

Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 22nd November 2024

The activity continues to climax as we head into the final stretch of the year. Final preparations for our night of nights are well underway.

Dances are being practiced, awards finalised and speeches written. We would love to see all our students and families at our ***Achieving our Way celebration Tuesday 3rd December.***

Teachers are keeping students focussed for 2025 with the Year 8's undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh camp and the Year 10's participating in the Coorong Mallee Partnership pre-SACE camp. Year 10/11 students from local schools are coming together to learn about SACE and other things. The camp is based at the lovely Cantara homestead on the Coorong. Students will also learn about the local Aboriginal culture and some of the

environmental work that is underway. This is one of several initiatives the partnership is undertaking for our students to work with a broader group of students. Planning is also underway for some partnership STEM and Arts opportunities for year 7-10.

In the primary years, Kindergarten transition is in full swing including a joint excursion to Monarto Zoo, band practices, and Jallarah visits. The Year 5/6 class have participated in Virtual Reality learning through the Beacon project.

Reminders

Please advise the front office if your student will not be returning to Meningie Area School in 2025 to support our planning for 2025. Keep searching for any school resources around the home, under beds etc.

Secondary students are required to return their laptop, bag, headphones with their name on the tag in week 8. There are quite a few computer charges missing, these may be invoiced for.

R- 6 Assembly

Wednesday 27th November
@ 11.15am in the Hall

Parents and Carers Welcome

Term 4 Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th	Yr 6 sailing
Wed 27 th	R- 6 Assembly 11.15am
Thur 28 th	Receptions Monarto Zoo Excursion Young Environmental Leader Excursion

DECEMBER

Tues 3 rd	Achieving our Way Celebration 6.30pm in the Hall
Thurs 5 th	Year 4/5 Jallarah Excursion
Wed 11 th	Swimming Carnival
Fri 13 th	Last day of term Early dismissal 2.05pm Buses depart at 2.15pm

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 11th December 2024
at the Coonalpyn Swimming Pool

Competitive Swimming Starts 10.00 am
Junior School Splash Day Starts 11.45am

Lunch & Canteen Available
Spectator entry fee \$3.00 per person

All Welcome



Preparations for 2025

We are finalising staffing. We will welcome Andrew Smith; he will be teaching SACE Outdoor Education and Agriculture. We are finalising a couple of other panels and then we will be staffed for 2025.

We are pleased to be able to announce our class structures and homegroup teachers for 2025. Timetabling is well underway, and Year 10 and 11 students are working on their 2025 pathways.

Class Homegroup Teacher/s	
R/1 – Bree Edwards	7 – Caitlin Angel
1/2 – Ben Scharbillig	8 – Caitlin Hattam
3 – Tamika Williams (0.8) Jess Hankin (0.2)	9/10 – Denice Mason & Jacob Weiss
4/5 – Anne Wright (0.6) Anyupa Giles (0.5)	11/12 – Rachel Neumann & Fiona Haselgrove
5/6 – Matt Lillis	

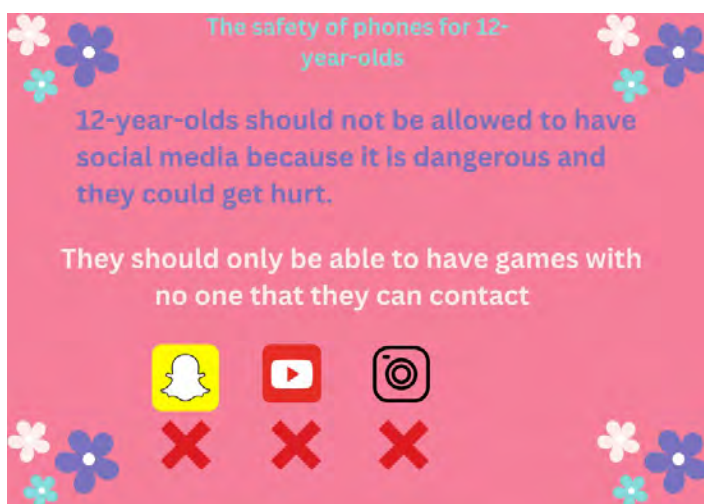
Primary class placements will be broadcast our early next week.

