

Meningie Area School News



From the principal

Thank you to all the students and staff for making the performance "Pinocchio" a success. It was great to see the teamwork and commitment to stage the show – from the directors, helpers, performers, teachers who took reliefs it was a whole school effort. It showcases the advantages of been a R-12 small school – everyone gets involved. A big thank you to our community for supporting the show and attending enthusiastically.

Stage 2 project

It is fantastic that we have secured the funding for the second stage of the upgrade. This is an achievement for Governing Councils past and present who have relentlessly advocated for the project. The question is when?

- 2023 – Project Manager, and architect appointed.
- 2024 – plans finalised, and builders appointed.
- 2025/6 - build with a completion date mid 2026.

The build is located on the old tennis court area and will not disrupt the school during the build. Once completed the administration block and library will be demolished. The grounds shed and entrance will be relocated to create safer traffic flow. The draft plan will be placed in the Front Office and Library – please note these are not final plans.

Monday 3rd July 2023

Diary Dates

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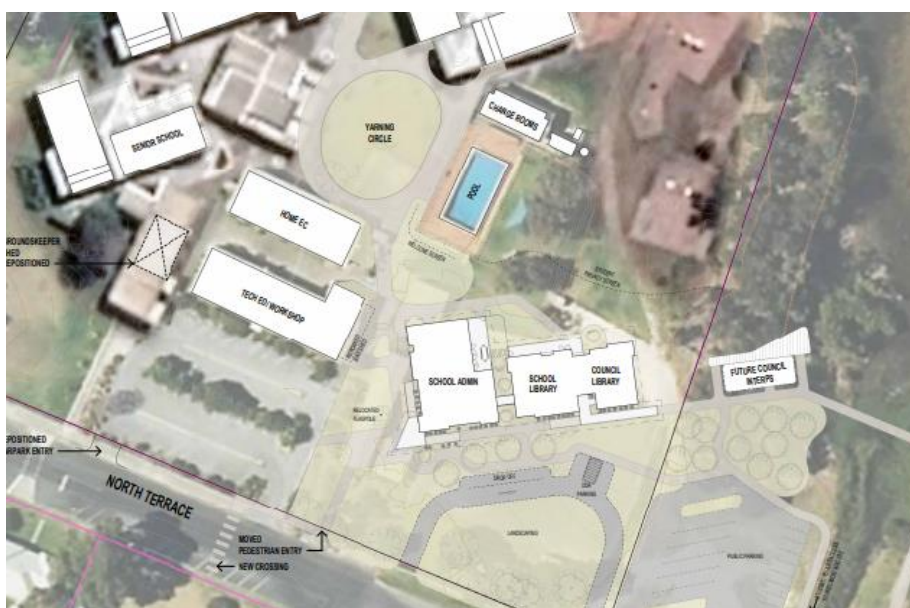
Sunday 2 nd – 8 th	NAIDOC Week
Friday 7 th	Voting closes for Logo & Motto Last Day of Term School Finishes 2.05pm Buses Depart 2.10pm
Monday 24 th	First Day of Term 3
Friday 28 th	Senior Secondary Formal

AUGUST

Mon 14 th – Friday 18 th	Science Week
Wed 16 th	Enterprises Expo
Friday 18 th	Combined Band at Coomandook
Mon 21 st – Friday 25 th	Book Week

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1/9 to Sat 8/9	Royal Adelaide Show
Wed 6 th	School Closure Day
Thurs 14 th	Young Environmental Leaders (Selected Year 5/6 students)
Friday 15 th	Student Free Day
Mon 18 th	SAPSASA Athletics
Friday 29 th	Last Day of Term School Finishes 2.05pm Buses Depart 2.10pm



Semester 2 staffing

Sadly, Kelly Chen is leaving us for personal reasons. We have not been able to appoint another teacher, but some part-time staff will increase time to cover classes:

- Year 7 Homegroup – Denice Mason
- Year 7 Maths – Kathleen McGuire
- Year 8/9 Science – Kathleen McGuire
- Year 8/9 Maths – Rachel Neumann
- Year 5/6 Maths – Lauren McGargill
- Year 3 HPE – Abbey Gibbs
- Year 11 Essential Maths – Fiona Haselgrove

We will continue to look for a maths/science teacher and this position will be part of the Department for Education's "Teach First" program which is providing incentives for graduates to work in the regions. We hope to attract a teacher during the semester and/or 2024.



