

Meningie Area School News



Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 7th March 2025

We are well into the term and learning programs are gaining momentum. The primary team are focusing on literacy collaborating with a coach from the DfE Literacy Guarantee Unit. A music education team will work with R-3 classes to model using music in the classroom for regulation and learning. In secondary the year 8-12 have started on their Enterprise subject and are preparing to pitch their ideas.

Parents and families will be invited to attend our "interviews" in week 10 and 11 (31/3 to 10/4). The focus will be different this year, students will present their learning to their homegroup teacher and family members. Primary students will talk about work samples and secondary students will prepare a presentation over weeks 7-9. The presentation will highlight work they are proud of, areas for improvement and how their learning aligns with the school values. The purpose is for students to take the lead in their learning and develop more responsibility for their learning. EdSmart will be used for bookings.

We are fortunate to have a great Governing Council and part of its strength is having new members come on regularly. The AGM is an opportunity for all parents/carers to come along, understand the focuses of the school, the finances and about the Site Learning Plan.

We welcome all parents/carers to our AGM and if you are interested in being on Governing Council and have questions, please feel free to email me or speak to a current Governing Council member. There are nomination forms in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

I would like to extend a great thank you to our families for supporting our students on Sports Day, particularly those who chaperoned groups. The staff did a wonderful job with the organization of the day ensuring everyone had an enjoyable day. We also greatly appreciate the Lions Club catering for the day.

The focus for the Student Free Day is differentiation, feedback and literacy. Staff will have the opportunity to work together to share good practice and further develop their teaching and learning plans. We hope families enjoy the mid-term "mini" break and students returned refreshed for the second half of the term.

Term 1 Diary Dates

MARCH

Fri 7 th	Student Free Day
Mon 10 th	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tues 11 th	Interschool Athletics @ Karoonda
Mon 17 th	School Photo Day
Tues 17 th to Fri 21 st	Year 7 Sailing @ Meningie
Mon 17 th to Sun 23	Harmony Week
Thurs 27 th	Choir Young Environmental Leaders

APRIL

Thurs 3 rd	SASSA Athletics
Mon 7 th	SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide
Friday 11 th	Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.05pm Buses Depart 2.15pm

Meningie Area School

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

7.30PM

STAFF ROOM

ALL WELCOME



Reception

What's the best thing about school??

The new Reception students have been at school for 3 weeks now!

So what is the best part of school?



Charlotte- playing with the butterfly wings



Audrey- playing with my friends



Ava- making things and the swings



Lillie- playing with the toys



Angus- Lego



Isla M- the swings and the playground



Oscar- building Mobilo cars



Alahni- playing with my friends



Olivia- playing with friends

Reception / Year 1



R/1 STEM

We measured how many paddle pop sticks it takes to reach from the ceiling to the floor in our classroom!



Last Friday the Year R/1 students finished their first full week of school for 2025!

Although we are tired, we have done a great job learning how to be safe, look after each other and have fun at school!



Bus safety Incursion



Through the use of classroom resources, such as paddle pop sticks and marble runs, students are able to engage with STEM learning. This develops their problem-solving skills, emotional regulation and social skills, as well as their hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills and understanding of the world around them.

Why is there still play when students get to school?

When students start their formal schooling journey, it is often expected that students will only play at recess and lunch. When the adults reframe 'play' to 'student-led inquiry' we start to understand why play is essential in junior primary. Play is where children learn how to learn. They learn how to cooperate, to negotiate, to problem solve. When they have a problem in their play, they learn to stick at it and be persistent. Children will face so many challenges in school and in life - social challenges, academic challenges, emotional challenges. It's probably the most important thing we can give our children - to be persistent and resilient when things are not easy or straightforward. Play is where this gets a good work out and gets strong.

Play is where we get students engaged in learning topics and thinking more deeply about the world around them. It's how we connect with nature and learn to take care of our environment, where we learn to think critically and creatively and develop our foundational skills for our school journey, such as hand gross and fine motor skills, hand strength, exploring new vocabulary and learn to work with others. When educators carefully curate play situations, they are embedding the Australian Curriculum into the natural way children explore concepts while developing those key, foundational learning skills.