Internet safety: In last newsletter I talked about internet safety and the processes DfE has in place to keep students safe, including the alert system. Since last newsletter I am pleased to say we have had a decrease in alerts which is indicating students understanding the boundaries better. With the proposed legislation on social media, we want to support families as much as possible on safe internet use. Governing Council applied for a grant, if we are successful, we plan to run some more seminars for families, similar to the Justin Coulson seminar we had earlier in the year. Reminder there are great resources at: [Online safety | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Year 7 Science

Last term in Year 7 Science students were looking into real life problems involving Technology. We researched and discussed safety for mobile phones for 12 year olds and created posters to raise awareness. Macey and Antonia's posters were voted by the class as the best examples to share in the newsletter.

Macey's Poster



Mobile Phone safety

For twelve year olds google family link is a good app so that their parents are able to limit their screen time.



12 year olds should have no more than 1 hour on their phone some say two hours a day is fine.



39% of parents are monitoring their teens phones.

It would be good for parents to download on their kids phone parental control so you can see what they're trying to download. Parents can then accept or decline the download request.



Antonia's Poster

SAPSASA

Cricket Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th November

I enjoyed SAPSASA Cricket because I got to meet new friends and see some of my other friends that I don't get to see often. I also really enjoyed being the wicket keeper for the team. By Archer

I played 4 T20 games, 1 of which was rained out on Tuesday afternoon. We won both games on Monday. On the Wednesday we played a 36 over game against the Murraylands to finish off the carnival. I knew some of the players from local football, cricket and playing other SAPSASA. We also won against them and finished 3rd. Some of my highlights were being selected to open the bowling for every game, taking wickets with my bowling and 3 catches. The team dinner and playing beach cricket were also a highlight. After this, I went with Will and Ollie from Pinnaroo to the waffle king at Glenelg, the waffles were yummy, I had chocolate and ice cream topping.

SAPSASA was a good fun and I loved hanging out with new friends and some from other sports. Mr Mills from Tintinara was my coach, he was very fair and organised. Lots of parents helped with scoring and umpiring. By Hugo



Tennis Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd November

My favourite part of SAPSASA Tennis was playing doubles with Jackson, a mate from Lameroo, and getting lollies from my coach Jenni Lutze after a win. Albert

Albert doubles:

Vs MSE 0-6 singles 0-6 Vs Playford 2-6 singles 6-5

Vs NYP 3-6 singles 2-6 Vs Salisbury 6-0 singles 6-0

Vs Pirie 6-5 singles 6-2

Albert was ranked 4 and 5 in the Murray Mallee team. He improved out of sight as the tournament progressed, making it hard for the opposition with his low and fast forehands.



I have really enjoyed playing doubles with Shannon from Karoonda and going for a swim at the Aquadome after day 2. Doug

Doug doubles:

Vs MSE 5-6 singles 2-6 Vs Playford 5-6 singles 1-6

Vs NYP 0-6 singles 0-6 Vs Salisbury 6-0 singles 4-6 Vs Pirie 1-6 singles 0-6

Doug was ranked 2 and 3 in the Murray Mallee team. A lot of his games went to deuce and had a few 20+ hit rallies. Score often did not reflect his effort!

Year 5/6 - Term 4 Science/HASS

During term 4 the year 5/6 class has been doing a brand-new program in Science/HASS created Beacon Education, the students have been learning about sustainability development goals that are published by the United Nations. Students learn about their world, the problems with their world and how they can fix these problems. The interesting thing about this program is how the students learn about it, through the program they can use Virtual/Augmented reality and merge cubes thus far to visualise their learning about sustainability by creating “future smart cities” and future gadgets that can fix a current waste problem that we have. Below are some of the thoughts from students in the class about the program:



Beacon is a program including VR headsets and mobile phones with programs in them. In this program we have been learning more about sustainability and how it is important to leave resources for our future generations. With our headsets, we had a look at what a smart city looked like and learned more about sustainability and how to understand it better. On one of the programs called Tinker Cad we made a gadget that can reuse wasted items. I made a Tupper ware re user that when the containers get broken, you place it into a machine, and it repairs it. – Amber R

This term we have been using a program called beacon. We got to use VR, we also learnt about sustainability, world gadgets and what the future world would look like. In the VR we got to look at smart cities and then creating our own smart city on Co Spaces. We used online programs called tinker cad and co spaces where we created our smart cities and made our own world gadget. We also created our own merge cubes then used the real merge cubes and used a phone, this is called augmented reality. – Hugo S

