

Friday 31st October 2025

To my teachers,

Thank you for your commitment and passion for our profession. The endless hours planning and preparing, your effort in helping each student achieve their potential and your compassion for each of our students as an individual person. The yard duties, the marking, the report writing, the additional professional learning – all part of the job, but roles that go unseen.

And then there are the excursions, the camps the extra arts, sports and enterprise – all those experiences that value add to our curriculum and ensure students have rich and authentic learning. The kind words that help students to develop confidence and self-esteem, the guidance to help students work with each other and adults and calmness and support for students experiencing distress.

In Australia (and other countries) society undervalues teachers. The press is largely negative. We go largely unthanked. I thank you for all that you do for Meningie Area School – our students, our community and each other.

Thank you.

Fiona Haselgrove
Principal

World Teachers' Day

Diary Dates

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Wed 5th

Thur 6th

Wed 12th

Thurs 13th

Friday 14th

Mon 17th to Friday 21st

Wed 19th to Frid 21st

Thurs 20th

Mon 24th – Wed 26th

Thurs 27th

Dr Justin Coulson Webinar

Reception Transition

Beginner Band Year 5/6 MB

SACE Agriculture - TFI Tour

Children's University Graduation

Adelaide

Year 7/8 Orienteering

Student Free Day

Duke of Edinburgh Camp – Year 8 & 9

Pre SACE Camp – Year 10 & 11

Young Environmental Leaders -

SAPSASA Cricket Carnival

Just 2 Deadly Awards

Turtle Festival

DECEMBER

Yr 7 Aquatics Camp

Swimming Carnival @ Coonalpyn

Last Day of School

Early Dismissal 2.05pm

Buses depart 2.15pm



2026 Planning

If your student is not returning to Meningie Area School in 2026, please advise us by email:

dl.0750.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

This will help us finalise our classes for 2026.

2026 MAS Classes			
Primary R-6		Secondary 7-12	
Assistant Principal Jessica Hankin		Assistant Principal Rachel Neumann	
Assistant Principal – Wellbeing & Inclusion Prue Boland / Abbey Gibbs			
R	Mia McDonald	7/8	Caitlin Angel
1/2	Sophie Holland	9/10	Alice Wheeler
2/3	Amy Stott, Wonita Greenwood	11/12	Caitlin Reick
4	Bree Edwards	Denice Mason Andrew Smith Chloe Trotta Bernie Ryan	
5/6	Tamika Williams/Anyupa Giles		
Specialist teachers:			
Monique Thompson: Health & Physical Education Ben Scarfbillig: AUSLAN, Technologies Anne Wright Melanie Woodward: supporting students with additional needs.			

We will also welcome Chloe Trotta into our secondary team. Chloe comes with experience in mathematics and agriculture having taught at Unity College and Tintinara Area School. In 2026 she will be teaching mathematics. We will also welcome Abbey Gibbs back one day a week for 2026.

As numbers finalise, class placements will be completed, and secondary choice subjects will be completed. We aim to have this information available in week 8.

Partnership Aboriginal Cultural Day

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Fiona Haselgrove, Principal

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Year 3 SRC

Congratulations to **Darcy** and **McKenzie** on becoming the Term 4 SRC reps for the R-3 students.



CONTACT US

if your child needs to leave school early

The school requires parents to notify the school if they need to be picked up or leave early.

You can contact the school by:

☎ 08 85751106

🌐 Community Portal

✉ Email Homegroup Teacher (Yr 7-12)

📄 Written & signed note

SCHOOL CAPTAIN NOMINATIONS OPEN

For Current Year 5 & Current Year 9 -11

If you are interested in nominating for 2026 please see Prue by Friday 7th November 2025 to register your interest

The role of the school captains is to lead the SRC by leading meetings, encouraging peers, upholding school values (determination, collaboration, respect, kindness). School captains also represent the school at school and community events including public speaking. You can nominate students or nominate yourself. Any student nominated will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination.



