

# Meningie Area School News



## Principal's report

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Congratulations to our staff and students on another fabulous Enterprise Expo. Once again, we were blessed with great weather and a great turn out from our community. I have shared with you the message I received from Grant Keleher our Education Director who attended his first Enterprise Expo at MAS:

*Dear Fiona*

*Thank you for inviting me to attend the Meningie Enterprise Expo last Wednesday.*

*I had a thoroughly enjoyable day and was particularly impressed by the confidence and creativity students demonstrated through their presentations. It was wonderful to see the pride they took in sharing their learning with the community.*

*The focus you are placing on entrepreneurial learning is clearly making a difference. Events like this provide students with authentic opportunities to apply their skills in meaningful ways, while also building capabilities that will serve them well beyond school. It is exciting to see this work so strongly aligned with our broader strategic priorities around innovation, engagement, and real-world learning.*

*Please extend my thanks and congratulations to your staff and students for their efforts in creating such a vibrant and inspiring event.*

*Kind regards,*

*Grant Keleher, Education Director Murray Bridge 1*

## Diary Dates

### AUGUST

Thurs 28 – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> RAS Led Steer Competition

### SEPTEMBER

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> RAS Led Wether Competition  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> School Closure – Royal Adelaide Show (RAS)

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> All Teams Grand Parade  
Thur 4<sup>th</sup> RAS Led Goat Competition  
Young Environmental Leaders

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> SACE Outdoor Ed Camp  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Adelaide Festival Choir  
Environmental Ag Excursion  
SAPSASA Track & Field

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Aboriginal Stem Conference  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 3



**Meningie Area School**

**Royal Adelaide Show**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Library Open**

8.30am - 4.00pm  
normal opening hours

Our library team organized some great activities for Book Week. Our co teacher librarian Alice Wheeler organized a fun "Going on a bear hunt" and the Book Week parade, I am sure you will enjoy the photos in this newsletter.

On our Student Free Day staff worked with Haydn Bromley from Bookabee Aboriginal Cultural Tours and Training on cultural sensitivity and respect. While we work on Ngarrindjeri land with a significant number of Aboriginal students, there is always ongoing learning to ensure we understand Aboriginal experiences and the impacts for Aboriginal students. Thank you to our Aboriginal Education Team for organizing this engaging session.

We are progressing with staffing and will make some announcements in next newsletter.

Year 9-11 students attended the Lameroo Expo as a first step in planning their pathways. The information session will be Thursday 25 September at 5pm for students and families.

I look forward to heading to Adelaide to support our Steer Team for their events over the weekend. All the show teams have worked hard over the past few months to prepare their animals. They have used lunch times and after school in addition to lesson time. We hope we have lots of families supporting the team at the show. We have scheduled the school closure on Wednesday when two teams will be on show – the goat and wether teams. Good luck to all our teams.

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## “Respect in our learning communities”

The Education and Child Services (Barring Notices and Other Protections) Amendment Bill 2024 has now passed the Parliament. This purpose of this bill is to support site leaders and staff keep sites safe by broadening the grounds on which people can be barred from the site, lengthening the period of time people and more. For more information go to: [Respectful learning environments for staff, families, children and young people](#)

## Medications

Please ensure that you provide up to date medical information and plans for your child(ren). Staff at schools are not medical staff and cannot administer medication without a medical plan signed by a health professional, for some medications this must be a doctor.

For camps a new signed medical plan must be provided. Please ensure you arrange this in good time to avoid the possibility that your child(ren) cannot attend.

## Murray Mallee Careers Expo at Lameroo

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August the year 9/10/11 attended the Mallee Career Expo at the Lameroo Regional Community School. The goal of the expo was to discover courses and pathways from universities and training organisations, connect with local employers, industries, and apprenticeship providers, explore real job opportunities, career pathways, and gather brochures, contacts and ideas. At the expo we took our time exploring stalls, talking with exhibitors and learning about different industries and pathways we could take to get our dream jobs. We got a lot of information from the



exhibitors about possible jobs and opportunities that we could take to help us with our careers, the exhibitors were very helpful and gave us a lot of ideas. I particularly enjoyed talking with the people at the Flinders uni exhibit because gave me a lot of new information and helped me with my questions. By Katelyn Hunter

### Quotes from student's experience

*Aiden: “I enjoyed the Expo because I spoke to the policeman and took back good information for a possible career option....”*