SPORTS DAY

 **KUNGGARI**

NO:RI 

**2025 WINNER
KUNGGARI**



House captains
Lyla Jeffery and Albert Greenwood



AWARD WINNERS 2025



**Best Outfit
Millie Cunneen**



**Sub Junior
Imogen Hurle &
Mya Kartinyeri**



**Sub Junior
Flynn O'Leary &
Albert Greenwood**



**Junior
Brooklyn Long &
Summer Hera-Singh**



**Junior
Hugo Swan &
Doug Greenwood**



**Intermediate
Charlie Nankivell-Watkins &
Lily Lewis (absent)**



**Intermediate
Elliot Hurle &
Jordan Willment**



**Open Girls
Shayla Hera-Singh &
Gabrielle Swan**



**Open Boys
Luke Newell &
Tyerone Deneu**



SPORTS DAY



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PRIMARY AWARD WINNERS 2025



Kindness – Angas Gambling
Respect – Oscar Smith
Determination – Alahni Love
Collaboration – Isla Liebelt



Kindness – Krew Gibbs
Respect – William Lowe
Determination – Amelia Dawson
Collaboration – Audrey Schulz



Kindness – Hagley Denew
Respect – Alex Love
Determination – Zahara Newell
Collaboration – Annie Cocks



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Random Acts of Kindness Day

On Monday 17th February it was “Random Acts of Kindness Day”. A random act of kindness is when you do something or say something kind to someone which will “fill their bucket”. The SRC organised posters for each class so they could celebrate this day as a school.

The Yr 4/5 class created a beautiful and heartfelt poster to acknowledge “Random Acts of Kindness Day”



Hi, My name is Chad and for my random act of kindness I reminded someone about their keys in the locker so they would not get lost.



Hi my name is Georgie and for my act of kindness I was encouraging people to keep on going in the 800m race.

Thought for the Day!

Mistakes are opportunities to learn and grow.



Writer's Week

On Friday 28th February Ms Giles and Rachel Neumann took selected secondary students to Adelaide for the Adelaide Festival Writer's Week program.

We were able to listen to 3 authors across 2 sessions.

Multi-prize and literary award winners Anita Heiss and Lili Wilkinson and New York Times bestselling author Amie Kaufman.

The authors discussed their new novels:

Anita Heiss is breathing new life into Australian historical epic with her novel *Dirrayawadha (Rise Up)*.

Amie and Lili talked about their new books *The Isles of the Gods* and *Unhallowed halls* and the school now has 2 signed copies in the library of these 2 books for loan.