Coonalpyn Show

On Saturday the 18th of October, the Coonalpyn Show celebrated their 80th anniversary. To celebrate this milestone, a new competition was created called the Schools Decathlon.

Schools were asked to enter 10 categories to achieve a maximum score of 80 points.

Meningie placed first in:

- Best school display
- Best principal's photo
- Best teacher made decorated sponge cake
- Best primary Lego display
- Best primary floral display using school items

We achieved a total of 68/80 points to be the winner of the decathlon and the trophy along with our other prizes are currently on display in the front office.

We also submitted numerous artworks, Lego designs, giant cookies and craft. Students won prizes and commendations. Doug Greenwood won the trophy for most outstanding exhibit in Secondary Craft for his artwork of a paper mâché bird. Krystal Love won first prize in the adult craft section for her soft toy teddy. Some of our students entered individually and also won further prizes.

The show is a great, fun family day out, and it was lovely to see the support and talents of our students at Meningie on display.



LEARNING INTENTION:

To develop skills in using oil pastels to create mannequin artworks of a distant portrait and a close up portrait.
Apply complementary, analogous, monochromatic colours and shading techniques.



Carter



Elliott



Katelyn



Khaliyaa



Bohdi



Luke



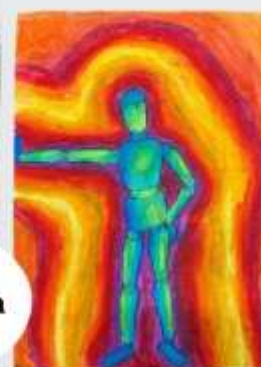
Charlie



Isaac



Leyah



YEAR 8/9/10 MANNEQUIN ARTWORKS USING OIL PASTELS

Colour Theory - Analogous, Complementary & Monochromatic Colours



Lincoln



Oscar



Lillie



Krystal



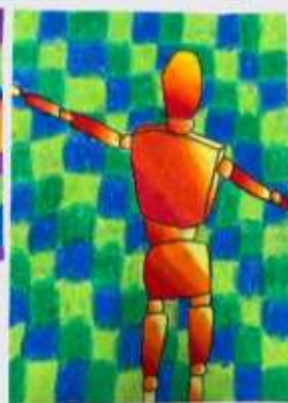
Koby



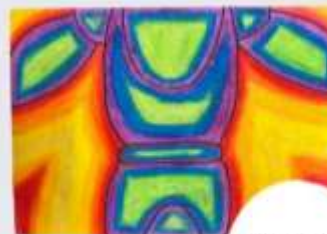
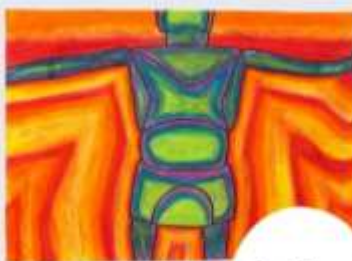
Allira



Caitlen



Mickalla



Year 4/5 Garden Beds

Our class is using the garden beds out by the nature play area for growing gardens. Two people share their garden beds.

We grow broad beans, mint, parsley, strawberries, nasturtiums, wildflowers, onions, and other crops. We sometimes taste the food sneakily. We also have a mini orchard of fruit trees, including a mulberry tree to supply leaves to silkworms in the future.

Sometimes people use what we grow in Home Ec to cook, and some of the food is delicious. We are looking forward to cooking with Jess at Tech.

Thank you to the people who donated plants, seeds, and saplings to our garden.

Laszlo and Flynn C

My garden bed has 100 million ants. Ben and I created the garden bed near the nature play in Meningie Area School,

I think the ants ate my plants and weeds that were on my garden bed. It did have a strawberry plant, but it is a bit sick now.

By Ryder

SAPSASA Athletics

The State SAPSASA Athletics were held in September. Our day was the 22nd of September.

