie - Le Miserables
- Last Concert - The Kid Laroi
- Last Holiday Destination - Europe
- Favorite Food - Chicken Schnitzel
- Any Pets - None at the moment

# 2024 New Staff



## Matt Lillis Year 5/6 Class Teacher

- Favorite Movie - Star Wars
- Last Concert - The 1975
- Last Holiday Destination - Melbourne
- Favorite Food - Sushi
- Any Pets - 2 dachshund's named Winnie & Maisie



## Sarah Potter Student Support Officer

- Favorite Movie - Home Town Cha-Cha-Cha
- Last Concert - My Chemical Romance
- Last Holiday Destination - Yorke Peninsula
- Favorite Food - Korean Fried Chicken
- Any Pets - Guinea pig, rabbit, dog, cat & farm animals



## Mel Paxton Student Support Officer

- Favorite Movie Original Top Gun
- Last Concert Ed Sheeran
- Last Holiday Destination Arno Bay
- Favorite Food Indian/Italian
- Any Pets 3 dogs Pumba, Trixie, Meeka & 3 bearded dragons

## Swimming Carnival winners and runners-up



**Team Winner - Kungari 594 points**

	<b>Boys Winner</b>	<b>Boys R/Up</b>	<b>Girls Winner</b>	<b>Girls R/up</b>
<b>Sub-Junior</b>	Doug Greenwood	Albert Greenwood	Kelsey Mitchell	Imogen Hurle
<b>Junior</b>	Hugo Swan	Heston Schulz	Macey Ridley	Chantelle Richards
<b>Intermediate</b>	Elliott Hurle	Jordan Willment	Clara Swan	Gabrielle Swan
<b>Open</b>	Jacobe Griffiths			
<b>BEST DRESSED</b>		Winter-Rose Pona - Kungari		

## Primary School Swimming Term 1 swimming timetable

### Week 5

<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	
Lesson 1 and 2	Mrs Wright/Ms Giles 4/5	Lesson 3 and 4	Ms Griffith 1/2
Lesson 3 and 4	Mr Lillis 5/6	Lesson 5 and 6	Mr Scharbillig 2/3

### Week 6

<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Lesson 3 and 4	Mrs Wright/Ms Giles 4/5	Lesson 3 and 4	Ms Griffith 1/2
Lesson 5 and 6	Mr Lillis 5/6	Lesson 5 and 6	Mr Scharbillig 2/3

### Week 7

<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Lesson 3 and 4	Mrs Wright/Ms Giles 4/5	Lesson 3 and 4	Ms Griffith 1/2
Lesson 5 and 6	Mr Lillis 5/6	Lesson 5 and 6	Mr Scharbillig 2/3

## Junior Artist Summer Display in Alberts Gallery at The Chambers

These paintings have been done during 2023 by students in the Year 5 and 6 Class from Meningie Area School. Students undertook sketching of subjects such as wombats, initially with graphite pencils and charcoal on paper. Experimenting with these materials saw trials and discoveries of mark making, depth of tone, scale and perspective, etc.

Students then accepted the challenge to do a portrait of a person of significance to them. This could be a family member, friend or well-known identity. Again, these students started with basic materials to sketch their subject.

These acrylic paintings on canvas are the final product of this journey of artistic learning in a nurturing weekly pursuit to take risks with use of art materials and creative expression, pushing of personal limits to try and try again, to achieve a result that represents not just a portrait but a journey of discovery in mark making and freedom to explore boosting artistic confidence.



### School Card 2024

School Card 2024 applications

School Card applications for 2024 will open on Monday 15 January, at which time all forms will be made available via the School Card scheme page on the SA Gov website. [SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme](https://www.sa.gov.au) ([www.sa.gov.au](https://www.sa.gov.au))

If you wish to fill out a paper copy, please contact the office or come in and collect a new form.

