

# Meningie Area School News



## Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Canberra – been there, done that!** One of our values is collaboration and I would like to thank all the staff who made it happen. Those who attended: Denice Mason, Jacob Weiss, Isobell Koolmatrie and Emma Swan worked seamlessly to support all our students. Those who helped get our students there: Laurie Vemeeren and Sharon Gibbs in Finance, Catherine Burnett chasing up consent and medical documentation, Caitlin Hattam, Caitlin Angel, and Georgiana Quintal as homegroup teachers in preparing them, Rachel Neumann, Abbey Gibbs, and Jessica Hankin for looking after the school for the week. It was an enormous effort and took a lot of teamwork – so thank you!

Going on camp is a big step for young people, particularly when it is a long way from home. For many it was the first time away from family, for some the first-time interstate, a long bus journey and busy days. Our message for students was to operate as a team, look out for each other and support each other. At different times individuals would become home sick or emotional. The staff

were not let down. Students learned to be ready, get to places when asked, tune in when required and relax when given the opportunity. If someone was a bit down, peers reached out to help. During guided tours students participated well responding to questions and asking questions. There were always volunteers for roles in the activities. The outcome was a great time was had by all.

A couple of special thank yous:

Senator Kerryne Liddle, South Australian Senator who came to meet the students.

Tony Pasin, Member for Barker who took time out of his busy schedule to meet and chat with our students. His message that democracy is for all, and anyone can represent their community was well received by our students.

Dean from Lakes Buses. Dean made the trip easy, he was friendly, kind, flexible and full of good advice. All the students enjoyed his company, and he made the trip fun.

Students will share their experience with snippets and photos in the first newsletter of Term 3. Please enjoy. The current plan is to offer the trip every 3 years for year 7-9, so those in year 4,5,6 have this to look forward to.

The year 4-6 also had their local camp in week 6. A big thank you to the primary team: Anne Wright, Anyupa Giles, Matt Lillis, Lauren McGargill, Ben Scharfbillig and Denice Mason for supporting this camp.

## Term 3 Diary Dates

### JULY

MON 22<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 3

FRI 26<sup>th</sup>

Year 9/10 - Coorong & Mallee Immersion Day

### AUGUST

THUR 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 5/6 Rugby Tag @ Coonalpyn

WED 7<sup>th</sup>

RAA Street Smart Visit – R - 6

TUES 13<sup>th</sup>

Combined Band @ Murray Bridge Town Hall

WED 14<sup>th</sup>

Enterprise Expo

FRI 16<sup>th</sup>

Hands on Maths R – 6  
Choir Magic Millions Rehearsal  
BOOK WEEK

MON 19<sup>th</sup>

FRI 23<sup>rd</sup>

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

### SEPTEMBER

WED 4<sup>th</sup>

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**  
**ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW**

WED 11<sup>th</sup>

Choir – Adelaide Festival Theatre

TUES 17<sup>th</sup>

SRC Disco

TUES 24<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Basketball

FRI 27<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Term 3

The group had a range of activities on site and off site. These camps provide the opportunity for students to learn to be independent and develop leadership and is great preparation for camps in the secondary years. The school is committed to providing these opportunities for students to experience authentic learning experiences and the confidence to explore new opportunities.

### Stage 2 Update

PCG (Project Control Group) meeting 2 was held this week. I would like to thank Jason Schulz, while he has stepped down from Governing Council, he is following the project through and participating in the planning. We are nearing finalisation of the plans and cost managers are analysing the project. The next milestone is Concept Report Approval due 9/8/24.

### Semester 1 Reports

The reports for this semester will be emailed out to all parents on Friday 5 July. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the school. These will be printed and sent home in week 1 of term 3.

