

# Meningie Area School News



## Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Reconciliation Week

Last week we celebrated Reconciliation Week and students undertook a range of activities to learn about the events recognized during Reconciliation Week (Sorry Day, 1967 referendum and Mabo Day) and the process of reconciliation. Some student work is in this newsletter.

The year 9/10 class hosted the assembly and one of the topics is why we do "welcome to country" Joy Murphy Wandin (Wurundjeri Elder) says it is "a very important way of giving Aboriginal people back their place in society, and an opportunity for us to say, 'We are real, we are here, and today we welcome you to our land'...It's paying respect in a formal sense, and following the traditional custom in a symbolic way".

I would like to thank and congratulate our Ngarrindjeri students who perform welcome. Blake Richards regularly does the welcome to country and congratulations to Brooklyn Long who did her first welcome to country for the Stage 2 Landscape Consultation at Raukkan.

The year 8 class contributed to the assembly with a presentation on the Sir Doug Nicholls Round of the AFL, telling us why the round is named after him. They finished the presentation with a very entertaining tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander footballers. The reception class shared their learning on the Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag with the Year 1/2 class sharing their understanding of reconciliation.

All our students demonstrate commitment to reconciliation, to learning and understanding the past to work towards a tolerant and fairer future with optimism.

### Canberra - 2 weeks to go!

With the 4 day break it is a great time for students to organize their list for what to pack and get ready. Students were given some reminders at an assembly this week:

#### Medication:

- if your teen takes medication please ensure you have a in date medication agreement and pack it in a zip lock bag with enough medication for the trip.
- non prescription medication. Staff are not medically trained and cannot give any medication including Panadol and travel tablets. If you think your teen needs non-prescription medication, please go to the pharmacy and ask them to label it with your child's name and what can be given. This will be held by staff and given out as per the pharmacy instructions.
- If your child gets travel sick, please organize some medication.
- If your child has not had a flu shot, please consider getting one.

## Term 2 Diary Dates

### JUNE

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

Staff Professional Development Training

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> to

Year 4 – 6 Camp

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Music Performance

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Talent Show – Time TBC

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Canberra Camp Year 7 – 12

to Friday

28<sup>th</sup>

### JULY

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>

NAIDOC Week Community Event & BBQ

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term  
School finishes 2.05pm  
Buses Depart 2.15pm



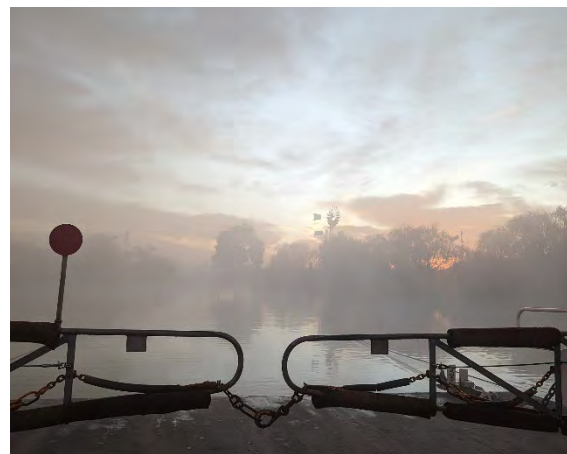
## Clothing:

- Students must take their school jumper and T-shirt as they will be required to wear this for our daily outings. They can wear comfortable clothing on the bus and around the accommodation (we will recommend they change when they return to the accommodation to try to keep it clean).
- Warm layers – skivvies/thermals – the maximum temperature in Canberra is about 9-10°C at the moment. Bring a warm jacket – if students don't have a jacket we have some school ones that can be loaned. Students will receive a free beanie with "MAS Canberra 2024" as a memento of the trip.

## Phones and smart watches

- Students can have phones on the bus but are asked not to use social media. At all other times students will need to turn phone off and put in YONDR pouch. Phones will be unlocked for 1 hour in the evening for students to call home etc. If students don't have a phone, they can use the school phone.
- Watches are not to remain connected to phones, if students use watches to communicate, they will be required to put their watch in a YONDR pouch.

If you have any questions, please ask.



## Stage 2 Development Administration and School Community Library

It is nearly a year ago that the government announced \$9,7 million for the second stage of the school redevelopment. In March Troppo Architects were awarded the contract, Troppo also worked

on Stage 1. We are now in the design phase which takes the concept plans, to detailed plans. They then need to go through costings and approved. We had our start up meeting on 2 May and are getting into the nitty gritty planning. As a Department for Education site we don't have free rein, but have to work to the departments specifications on the types of spaces and the size of the spaces. This phase of design and costings will take a few months and the plan is to go to tender for the builder early in 2025. The end date for the project is March 2026.

Part of the project is a large landscaping project for the area left when the existing library is removed. There will be a large central space which will provide a space for outdoor learning, events and general play space. Landscape architect Lyndon Slavin has met with students, staff and community to discuss ideas. A consultation was also held at Raukkan to discuss cultural aspects of the design. Thank you to all who contributed to the conversations.





# Reconciliation Week



Reconciliation week is about people coming together and working together hand in hand. We designed our own hands to display in the entrance to school about what reconciliation week means to us. We got to do Art activities at lunch times and design our own rocks, boomerangs and wood discs with Ngarrindjeri designs. - Year 7





# Reconciliation Week

Year 5 /6 postcards to future Australians to show our commitment to reconciliation in Australia.