In our lessons we’ve been learning about different Sustainable Development Goals and how to live sustainably and what our future will look like. We have also used VR headsets too look at smart cities and to learn more about being sustainable. – Jasmine W



In this program we have been learning how to live sustainably so that important things in the world can live for a long time, so our future generations have the resources they need. We also used VR headsets to see what a smart city is and to learn more about sustainability. After we used the VR headsets, we created our own smart cities on Cospaces. – Levi M



The main thing we have been learning about is sustainability and what we think the future world would look like. My Favorite thing that we have created would probably be the future gadget, mine stopped food waste. – Brooklyn L

In the coming weeks students will also explore robotics and learn how they might be a part of their future world.

Children's University 2024

Thirty-two students from Year 2 to Year 7 have graduated from Children's University this year. Students have completed many different activities including – Premier's Be Active Challenge, cooking, music, footy, netball, dance, learning languages, swimming, Premier's Reading Challenge, excursions to the zoo, judo, scouts, running.





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TERM 4 SAILING

Wednesday
Twilight Sailing

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

6th November

20th November

8th December

Saturday
Come and Try Sailing

11.00am - 12.00pm

9th November

30th November

21st December

All Welcome!

Boats, PFD's and other sailing gear is all available for use at the club

If you are in Year 5 or up at Meningie Area School and interested in participating in Team Sailing please see the front office, Mrs Wright or Tim Wright. Practice times will be arranged once a team is formed.



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THANK YOU

To all the volunteers, staff and students who helped with the Ag Working Bee.

BEFORE



AFTER



Meningie
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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

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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.



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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.

5/12/2024
5pm to 7pm

Blue Light SOUTH AUSTRALIA

7 to 14 years

Murray Bridge Christmas Disco

The Station Youth Centre, 3 Railway Tce, Murray Bridge 5253

\$5, includes: Ticket, Music, Sausage sizzle

Tickets available online: www.bluelightsa.org
DJ Steve Murphy. Win dance prizes! Canteen available.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE SAFER COMMUNITIES

Government of South Australia

THE STATION Live Music

Police supervised lock-in event, alcohol and drug free environment. For further information please call police on 85356345.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to assist us.

Tuesday 3rd of December for a couple of hours in preparation of Achieving our Way Celebration.

If you would like to help, please contact Emma Swan on 8575 1106

COONALPYN SWIMMING POOL CARNIVAL PRICE LIST

Cash & eftpos facilities available

Food available all day

Hot Dogs	\$5.00
Hot Dog with cheese	\$5.50
Chicken tender wrap (<i>plain or sweet chilli</i>)	\$7.50
Pies, sausage rolls	\$4.50
Toasted sandwiches	\$6.00
<i>ham & cheese, chicken & cheese (tomato +\$1)</i>	

Assorted buns – yeast buns & donuts

BBQ (*available at lunch time*)

1x Sausage & 1 Bread	\$3.00
2x Sausage & 2 bread	\$5.00
Hamburger & 1 bread (plain)	\$3.50
Hamburger (<i>includes x2 bread, salad, coleslaw, onions</i>)	\$7.50
Sausage Burger (<i>includes x2 bread, salad, coleslaw, onions</i>)	\$7.50
Chicken Burger (<i>includes x 2 bread, salad, coleslaw, onions</i>)	\$6.50

Healthy Options (*pre-ordered by 9/12 on Edsmart*)

Tuna salad wrap (<i>tuna, salad, mayo</i>)	\$7.50
Chicken salad wrap (<i>chicken, salad, mayo</i>)	\$7.50
Coleslaw & salad wrap (<i>coleslaw, salad, mayo</i>)	\$6.50
Salad wrap (<i>salad, mayo</i>)	\$6.00

(salad includes: lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, grated carrot)

Thank you for your support



Book Discussion Group

December title **All the Light We Cannot See**
by Anthony Doerr

Wednesday 11th December 2pm – 4pm

New members welcome

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Every Thursday

Chair Yoga




4pm

Techhelp

5pm - 6pm



Digital Library
eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, online learning, family history & more!






Holiday open hours will be advertised in the next newsletter.

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You're invited to
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Celebration



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Guest Speaker Tracey Henderson
Year 6 & 12 Graduation
Primary Performances
Class, Subject & Special Awards

Tuesday
3rd December 2024
6.30pm
doors open at 6.00pm
Meningie Area School Hall