## MAS Talent Show

The MAS Talent Show was on Thursday the 20th of June 2024. The entire event was organised and run by our SRC. Lincoln Jeffery created the posters and advertised the event. Ruby Cunneen, Samzon Oliver & Shakaya Heron were the hosts. Chris Blackett & Winter Pona organised the PowerPoint presentation and IT. Addison Mammone, along with Rachel & Mr Scharfbillig were the judges. The judges used a rubric that was created collaboratively at a SRC meeting. It was great to see so many students and teachers participate. We had 18 acts perform. We had people singing, dancing, performing magic, cracking a whip, telling jokes and showing sport skills. The R-3 winners were: 1st Georgie Nankivell-Watkins, 2nd Maisie Cocks and equal 3rd Krew Gibbs and Piper Robertson. The 4-12 winners were: 1st Macey Ridley/Clara Swan/Tayla McNicol, 2nd Kelsey Mitchell and equal 3rd Winter Pona and Ryder Edson. The teacher mashup dance was a highlight! Thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible and for all the families and friends who came to watch. If you were unable to make it to the Talent Show and would like to see your child perform, please contact Abbey Gibbs on 8575 1106 or [Abbey.Hood186@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Abbey.Hood186@schools.sa.edu.au) to access the video recording.









## Marine Discovery Incursion

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June Marine Discovery Centre came to Meningie Area School to provide a full day of interactive activities to educate students about marine life, climate change how to look after our oceans and the animals that call it home.

The seal was trying to eat me when I was wearing the Virtual reality headset, it was scary. They brang a turtle and it had been attacked by a shark. On the lpad there was a scuba diving game where we could pretend we could dive in very deep water and we found treasure and could see animals. By Isabella



I got to try on a Kanagroo skin and it is warmer than it looks. We found out about a very small octopus is poisonous. The blue ringed octopus. By Louis







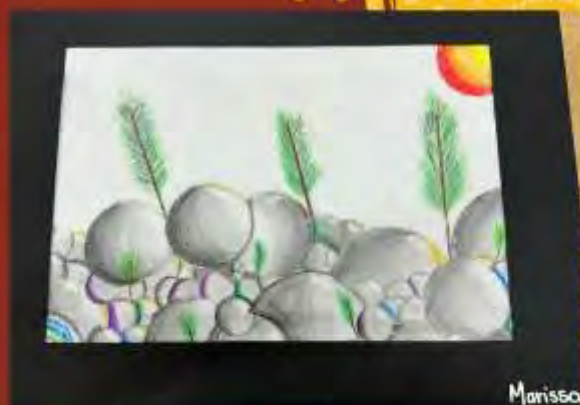
I thought the virtual reality (VR) was really cool because it felt like we were in the water but we weren't wet, we were still at school. I could see sharks and the jetty and people. It was inspiring to go and pick up rubbish and help the ocean. From Sabaai

The whole show was awesome, I thought the Ipads and VR headsets were awesome. We got to hold a real puffer fish and megaldon tooth. The didgerdoo was cool and loud. By Darcy

