

Meningie Area School News



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Area School**

Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Thursday 28th March 2024

As we head deep into the term there is a bit of weariness appearing. As teachers and parents, we need to give some firm encouragement to students. I talk to my teachers about success being built on many micro moments in teaching – a student understanding a concept, praising effort, determination, kindness, challenging inappropriate behaviours. As parents we do the same. Developing happy young people who can take on the challenges of school and the wider world is hard work but a result of many micro moments of parenting – the joyous and not so joyous moments.

With the end of term weariness seeping in, it is easier to let things slip, but it is important to firmly encourage positive mindset and behaviours. Ensuring good sleep habits, regular

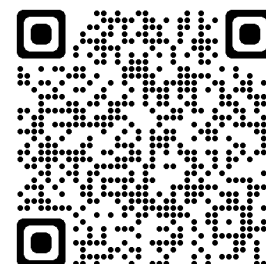
eating, getting to school on time, insisting students wear their new uniform etc. It may seem hard in the moment, but these moments all contribute to developing young people who are able to work and contribute to our community. So, keep up the hard work and stay resolute to firm encouragement!

At times we have families say, "my child doesn't want to go on that excursion". Excursions are linked to curriculum and are part of the learning program. Excursions are run to enhance learning programs and as such are part of the assessable program. Not all students are enthusiastic about every excursion, but it is another learning activity and an opportunity to be exposed to experiences we cannot offer at school. When excursions run the teachers are on the excursion so there is not a learning program for students who do not go. So firmly encourage your children to attend.

The Canberra trip is one of these learning opportunities. The camp offers opportunities not offered to general tourists in Canberra. Mock parliament, high court are such opportunities. We understand that for many of our students it will be the first time they are away from family for 6 days and it may be daunting. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop some independence and resilience. We would like all students Year 7-10 to experience this as a group and the teachers attending look forward to showing all this group Canberra. So, if you have not confirmed your place, please contact the Front Office. The trip is highly subsidised and payment flexible to ensure all our students can participate.

New Lunch Order Link & QR Code

We have been advised due to the change of ownership As of Wednesday 27th March 2024 please use this QR Code and link to order students lunch orders.



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Reception/Year 1

What's the best thing about school??

Miss Edwards' Reception/Year 1 students have been at school for 9 weeks now!

So what is the best thing about being at school?



Arthur- swings



Amelia- monkey bars with my friends



Ned- swings



Koby- playing with the blocks



Maisie- playing mums and dads with my friends



Zane- playing with the toy motorbikes



Audrey- learning about sounds

Reception/Year 1



Tamati- playing maths games with Miss Edwards



Isla- playing mums and dads with my friends



Hayden- playing with the trains and drawing



Gaby- playing on the swings and playground



Scarlett- seeing Miss Edwards and my friends



William- that we clean up together



We had a great time on Harmony Day using the creations our Year 10/11/12 buddies made for us!



They did a great job making playdough, colouring ins, beading, sunflowers and sensory chickpeas for us!

Clean up Australia Day



Students were asked why we need to clean the rubbish up. *What does litter do?* It kills our fish. It chokes our birds. The place looks messy. It can stink if its food rubbish. Flowers won't grow.



The junior school set out to clean up the oval. Gloves and bags ready to go for clean up schools' day on Friday 1st May. What a surprise we had when we filled our bags with rubbish from the oval in less than 30 minutes. There was still a lot out there even though we did such a great job.

Thank you to all the students who collected so much litter. It definitely looks better now.



The message from the students

**PUT YOUR RUBBISH IN A BIN AND
KEEP OUR SCHOOL NICE AND SAFE.**

Harmony Day

By Winter-Rose & Mrs Gibbs

The SRC organised a fun time for everyone at school. Some students had a lovely lunch of sausages, patties, brownies, cornflake biscuits or cupcakes. We played dodgeball at lunch. After lunch we organised some time to spend with our buddy classes to make friendship bracelets & headbands.

Student feedback:

Food was yummy especially sausages & brownies.

We enjoyed working with our buddy classes.

Dodgeball was fun.

