

Monday 16th February 2026

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. Students have returned fresh and excited for the new year. We have been really pleased with the way all of our students have leapt into their learning.

This is a reflection of the work our staff have done on developing learning environments to engage our learning. The physical environment, the consistent routines and intentional planning has provided the positive start to the year. Staff will continue this work over the year to start to embed the SA Curriculum which has a broad approach to what students *know, understand and can be* - by focusing on capabilities and dispositions.

At the "Meet and Greet" I spoke about the feedback we received from families that we were still not meeting the expectations around communication. I spoke about the range of communication we use: EdSmart (consent forms, broadcasts), newsletter (updates and showcasing learning and activities), noticeboard at the front of the school (key dates), email and text (individual communications) and the Community Portal (student information, parents/family can update information, put in absences and the link to FROG - class/subject learning portals).

We sent out an email inviting you to the Community Portal - some thought it was a scam email because it started with "congratulations" - it is not scam! You can create an account and then access your student(s) information and learning information. Please check your email (maybe junk file) and set up an account. We did a short introduction at the "Meet and Greet" and can run a few sessions if our families request it. Please let us know if you would like an introductory session.

We look forward to seeing families at our **Sport's Day** on **Friday**. The weather is looking good at this stage but as always, we monitor the weather and will change to the back-up day of Monday 23/2/26 if necessary. Spectators are welcome to attend the running events on Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Diary Dates

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Tues 17 th	800m @ 9am
Thurs 19 th	1500m @ 9am
Fri 20 th	Sports Day
Mon 23 rd	Back Up Sports Day
Thurs 26 th	Secondary School Sport Swimming @ Marion

MARCH

Fri 6 th	Student Free Day
Mon 9 th	Adelaide Cup – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 10 th	Interschool Track & Field @ Karoonda
Wed 11 th	Team Sailing @ Goolwa
Fri 13 th	Aboriginal Youth Summit
Mon 16 th	School Photo Day
Wed 18 th	Yr 7/8 Refugee Art Exhibition @ Tailem Bend
Thurs 19 th – Frid 20 th	Yr 11./12 Fringe Trip
Wed 25 th	Clean Up Australia Day – Rec – Yr 6
Fri 27 th	Mallee Formal @ Murray Bridge Racecourse
Mon 30 th	Track & Field @ Mile End
Mon 30 th to Wed 1 st April	SAPSASA Softball Carnival

APRIL

Wed 1 st	SAPOL Visit – R – Yr 6
Fri 3 rd	Good Friday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 6 th	Easter Monday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 7 th to Thurs 9 th	AIF Year 11/12 Adelaide Camp
Wed 8 th	SAPSASA Boys Football Trial
Friday 10 th	Last Day of Term 1

STUDENT FREE DAY

**FRIDAY 6TH
MARCH**

Reception

What is your favourite thing about school?



Bryson- puzzles and playing



Augustus- cutting and gluing



Aiden- the swings and hula hoops



Felicity- eating



Hamish- everything



Hazel- playing with my friends



Jack- when my sister picks me up



Kai- playing with my friends



Lillie- sitting down and learning



Macey- making with my friends



Mack- making with my friends



Mia- playing with my friends



Samira- the robots
with Mrs Gibbs



Tek- playing



Tori- going on the
playground

What are some things that we have been doing in our first three weeks at school?



In our first three weeks at school, our Reception students have been settling in really well and learning our classroom routines. Some of the things that we are practicing include, how to listen carefully, follow instructions, and work together kindly as we start our school journey.



In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring sorting and counting through fun, hands-on activities. Students are learning to group objects by different attributes and count with accuracy, building important early number skills.

MEET THE BUDDIES

Reception and Year 11/12 Class



Lyla with Samira & Augustus



Luke with Kai & Bryson



Koda with Lillie & Tori



Leyah & Felecity



Chris & Tek



Gabrielle & Mackenzie



Shayla with Hazel & Mia



Millie & Macey

Katie & Hamish

Greta & Jack

Tyerone & Aiden



Limestone Coast Technical College (LCTC), Mount Gambier

In Week 2 the LCTC was officially opened by Honourable Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training & Skills.

They welcomed Year 11 Students studying Health & Social Support, Multi Trades, and Early Childhood & Education.

Students have been actively engaged in their learning both onsite at LCTC and with their Registered Training Organisations and Industry Partners.

Millie Cunneen has signed up to complete Health & Social Support and has represented Meningie Area School with pride! Millie is heading down in week 4 for her 2nd learning block and if any students or parents would like to know more

about this learning opportunity and experience, please contact the school or have a chat with Millie.

The Art Space

At the end of 2025, the area between the Art Room and the Home Economics rooms was renovated. The Art classroom was expanded by removing a wall to incorporate a former office/storage space, and a new storage area was created by repurposing the room previously used for healthcare education. Once the renovations were completed, the rooms were freshly painted and equipped with new furniture. Additional work is currently underway to further extend the learning space, allowing the kiln to be fully integrated into student learning. Stay tuned — there's more to come!



