

# Meningie Area School News



## Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 9th August 2024

The new South Australian Curriculum R-10 has been launched. This curriculum still uses the Australian Curriculum R-10 but brings in capabilities and dispositions as attributes of successful learners. Teachers will be familiarising themselves with the new curriculum in 2024 and starting to program using the curriculum in 2025 with full adoption by 2027. Teachers will have the opportunity to provide feedback to DfE which will shape the final curriculum. The graphic below shows the connections between knowledge, dispositions and capabilities and what learners know, can do, and become.

### Term 3 Learning foci:

In junior primary we are working with the Literacy Guarantee Unit to implement the scope and sequence for phonics. We have a coach Deb Tarca working with 2 teachers - Rhian Griffith and Ben Scharfbillig to embed explicit phonics teaching in their literacy block. Deb spent 20 years as an early year's teacher she is an excellent resource for Meningie Area School. We will have access to the coach for 3 years and will work up through the primary years over this time. In years 4-6 spelling and morphology are the focus to develop vocabulary and understanding of words. Data will be collected to evaluate the teaching strategies and monitor student progress.

EIF – Exploring identity and futures – Year 9/10 class.

This subject replaces the Personal Learning Plan and has some similarities but is a lot broader and aims to help students develop aspiration for who they want to become rather than just focus on careers. There is still the opportunity to explore careers and the class do want to complete work experience. We will provide dates and details soon. Students will explore their identity, careers and complete a personal project. The subject aims to develop student agency which can be described as “participating in active learning rather than passive learning and trying to work things out for yourself. It is also being willing to experiment, learn fail and then try again” (OECD 2020-2023 Strategic Plan). The subject follows on well from Enterprise in semester 1 where students have been working on developing capabilities and entrepreneurial skills. We look forward to welcoming our families and community to the Enterprise Expo to showcase this work.

Part of the exploration will include learning about the SACE and planning pathways which will provide information for our 2025 senior courses. We will be providing information and have an information session towards the end of the term for Year 10's going into Year 11. Current Year 11's are on individual pathways and 2025 programs will occur in individual meetings.

## Term 3 Diary Dates

### 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

MON 19<sup>th</sup>

Choir Magic Millions Rehearsal

FRI 23<sup>rd</sup>

BOOK WEEK

### SEPTEMBER

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

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



# Mid Year Receptions



**Pippa** - Looks forward to drawing at school. Her favourite play activity is being out on the swings. Pippa's favourite animal is a fox.



**Poppy** - Looks forward to playing outside. Her favourite thing to do is drawing and her favourite animal is a giraffe.



**Nicholas** - Looks forward to playing outside and his favourite play time activity is playing with diggers in the sand pit. Nicholas favourite animal is a rooster.



## Community Library Assistant

### *Welcome & Congratulations to Kirsty Bagshaw*

Kirsty has been appointed as the new Community Library Assistant and started on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. As the Community Library Assistant, Kirsty will be in the library Tuesday to Friday and will happily help students and the community.

Kirsty brings with her excellent knowledge of how a school operates and connections and relationships with students from her previous role as a Student Support Officer here at Meningie Area School. Kirsty has great passion for our community and has been actively involved in many community projects including event management. Over the last few years Kirsty has been an exhibition curator for SALA events held at Coorong Cottage Industries. Kirsty is also an active member of Meningie Progress Association and enjoys participating or volunteering for park run on Saturday mornings and bike riding around our beautiful town. Kirsty will no doubt use her creative ideas in her new role. Kirsty has lots of ideas up her sleeve and is excited to be in the role and for the future of the library with the Stage 2 build of Administration and Library due to be completed in June 2026.



We would like to wish John well in his library position at TAFE and thank you to Cass Lutze who has been backfilling the role in John's absence.