We all came down in private cars or with other friends and families. It was a warm spring day. We had a small group of people doing the events and a lot of events got done. Some people even got to celebrate a good win, but if you didn't win, you still put all your effort in and that is all that matters.

In the 11-year-old boys relay for Murray Mallee tried hard, while the 10-year-old boys came 1st in the relay for Murray Mallee.

Out of the 3 events Elise came first in long jump

While Kodi and Summer did 4 events, and Kelsey did 3 events which is the same as Elise.

The students participated were Louis, Elise, Albert, Flynn O, Imogen, Summer, Kodi and Kelsey.

Thank you to all the people that participating in the SAPSASA Athletics - it is a big thing to participate in. Thanks to the parents and teachers who supported us.

Imogen, Louis and Flynn O



Pre-Service Teacher – Verna Koolmatrie

During the last 4 weeks of Term 3, we have had the privilege of having Verna Koolmatrie as a Pre- service Teacher. The students have worked hard to complete the work with Verna and completed their work to a good standard.

A copy of their work has been sent to their Jallarah Friends.

Note from Mrs K (Verna)

Since working with the Year 4/5 class, they have begun writing their individual My place stories about themselves for their own My place class book. Each student has had the opportunity to write about themselves, the people, places, animals and things that matters to them the most. They have all worked hard and contributed to this class project. Please check out their completed book when you get the chance.



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

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ANSWERS

with *Dr Justin Coulson*



ENTITLED

Raising Responsible,
Respectful Kids

WEBINAR



Meningie
Area School

Wednesday 5th November
6.30pm

at Meningie Area School

light supper provided

RSVP - emma.swan773@schools.sa.edu.au

Please arrive by 6.15 pm

Webinar Background Information

On-demand gratification has become the modern-day norm, and our children have never known anything different. As a result, parents are noticing a clear pattern of declining levels of resilience and frustration tolerance. We naturally want them to be happy and successful, but we also recognise that a sense of entitlement can hinder their journey. While our hearts yearn to give them the world, we know it's equally important to nurture gratitude, responsibility, and respect within their hearts.

Our children are growing up in a world defined by instant gratification. They've never known a time when things weren't immediately accessible, which has contributed to declining resilience and frustration tolerance. As parents, we yearn to give them the world and shield them from disappointment, but we also know that fostering gratitude, responsibility, and respect is essential for their true happiness and success.

Entitled with Dr Justin Coulson will dive deep into the issue of entitlement. We'll explore its root causes, its impact on our children's development, and most importantly, we'll equip you with practical strategies to turn things around. You'll learn how to shift your child's mindset from "gimme" to "thank you", and how to foster a sense of appreciation even in an age of abundance.

In this presentation, we will navigate the challenges of parenting in today's world and discover how to raise children who are not just entitled but empowered, resilient, and ready to make a positive contribution to the world.

Choir & Band *Festival of Music* *Murray Bridge* **2025**



CHOIR - Georgie

On Wednesday the year 4/5/6 choir students went on a bus to Murray Bridge Town Hall for a rehearsal at 9:55am, and when we got back to school after the rehearsal it was 2:30pm. For the evening performance we had to be there at 6:30pm to get ready for the **BIG** performance, and then the big night started at 7:00pm. We think ... we were better than Tuesday's night's performance.

The choir sang beautifully. We were assisted on the night with some great choreography, special effects, an excellent PowerPoint, dancers and musicians. Piper Robertson won our school Don Watts Award for her work in choir.

My favorite two choir songs are Learning to Fly and Jet Man!

Thank you Kellie, Miss Angel and Mrs Wright for helping us with choir!

BAND - Ollie and Ben

Some students went to perform as one of two assisting artist groups for the event. For band we played 2 songs. They were called 'In a Minor Mood' and 'Go Tell Aunt Rhode'.