This week we celebrate NAIDOC week with a range of activities sharing the culture of our Ngarrindjeri community. On Thursday we will host the community event in conjunction with Coorong District Council. We welcome all to the celebration and it will be a great way to finish another busy term. Reports will be available from 1pm Friday 7th July – any uncollected reports will be mailed home. I wish you all a relaxed and safe break.

Fiona Haselgrove

Council in Community

On Tuesday 20th June 2023, Coorong District Council held their Roads and Infrastructure Committee meeting on our site. Mya Kartinyeri gave a Welcome to Country supported by Kodi Koolmartrie to open their meeting. Later in the afternoon Councillors met with Fiona Haselgrove, Governing Council Chair and representative Jason Schulz in relation to the funding for Stage 2. Councillors looked through the current Library and the proposed new site.



Meningie Area School Rebrand – Next Phase

After three months of workshops, interviews, surveys and feedback sessions, we're excited to unveil the new logo and motto concepts for our school rebrand.

Three logo and three motto concepts have been developed – and voting is now open to students, staff, families and the community.

You can see the concepts, read the rationale and cast your vote here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MASVoting>

Importantly, the rebrand also includes new vision and mission statements, as well as new values. These are currently being finalised in consultation with staff, Governing Council and our student leaders.

Four graphic elements inspired by Ngarrindjeri traditional art are also in development, and we anticipate using these to complement the new logo on items such as signage, uniforms, stationery and our digital assets.

Please take the time to read the consultation paper, which includes the logo and motto concepts, as well as the new vision, mission and values and draft Ngarrindjeri visual elements. You can find it here:

<https://bit.ly/MASRebrandPaper>.

Voting closes on Friday, 7 July. We will consider all voting and feedback when deciding on the final logo and motto.

Meningie Area School Pinocchio the Musical Production

On Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th July, students, staff, parents, caregivers, and community members braved the cool, June evening weather to attend the Meningie Area School production of Pinocchio the Musical. This production had been in the making since the beginning of Semester 1, 2023.

Electricity was in the air as performers hurried around to get into their carefully planned, hand-made, costumes and adorn themselves with exaggerated stage makeup. Meanwhile, cheerful parents, caregivers, and community members streamed through the gym foyer, transformed into a magical underwater world, complete with turquoise streamers from the ceiling and ambient fairy lights. Anticipation was at its peak with the audience seated in the gym-now-theatre, minutes from the long-awaited event.

Year 7-9 actors did not disappoint. They took to the stage with gusto, nailing most of their lines, with some improvisation giving comedic relief to the audience. Of note were Christian Retsas and Serenity Booth, who each took on the main acting role, Pinocchio, on consecutive nights. Both did a mammoth job and performed incredibly well!

Performers in Years R-6 brought more energy to the stage still, singing along to catchy tunes with clever choreography. From sparkly acrobatic attire to glow-in-the-dark "cloud" neckpieces and "jellyfish" headpieces, their costumes were a sight to behold.

Staging and props infused the final magic into the whole production. This included not only an impressive array of colourfully painted, paper mâché and cardboard props, backdrops and signs, but an interactive video of actors playing Pinocchio and Geppetto inside a giant whale! The Year 7-9 stage "ninjas", who carried items on and off the stage during scene transitions, handled the high-pressure, backstage environment with enthusiasm.

Overall, the production was a huge success, thanks to all MAS students and staff, including Sarah Wilson, Anne Wright, Denice Mason, Amelia Nakone, and Bree Edwards. What a fantastic opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the arts through the reproduction of a much-loved story that still has significance today.





My Pinocchio experience

On the night of the performance, we went to our classrooms then 45 minutes later we went to do a song called, So you want to be a Boy and when we went to get on the stage it was so dark that we could not see the stairs. Then we did the song. We went to put our circus costumes on. We went back to the stage and then we sang the song. It was fun. After that we went back to the music room and waited. We went to go do the finale.

It was so fun. The best part was that I got to toot a horn because I was a clown in a car I made the car. my family was watching the performance. They said it was good and cool and that was the night of the performance.

Harrison



My favorite bit of the play was the end when my friend Kelsey and I did a dance called "Best day of my Life".

It was kind of good but I forgot a tiny bit of the dance then remembered. Kelsey and I had to stand on a small block.

Mya



My costume was hard to put on because I had to run and get my jeans and belt. It stressed me out a bit.