## Aboriginal Parent Group Term 3 - 2024

- Thursday 1st August 8:30am-10am in MAS Cultural Room
- Tues 13th August - 10:30am-12pm Raukkan Library
- Thursday 22nd August 8:30am-10am in MAS Cultural Room
- Thursday Sept 12th 8:30am-10am in MAS Cultural Room
- Tuesday 24th September 10:30am-12pm Raukkan Library

Please contact Isobell at the school for any queries



**Meningie  
Area School**

**EVERYONE  
BELONGS**

Bullying No Way  
National week of action  
12-16 August 2024

## FREE LUNCH

followed by whole school activities in lesson 6  
organised by our SRC

**Savoury: Sausage Rolls &  
Pizza**

**Sweet: Cupcakes & Jelly**

When: 12/8/24- Monday Week 4 Term 3

Where: school canteen



Kindness is the true strength: stand tall and  
stand together against bullying

## CANBERRA CAMP

In Week 8 of Term 2, secondary students embarked on the long bus trip for their Canberra Camp departing school on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and returning Friday 28<sup>th</sup> evening. The weeklong itinerary was jam packed with many of the main attractions in Canberra. Check out some of the students' comments from camp below.



It's nice and fun and it's a wonderful experience for younger students. Most of the places are fun like the war memorial because it helps you learn about the hardships people went through.

My favourite place to visit was Parliament house because I liked watching the Prime Minister yell, but we didn't get to hear them the whole time.

This was a great experience and a very educational experience a lot of the knowledge gathered couldn't be taught in a classroom.

The war memorial was my favourite place to visit, I learned about the wars Australia was in. But Questacon was also one I liked because there was a lot of things to do. So, either one would be my favourite part of the camp.

My favourite place to visit was the AIS because of the simulations of sports and seeing where Australian Olympians train and do their fitness. But, I wish that we went in the morning or afternoon because most of the athletes train then because of school hours. It still was a great experience at the centre.







### What would you tell younger students about your experience on the Canberra Camp?

- It was lots of fun and the food was good.
- It was a great experience and fantastic opportunity to visit and learn more about our nation's capital.
- I would tell them how fantastic Canberra is, how lovely the views of Canberra can be. Also, how cold Canberra is.
- That it was a blast. There was so many sights and attractions to see and we learnt more things than ever.
- It was a once in a lifetime experience it was amazing. Every activity we do is made sure that you have fun and enjoy it.
- That it was a fun experience, and that Canberra is a beautiful place to go to there are many nice people and tours overall it was a calm and easy going place to be with many things to learn and do.





## Students' advice to the next group of students going is:

- Sleep on the bus enjoy your time away and make the most of it!
- That it's nothing to be afraid about. It is a large, nice place with many nice people as long as you do the right thing they will help and respect you. Be respectful of the environment and historical places.
- Make sure you bring warm clothes! Also be prepared to be tired at the end of the day.
- Take warm clothes, don't get lost stay together and don't be silly listen to the teachers.
- Enjoy it why it lasts and the time goes real fast
- Wear cozy clothes for the long bus drive, and when I say it's long, I mean it's long. Also, I would recommend bringing good shoes, not converses because I wore converses, and my feet were freezing.





## Students' other comments

The camp was good I learnt a lot about Australia's bush capital over all it was a great experience.

Questacon was so much fun!

I loved driving past one of GWS home grounds!







We were fortunate to hear from Tony Pasin MP for Barker during our visit to Parliament House and South Australian Senator Kerryanne Liddle shared her knowledge and wisdom and advice with the students and also accepted questions.





## NAIDOC WEEK

On the last week of Term 2 Meningie Area School Celebrated NAIDOC Week along with the Coorong District Council and Community.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognize the History, Culture and Achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about first Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Every year there is a theme, this year's theme was "Keep the Fire Burning, Blak, Loud and Proud".

