

Meningie Area School News



Principal's report from Fiona Haselgrove

Friday 28th March 2025

Students are busy preparing to present their learning to their homegroup teacher and family member over the next two weeks. If you haven't booked, please do so. You received email(s) last week. We apologise for the multiple emails, but the system required one for each date. The change of format gives students the responsibility and the opportunity to reflect on their learning and think about the next steps. It is important they have family attend to share this process.

After some delays, final plans for the new Administration block and School Community Library are nearly finalized. The completion date is set for February 2027. We are continuing to prepare for the build, clearing spaces, containers etc. As part of this we are converting the open caged area adjacent to the Technologies building into a kiln/clay space. The art room will be modified to provide a doorway to connect to the kiln area with some outdoor space to work as well. Storage for Art/Home Economics will be improved, and the art room painted.

The 2024 Yearbook arrived this week and looks amazing. We haven't had a yearbook for a number of years and it is great to produce one again. The key staff involved were Caitlin Angel, Bree Edwards and Emma Swan. Thank you very much for all your work in prompting, tidying up, making and collating pages. Thank you to all staff for your contributions. We look forward to developing the 2025 yearbook over the year so it is ready to print earlier.

Governing Council AGM was on 17/3/25 and the following members and positions were elected:

Chairperson:	Mark O'Leary
Secretary:	Kellie Martin
Finance:	Braden Cocks
Members:	Kirsty Ridley, Ann Lund, Joann French, Kirsty Cowan, Kasey Cunneen
Staff representative:	Anyupa Giles
Council representative:	Sharon Bland

We thank retiring community member Paul Brumfield.

Thank you to all of our Governing Council for volunteering for this important role in our school.

Diary Dates

Term 1

APRIL

Wed 2 nd	World Autism Awareness Day
Thurs 3 rd	SASSA Athletics
Tues 8 th	Whole School Assembly 11.45am
Friday 11 th	Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.05pm Buses Depart 2.15pm

Term 2

APRIL

Mon 28	1 st Day of Term 2
Mon 7 th	SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide
MAY	
Fri 9 th	Dream Big Festival Excursion

Meningie Area School

ASSEMBLY

**TUESDAY
8TH APRIL**

🕒 11.45am

🏠 School Hall

ALL WELCOME

We look forward to celebrating the term at our end of term assembly. Please note it is on TUESDAY 8/4 at 11:45am. This is so the Instrumental Music teachers can showcase the work of our instrumental music students. We will also be presenting end of term awards. There is a new format where teachers have been assigning house points to students aligned to our values: Determination, Kindness, Collaboration and Respect. Each class will have 4 awards – one for each value. SRC have supported the process by collecting points weekly.



**Meningie
Area School**

STUDENT CONFERENCES COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

7 dates available see email

Book your student conference.
Front office staff can assist if you need help.

This year the format is students presenting
their learning to you and their Homegroup
teacher.

We want **every student** to share their
learning with a family member.

