

Meningie Area School News



Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Thursday 5th September 2024

I am very happy to be leading Meningie Area School for the next 5 years to build on the work we have achieved over the past 3 years: restructuring of the administration; reviewing curriculum structure; redesigning meeting structures to focus on professional learning and co planning; revitalising the school vision, motto, values and logo with full community involvement; improving student engagement through the Berry Street Education Model; and a focus on Entrepreneurial skills and capability development for students.

Term 3 Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

MON 9 th	Governing Council
WED 11 th	Choir – Adelaide Festival Theatre Year 5 /6 Basketball
MON 16 th	SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide Year 7 Aquatics
WED 18 th	Year 7 Aquatics
FRI 27 th	Last Day of Term 3

Developing collective responsibility - all teachers and staff contribute to purposeful and sequenced learning experiences to support all students achieve their potential will ensure quality outcomes for our students. There are some challenges to this in the current environment. We are in a teaching shortage, and it is difficult getting TRT's (Temporary Relief Teachers for short term absences), contracts for longer absences and staff.

I would like to thank our regular relievers who are committed to MAS and supporting continuity of learning when teachers are absent:

Beth Cowan – has worked with us for many years and always supports student learning when covering teacher absence.

Sue Prince – has retired to Meningie after a long career in primary education. She has joined us this year and is enjoying getting to know our students and staff.

Declan Laginestra – is a TRT from Adelaide. He has covered longer absences for Lauren McGargill and Caitlin Hattam. He comes from Adelaide and enjoys working at the school and maintaining his fitness with the locals. Declan will continue regular TRT with us in Term 4.

As well as our relievers our staff have picked up additional teaching to cover long term teacher absence to ensure students are not disadvantaged. Please be understanding that staff are extra busy and at times may be less available – particularly our leaders.

Abbey Gibbs has gone on leave a little earlier than expected and we are very pleased to announce Prue Boland will step in at the start of Term 4 and for 2025 as Assistant Principal Wellbeing and Intervention & Support. Prue is a very experienced teacher with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of wellbeing and student needs. We look forward to working with Prue.

Tamika Williams, past Meningie Area School student will return from Maternity Leave in Term 4 and take on classes from Lauren McGargill who will go on Maternity Leave. We look forward to welcoming Tamika as a teacher at Meningie Area School.

We currently are processing 5 teaching positions, a grounds and finance position. These processes take a little time in our system, but we are hoping to make some announcements in the Week 9 newsletter. So very busy times in staffing.

Staff collectively contributed to a fantastic and successful Enterprise Expo. This was a great family and community event which showcased student R-12 learning and capabilities. A big thank you to all staff, sponsors, and supporters. We received great feedback from the community and the following from Virginia Steele and Deanna Isles from SACE:

"Thank you so much for the brilliant day, Deanna and I had at your Enterprise Expo on Wednesday. It was fabulous to see your wonderful students delving into areas of interest and speaking with passion about what they are doing.

I also really enjoyed speaking with some grandparents and parents, who said that they valued their child/grandchild's developing transferable skills to prepare them for their future. You certainly are doing wonderful work with the students, and it was so rewarding to speak with them."

Choir

Students from year 5 and 6 are performing in Adelaide at the Festival Theatre on Wednesday September the 11th. In preparation for the event we travelled to Adelaide along with 400 other students to rehearse for our concert at the Magic Millions at Morphettville.

The students are sharing a row with students from Tailem Bend Primary School and Marion Primary School. We were able to listen to and watch the orchestra and solo artists. The choir sounded amazing - especially for a Friday Afternoon. The ice-cream on the way home was a welcome treat. Well done singers!

We are also preparing for the Murray Mallee Regional Choir event in Murray Bridge on Wednesday the 23rd of October. Students from year 4,5 and 6 will be part of this regional choir. Students from Meningie will be compering, playing instruments and singing on the night. Our regional rehearsal is on week 10 this term – Monday, September 23 in Murray Bridge.

Another chance to encourage and support our students!



RAA Street Smart

RAA visited our Primary students on 8th August to teach them how to be safe on and around roads. Students learnt about walking and riding bikes on and around roads.



ENTERPRISE EXPO

I learned how to fly the drone. Tylerone



Something I will remember is, as well as showcasing your products, you get to browse around looking at everyone else's work and enjoy the day. Shayla

I feel good about selling something. Leyah



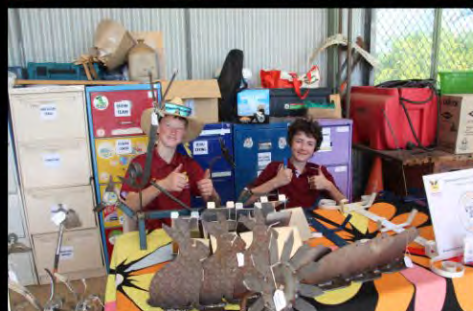
Would you like to do future enterprise projects? Yes, because it brings out lots more creative thinking within the groups. Lyla

I feel good about being able to show my culture in art. Winter

ENTERPRISE EXPO



Two things I will remember from the program are; 1. Make plans and get started as soon as possible because it will give you more time to work on your project. 2. Work as a team... and get everything done. Millie



I used to think Enterprise as confusing and had difficulty understanding how it works, but now I understand it a bit better. Gabrielle

My favourite project at the Expo was Chris's sauces because he presented it very well and did an amazing job. Isabelle

Citizen of Science

Monday 26th August students from years 5-7 left school to test water at Long Point, Narrung with a team from the Landscape board. They also visited Pam's turtle fence in the shallows towards Narrung. They learned about the protection of the turtle eggs from foxes. Our last stop was the Narrung jetty where they sampled water, recorded frog calls and learnt about local birdlife.