The celebrations started off with a beautiful Welcome to Country read entirely in the local Ngarrindjeri Language by Mya Kartinyeri and then a Flag raising was held at our newly installed flagpoles on the hill at the front of the school. Students spoke about the meanings of the 3 Flags, the Australian Flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag. Everyone then assembled into the school hall where Councillor Mrs Sharon Bland read the Acknowledgment of Country. This was followed by a dance performance by the Ritjurukkar Dance Group and then an interactive workshop for students, staff and community to join in. This was led by our Ngarrindjeri Language Instructor Rita Lindsay. Following the workshop, students, staff and community were invited to participate in a variety of activities which were set up in the hall, including feather flowers demonstrated by Isobell Koolmatie, ACEO and traditional Ngarrindjeri weaving shared by Deb Rankine SSO and Desinty Rankine. There was also some craft activities set up including the creation of large artworks of our building names, Thukabi, Pinyali and Kondoli. Following on from the success of the Living Libraries at last years NAIDOC celebration, this year we were extremely fortunate to have Ngarrindjeri Elders, Auntie Betty Sumner, Uncle Derek Gollan and Uncle Eric (Wally) Richards who shared their life stories and journey to the students, staff and Community. We thank them for their generous time and very personalised sharing. The day was finished off with a delicious BBQ Lunch cooked by the Meningie Lions Club with help from Ashley (Frog) Mason who cooked the delicious Kanmeri (Coorong Mullet).

There were Short Films screened at lunchtimes during NAIDOC week on Ngarrindjeri Culture.

### Short Films – Check these out!!!

[We Are Ngarrindjeri](#)

[Back on Country \(Derek Walker Kuti/Cockles\)](#)

[Stitch by Stitch \(Ellen Trevorrow Weaving\)](#)

[Everything is Connected \(Major Sumner Wood Carving\)](#)





## Year 9 / 10 Industry Immersion Day

The Coorong and Mallee Immersion Day was held in Murray Bridge at local business, TAFE and the MBHS trade centre on Friday, July 26, 2024. Our students in year 9 and 10 selected 2 immersive activities of their choice, allowing them to explore various industries and gain valuable insights into potential career pathways.

Meningie students attended the following sessions: Hospitality, Construction, STEM pathways, Allied Health, Childcare and Automotive. A highlight of the day was watching students in the capability session, held before lunch between the two immersion sessions, working together in teams across the partnership with students from Mannum, Karoonda, Coomandook and Tintinara. At the end of the day students were advised this would be an ongoing focus to connect the students at other events as they start their SACE journey.

Thanks to Emma Swan for supporting the excursion and Brenton Wright for transporting the students to and from Murray Bridge.



# THANK YOU



Glen & Tracy Hill from Coorong Wild Seafood, for your continued support with our Aquaculture program. We are grateful for your professional processing service of our Rainbow Trout.

We will have packets available for sale at our Enterprise Expo.

David and Gwenda Eckert from Mentara Park Farms for supplying hay for our livestock.

Emma Simmons for supplying bedding straw for the Steer Show Team and for our Sheep and Steers for the Enterprise Expo.





# SCHOOL SPORT

## MURRAY MALLEE SAPSASA NETBALL

Congratulations to Summer & Elise Hera-Singh, Ruby Cunneen and Kelsey Mitchell who represented the school for SAPSASA Netball. The carnival was held in Adelaide 24th to 26th June at Priceline Stadium.

I had fun playing SAPSASA and I made some new friends from Lameroo and Pinnaroo. Summer Yr5

I liked meeting new friends and getting to play lots of different positions. Elise Yr 5

It was really fun playing in Adelaide but it was raining all week. We were lucky to play 3 games inside at Priceline Stadium. Ruby Yr 6

I liked SAPSASA because I could make new friends. I love playing netball so I had a great week. I liked playing WD the best. By Kelsey Yr5



## RIVER MALLEE DISTRICTS SECONDARY AFL FOOTBALL

On Monday 29th July Elliott Hurle and Oscar Jeffery competed in the football competition at Murray Bridge against Unity, Eastern Fleurieu and St Francis. Unfortunately, no wins for the day but the boys were proud to represent Meningie Area School in their District.