*Leyah: “....The expo itself was well put together.”*

*Khaliyaa: “I enjoyed it, because it was fun and I saw many exhibits, and found it very interesting. I got to take back good information for careers I was interested in like early childhood, and it was good.”*



# ENTERPRISE EXPO





# YEAR 8/9/10 STALLS



"Seeing people compliment our products was rewarding"  
- Lyla & Katie from Treading Acres



"People liked the variety of products we had for sale" -  
Lincoln, Elliott, Lincoln & Koby from Bats & Boards





# ENTERPRISE EXPO



"Seeing my products sell was really cool" - Shayla from Active Minds

"We got feedback that we should've made our prices higher - which means people thought they were of high quality" - Millie & Gabby from Dust & Denim Co



# ENTERPRISE EXPO

The Lions Club  
cooked up a storm!  
Thank you to the  
volunteers for  
serving everyone  
lunch!



Glen and Tracy Hill  
were a fantastic  
addition to the  
event this year,  
providing free carp  
tasting!

MP Tony Pasin  
visited and explored  
the market stalls  
and show animals!





## Yr 4 – 6 Camp

In week 3, term 2 the year 4-6 students went on a 4 day camp to Adelaide, we stayed at Warradale Urban Campsite and enjoyed daily visits to popular places.

The school was lucky to receive funding to cover the coach bus costs through Parliament of SA Civics in the City Grant and some students expenses through drought funding.

A recount of camp from a student:

On Monday we left Meningie and went to Adelaide to Warradale Camp Site to unpack. Next, we went to the movies at Marion to watch “How to train your Dragon”. In the evening played games at the campsite.

On Tuesday, all the students and teachers caught a train to the city where we walked down North Terrace and looked at the War Memorials, did an Adelaide Oval Tour, visited Parliament House, and caught the train back to our campsite.

On Wednesday, everyone caught the train to the city again after breakfast, then we all walked to the Zoo. At the zoo we split into groups and explored animals from different continents and completed worksheets. Afterwards when we arrived back at the campsite we had dinner catered by the campsite and we played games including outdoor play.

On Thursday we all had to pack up our camp gear, we went on the bus to “Cirkidz” to practise circus skills. We ate lunch then hopped on the bus back to Meningie.

One of my favourite parts of the Year 4/5/6 camp were playing football outside at the campsite and our team beat Mr. Lillis’ team. My next favourite thing was having a tour of Adelaide Oval because I got to sit on the AFL benches on the oval, then having a look at the cricket club rooms.



Some favourite things:

*I liked Cirkidz because we were able to do flips and got to try gymnastics equipment – Summer*

*Adelaide Oval was my favourite because it was so big when it looks so small on TV – Avayah*

*I liked seeing Adelaide Oval because of how it looked and going inside the old scoreboard – Sam*

*My favourite thing was the food, especially the lasagna and the pavlova – Beau*



## My favourite part of camp is.....

*The animals especially the Meerkats at the Adelaide Zoo and Cirkidz. Imogen*

*The Giant Pandas at the Adelaide Zoo. Elsie*

*I loved being with my friend on our camp. Georgie*

*Playing ping pong and How to Train your Dragon movie. Piper.*

*Eating the fabulous food. Laszlo*

*The Adelaide Oval tour, going onto the oval. Ollie*

*The Cirkidz it was really good, I did front flips on the trampoline. Flynn C*

*When I went on the Adelaide Oval, I felt like a Crows player. Flynn O*

*Camp was exciting and the Cirkidz was amazing. Ben*



## SAPSSASA SOCCER

On the 11,12 and 13 of August we went to SAPSASA soccer at Gepps Cross Adelaide. Our team won 1 out of 9 games. We had students from Meningie, Lameroo, Karoonda, Pinnaroo, Tintinara and 3 students from the Riverland. Our coach's name was Mr James from Lameroo. By Flynn O and Ollie





Books



**Meningie**  
Area School

**BOOK WEEK**



Book Week was a colorful celebration of our favorite stories and characters! On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, students and teachers arrived at school dressed as beloved book characters, filling the halls with excitement and creativity.



## Oink, Oink – Meet Our New Piglets!

We are super excited to welcome two cute piglets to the Ag Block! Our Year 5/6 class has been busy learning how to look after them, and after lots of thinking we decided on their names: Aussie and Bacon.

It's been a big change for the piglets moving from the farm, but they're settling in well. We can't wait to watch them grow and be part of our learning this term.

A huge thank you to Lisa and Braden Cocks family for giving us these awesome piglets – we really appreciate the support from our community!