It was fun to sing and dance on the stage but I was a little nervous.

I couldn't see all the people because there was a spot light in my eyes.

Samzon









The Premier's *be active* Challenge is a physical activity program introduced by the Premier in 2007 to:

- Encourage students to be more active more often
- Improve the health and wellbeing of South Australian students.

The Challenge requires students to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 4 weeks between the beginning of the school year and late September.

After 4 weeks of daily physical activity, students will be rewarded with a medal. After 10 weeks of daily physical activity, schools are in the running to win \$1000 to promote physical activity.

More information is available in the link. <https://pbac.sa.edu.au/>



Premier's reading challenge turns 20 years this year.

Reading closes on 8th September 2023. Return your reading record sheet to Mr Ryan in the library. More details are available from the link below.

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

If you need a record book for Premier's Be Active Challenge or Premier's Reading Challenge please ask at the Front Office.

Positive parenting workshops

We will be offering 3 workshops for parents (primary aged children) during semester 2. The themes are:

- 5 core principles for positive parenting
- Helping children manage anxiety
- Keeping your child safe from bullying

More information at the link below.

[Thriving Kids and Parents Schools Project | University of Adelaide](#)

Professor Matt Sanders also established the Positive Parenting "Triple P" program:

[Happier, healthier, less stressed kids & families | Triple P \(triplep-parenting.net.au\)](#)

Sport

On Friday 16th June, Lyla Jeffery played in the River Mallee & Districts Year 9 & 10 knock out netball competition representing the school at Murray Bridge. They played against Murray Bridge High, Keith Area School and Mount Barker High. They were unable to get a win for the day but kept their heads high. Well done Lyla



On Wednesday 21st June, Millie Cunneen, Shayla Hera-Singh & Gabrielle Swan played in the River Mallee & Districts Year 7 & 8 knock out netball competition representing the school at Karoonda. They played against St Jospeh's from Murray Bridge and St Francis from Renmark and Unity only losing the one game for the day against Unity, which knocked them out of the series. The team was coached by Miss Hattam Well done girls.



SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Earlier in the term on 22nd – 24th May 2023 the SAPSASA Football carnival was held in Adelaide. Five boys from Meningie made the River Murray team coached by teacher Lachlan Mill from Tintinara. Congratulations to Doug Greenwood, Archer Cunneen, Hugo Swan, Lincoln & Oscar Jeffery.



Cross Country was held at Oakbank Racecourse on Thursday 8th June and Doug Greenwood ran 154th out of 178 finishing participants in his age group. Doug Ran 2km in a time of 10mins 11sec.



Year 4/5 Jallarah Visit Friday 16th June

When we were at Jallarah we sat with the oldies and did colouring. The people gave lots of chocolates to the class. The foil hanging we gave as a gift was made out of string , alfoil , and glue. By Elise



On Friday we went to Jallarah on the bus. When we got into the building, we first did our dance, then we gave them their presents. In the envelope there was a foil wall hanger, a tiny windmill and a card. To finish we did coloring with our partner. By Hugo Jallarah

I did colouring with the oldies and some of the oldies did some too. When we were there, they gave us snacks. Polly used do sky dive and free dive, I found that interesting. By Jackson

On Friday we went on the bus to Jallarah. When we got there, we showed them our Pinocchio songs. Then we colored in some under the sea colorings, and we gave them a gift. Then I had a big talk with Eileen. By Ruby



Recent heavy rains have seen a natural water pond develop in the nature play space.

Students have enjoyed some wet play.





**Partners in
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Is your teenager struggling to attend school due to anxiety, depression or emotional distress?

Be among the first to trial a new online parenting program designed to support parents of teens struggling with school attendance.

Researchers from Monash University and Deakin University are offering parents a **FREE** online parenting program designed to support parents of teenagers who have difficulty attending school due to anxiety, depression, or emotional distress (sometimes called 'school refusal', 'school can't', or 'school phobia'). The program is being offered as part of a research trial.

What's included in the program?

- A parenting self-assessment tool with personalised feedback
- Up to 13 online modules with practical strategies to support your teen's mental health and school attendance
- Complete weekly modules and work towards goals

Who can take part?

You may be eligible to participate if:

- you are the parent or guardian of a teenager aged 12-18
- live in Australia
- can read, write, and speak in English,
- have regular access to the Internet.