It was good to have music in the yard.







Spray Painting Workshop

The year 7-10 Art students were able to participate in a spray painting workshop at school. All students were then provided an invitation to come down and help paint the mural at The Coorong Districts Skate, Scoot and Ride Park.

Tiah & Cait – Year 7

During the workshop we learnt how to spray paint using the correct techniques. Including how to use a spray can and how to hold the can to get different effects. We loved creating our own artworks of a Jellyfish and a Sunset.



OFF THE SHELF

at the Meningie School Community Library



What does belonging look like?

Belonging is a sense of genuine connection. It's a feeling that you're an important part of something bigger. Like a family, social group, workplace, community or cultural group. Belonging doesn't require you to change parts of yourself to 'fit in'. It's about being accepted while showing up as your authentic self.

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- problem solving search issues
- being safe & legal.

If you require additional assistance, please contact us and we can make a time available to learn in a safe and supported environment.



PREMIERS READING Challenge



Helpful websites>>>

Fantastic Fiction

www.fantasticfiction.com

Whichbook: a new way to choose what to read next

www.whichbook.net

Storygraph: track your reading and choose the next book

www.thestorygraph



Wicked Wednesdays



Raukkan and Police School Holiday Fun!

Police will attend Raukkan to run casual youth activities during the School Holidays. Meet at the Raukkan Basketball court. All Welcome.

17th April 1-2pm Basketball
24th April 1-2pm Basketball

Activities subject to change due to weather.

Enquiries: 85356345 or sapolmurraymalleecrimeprevention@police.sa.gov.au

**INTRO TO
CONCEPT ART
WITH SIMON SCALES**

**LIVE IN
ADELAIDE**
MON 15/04 & TUE 16/04
10:00AM - 04:00PM

**MURRAY
BRIDGE
TEN PIN BOWLING**

**Blue Light
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**TUESDAY 16TH
APRIL
AGE 5-17
YEARS**

BRIDGE BOWL
ADMISSION \$8 INCLUDES 1.5 HOURS BOWLING,
SHOE HIRE AND FRUIT.
6A MAURICE ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE 5253
PRIZES TO WIN! 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

2 X SESSION TIMES. CHOOSE EITHER 1PM TO 2.30PM OR 2.30PM TO 4PM. TEAMS OF 5
(OR BE ALLOCATED TO A TEAM). A SUPERVISOR WILL ALSO BOWL WITH THE TEAM.
NUMBERS LIMITED TO 50 PER SESSION (100 TOTAL).
PURCHASE VIA BLUE LIGHT SA WEBSITE: BLUELIGHTSA.ORG.
TICKET PURCHASE CLOSE 11TH APRIL UNLESS SOLD OUT PRIOR.
CANTEN OPEN FOR PURCHASES.

BRIDGE BOWL

ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT. LOCK IN-EVENT (PARENTS TO BE LEFT AT THE DOOR, ESSENTIAL CARERS OK)



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School Notices

Breakfast Club is proving really popular again this term and we are averaging approximately 45 students per day for breakfast with a busy high of 55 on a couple of days! Kellie Martin and Sarah Chandler man the toaster five days a week 8.15 to 8.45am and we offer fresh fruit, toast with a variety of spreads, cheese, boost bars and occasional fruit cups and other items. Students are also able to make a sandwich and take fruit for their lunch or recess at Breakfast Club. We are kindly supported by Food Bank, Meningie Bakery, Lund family and the Uniting Church. Having a nutritious breakfast sets students up for their days learning.

We have also have some **Young Womens' Packs** with sanitary products and toiletries available and these are sponsored by the Government Program for Combating Period Poverty. Please see Sarah or Kellie if you would like a pack. The school also provided period products in the girls' toilets in the secondary school.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

Commencing Tuesday 2nd April

Book your interviews now !

Contact the front office on 8575 1106 or
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catherine.burnett557@schools.sa.edu.au



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



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AND
VAPE-FREE
SCHOOL**

Smoking and vaping are banned at this site
including within 10m of the boundary

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**TERMS 1, 3, 4
NO HAT =**



Shaded play

