

Meningie Area School News



Principal's report

Friday 6th June 2025

Last week we reflected on the process of Reconciliation in Australia in an assembly and class activities. The theme of "Bridging now to next" reminds us, this is a continuing journey for all Australians.

We also paused for an afternoon to acknowledge that our community is struggling in the face of the ongoing drought. Families were invited in to enjoy a barbeque and sport with students. The afternoon was acknowledging the challenges faced by our families and community and an opportunity to take a moment to enjoy time together. We know some of our families could not attend due to the pressures at work. We understand that it is a very difficult time, not just on the farms but for all the businesses that farming supports. Thank you to the Lions Club for joining us for the afternoon and cooking the barbecue.

Thank you for the feedback on the Student Led Conferences. Overall, the feedback was very positive with staffing giving 3.71 out of 5 stars, students 3.54 and parents/families 3.65. We understand the booking system was terrible and appreciate your patience with this. A couple of comments from the feedback:

- The concept is good, just slightly problematic when you may want to speak to the teacher without the child being present. Noting that we can also do this at any time. Overall, good to have the students responsible for their learning achievements.
- Love the new format great change up very inviting.
- I prefer parent teacher interviews as my child, and I discuss their schooling at home. I like to hear from their teacher how they're doing.

I will work with staff and Governing Council to look at refining the process for 2026. Families will be provided teacher progress on learning through the midyear report. These will be emailed home on the final day of the term (4/7/25). If you would like a printed copy, you can come in next term, and we can print it.

We have opened the Community Portal and FROG. We were waiting for the new FROG App, but it was further delayed so Governing Council requested the portal open. A number of families are using it to advise us of absences etc. If you have any questions or need help with using the system, please email:

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Secondary are preparing for the new semester. In the secondary years we work in 2 semesters (Semester 1 – term 1 and 2, Semester 2 – term 3 and 4). To allow an equal split of time, semester 2 starts in Week 9 of Term 2 (23/6/25). Year 8-10 students have 2 lines where they can choose subjects. Information has been broadcast home and students must complete choices by Thursday 12/6/25.



A reminder that we published our Homework Guideline this term [MAS-Homework-Guideline-13-3-25.pdf](#) on our website. If you would like your child(ren) supported with homework our Homework Club operates out of the School Community Library 3:05-4pm on

Diary Dates Term 2

JUNE

Mon 9 th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 10 th	STUDENT FREE DAY
Fri 13 th	Mid Year Reception transition
Tues 17 th	Kids In Space Performance
Wed 18 th	Kids In Space Performance
Fri 20 th	Mid Year Reception transition
Mon 23 rd to Wed 25 th	SAPSASA Netball Carnival
Fri 27 th	Mid Year Reception transition

JULY

	NAIDOC Celebrations
Fri 4 th	Last Day of Term

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students in Year 4 and above. If you would like more information email Kellie kellie.martin7@schools.sa.edu.au for information.

I hope you all enjoy the “mini” break this weekend and we look forward to our students returning refreshed next Wednesday.

Fiona Haselgrove

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Opportunity for Year 10-12 students:

Earthwatch Australia are seeking applications from government school students in years 10, 11 and 12 for our long running, fully funded, Student Challenge scholarship program.

In our mission to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards, the Student Challenge gives secondary school students the chance to live and work in the field with leading researchers to help solve some of Australia's most pressing environmental issues. It is an eye-opening adventure and an exciting opportunity for students to explore their interest in science and the environment.

Expedition details - October

Location	Calperum Station, SA
Focus	Ecosystems of the Murray River
Dates	October 3 to 8, 2025
Cost	This opportunity is fully funded and covers the expedition costs, including accommodation, food, transport and insurance.
Open to	Year 10 – 12 students attending government schools in SA, VIC or the Murray Darling Basin

catchment of NSW or QLD, who have not previously participated in Student Challenge.

Applications Close 24 August 2025

More Information about the [Ecosystems of the Murray River](#) expedition. [Apply Here!](#)

No prior field experience is required as students will receive training and acquire skills on the expedition.

Interested students need to complete an [online application form](#) and highlight their passion for environmental science and the natural world.

Applications must be accompanied by a letter of reference from a teacher or principal.