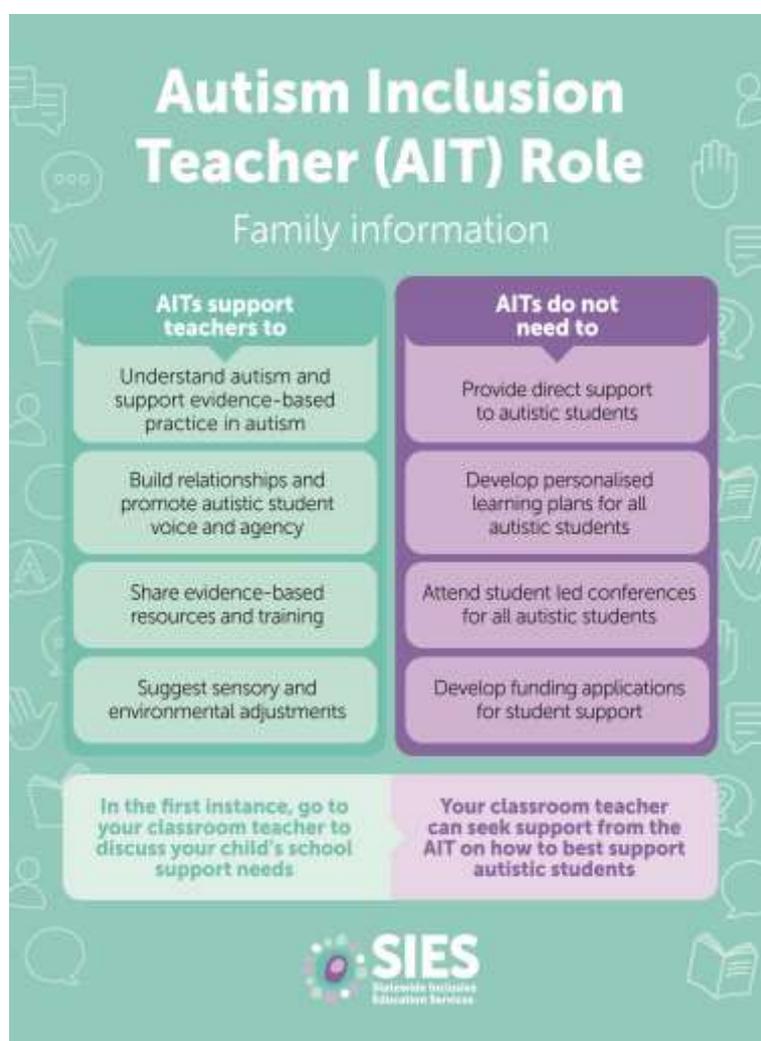
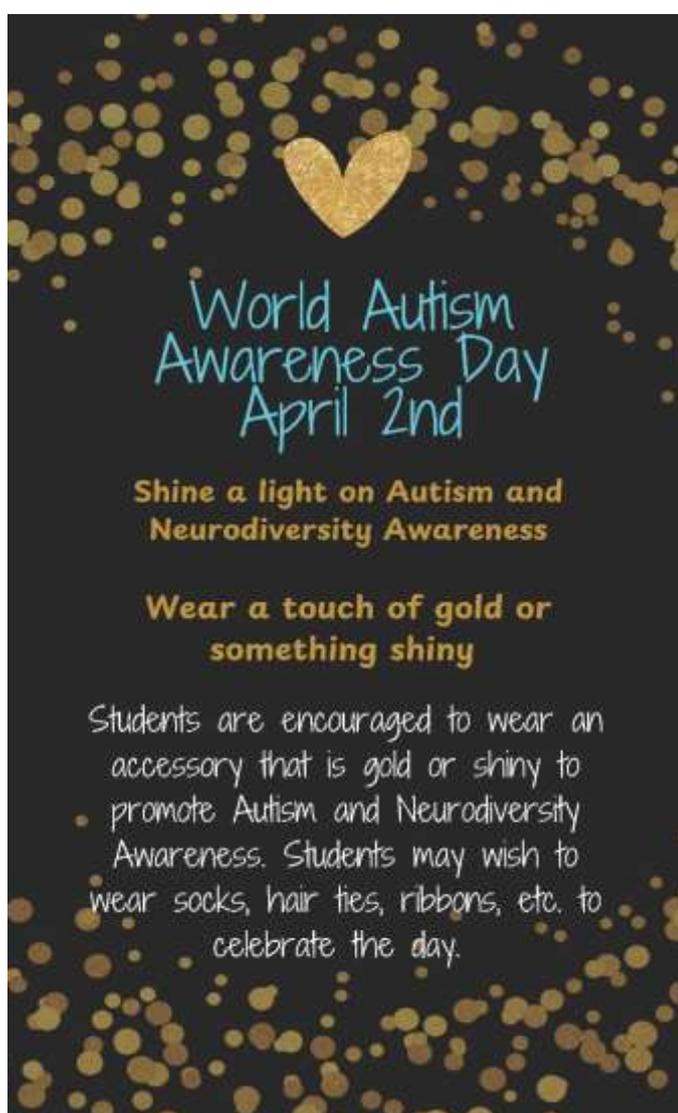