# YEAR 8/9/10 - ENTERPRISE

## What are the year 8/9/10's doing in this lesson?

Each Wednesday in lessons 3-5, students are working alongside 4 specialised facilitators to imagine, develop, plan and produce an enterprise of their own.

Students will be guided by these facilitators to produce a service or product that aims to increase opportunities for the Meningie Area School community.

### **Group 1:**

**Denice Mason (Teacher):** Cooking, Craft & Art

**Wally Schmidt:** Welding & Metal Fabrication

### **Group 2:**

**Caitlin Hattam (Teacher):** Horticulture, Aquaculture & Honey Production

**Wayne Lehmann:** Steer Team, Beef Production & Beef Industry.

On Thursdays in lesson 4, students will be engaging in entrepreneurial learning that is aligned to the Australian Curriculum.

## Our experience so far:

**Week 1:** Weet-Bix Cooking Challenge - Create & Market

**Week 2:** Immersion Excursion in Murray Bridge

**Week 3:** Four 50-minute activity rotations run by each facilitator & make facilitator selection.

**Week 4:** Begin Enterprise Project with chosen facilitator.

# IMMERSION EXCURSION

## Group 1: Men's Shed, Jakson's Metal Fabrication, Cottage Box Chocolates



Jacksons 4x4 makes silos and sheds. They even made their own shed that they worked in. I liked watching them weld.  
Jordan.



Cottage Box Chocolates - I thought that the chocolate tempering was really interesting. When we taste tested the chocolate, I thought that the texture was enjoyable and delicious. Chantelle

## Group 2: Aussie Apricots, Buffalo Farm, State Flora



At Aussie Apricots in Mypolonga, we got to taste the chocolate dipped apricots. Their home-made hand lotion is made with their apricots and buffalo milk that is milked in Mypolonga also.



State Flora has a very wide variety of trees and plants that were all native to our region. Clara.



# IMMERSION ACTIVITIES



**MISS  
HATTAM**

The students enjoyed sitting out in the sun and looking out in the paddock while painting their pots. They all worked as a team to create some colourful pots to put in our outdoor space. Miss Hattam.



Metal work with Wally was a fun and creative experience and great to have a change of pace. Aiden.

**WALLY**

**MR LEHMANN**

It was fun working in the yards with Mr Lehmann. I liked rounding up the sheep and then drafting them. Elliott.



**MRS MASON**

Macrame with Mrs Mason was really fun and a good craft technique to learn. Both Gabby and I made a pot holder each. Millie.

## R-3 Classes Thukabi

Receptions to Year 3 will be participating in sports and games in the Junior Primary Area (Thukabi) and just outside the fence where the volleyball posts are.

The events will begin at 9:10 on the big oval and finish around 12:30 in the Junior Primary Area.

### SCHEDULE:

- Students are to arrive from 8:30am (normal school day).
- Roll Check with Homegroup teachers from 8:45-8:55 in classrooms.
- Welcome/orientation 9am on the outdoor basketball courts.
- Events to begin at 9:10am.

### EVENTS:

#### Big Oval

- Sprints (on the big oval – receptions will run with buddies)

