

Meningie Area School News



Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 8th March 2024

Today we celebrate International Women's Day – all the women who have come before and fought for recognition, equality and opportunities and those who continue to strive for equality. It is a day to reflect on how women contribute to our community and recognise the work that is done paid and unpaid. Take the time to thank the women in your life.

[Where are the Women? — Google Arts & Culture](#)



Today we also celebrate the life of an amazing woman Lowitja O'Donaghue. Lowitja was born in the far north of South Australia. Lowitja was removed from her family and later sent to Victor Harbor as a servant. She then started working as a nursing aide and was encouraged to train as a nurse. However, she was not accepted and had to fight including lobbying the Premier of the state to be admitted to train at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. She became the first Aboriginal trainee nurse in South Australia. She worked on missions in India and returned to Australia to enter public administration in many areas including health and education. She paved the way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to enter these fields and her legacy will continue to inspire. You will see our flags at half-mast in honour of Lowitja.

Term 1 Diary Dates	
March	
Monday 11 th	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 th	Interschool Athletics @ Tintinara
Monday 18 th	School Photo Day Governing Council AGM
Wednesday 27 th	Team Sailing Competition Night
Friday 29 th	Good Friday
April	
Monday 1 st	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 nd	Student Free Day
Friday 12 th	Year 5 – 7 Art Gallery Excursion to Tailem Bend Last day of term School finishes at 2.05pm Buses depart 2.15pm

REMINDER
STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 2nd APRIL



Meningie Area School has a range of communication for parents

Governing Council asked me to clarify communication to families. We understand that there has been considerable change over the past 12 months and we appreciate this may have created some confusion.

EDSMART – school broadcasts, newsletters and CONSENT forms are sent to your email via EDMART. If you don't have email please advise our front office and paper forms can be provided. Paper newsletters are also put in the Post Office, Foodland and Community Library.

SMS – short reminders or urgent messages are sent via text.

Newsletters – are published 3 times a term – week 3, 6 and 9. They are sent via EDMART, posted on the website and hard copies are available at the front office, Community Library and in the community.

Facebook - posts celebrating learning and reminders are posted.

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Website – the updated website will be live next week. It has general information, key documents and newsletters.

Email – staff use email to communicate information specific to your child. It is the best way to contact individual teachers. Please contact the front office if you need a teachers email address. *Please respect teacher work-life balance only email staff from 8am – 6pm school days.*

FROG - FROG is the Department for Education Learner Management System. Student class programs, resources and information are available to students and families (the parent portal will be activated soon and has a link on the new webpage). The school will transition to this in 2024/2025. Teachers not using FROG will post class notes, resources on Teams which students access through EDPASS (link on webpage).

DOJO – primary staff will use this in 2024 and will transition to FROG in 2025. This is only for celebrating student learning. Please do not use it for attendance or other matters – if the teacher is absent we may not get the message.

Student absences – if your child is absent, please phone the front office and they will enter the absence for the day.

You are welcome to ask for a meeting with teacher(s) at any time. Please feel free to contact us to arrange a meeting.

Contacts:

Primary: Jessica Hankin
Secondary: Rachel Neumann
Wellbeing & Support: Abbey Gibbs

Student Wellbeing Support Officer (SWSO)

Congratulations to Kellie Martin & Sarah Chandler who have won the position of Student Wellbeing Support Officer (SWSO) for 2024. Kellie & Sarah will coordinate and run both Breakfast Club & Homework Club.

This will support the wellbeing of all students at MAS by providing opportunities for breakfast, recess & lunch to ensure students are ready to learn, as well as providing opportunities for students in years 5-12 to seek additional support with their learning at Homework Club.



Homework Club
DO YOUR HOMEWORK
BORROW BOOKS WHILE YOU ARE HERE
READ BOOKS FOR THE PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE!
GET HELP IF YOU ARE STUCK ENGLISH, SCIENCE, HASS
MATHLETICS
CANVA! HOMEWORK

(Poster designed by Avayah Love – Yr 5)

Meningie Area School
Homework Support Group
Year 5 to 12
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
in Meningie Community Library
3.05pm to 4pm
See consent form emailed 27/2/24,
or contact the front office for further information

**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.

Year 7 – 10 Canberra Camp

On Thursday 29th February 2024 parents and caregivers of students in years 7 – 10 would have received a broadcast from the school about the camp.