World Autism Awareness Day April 2nd

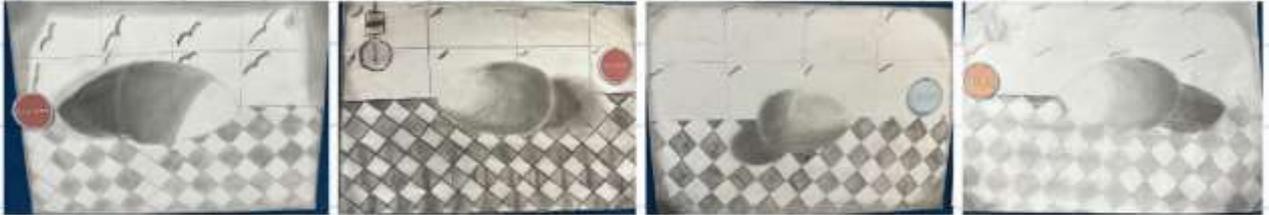
Wednesday, April 2nd (Week 10) is World Autism Awareness Day. This global event has been celebrated since 2007 to raise awareness, acceptance, and appreciation of autistic people.

At Meningie Area School, we are dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. Our Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT), Melanie Woodward, promotes inclusion and diversity by sharing best practices and resources through the AIT initiative.

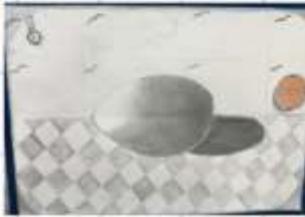
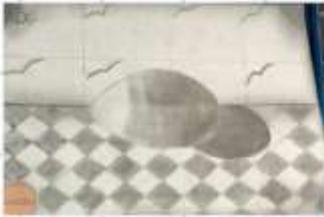
For more information about the AIT role, please see the poster below.



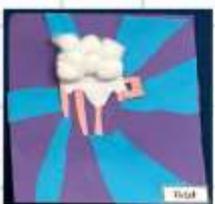
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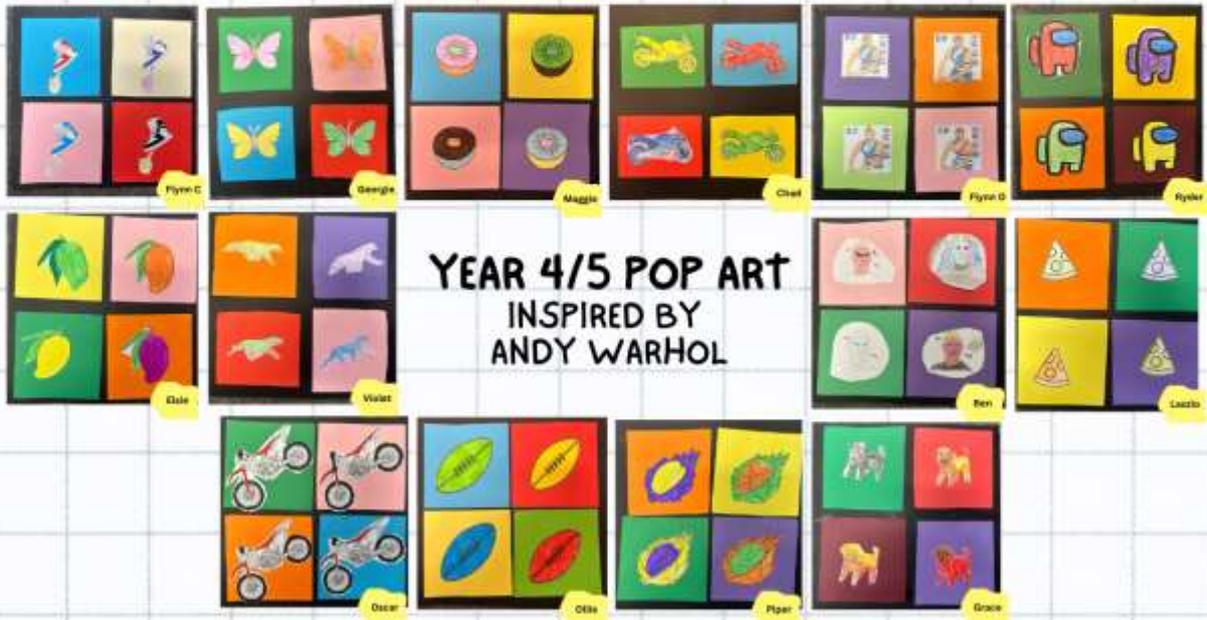
YEAR 7 STILL LIFE SKETCHES LESSON TOPIC - VALUE (SHADING)