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

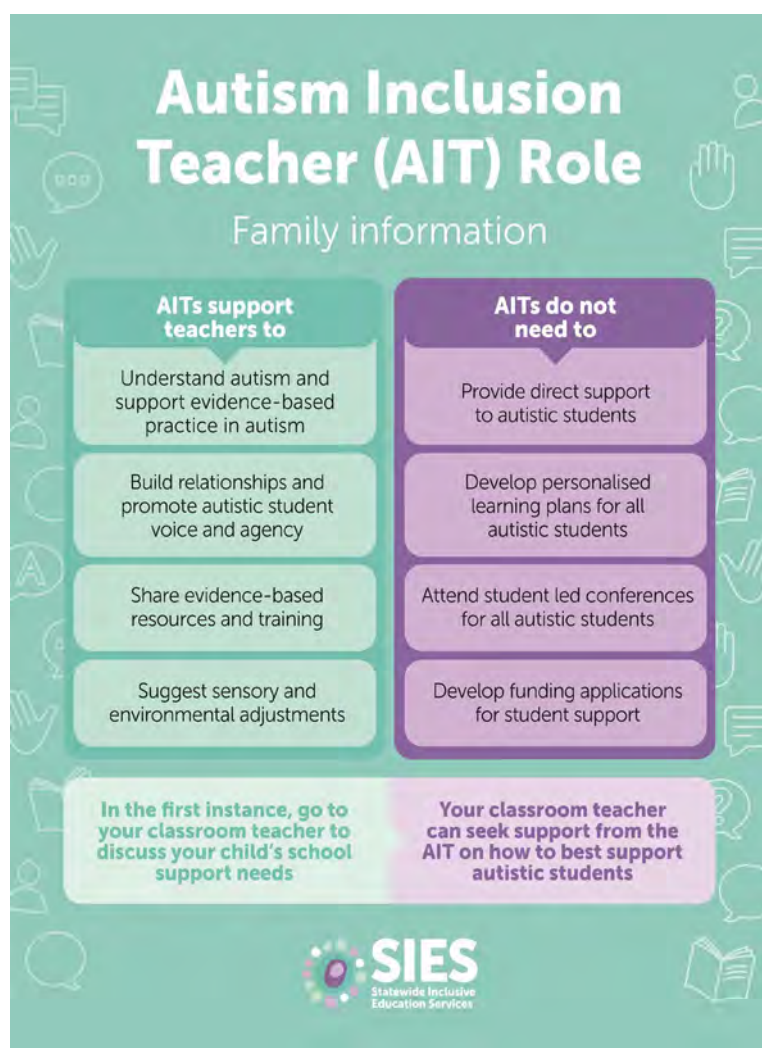


World Autism Awareness Day April 2nd

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.





INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING



What a fantastic day at the Interschool Swimming Carnival! With perfect weather and plenty of school spirit, our MAS team gave it their all in the pool. Every swimmer represented our school with pride, demonstrating great sportsmanship and determination in every race.

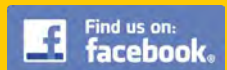
One of the highlights of the day was our Intermediate Boys' Relay Team, who put in a stellar performance to claim 3rd place—a fantastic achievement! But beyond the races, our students truly shone as the best cheering squad, supporting their teammates with enthusiasm and energy. Congratulations to Lameroo Regional School on winning the day!



RIVER MALLEE & DISTRICTS SA SCHOOL SPORT SWIMMING

On 27th February, Hugo Swan represented the school in the district swimming day held in Adelaide at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre competing in Freestyle & the relay.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS - Although our vote as a school was to find an alternative day to run the Interschool Athletics Carnival, a day could not be agreed upon and therefore, will not be occurring in 2025!





Year 7



TEAM SAILING

In Week 8, the year 7 students, as apart of the HPE curriculum had the opportunity to participate in Team Sailing. The students demonstrated great collaboration, determination and respect when working in groups learning new skills on the water. We thank the Meningie Sailing Club for volunteering their time to teach and support the students.





Year 7 & 8



LAWN BOWLS



HARMONY DAY

On Tuesday 18th March Meningie Area School celebrated Harmony Day. Many classes completed activities acknowledging this special day. The SRC students decorated classrooms and the school with orange balloons and streamers. Then at lunch time we had a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy. After lunch each class buddied up and spend time together on a Harmony Day task. The senior students and their little buddies created paper dolls in cultural costumes. The Yr ½ and Yr 5/6 classes each made a "Chatterbox" with greetings from different countries. The Yr 3 class teamed up with Yr 7 to complete Mosaic Harmony Art and the Yr 4/5 and Yr 8 classes worked together completing a collaborative colouring task. It was a great fun day and we all enjoyed it.



HARMONY DAY





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

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



Murray Bridge Blue Light Ten Pin Bowling – Youth week school holiday event on Wednesday 16th April!

\$5 per ticket.

2 x session times to choose from 10am – 11.30am or 11.30am – 1pm



Online bookings essential, limited to youth 50 per session.

Tickets will be on sale 1st April 8am via the Blue Light SA website:
<https://www.bluelightsa.org/event-details/murray-bridge-blue-light-ten-pin-bowling-2025-2025-04-16-10-00>



Murray Bridge Blue Light Boxing Fitness Term 2 is now open for online bookings via the Blue Light SA website: [Boxing Fitness Murray Bridge Term 2 2025 | Blue Light SA](#)

Registration is Free.
Venue and time subject to confirmation. Wednesdays after school.



DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help? Donations of craft materials required for Enterprise Studies project. It would be greatly appreciated if you had any spare items no longer needed for donations.

Please drop off at the Meningie Area School Front Office.

Materials Needed:

- Denim clothing items (jeans, shorts, skirts)
- Button up shirts (patterned with dots stripes or checkered)
- Gingham material
- Stripped material
- Ribbon (any colour)
- Embroidery thread (any colour)
- Elastic



Thank you, your help and donations are much appreciated.