The program is not recommended as a sole source of support for young people experiencing school refusal. We recommend seeking professional support from a mental health or education professional alongside completing this program. Although all parents are able to take part, please also note that the program content is not tailored for parents of teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder or intellectual disability.

What else is involved?

To help us evaluate the program, we'll ask you to complete two online surveys about your parenting and your teen's mental health. We may also invite you to complete an interview about your experience with the program. You'll receive a \$20 gift voucher after completing the second survey, and an additional \$20 gift voucher if you complete an interview.

FIND OUT MORE:

pip-ed.web.app

Contact:

med-pip-ed@monash.edu



This research has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 32704).





JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

COME AND TRY OUR VOLLEYBALL CLINICS - THEY ARE A GREAT WAY TO STAY ACTIVE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, WHILE TRYING SOMETHING NEW OR PRACTICING THOSE SKILLS FOR UPCOMING COMPETITIONS!

SESSION 1
(AGES 11-18) 9:00AM - 12:00PM

SESSION 2
(AGES 5-11) 12:00PM - 3:00PM

\$50 / PERSON (PER SESSION)

SIGN UP



WEEK 1

TUESDAY	11TH JULY	BRIGHTON
THURSDAY	13TH JULY	LOFTY
FRIDAY	14TH JULY	CAMPBELLTOWN

WEEK 2

MONDAY	17TH JULY	LIGHTSVIEW
THURSDAY	20TH JULY	BRIGHTON
FRIDAY	21ST JULY	HENLEY

Volleyball
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**Foodbank HUB in
Murray Bridge is
available to
families and
community in the
Meningie and Districts area.**

Shopping at Foodbank Murray Bridge is easy and convenient. All you need is a referral form and time to go shopping to pick your own groceries.

Meningie Area School is a referrer, please contact the front office to receive your referral or for more information.

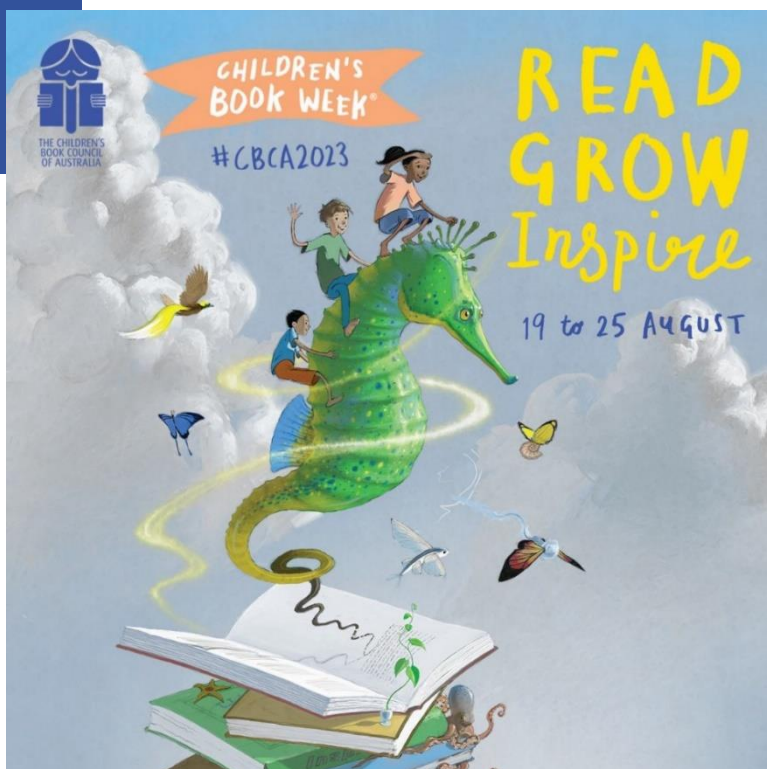
If you need support, Foodbank is one option for reducing your weekly or fortnightly expenses.



Relief Bus Drivers Needed

Are you
interested in
being a relief
School bus driver

for Meningie Area school? Do you hold a LR, MR, HR, HC or MC licence? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact James Stafford of Bus Biz 0438 821 220 or call in to Reception at school.



GALAH.

Regional Photography Prize 2023

Entries open May 2023

Galah Regional Photography competition

Open to Year 11 and 12 students. Closes 14th August. See link below for detail. [Competitions \(galahpress.com\)](https://www.galahpress.com/competitions)

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