#### Inside the fenced area.

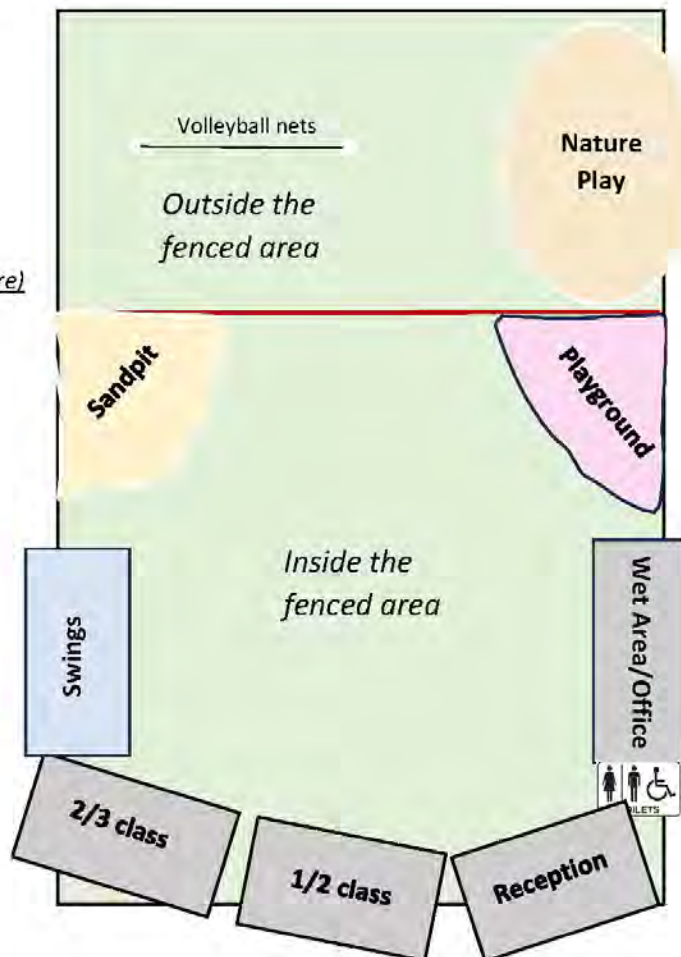
- Shot Put (into the sandpit)
- Javelin
- Sack Race
- Rob the Nest
- Egg and Spoon Race
- Bouncy Ball Relay

#### Outside the fenced area (where the volleyball posts are)

- Hurdles
- High Jump
- Funny Dress Relay

### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Sun Block
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Snacks/Recess/Lunch
- ✓ Money for Lions BBQ, Cakes and Drinks



COLLABORATION

DETERMINATION

RESPECT

KINDNESS

10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

HOUSE CAPTAINS		
No:ri – Pelicans	Millie Cunneen	Connor Wanke
Kungari – Swans	Jacobe Griffiths	Addison Mammone

**SPORTS DAY INFORMATION**

- Students are to arrive from 8:30am (normal school day).
- **THERE IS AN OPTIONAL HIGH JUMP WARM UP TIME FROM 8:00am-8:30am with Mr Lillis.**
- Roll Check with Homegroup teachers from 8:45-8:55 in classrooms.
- Welcome/orientation 9am on the outdoor basketball courts.
- Events to begin at 9:10am.

Medallions will be awarded to the boys & girls with the highest individual points in each age group at the whole school assembly in Week 5 Thursday 2pm.

- 1,500m, 800m, Javelin and Triple Jump points will count towards the individual medallion and house points (these events are run prior to Sports Day).

**THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

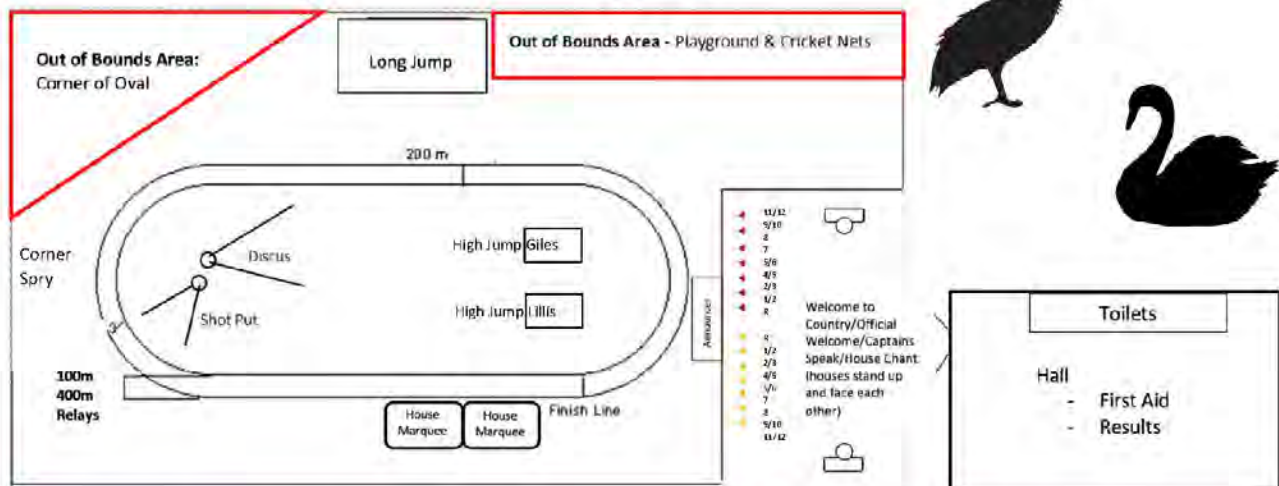
- ✓ Hat
  - ✓ Sun Block
  - ✓ Water Bottle
  - ✓ Snacks/Recess/Lunch
  - ✓ Money for Lions BBQ, Cakes and Drinks
- There is an expectation that students are at school as competitors or officials.
  - Student absence requires a diary note signed by a parent stating reason for non-attendance.
  - Guests may bring a folding chair.
  - Chaperones and helpers will be allocated jobs before the day.