YEAR 4/5 POP ART HOT CHOCOLATE MUGS



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YEAR 4/5 POP ART INSPIRED BY ANDY WARHOL

YEAR 7 AUSTRALIAN BIRDS WATER PAINTING





School Photo Day – Monday 17th March 2025

Online orders can be made using the shootkey provided on your child's envelopes.

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all ONLINE orders above \$100.00 a family. To receive this discount your orders must be placed in one transaction. If you are paying with cash please total your order amount, then apply your discount and place the correct money in the self-seal envelope.

Family Photos – a family photo envelope can be collected from the front office

The oldest child in the family will be responsible for collecting younger brothers/sisters and going to the hall with them at 11am

Rec	- Ms Edwards	9.00 am
1/2	- Mr Scharfbillig	9.15 am
2/3	- Ms Williams/Ms Hankin	9.30 am
4/5	- Mrs Wright/Ms Giles	9.40 am
5/6	- Mr Lillis	9.50 am
7	- Ms Angel	10.00 am
8	- Ms Hattam	10.10 am
9/10	- Ms Wheeler	10.20 am
11/12	- Ms Neumann/Ms Haselgrove	10.30 am
RECESS BREAK		10.35 am
FAMILY PHOTOS		11.00 am
INDIGENOUS STUDENTS PHOTO		12.00 noon

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM - ESPECIALLY SHIRT

Please note that there is no cash change available at the school so please put the correct money in your child/ren's envelope/s.

Student ID Cards are once again available this year for \$5.50, payable to the front office – This is advisable for Year 9-12, but other students are optional. A student ID order cannot be placed unless a parent/carer has completed a consent form. Payment vouchers can be collected from the front office.



Meningie Area School offers Year 1 to 7 students the opportunity to participate in Children's University for new participants in 2024 we will be sending a letter home by email with more information about the program.

Once students move into their senior years, they are able to join up to complete their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh.

These programs are supported by the school and the coordinators. If you have any further questions please contact them by email.

Children's University
REGISTER NOW
via QR code



More information
Children's University
anne.wright358@schools.sa.edu.au
Duke of Edinburgh
denice.mason205@schools.sa.edu.au

websites to learn about the programs <https://dukeofed.com.au/> or [Children's University](#)

JOB VACANCY
Contract Cleaner Required

3 - 3.5 hours per day Monday to Friday

Contact Sharon 0437 459 038 or sharond@southernxcleaning.com.au

WWCC required or prepared to obtain



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SCHOOL Photo Day

MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2025

Each student must present their own envelope on Monday to the photographer

Family photo envelopes available from front office

Order Online at www.msp.com.au/photos

msp photography

Student ID cards available collect form from front office



Meningie Area School

Homework Support Group

Year 4 to 12

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during school term in Meningie Community Library 3.05pm to 4pm

Students can receive support with assignments and homework from Kellie Martin

Consent form will be sent via email or contact the front office for further information



Materials & Service Fees for 2025

Invoices for M & S Fees have been sent out via email and some mail.

If you did not receive yours, please contact me so that I can re-send.

The State Government has given each child \$200 rebate credit that was shown on the Statement that was sent. Please pay the balance from the statement or contact the office for a balance.

School card Forms for 2025 are available online sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard and they will also be available in paper copy from the office.

If you wish to set up a direct debit for your school fees, forms will also be available.

M & S Fees are payable by the end of Term 1 – 11th April 25

Invoices were also sent out in December for overdue/missing Library items along with un-returned laptops and chargers.

If you have returned any of these, they will be credited. I have been given a list of returned items to credit and will email you a copy of the credit note when done.