The camp is booked for Week 9 of Term 2 **Sunday 23/6/24 to Friday 28/6/24 (5 nights, 6 days)** through the tour operator Macquarie Educational Tours the total cost of the camp is \$1,105.50 per student. With PACER (government) rebates and school subsidy, **the cost to families per student is \$450.**

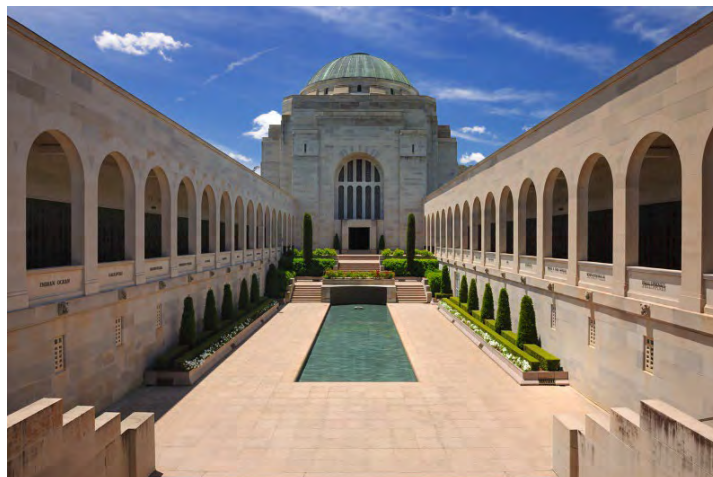
We understand that this is a significant amount of money and are offering various payment options as set out in the commitment to pay and direct debit forms. We ask families to return the forms to the front office by **Friday 15th March 2024.**

If you require hard copy of the documents, please pick one up from the front office.

Students will immerse themselves in the capital and visit many of the sites across the city including:

- Guided Tour of Australian Parliament House
- Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD)
- National Electoral Education Centre (NEEC)
- Australian War Memorial (AWM)

We will have further details about the accommodation facilities and attractions once the operator has confirmed the itinerary and look forward to sharing this information with you and the students. Students will be traveling by coach bus from Meningie to Canberra and return.



New Uniforms

On Monday 26th February students were each given a new T-shirt and Jumper. We are now opening orders for families who wish to place an order for extra T-shirts, Jumpers and accessories like school backpack and school hats.



Orders can be placed using the QR Code below or the link <https://forms.office.com/r/rtV2cR1PaC>



Parent Teacher Interviews



Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held in weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Information will be sent out via email in the near future for you to book your times with your child/ren's teachers.

MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM 2024

MONDAY 18th MARCH 7.30 PM

You are invited to the Meningie Area School Governing Council AGM at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room. Please consider attending this meeting.

Strong communities have strong schools, and we need your input and support to keep strong.

Please fill out the Nomination for Election Form below if you would like to be on Governing Council and return it to the front office by Friday 15th March.

MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I
(full name)

of
(address)

Contact Number:

Signed: Date:
(Please note: parents/carers may self-nominate)

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2024

Printed copies of this form are available from the front office if you are interested in joining.

Pulgi Rebuild

Each year for NAIDOC Celebrations we have had a Pulgi Built by our Local Aboriginal men. The Pulgi from July last year still stands and as the students here at Meningie Area School enjoy playing in the Pulgi we thought it would be great to give it a bit of a tidy up and show students and staff different materials that the Ngarrindjeri people would have used for their shelter. The



first Pulgi was built with materials from a Eucalyptus tree and it has been updated with a Tea Tree, both Materials were strong and easily accessible to the Ngarrindjeri People.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Ngarrindjeri Lands and Progress Aboriginal Corporation Working on Country workers for their knowledge and work they have done for both of the shelters.



Adelaide Fringe Excursion

On Monday the 4th and Tuesday the 5th Llyanna and Rachel Neumann attended the annual senior Fringe Experience with 8 students from Coomandook Area School.

Llyanna enjoyed the trip with the other students and the events:

“It was good. I enjoyed the Shakespeare show because it was funny. They made the whole thing up on the spot even the music and the lights. We went to a 3D show in a dome and we sat on beanbags. It made me a bit dizzy. On Tuesday we went to MOD and saw the Broken exhibition. The videos were good and we made ecosystems online. We caught trams around the city but we also did too much walking. We watched 2 buskers in the mall. I liked the ballet dancer the best.”





Say Cheese

School Photo Day is: **Monday 18th March**

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request and need to be ordered before or on photography day*. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted.