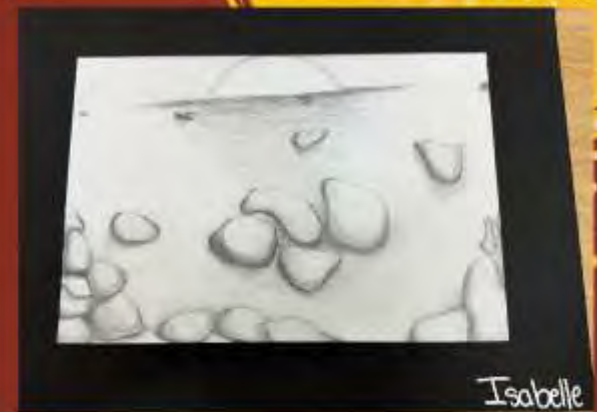




# 8/9/10 Art



**Marino Rocks inspired form and value artworks**



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# YEAR 7 VISUAL ART

## Australian Bird Sculpture



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**KRYSTAL**



**ANTONIA**



**TIAH**



**TAYLA**



**MACEY**



**EUGENE**



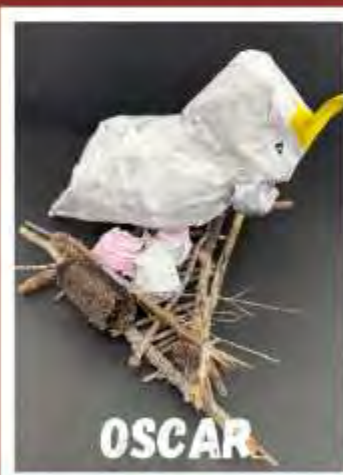
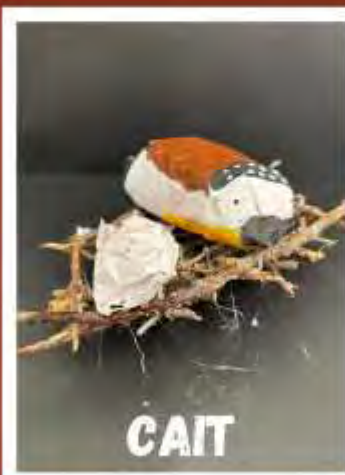
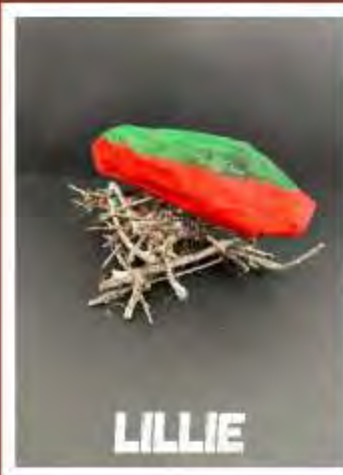
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# YEAR 7 VISUAL ART

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## 2024 M & S Fees Payment – FINAL NOTICE

School Fees are now Overdue. Please either come into the office or phone us to pay your account.

Payment plans are available with full payment needed by the 27<sup>th</sup> September 24

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

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

There are various applications available including hardship.

School fees are used to fund your child's classroom items such as workbooks, stationery, printing etc

Please call Laurie, Business Manager, on 8575 1106 if you need any assistance.



6 June 2024

Dear parent/caregiver

At a time when the cost of living pressures are being felt by many families, the South Australian Government is acting to deliver financial relief towards the cost of public education.

We want to reduce financial stress for families as much as we can.

That is why, as part of the 2024-25 State Budget, families with school-aged children will receive a \$200 discount per child on their public school's Materials and Services Charge for 2025 – double the discount amount provided for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

You don't need to do anything to claim the discount – it will automatically be applied by your school.

The discount does not apply to families approved for the School Card scheme as these families are not required to pay a Materials and Services Charge.

Information on School Card eligibility, income limits and the application process can be found at: [SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme \(www.sa.gov.au\)](https://sa.gov.au/schoolcard)

We hope this increased discount will provide some relief.

Yours sincerely

Hon Blair Boyer MP  
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Department for Education

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## Are you our next relief bus drivers?

If you interested in being a relief school bus driver for Meningie Area school, and you hold a LR, MR, HR, HC or MC licence. Then, we want to hear from you.

We are often looking for drivers to cover leave, illness and excursions.

Please contact James Stafford of Bus Biz 0438 821 220 or call in to Reception at school.

## Murray Bridge Foodbank HUB is our nearest food relief location.

**The service is available to families and the wider community of Meningie and surrounds. Meningie Area School is a referrer for the service for our community.**

Shopping at Foodbank Murray Bridge is **easy** and **convenient**. All you need is a referral and time to go shopping to pick your own groceries if you would like a referral, please contact the school and leave your full name and mobile number and we will send you an electronic referral which allows you to shop at Foodbank weekly or fortnightly for the next 6 months.

We have seen a large increase from families and community members for referrals to help with the cost of living. If you would like a referral please contact the school. Foodbank is one option for reducing your weekly or fortnightly expenses.



## 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 \(square.site\)](#)



# 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





**Meningie  
Area School**

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Government  
of South Australia

Department for Education  
and Child Development

**2024**

# ENTERPRISE EXPO

**MARKET STALLS, SIT-DOWN PRESENTATION & LIVESTOCK  
GRAND PARADE**

Wednesday 14th August 2024

Meningie Area School - Agriculture Block

12pm Presentation, followed by Grand  
Parade & Student Market Stalls

Respect

Collaboration

Determination