**Individual & House Points awarded:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> = 8 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = 6 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = 5 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> = 4 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> = 3 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> = 2 points

All other successful competitors = 1 point (eg: make a clear jump or throw but do not finish in the top 6)



COLLABORATION DETERMINATION RESPECT KINDNESS

Australia Day Award Winning  
An initiative of the Meningie Garden Club

# MENINGIE FOOD FAIR

 **Friday, 8 March** 

Meningie Lions Jubilee Park 4—8 pm

Food Refreshments & Entertainment

for the whole Family!

Purchase a wrist band

\$5 for 5 and under and \$10 for 6 and over,  
to go on as many rides and entertainment as many times as  
you like. (excludes water activities)

Live music

GOLD SPONSORS



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Meningie Garden Club



Breakfast is available from Breakfast Club  
Monday to Friday  
8.30am – 8.45am.

If students need recess or lunch they  
need to attend Breakfast Club to pack  
their own.

Thank you to the Lund Family for their  
donation of food towards breakfast club.

## HOMEWORK GROUP

Students from Year 5 up can attend  
homework group Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday in the  
Library

3.05 to 4.00pm

Register your  
interest NOW!

2024

Dates & Times TBC

A program, proven to  
enhance the physical  
and emotional  
well-being of girls



SCAN ME

For more info please email: [c.kempe@murraybridge.sa.gov.au](mailto:c.kempe@murraybridge.sa.gov.au)



## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP INTENSIVE SWIM CLINIC

OPEN TO ALL

### ABOUT US

Murray Bridge Cods Swimming Club trains swimmers to compete at a National level with qualified coaches. Our swimmers compete across the state in various club carnivals and meets, Country, State and School Championships.

### WHAT WILL YOU GET

#### STROKE CORRECTION

Our qualified coaches will analyse your technique and give you tips to correct them.

#### DIVE FROM BLOCKS

Competition swimming requires a swimmer to dive from a block, blocks are not readily available at most pools, swimmers will have a chance to try diving from the blocks.

#### LEARN THE RULES

Our coaches will let you know what the most common reasons for disqualifications in a swim heat so you can be aware of what will cause a potential disqualification.



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SCANNING THE QR CODE  
OR BY VISITING  
[MURRAYBRIDGECODS.  
SWIMMINGCLUB.ORG.AU](http://MURRAYBRIDGECODS.SWIMMINGCLUB.ORG.AU)

#### LOCATION

Murray Bridge Swimming Centre

#### DAY AND TIME

Friday 23/02/24  
5:30 - 6:30pm

#### HOW MUCH

\$5 per session per person payable to  
Murray Bridge Cods Swimming Club prior  
to session. Pool entry not included.  
EFTPOS available.

Email  
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