Why not give ONLINE ORDERING a go!!
It's the safest & easiest way to order

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.
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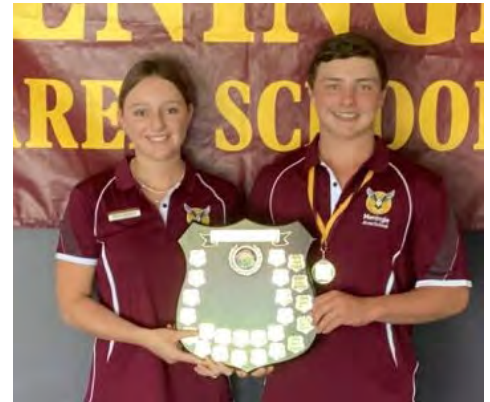


Student ID Cards available for \$5.50

Please order & pay at the front office

Sports Day

Our 2024 Sports Day was a huge success with all students dressed in their house colours! We had a great start to the day with No:ri and Kunggari presenting their house chant to each other to get everyone excited for the day ahead!! The participation across the day was outstanding, and it was great to see students giving it a go, and also bringing some fierce competition. The Receptions-Year 3 students competed in a variety of new events that reflected the year 4-12 events such as: shot put, javelin, sprints and even the high jump mat!! At the end of the day, Kunggari was presented with the Sports Shield as the winning house for 2024 which Addison and Jacobe received and held proudly as house captains.



Team Winner Kunggari 1476 points
NO:RI 846 points

	Boys Winner	Boys R/Up	Girls Winner	Girls R/up
Sub-Junior	Doug Greenwood	Tyler Brumfield	Kelsey Mitchell	Summer Hera-Singh
Junior	Hugo Swan	Eddie Love	Lilly Lewis	Zoii Oliver
Intermediate	Luke Newell	Jeffery Clinch	Clara Swan	Winter-Rose Pona
Open	Jacobe Griffiths	Connor Wanke	Lyla Jeffery	Llyanna Hughes
BEST DRESSED		Samzon Oliver – NO:RI		





2024 Year 7 Class Highlights so far!

Tiah: We are doing fun things in PE such as sailing, badminton, tennis and more!

Tayla: the girls football opportunity sounds exciting to be a part of

Lillie: our whole class received new laptops that fold all the way around



Lincoln: The interschool swimming at Murray Bridge was great to be involved with and there were 20 records broken!

Antonia: we have a new homegroup teacher Miss Angel and she is amazing

Oscar- we had a successful sports day with lots of participation.

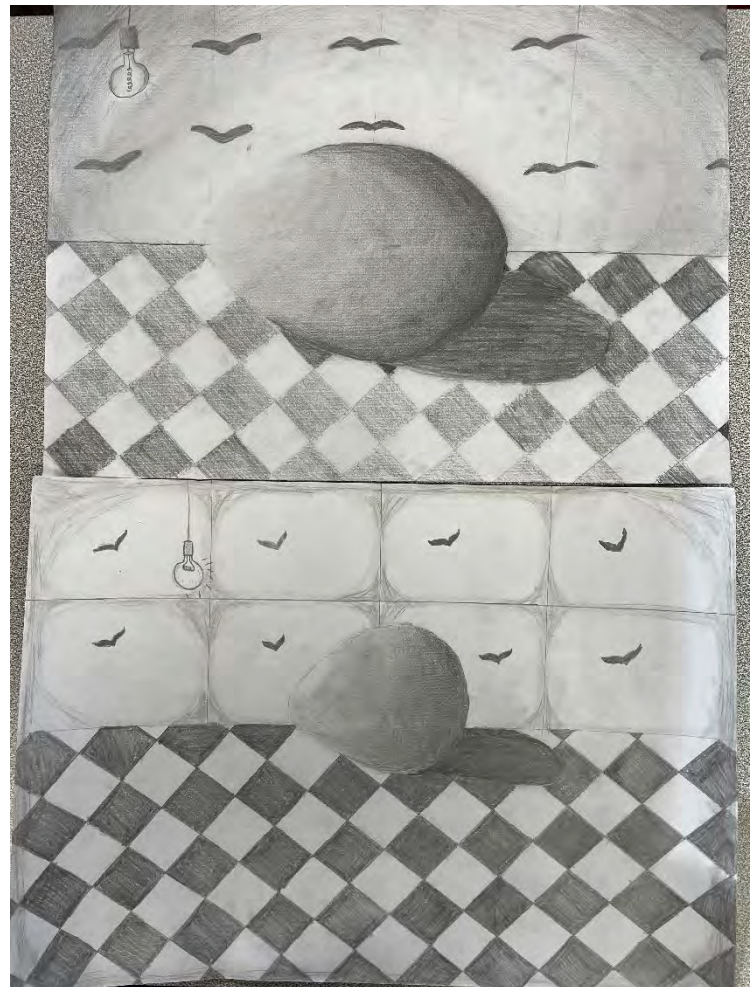
Kadiance: We successfully ran the first whole school assembly for 2024.