Please contact Laurie if you have any queries.



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Murray Bridge

Tuning in to Teens

A 6 week workshop for parents, grandparents, and guardians of young people aged 10-18

Parenting often feels like an emotional roller coaster that we are ill equipped to ride, particularly in the Teen years! But don't worry, you're not alone, and we're here to help!

The emotion coaching tools from this Tuning into Teens program might just make the ride a little smoother, and ultimately support your relationship with your teen.

Facilitators
Lucy & Bec

when
12:30-2:30 pm, starting on Monday 12th May 2025 for 6 weeks (excluding Kings Birthday Public Holiday)
Refreshments provided, please advise of any dietary requirements.

where
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10 Second Street, Murray Bridge

register
<https://forms.office.com/r/hjgVARSz6>
or for further info call us on 8631 2122



DINNER UNDER THE STARS

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND, 2025

AT THE COONALPYN FOOTBALL OVAL
7PM - MIDNIGHT

\$75 PER PERSON | 18 YEARS AND OVER

3 COURSE MEAL / BAR / LIVE MUSIC •/ DANCE
DRESS CODE: COCKTAIL

FUNDRAISER FOR THE COONALPYN FOOTBALL AND NETBALL GROUNDS AND THE COONALPYN SHOW
COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS.

BOOK A TABLE OF 10, OR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT DETAILS
CONTACT NADENE JERICHO
0400 209 262 | JERICHO.NADENE@GMAIL.COM

PAY ONLINE AND RECEIVE YOUR TICKETS VIA EMAIL
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED - GET IN FAST!



HARMONY WEEK

Monday 17 - Sunday 23 March 2025

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone

During this week the SRC are organising some exciting activities for our students to participate in.

When- Tuesday 18th March

On the day you can wear **orange** or something that represents your culture.

At lunch time we will have a **"Sausage Sizzle"** for everyone to enjoy

In the afternoon we will team up with our buddies to enjoy some fun activities.

So, join in the fun!

EVERYONE BELONGS

#harmonyweek

The Meningie CFS Brigade is actively recruiting now!

Did you know of the current 21 registered members of the Meningie CFS that approximately only 1/3rd of them is available regularly and they responded to 75 callouts this year? Please come and give them a hand! **NB: you do not have to respond every time you receive notification, but every little bit helps!!**

The Meningie Brigade is calling on residents, male and female, to consider using their spare time by joining the vital community service as a firefighter or operational support member.

CFS crews cannot do their job thoroughly without members and numerous vacancies are currently available.

If you are community minded and would like to be part of a dynamic team and learn new skills, then you are encouraged to **contact either the Regional Volunteer Officer (Michelle) on 0417 361 144 or the Brigade Captain (Paul) on 0439 389 311 to find out further information.**

Apart from making new friends and learning life-saving skills, members are provided training and full uniform, with no out of pocket expenses.



MENINGIE
KINDY



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Is your child eligible to attend preschool in 2025?

Mid year enrolments

Enrolments are now open for mid-year intakes at Meningie Preschool. We would love to have your family join our Kindy Community and be part of your child's start to their education journey.

If your child turns 4 between 1st May and 31st October 2025 they are eligible to start preschool in term 3 2025

Please contact the Meningie Preschool on 85751290 or send an email to dl.6553.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest

We would love you to be part of our Kindy community which values

Connection Kindness Nurturing

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WEB: www.meningieas.sa.edu.au



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



Meningie Area School Governing Council AGM Monday 17th March at 7.30pm

You are invited to the Meningie Area School Governing Council AGM at 7.30m in the Staff Room.

Please give careful consideration to attending this meeting. Strong communities have strong schools and we need your input and support to keep strong.

Please fill out the Nomination for Election Form below if you would like to be on Governing Council for a 2 year term and return it to the front office by Friday 14th March.



Nomination Form for Election

I
full name

of
address

Email

Phone

wish to nominate myself for Governing Council

Sign Date

Please return form to the front office by Friday 14th March