## RIVER MALLEE DISTRICTS SECONDARY NETBALL

Congratulations to Lyla Jeffery who represented Meningie in our District Netball day on Friday 26th July 2024. The team was successful winning all games against St Francis and Murray Bridge High School and will compete in the finals in Adelaide on the 28th of August. We wish the team all the best against the other successful Country Districts.





# TAG RUGBY

Year 5/6

THIS EVENT IS AN ABSOLUTE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR OUR STUDENTS. WE HAD A FOCUS ON WORKING AS A TEAM, FAIR PLAY, AND SPORTSMANSHIP AND WE CAME HOME WITH THE 'UNITED' TROPHY. EVERYONE PARTICIPATED AND WORKED WELL AS A TEAM ACROSS THE WHOLE DAY. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR AN INCREDIBLE DAY!

MISS MCGARGILL



MY FAVOURITE PART ABOUT RUGBY TAG WAS BEING WITH MY FRIENDS AND RIPPING PLAYER'S TAGS OFF - MYA YEAR 5



I LIKED PLAYING AS A TEAM AND CHEERING PEOPLE ON WHEN THEY SCORED A TRY AND SEEING FRIENDS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS - ARCHER YEAR 6



I LIKED PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS, SCORING TRIES, AND WINNING A FEW GAMES AND CHEERING ON ALL TEAMS PLAYING - DOUG



# TAG RUGBY

Year 7/8/9/10



WE PARTICIPATE IN A SPORT EACH TERM AND COMPETE AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE PARTNERSHIP. STUDENTS DEVELOP THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME AND THEIR SKILLS TO BE ABLE TO CONFIDENTLY GO OUT ON THE DAY AND GIVE IT THEIR BEST! IT ROUNDS OF THEIR PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT NICELY. WE PLAYED AGAINST COOMANDOOK AS, LAMAROO AS & TINTINARA AS. THANK YOU STUDENTS FOR A GREAT DAY! - MISS HATTAM

MACEY - A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WAS SEEING PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER SCHOOLS! - YEAR 7

CHRISTOPHER - A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WAS EXPERIENCING THE ADRENALINE RUSH OF SPINNING THROUGH THE DEFENDERS! - YEAR 9



JORDAN - A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WAS PLAYING WITH FRIENDS AND HAVING A GREAT DAY! - YEAR 8



CAIT - A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WAS BEING ABLE TO USE MY FAST PACE TO DODGE THE DEFENDERS! - YEAR 7



AIDEN - A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WAS WINNING OUR FIRST GAME AND PLAYING A DIFFERENT SPORT! - YEAR 8



LEYAH - A HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WAS SEEING PEOPLE I KNOW FROM OTHER SCHOOLS AND PLAYING IN THE GRAND FINAL! - YEAR 9



## Term 2 Year 4 – 6 camp

This year the year 4-6 students had a local sleep over experience.

On Wednesday 12th June we travelled to Salt Creek and went along the Loop road and found a Mallee Fowl nest. We went for a hike on Nukan Kungun Hike.

*Nukan Kungun are the Ngarrindjeri words for 'look and listen'.*

On the way back to school we had a break at Panka Point.

For tea we had a BBQ. The students did a great job cooking, preparing and serving the meal.

After a good night's sleep we travelled to Murray Bridge Cinema to watch Inside Out 2. We had a packed lunch in the park.

That night some of us went to sport practice and some stayed at school and played a variety of games and again cooked our own tea.

On Friday we spent another day doing activities and learning together.