There were 17 people in the combined band, and our teachers are Mr Frears and Mr Helps. They were super helpful. There were only two trumpet players from Meningie Area School, who were Sam and Ben. There were 4 trombone players which were Ollie, Flynn, Louie and Albert. Three students, Lillie, Cait, and Jasmine, played clarinet. Albert, Ben and Sam also did amazing solos during 'In a Minor Mood'.

Thank you to Mr Frears and Mr Helps for helping us out the whole year. We couldn't have done it without you, and all your help and encouragement throughout the year.





Choir & Band Festival of Music Adelaide 2025



Adelaide Choir 15th of September 2025

On Wednesday the 15th of September, the year 5/6 choir students went to the Adelaide choir rehearsal and performance with Kellie and Mrs Wright. When we got there, we had a rehearsal and there were 1400 choir kids there to perform as singers, comperes, guest artists, signing choirs and dancers. We were in the choir and we had to wear white shirts. They sort of glowed in the dark with the blue/black lights shining on them. After the rehearsal we had our dinners from home and Kellie got us pizza.

Later that night, it was time for our concert. We lined up. As we were getting ready to go on the stage, it was getting scarier and scarier. When we got on, there were so many people, because the tickets sold out. There were a lot of dancers there and they were so good.

Our favorite song was Lunar Lullaby. Some of us were able to hold small lights to create a magical atmosphere.

The Adelaide choir started at 7:30pm and ended at 9:00pm. Since it took 2 hours to get there, and two hours home, so we ended up getting home at about 11:30pm. Lots of people were complementing us on how well we sang. Thank you to the people from Meningie that came to watch us, it was fun, but tiring.

Maggie and Elsie





SRC EVENTS



Footy Fever Day

On the last day of Term 3 the SRC organised "Footy Fever Day". It was a special day where we could all wear our favourite sports team colours. Nearly everyone got into the spirit and got dressed up. The SRC organised a sausage sizzle for the whole school and some mindful activities for each class to do. Older buddies worked with younger buddies, rotating around the activities. The most popular was dancing in the gym. It is safe to say that the Crows was the most popular team colours!



Food Bank Christmas Hampers

This year Meningie Area School is supporting school families by being a host referrer and taking orders for their Christmas Hampers.

If you would like to order a Christmas Hamper please contact the front office before Friday 21st November. Payment will need to be made to the front office. Please note that hampers have limited stock so get in quick if you would like one ready for Christmas break.

If you would like to order a Christmas Hamper please let the front office staff know if you want a Traditional Christmas Hamper \$50 or a Festive Treat Pack for \$38



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2025

IT'S TIME TO PLACE YOUR CHRISTMAS HAMPER ORDER WITH FOODBANK!



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER \$50

Dark Fruit Cake - 700g
Fruit pudding - 400g
Plumrose canned leg ham - 450g
UHT Milk - 1 Litre
Tuna Safcol - 425g
Sweet biscuits/snack - x 1 pkt
Custard powder - 350g
Jelly crystals - x 2 pkts
Pretzels - 350g
Confectionery - 180g
Pasta - 500g
Simmer sauce - 490g
Pasta sauce - 700g
Diced fruit - 4 pack
Canned vegetables - 420g x 2
Rice - 1kg
Instant mash potato - 350g
Teabags - 100 pack
Spread - x 1
Cereal - 1kg
Instant noodles - 5 pack
PLUS A SURPRISE!

FESTIVE TREAT PACK \$38

Dark Fruit Cake - 700g
Fruit pudding - 400g
Fruit Mince Pies - 6 pack
UHT Custard - 1 Litre
Plumrose canned leg ham - 450g
Sweet snack - x 1
Savoury snack - x 1
Jelly crystals - x 2 pkts
Pretzels - 350g
Drink - x 1
Confectionery - 180g x 2
Diced fruit - 4 pack
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For information on
how to order Call 8351 1136 or
email hampers@foodbanksa.org.au