Millie Cunneen and Gabby Swan



Meningie School Community Library

LIBRARY HOURS OVER HOLIDAYS

OPEN Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm
OPEN Thursday 8.30am - 6pm

Closed Mondays during school holidays
Closed 12-12.30 for lunch
Closed public holidays

Every Thursday during school term
Chair Yoga - 4pm - 4.45pm
Tech Support - 5pm - 6pm
All welcome bookings preferred

New books have arrived

Beat the boredom borrow a board game these holidays

[HTTPS://MENINGIEAS.SA.EDU.AU/LIBRARY/](https://meningieas.sa.edu.au/library/)

PH: 85751681



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

TAILEM BEND TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS COACHING

6 FREE SESSIONS
COACH: DAN BARTLETT



SUNDAY COACHING
Sunday 23rd March & Sunday 30th March
9-10am - Red Ball
10-11am - Orange Ball
11-12pm - Yellow Ball

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Tuesday 15th April, Thursday 17th April
Tuesday 22nd April, Thursday 24th April
1-2pm - Red Ball
2-3pm - Orange Ball
3-4pm - Yellow Ball

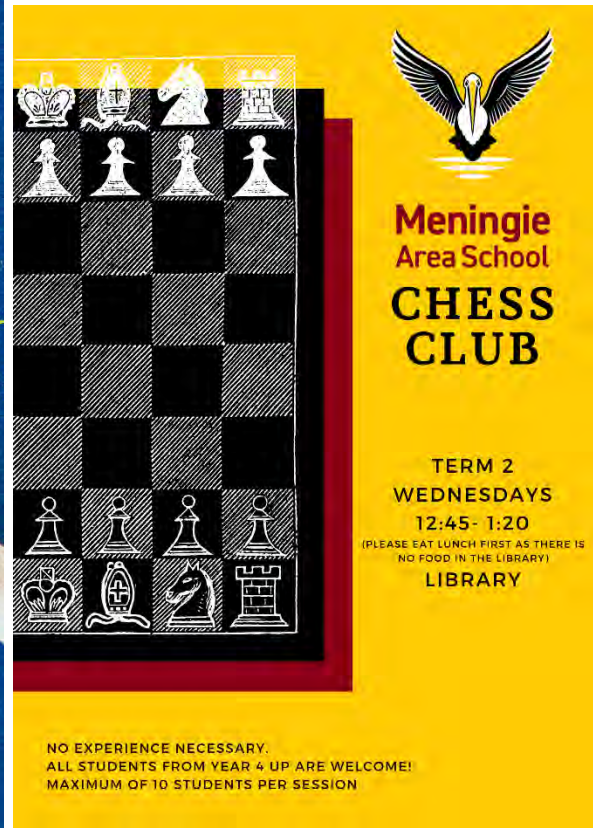
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TAILEM BEND NETBALL COURTS

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE BRING APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR AND DRINK BOTTLE, PLEASE BRING OWN RACQUET IF POSSIBLE OR RACQUET WILL BE PROVIDED

JUNIORS ALL LEVELS

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST & RSVP TO LEAH KOWALD 0438 050 090



Meningie Area School CHESS CLUB

TERM 2
WEDNESDAYS
12:45- 1:20
(PLEASE EAT LUNCH FIRST AS THERE IS NO FOOD IN THE LIBRARY)
LIBRARY

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 4 UP ARE WELCOME!
MAXIMUM OF 10 STUDENTS PER SESSION



LIBRARY'S EASTER EGG HUNT

WEEK 10 AND 11

BORROW A BOOK AND FIND AN EASTER EGG AND YOU WIN A PRIZE



YOU'RE INVITED TO IGNITE YOUR FUTURE

11AM TILL 2PM | TUESDAY 15TH APRIL | THE STATION MURRAY BRIDGE

ARE YOU AGED 12-25 AND LOOKING FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES, CAREER ADVICE, OR STUDY PATHWAYS? THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!

- MEET LOCAL EMPLOYERS & TRAINING PROVIDERS
- DISCOVER CAREER & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION
- GET EXPERT ADVICE ON RESUMES, INTERVIEWS & JOB SEARCHING
- ENGAGE IN FUN ACTIVITIES & WIN PRIZES!

FREE PIZZA & MILKSHAKES

FIND MORE INFO OR RSVP HERE:



[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/IGNITE_YOUR_FUTURE/TICKETS](https://events.humanitix.com/ignite_your_future/tickets)

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FISH 'N' CHATS 2025

Tuesday
15th April
Avoca Dell
Murray Bridge
2-3.30pm



Monday
16th April
Long Island
Murray Bridge
2pm-3.30pm

all fishing gear is provided and supported.
just come along for a fun time.



Call Lyall to book on
0437389997



Flat tyre?

How do you fix it!

Come along and learn the skill out on the trail.

Bike Basics

Trail ride in the Monarto scrubland on mostly walking trails. Easy flat ground with sand suitable for beginners. BYO bike and tyre repair kit if you have one.

April 15th @ 10am

To register call Lyall. 0437 389 997



Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

Saturday 12th April @ Hume Reserve Murray Bridge
Wednesday 16th April @ Long Island Murray Bridge
Kayaking Holiday Activities
10am-12pm or 12.30am-2.00pm



FREE for families with children under 12yrs

A free activity with sit on top kayaks, all gear supplied. Wear closed in shoes and be sun smart



To book in and register please contact Lyall at Centacare on 0437 389997