Macey: Being a part of the girls football on Friday's where I learn lots of new skills.

Cait: I loved the art lesson where we shaded a still life object (egg).

Jeffery: I received my first MAS medal for sports day for Intermediate boys runner-up

Krystal: Being very welcome as a new student to MAS and making new friends.





Ashton: I really enjoyed running the 100 meter sprint at the start of sports day.

Eugene: I loved doing high jump in PE for athletic practice.

Shakaya: I feel privileged to be selected for SRC.

Sarayah: I have enjoyed coming to school each day and seeing my friends.





JOB VACANCY

Contract Cleaner Required

3 - 3.5 hours per day
Monday to Friday

WWCC required
or prepared to obtain

Contact Hazel 0448 169 464

Coorong Community Skate Park Mural Unveiling

Thursday
21 March, 2024
Coorong Community Skate Park
Meningie Oval Precinct
3:30pm - 5pm

MURAL UNVEILING
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
HAVE A GO ON
THE SKATE PARK

BYO SKATEBOARD, BMX, SCOOTER
HELMET & PROTECTIVE GEAR
MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

HARMONY DAY

**WHEN: THURSDAY 21 MARCH
WEEK 8, TERM 1**

**LUNCH TIME BBQ & BAKED
GOODS FOR SALE ITEMS
50C-\$2.50**

LUNCH GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

**COME DRESSED IN ORANGE
OR ANY COLOUR IF YOU
DON'T HAVE ORANGE
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED**

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OFF THE SHELF

at the Meningie School Community Library



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Libraries SA



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OUR LIBRARY
IS ALWAYS
OPEN ONLINE



for popular local
& national
eNewspapers from
the State Library

ancestry
library edition

Did you know...

besides our library loaning a wide variety Childrens Picture books, Teen Graphic novels, Large Print books, Audio books and DVDs it also offers a great range of resources, programs & activities.

It is a great way to save on popular magazine subscriptions including the following interests:

- Golf Australia
- Healthy Food guide
- Prevention
- Sanctuary
- SA Life
- Science Illustrated

Services include:

- Public access computers
- Free internet and Wi-Fi
- Printing and laminating
- Local History books
- Toys for toddlers

Programs offered:

- Techelp technology support
- Chair yoga sessions
- Book Discussion Group

School Term Opening Hours

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Mon—Wed, Fri

8:30 am – 6:00 pm Thursday

Lunch closure 12-12.30 pm.

Times apply until Fri Apr 12 with usual Public Holiday closures.

Ever

heard

of ...

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read *more* books and *enjoy* reading.

The challenge is to read 12 books in total, as a combination of the challenge booklist (available on the PRC website or through the library) and own choice.

> Reception to Yr 6 – 8 from the list and 4 own choice.

> Yrs 7-9 – 4 from the list and 8 own choice.

> Yrs 10-12- 12 of own choice.

Home educated students are also encouraged to be involved using the following link:

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/students/home-education-families-and-individual-students/>

Reading for the challenge finishes 6th September 2024.

Amazing facts about libraries...

The Library of Congress (LOC) is the world's largest library with more than 173 million items with more than half of the materials in 470 other languages.

BAD LIBRARIES BUILD COLLECTIONS, GOOD LIBRARIES BUILD SERVICES, GREAT LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITIES

R. David Lankes



Meningie Area School offers Children's University to student from Years 2 to 7. The program is provide for free to students who wish to participate. Information was emailed to families on 29th February 2024.



The program encourages students to engage in extra curricular activities and learning through developing free-thinking and inquisitive children who enjoy learning.

The aim of Children's University is to encourage lifelong learners and achievers.

To graduate at the end of 2024 students must have completed 30 hours of learning. They can do this by visiting the various learning destinations throughout the state including even some in our own town here in Meningie! There is also the opportunity to complete some learning online if this is more accessible to families and of interest to students. (Maybe even something to be completed at homework support)

Graduation is held in November at Bonython Hall on the grounds of Adelaide University and is a fantastic experience for students.

Access more information about learning destinations <https://cuaustralasia.com/learning-destinations/>

Access the portal <https://cuaportal.com/cu-login/>

Mrs Wright is the school co-ordinator and is available to check students work and stamp their passports to accumulate their hours. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Wright.

 **Meningie**
Area School

**TEAM SAILING
COMPETITION
NIGHT**

27th March 2024
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Races from 4.30 to 6.30pm
Dinner provided after

 Meningie Sailing Club