### Final week: "Birds on Nests"

Made by Meningie Area School, Year 7 Art students

On display daily At The Chambers

Until Sunday 31 August 10am until 4.30pm.

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**ROYAL**  
**ADELAIDE**  
**SHOW**

### Royal Adelaide Show 2025

Where you will find our show team:

Sat 30/8  
Steers – Grand Parade in the Main Arena  
3.00pm

Sun 31/8  
Led Steer Team Judging from 9.00am

Wed 3/9  
Goats – Grand Parade 2.00pm  
Led Wether Judging from 9.00am  
Led Wether Competition Results Sheep Pavillion – 5.00pm  
Led Steer Presentation of Awards TFI Beef Cattle Lawn – 6.00pm

Thurs 4/9  
Led Wether Goat Judging from 9.00am



## Mount Barker Medicare Mental Health Centre

Advice and support when you're down, stressed or overwhelmed.

Unit 9/2 Cameron Road, Mount Barker  
Phone 1800 595 212

**Free services**, no appointment necessary, no Medicare card needed. Just walk in.

For people over 18 years

Monday-Wednesday: 9am – 7pm,

Thursday-Friday: 9am-9pm

Saturday-Sunday and public holidays:  
12pm-8pm

[Mount Barker Medicare Mental Health Centre | Medicare Mental Health](#)

**PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE**  
CUDDLE... COMMUNICATE... CONNECT...  
USING SONGS, RHYMES AND STORIES TO SUPPORT  
CONNECTION BETWEEN CHILD AND PARENT

**TERM 3 2025**  
22ND JULY - 25TH SEPTEMBER

Tuesday's	Wednesday's	Thursday's
9:30am <b>MANNUM</b>	11am <b>MENINGIE</b>	9:30am <b>TAILEM BEND</b>
Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room Intergenerational Amenity Village 10:30am - 12:00pm	Meningie Kindergarten 10:30am - 12:00pm	Tailem Bend Primary School Community Library Intergenerational Tailem Bend Hospital 9:20am - 10:00am

Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

**MIDWIFE VISITS**  
Midwife visits - Meningie - 11am - 12:00pm - 10:30am - 12:00pm  
With registered Midwife Sophie Chalange

**Book Week**  
Book Week - 22nd August - 28th August  
22nd August 9:30am - 11:00am  
23rd August 11:00am - 12:00pm  
24th August 11:00am - 12:00pm  
25th August 9:30am - 11:00am

For children aged 0-5 years and their parents/caregivers  
Bookings appreciated.  
Scan QR code or go to: <https://www.trivooking.com/CYNCM>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**  
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**Blue Light SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**TUES 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**MANNUM Roller Disco**

VENUE - MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE BASKETBALL STADIUM ST ADELAIDE ROAD, MANNUM

COST - \$5  
BOOKINGS VIA BLUE LIGHT WEBSITE  
[WWW.BLUELIGHTSA.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.BLUELIGHTSA.ORG/EVENTS)

SKATE HIRE INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE IF YOU DON'T OWN ROLLER SKATES

7-17 YEARS

PRE-ORDER HOT LUNCH AND CANTEN FOOD PASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

PRIZES TO WIN!

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE SAFETY COMMUNITIES**

**Government of South Australia**

**Mannum Leisure Centre**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIMES**

**BOARD GAMES AND CARDS**

**IN THE LIBRARY**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE SAFETY COMMUNITIES**

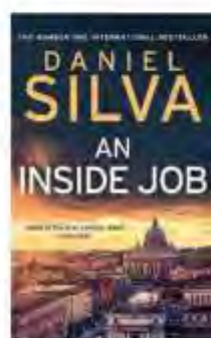
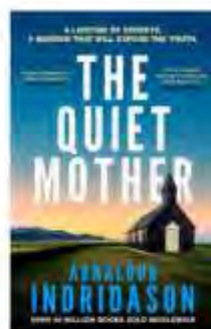
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# Meningie School Community Library

Every Thursday  
Knit & Yarn 3pm - 4 pm  
during school term  
Chair Yoga ~ 4pm - 4.45pm  
Techelp ~ 5pm - 6pm  
All welcome ~ Bookings preferred



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Book Discussion Group held on the  
2nd Wednesday Monthly 2pm til 4pm

September 2025 Book of the Month  
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



**NEW BOOKS >>>**

**Please note  
Library OPEN**

**Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025**

**SEPTEMBER 2025  
BOOK OF THE MONTH  
THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY  
BY MATT HAIG**



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