For any questions regarding the program, please contact us at education.programs@earthwatch.org.au

The Earthwatch Student Challenge Team

YEAR 5-7 ARTS EXCURSION

POSTER REFUGEE ARTWORK DISPLAY



ARTWORK ON DISPLAY FROM THE 2024 COMPETITION WINNERS - TAYLA MCNICOL



GRATITUDE FOR FARMERS



**Thank you to our local
Meningie & Districts Lions Club
for cooking and serving the
sausage sizzle.**





Schulz Livestock VESTER

**BRED BY SCHULZ LIVESTOCK
JASON & PENNY SCHULZ**

Led by Lyla Jeffery



Eylwarra Sands VANCE

**BRED BY EYLWARRA SANDS
MURRAY GREYS
NIGEL & GINA EYLWARD**

Led by Millie Cunneen

Caithness Charolais VICTOR

**BRED BY CATHNESS CHAROLAIS
DR SHIRLEY BAKER**

Led by Llyanna Hughes



Sheoak Lodge VINCENT

**BRED BY SHEOAK LODGE
CRAIG & KERRY SWAN**

Led by Gabrielle Swan



**Lackies: Shayla Hera-Singh, Lincoln
Jeffery, Elliott Hurle & Carter
Cunneen**

2025 LED WETHER TEAM



At the 2025 Merino SA School Competition we are preparing wethers supplied by:

**Mentara Park
David and Gwenda Eckert**

Oscar Jeffery, Ruby Cunneen,
Macey Ridley, Archer Cunneen,
Hugo Swan & Levi Marles

Thank you to Van Den Brink Contractors and Mentara Park for supplying and transporting straw and hay for our animals!

2025 LED GOAT TEAM



The goats for the Royal Adelaide Show have been supplied by Renaldo and Sue Vrey from Field Boer Goats.

Handlers: Jackson Irving, Kodi Koolmatrie, Summer Hera-Singh, Kelsey Mitchell, Mya Kartinyeri & Albert Greenwood

Thank you to our breeders for your continued support of our Agricultural Program and the Royal Adelaide Show!

COWS CREATE CAREERS

YEAR 7 DIVE INTO THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

Our Year 7 students recently took part in a hands-on unit exploring the dairy industry – and what an incredible experience it was! Over three weeks, students took responsibility for caring for young calves, feeding them at the start and end of each school day.

I was impressed by the students' care, independence, and commitment. Their excitement was infectious – many would rush up during the day to share updates on how the calves were going. It was heartwarming to see so many students spending their recess and lunch breaks with the calves, showing just how much they valued the experience.

As part of the program, students also had the opportunity to visit Clem Mason's farm. A highlight of the excursion was learning to lead a dairy cow around the yards – a first for many! Clem's engaging discussion about Lake Albert and our local wetlands captured the students' interest and connected them to our agricultural landscape.

A huge thank you to Clem Mason for your continued support and generosity in sharing your knowledge. Programs like this wouldn't be possible without passionate community members like you.

By Andrew Smith



Year 5/6

SAPSASA FOOTBALL

ALBERT GREENWOOD, FLYNN O'LEARY, TATUM PRATT AND KODI KOOLMATRIE.





RECONCILIATION WEEK



Reconciliation week is about people coming together and working together hand in hand. We started Reconciliation Week with a whole school assembly on Sorry Day. Students from Reception to Year 12 completed in Australia's reconciliation journey leaf committing to what they will do next in the journey towards reconciliation. Year 3's designed an Acknowledgement of Country and decorated with leaves which had patterns from the First Nations Peoples cultures. Year 7's designed Sorry Posters in Pastoral Care. All items will be on display at our NAIDOC Week Assembly in Week 10.



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

FREE EVENT

You Are Invited To Attend The

Teddy Bears Picnic

Tallem Bend Community Centre

17th July 2025
10:30am-11:30am

Please bring your favourite teddy or cuddly toy and a blanket and join in the fun and games! Morning Tea Provided.

Bookings Required
Scan QR code or go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/D8TUA>

Register now

Victor Harbor Career Information Night

Calling all Year 10–12 students from schools across the Fleurieu Peninsula — dive into the world of Natural Sciences and uncover exciting career paths at Flinders University! Join passionate course coordinators, inspiring lecturers, cutting-edge researchers, recent graduates, and current students as they share their experiences.

Victor Harbor Career Information Night

Find out about Marine Biology, Animal Behaviour, Biodiversity and Conservation, and Environmental Sciences.

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, 11th June 2026, 4:30pm-6:15pm.

South Australian Whale Centre, 2 Railway Terrace, Victor Harbor.

[Register now](#)

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FINANCE - School M & S Fees now Due

School Fees are payable by the end of Term 1. Statements have been sent out as a reminder.

Please make payment as soon as possible.

If eligible, applications can still be made for school card. Please contact the front office if a paper copy is required, or apply online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>.

If you would like to pay via direct debit, this can be fortnightly or weekly from your bank account, forms are available at the front office.

Invoices for Non-returned Laptops and Library books will be credited once the item has been returned, or payment is required so that replacements can be purchased.

Any Queries, please contact

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Kids in Space

By Meningie

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*"You've got the
wrong gum"*

**17TH & 18TH JUNE - 6.30PM DOORS OPEN
7.00PM START- \$5.00 A SEAT
USE QR CODE TO BOOK ONLINE**

ONLINE BOOKING FEE APPLIES



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