The focus for the excursion was Real World Problems in Science for the year 8 class. Citizen Science helps us to participate with scientists and local organisations to support our native wildlife. Key projects like the 1 million turtle community program, Frog watch and Water watch are all projects students and families can be involved with using the QR codes.



One problem around our community is the foxes finding and digging up turtle nests. The problem with this is they eat the eggs and turtles take a long time to produce eggs. We can help this problem by making "Turtle safety zones" which are fenced off areas where turtles can make nests and not worry about the foxes destroying their nests. By Tayla & Oscar

Our last stop was out at Narrung and our frog expert was Alice. We tried to hear frogs calling, and then tried to identify frogs that we here in our back yard and frogs that we had never ever heard of before in our life. We sat a tablet in the grass next to the reeds and videoed a 3-5 minute video to send to scientists to study more about the sound of some frogs and identify the types of frogs that live there. By Lincoln

Further Information: Citizen Science Apps and Sites



SRC Update

This term the SRC held a free lunch for all students for National Day of Action against bullying. We also held some whole school games on the oval after lunch. We played a rock/paper/scissors race & tunnel ball. The secondary students were buddied with primary students to help. It was great to see everyone encouraging and cheering each other on. Mrs Gibbs spoke about the importance of showing kindness & respect (two of our school values) and the ways we can take action against bullying. It was a fun day.



We have also been busy planning and organising the SRC disco. This was going to be held in week 9 this term. However, we have decided to postpone until next term. The disco will be held in

WEEK 9 TERM 4. In addition to the disco- there will be a whole school colour run on Thursday week 4 term 4- this will form part of the celebration for our year 12's last day. More information to come soon.



Hot Potato Band

On August the 13th, Meningie Area School was part of a great workshop and performance day as part of the Murraylands music group with students from 5 other schools. Meningie Area school is part of the Focus School project with the other local schools. Students can access free instrumental lessons from year 5 up with visiting teachers from The Instrumental Music Service. Our teachers are Mr Sean Helps and Mr Tim Freer. They have achieved great things with the students in the area. The students from year 6 and 7 were part of the combined band that worked with the dynamic Sydney band, **Hot Potato Band!** Everyone played, danced and had a great time on the day. Many parents commented that the concert was the best \$5 they had spent for a long time..... a fantastic night and as the song said on the night, "This is how it should be!!!"





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Book Week

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*Featuring our
Special Guest
Mr Percival*



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Jallarah Friends - Joke Books

The Year 4/5 students have made "Dad's Jokes" joke book for our Jallarah Friends. We hope they all have a chuckle and enjoy the jokes.

Check out the jokes on the Jallarah Facebook Page.



Year 4/5 Class Silk Worms

The silk worms are hatching. Spring is almost here and the eggs on the cardboard squares are hatching. We have hungry silkworms in the year 4/5 room. If you have a mulberry tree at home and it has started shooting out some leaves, can you please bring some to the year 4/5 room to feed to the caterpillars?



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



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Year 8/9/10 Arts

Mosaic Learning So Far

The 8/9/10 Art class has been learning about mosaics and have used their new learned skills to develop their own set of coasters. They are now working on there final project. Here are a few of the finished mosaic coasters.



Aiden



Josh



Khaliyaa



Isabelle



Charlie



Greta



Tyerone



Blake



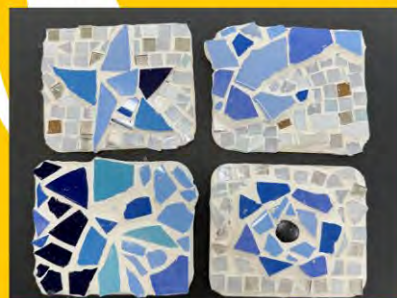
Luke



Winter



Jordan



Serenity



Katelyn



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THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER - 4.30PM-6.45PM

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Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Thursday, 5 September 2024

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Near Lions Jubilee Park, Princes Highway

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For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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COONALPYN & DISTRICT 79th SHOW

to be held on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th 2024

KEEP THE DATE FREE

~ Face Painting ~ Show Trail Bags ~ School Displays ~ Wilbur's Wildlife ~ Rev it Up Racing ~ Live Music ~ Great Food ~ Traders Galore ~ Interactive Pavilion & more!

Winners in all Junior Sections receive Prize Money.

Lots of trophies or prizes for Most Points or Most Outstanding Exhibits in Junior and Open classes |

~ Not just for the kids!~

Photographers - Open & Junior Classes – NOW is the time to get those photos printed and mounted on card, as entry forms and Photos are due in the hands of the steward no later than Friday October 11th at 6:00pm. These are judged off site prior to the show, so no late entries can be accepted for judging. Check out the revamped entry information.

Artistic? - This year's special Class is "My Family" as well as classes for your favourite painting or drawing. so get those pens, pencils, paints and easels out now!

If you Sew, Craft, make Jam, Bake; Grow Flowers, Veges, Grain or Wool; Weld, Knit or Paint; there's something for you. Look for the special prizes!

Having some entries in the pavilion is an extra bonus to the fun you can have at the Show!

Go to: www.coonalpynshow.com.au for entry information or check your local supplier for a show book.

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 27th September 24

If you believe you are eligible for School card, please apply online 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, stationary, 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 by 10am. Available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Delivered to the Front Office.

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



JOB VACANCY

Contract Cleaner Required

3 - 3.5 hours per day
Monday to Friday

WWCC required
or prepared to obtain

Contact Sharon Docherty
08 82975210 or 0437459038

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