Dear the Australians of tomorrow,  
I pledge to always respect the first nations people and I will learn more about their culture.

Dear the Australians of tomorrow's I Pledge to always be kind and show respect to others so we can build a better Australia for all in the future

Dear the australians of tomorrow  
I pledge to always show kindness and respect to others and to recognise the differences of aboriginal people and build a better community/country in the future.

Dear the Australians of tomorrow,  
I pledge to always be kind and show respect to other people no matter where they come from or what they look like.







**Meningie**  
Area School

# 2024 SHOW TEAM

2024 LED STEER TEAM



## Schulz Livestock UWEY

**BRED BY SCHULZ LIVESTOCK  
JASON & PENNY SCHULZ**

**Led by Addison Mammone**

Current Weight : 473kg



## Eylwarra Sands UZZY

**BRED BY EYLWARRA SANDS  
MURRAY GREYS  
NIGEL & GINA EYLWARD**

**Led by Millie Cunneen**

Current Weight: 568kg

## Caithness Charolais UBERTO

**BRED BY CATHNESS CHAROLAIS  
SHIRLEY BAKER**

**Led by Gabrielle Swan**

Current Weight: 550kg



## Sheoak Lodge ULLARN

**BRED BY SHEOAK LODGE  
CRAIG, KERRY & CHELSEA SWAN**

**Led by Lyla Jeffery**

Current Weight: 598kg



**By Gabrielle Swan**



## 2024 LED WETHER TEAM



**At the 2024 Merino SA School Competition we are preparing wethers supplied by:**

**Meningie Area School Bred Wethers**

**Mentara Park  
David and Gwenda Eckert**

**Flairdale Poll Merinos  
Wayne Lehmann and Family**

**Elliott Hurle, Carter Cunneen, Oscar Jeffery, Tayla McNicol, Charlie Nankivell Watkins, Marissa Farren**

## 2024 LED GOAT TEAM



**The goats for the Royal Adelaide Show have been supplied by Renaldo and Sue Vrey from Field Boer Goats.**

**Handlers: Macey Ridley, Ruby Cunneen, Jasmine Wright, Doug Greenwood, Archer Cunneen, Lincoln Jeffery**  
**Grand Parade: Hugo Swan, Lillie Kartinyeri, Levi Marles**

**Thank you to our breeders for your continued support of our Agricultural Program and the Royal Adelaide Show!**





## YEAR 4/5/6 ART

We made umbrellas with textured patterns, it was fun and challenging to draw  
**Ruby C & Kelsey**

We did umbrella art to focus on textured patterns. We liked the drawing, it was super fun and calm.  
**Imogen & Maggie**

We liked colouring in and designing the patterns. it was challenging to draw.  
**Levi & Hugo**





# SRC Buddy Bench

On Tuesday 4th June Zoe from Bunnings in Murray Bridge came to the school and worked with the SRC students to create a Buddy Bench for our school yard.  
*Thank you Bunnings Murray Bridge for the generous donation*



**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



Students who participated were Winter, Antonia, Lincoln J, Sam, Beau & Avayah



# SCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to Archer Cunneen, Doug Greenwood, Hugo Swan, Albert Greenwood, Levi Marles & Samson Oliver who participated in the 3 day carnival in Adelaide 27th to 29th June.

The best part of my SAPSASA week was winning 2 games and going to the arcade, swimming and making new friends from the Suns and Storm. I would recommend other students do SAPSASA to make friends and learn new sports skills.

**SAMZON**



We won against Whyalla and Kangaroo Island. I was the Vice Captain. I would love to do it again and would tell all kids to give it a go.

**Doug**

It was fun at the caravan park walking around, seeing your friends and making new friends. The best part would have been when we were at training and my name was called out as captain. I would 100% encourage other kids to do SAPSASA because it is an awesome opportunity to make new friends

**Archer**



My favourite memory was kicking the winning goal against Kangaroo Island. I would do this again because you get 3 days off school playing my favourite sport.

**Hugo**

The best part about my week was winning our first game and getting to West Beach.

**Albert**

I liked doing fun things after the football was finished everyday. I would definitely like to do it again. I would encourage students to do it as it is a new experience.

**Levi**



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 6th June Flynn O'Leary competed in the 10yo Cross Country event at Oakbank Racecourse. Running 2km with 191 other boys his age. Well done Flynn!



**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.



## SRC Talent Show

This term the SRC are hosting an in-house talent show. This means students will have the opportunity to perform their special talent for their peers. You might like to help your child think about what they could perform and rehearse their act. Students can wear a costume and/or use equipment to support their act. Performances can be done by an individual, with a partner or in a group.



## Lunch Order Link & QR Code



Freshies lunch order link and QR Code to order students lunches. Available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Delivered to the Front Office.

[Home | MAS CANTEEN \(square.site\)](https://square.site)

**NOTICE**  
**FRESHIES WILL BE**  
**CLOSED WEEK 10**  
**No Lunch Orders**  
**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**



**SMOKE-FREE  
AND  
VAPE-FREE  
SCHOOL**

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

Tobacco and E-Cigarette  
Products Act 1987

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