FINANCE - School M & S Fees

The 2026 M & S Fee invoices will be sent out this week. Please note that you will receive a statement and an invoice.

Please pay the balance on the statement as this includes the \$200 credit that all students have been given for the 2026 Year.

Rec - Year 6 will be charged \$106.00 per student

Year 7 - 12 will be charged \$203.00 each student

Invoices are due on the last day of Term 1.

You can apply for School card online at WWW.SA.GOV.AU school Card Scheme

Hard copies are available at the front office - please apply as soon as possible.

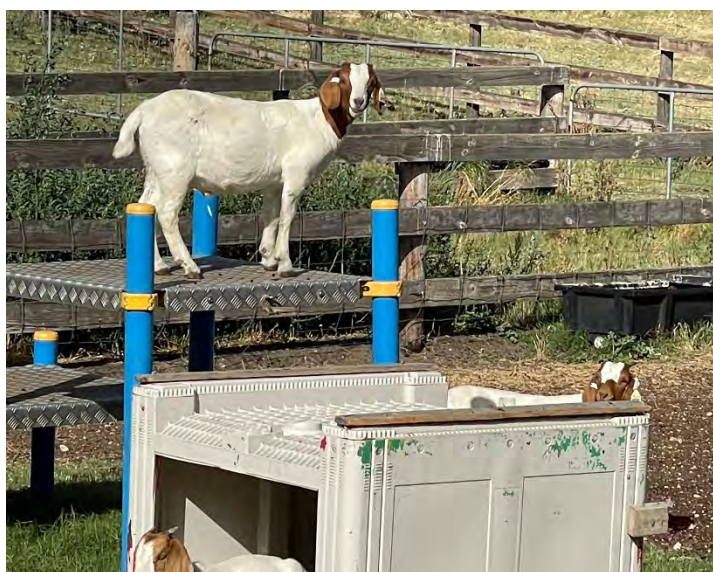
Payment plans are also available at the front office and are to be paid in full by the end of Term 2.

Any Queries, please contact Laurie Vermeeren 8575 1106

or via email DL.0750.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

2026 Show Goats

Thanks to our grounds staff for repurposing our old playground for our goats. They are already loving it!



wordsgrowminds.org.au

Tailem Bend Community Centre Inc
presents

RURAL READS & RHYTHMS

At the Murray Bridge Library

TALK. PLAY. READ. SING.

Rural Reads and Rhythms is a 10 week program for families and young children to explore a variety of activities that support early childhood development in early years, helping babies and children thrive by talking, playing, reading and singing!

WORDS GROW MINDS

10 Weeks
1:30-2:30pm
Thursdays
29th of Jan - 2nd of April

To book your place, please contact the Murray Bridge Library on 8539 1175 or book online.



Questions?
Contact TBCC on 8572 3513

PARENT CHILD
MOTHER GOOSE

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

TERM 1 2026
27 JANUARY - 10 APRIL

Tuesday's
9:30am
MANNUM
Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room
Intergenerational
Aminya Village
17th February 10am

Wednesday's
11am
MENINGIE
Meningie Kindergarten
Intergenerational
Jailarah Homes
18th March 10am

Thursday's
9:30am
TAILEM BEND
Tailem Bend Primary School Community Library
Intergenerational
Tailem Bend Hospital
26th February

Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

CAFHS NURSE VISIT
Include: Weights - Measurements - Informal discussions - Entries into Blue Book
Mannum 24th February | Meningie 11th March | Tailem Bend 5th March

For children aged 0-5yrs and their parent/caregiver
Bookings appreciated
Scan QR code or go to:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DHCYD>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
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South East Field Days
Limestone, South Australia

2026 Competitions

Scrap Metal Sculpture

Get creative and build an amazing piece of art. Using scrap metal, clay, stone, wood, glass and/or plastic.
Group school entries are welcome.

Scarecrows

A fun creative competition for the kids, family, school or group. We want to see how crazy and amazing you can make your scarecrow. Is it a scarecrow portrait of someone you know, or a character of your own creation?!

Colouring Competition

A fun and creative competition for kids young and old to show off their artistry skills!

Whatever you choose to create, make sure you drop it off by Thursday 19th March 2026.

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FRIDAY 20TH FEB

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

R-3 | OVAL & THUKABI BLOCK
9AM TO 12.45PM

YR 4 - 12 | SCHOOL OVAL
9AM TO 3.05PM

LIONS BBQ & DRINKS
CASH OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE

SPECTATORS WELCOME
800M - TUES 17TH FEB 9AM
1500M - THURS 19TH FEB 9AM

*Javelin during HPE lessons