Last week we went to camp, and we went to Salt Creek in South Australia. On the hike it was muddy, but most people were having pretty fun . We were laughing, and having fun. If you were wearing white socks, you would have a lot of washing . Flynn

On the first day of camp, we went to Salt Creek. We stormed through the long grass and the sticky mud. It was a bit hard, but we pushed through it. There were lots of birds and we had to follow the year 5/6s teacher called Mr Lillis. He would always start to run, then stop. That made us all laugh. Then when we finished, we went to the mallee fowl nesting spots. We did not find any of the special birds, but we did see the big nest. We had to be very quiet so if they were there that we would not disturb them.

Then we went school, we watched a movie and played for a bit. Then we had some dinner. For dinner we had some sausages and some hamburgers. For dessert, we had ice cream with pieces of peach. Then we went to bed.

In the morning we got dressed and went to the Home Ec room to eat some breakfast. I had some toast and some cereal. It was delicious. Maggie





## Hot Potato Band next Tuesday night in Meningie

Tickets available online for \$5.00 each or you can purchase them online [here](#).

We wish our participating students all the best for the performance. The students who will be representing the school are *Melissa Burnett, Archer Cunneen, Doug Greenwood, Lincoln Jeffery, Oscar Jeffery, Lillie Kartinyeri-Rigney, Antonia Kohler, Eddie Love, Levi Marles, Samzon Oliver, Kadience Saler, Cait Saraspe, Hugo Swan, Jasmine Wright*

Murray Bridge High School Music Focus School is proud to host

# HOT POTATO BAND

## LIVE IN CONCERT WITH REGIONAL SCHOOLS

13 August 2024  
6pm

Murray Bridge Performing Arts + Function Centre

Participating Schools

Tickets available  
[www.mbhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mbhs.sa.edu.au)

## 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.

## 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.





## 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://home.mascanteen.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

## Enterprise Expo Menu

### Baked Potatoes

#### Filling

- Plain (Sour Cream & Cheese)
- Lamb Curry
- Lamb Bolognese
- Tuna & Corn

#### Extra Toppings

- Coleslaw
- Sour Cream
- Greek Yoghurt
- Cheese

**Full \$6.00**

**½ \$3.00**

### Soup & Roll

**\$5.00**

### Water or Fruit Boxes

**\$2.00 each**

*Students please pre pay and order by  
Tuesday using the EdSmart email*

**\$500 towards you or your children's education**  
**saverplus**  
Saver Plus is a free financial education program that matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

#### What can the \$500 be used for?

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Laptops & tablets    | Lessons & activities |
| Uniforms & shoes     | Books & supplies     |
| Vocational education | Camps & excursions   |

#### To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

\*Many Centrelink payments are eligible

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

To find out more:  
Enquire online at [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)  
Email [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)  
Call 1300 610 355

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# JOIN OUR TEAM

## Various Positions

### Grounds & Maintenance

Permanent  
20 hours p/w

See information in Job  
and Person Spec on link  
below from 15/8/24



### Finance Officer

Temporary  
19.5 hours p/w

See information in Job  
and Person Spec on link  
below from 15/8/24



<https://jobs.education.sa.gov.au/>

### Bus Driver

- Coorong/Field Bus Run
- Relief for excursions, leave and illness



Licence Required LR, MR, HR, HC  
or MC

Contact the Front Office or Peter  
Bowman of Bus Biz 0438 821 220

### School Services Officer

Contact our Business  
Manager, Laurie on  
85751106 or  
[laurie.vermeeren656@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:laurie.vermeeren656@schools.sa.edu.au) for  
an Expression of  
Interest Letter



To be eligible to work in a school setting the minimum requirements are

- Hold a current DHS working with children check (WWCC)
- Complete the full day Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – education and care training







**Meningie Area School**

# Book Week

## 2024



### Thursday 22nd of August

#### Costume Parade

Come dressed as your favourite book character!

## School Gym- 9.45am

### Families welcome

Special guest appearance and treats for all those who attend.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and Child Development



Kindness



2024



**Meningie Area School**

# 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



Collaboration



Determination



Respect