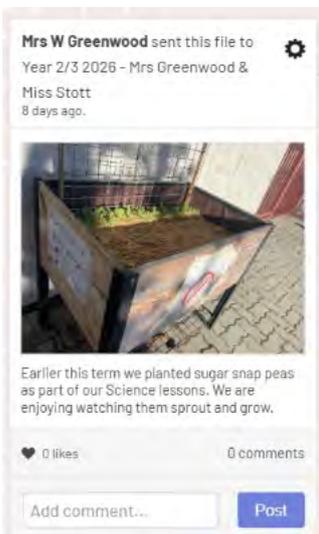


Friday 6th March 2026

Thank you to all parents/family who have logged into the parent portal and started using it to update details and advise of future absences. The next step is to follow the link to FROG and check your child(ren)'s class and subject sites. Please understand that staff are at different stages in using FROG, but we are all working on it. For those in the Year 2/3 and Year 4 class teachers have started posting class updates to share learning activities. If you are having problems seeing your child(ren)'s classes or subject pages, please let us know so we can check all the settings. It does take a little bit of time to get all the settings right and we do not know if you cannot see pages.



Governing Council AGM is coming up. We have a supportive and engaged Governing Council who changed the constitution to allow more parent/family members. We have three vacancies and would welcome new members on board. Governing Council are having a working bee, and we would love as many helpers as possible – you do not have to be on Governing Council to join in. We will be working on the oval fence line, tidying up the undergrowth and preparing for more tree planting to strengthen protection from wind.

I would like to congratulate Leyah Short who will join the Rural Ambassadors program this year. This is a group selected from regional schools to look at issues specifically for regional students. She will attend three residentials in terms 1,2 & three in Adelaide

Diary Dates

**TERM 1
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	Governing Council AGM
Thurs 19 th – Frid 20 th	Yr 7/8 Refugee Art Exhibition @ Tailem Bend
Fri 27 th	Yr 11./12 Fringe Trip
Mon 30 th	Mallee Formal @ Murray Bridge Racecourse
Mon 30 th to Wed 1 st	Track & Field @ Mile End
April	SAPSASA Softball Carnival

APRIL

Wed 1 st	SAPOL Visit – R – Yr 6
Thurs 2 nd	Harmony Day BBQ
Fri 3 rd	Good Friday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 6 th	Easter Monday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wed 8 th	SAPSASA Boys Football Trial
Friday 10 th	Last Day of Term 1



Meningie Area School

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

7.30PM

STAFF ROOM

ALL WELCOME

with students from other regional schools. The group will meet with DfE leaders, including the Chief Executive Martin Westwell. The Minister for Education usually makes time to meet with the group as well. This group has influenced decisions for regional students, and many continue their leadership in other areas. It can be daunting to join a group with no one you know in the city; it is fantastic that Leyah has taken this opportunity.

I would also like to thank our families for the incredibly positive feedback you provided on our Sport's Day. Many said it was the best ever and loved having the R-3 students join us on the oval. Congratulations to the Physical Education teachers who led this event and thank you to all our staff for working together to make the event so successful. Congratulations to Kunggari.



Working Bee - Meningie Area School

In 2026 Governing Council are planning two working bees and inviting school families to get involved.

Beautification of the school's oval boundary, trimming existing and planting more vegetation, strengthening the wind barrier and increasing shade.

Working bee 1: Clean-up of the site - Sunday 22 March 2026

Trimming back existing vegetation, removing weeds and spreading mulch.

What to bring (if you have): hat/gloves/sunscreen, cutters and secateurs, chainsaw, rake, wheelbarrow.

*Governing council will coordinate trailers and vegetation removal.

Working bee 2: Tree Planting - June/July (date to be confirmed)

Planting tree seedlings, positioning tree guards, watering and mulching.



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

Interschool Swimming



On Friday 13 March, Meningie Area School students travelled to Murray Bridge to compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day in the pool, with students giving their best effort and showing great team spirit.

A special shoutout goes to our younger swimmers who bravely tackled the 50 m pool for the first time – an awesome achievement!

Congratulations

🏆 **Flynn Cameron** – Runner-Up Boys Under 12

🏆 **Kelsey Mitchell** – Runner-Up Girls Under 13

Hugo Swan and Kelsey Mitchell were selected to go on and represent the River Mallee & Districts Team in Adelaide at the Secondary School Sport Competition. Hugo swam in the U14 Breaststroke finishing 4th and Under 15 Freestyle finishing 4th and was part of the Under 14 boys relay team who finished 2nd. Kelsey swam in the U 13 breaststroke and swam breaststroke in the medley relay.

Next up – Primary Murray Mallee Swimming School Sport on Monday 23 March. Good luck to everyone competing!



Primary Swimming

For the past 3 weeks the year ½ class has participated in swimming lessons. Here are their favourite moments:

Tamati and Oscar– I loved being on the mat.

Sienna and Nicholas – I loved being in the deep end.

Errol – I leant how to float by myself.

Isla and Ava – I loved going underwater and collecting the sinkers.



Aalyiah – I loved going under water.

Alahni and Angus – I loved going in the deep end for my first time!

Pippa and Will – I loved diving off the end and into the deep end.

Audrey – I loved swimming with my goggles, going in the deep end and playing Sleeping Crocodiles.

Charlotte – I loved lots of stuff!



Athletics Carnival



KUNGGARI

NO:RI



House Captains
Elliot Hurle and
Imogen Hurle



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2026



Sub Junior Boys

LOUIS COCKS



Sub Junior Girls

ANNIE COCKS



Junior Girls

KELSEY MITCHELL



Junior Boys

KODI KOOLMATRIE



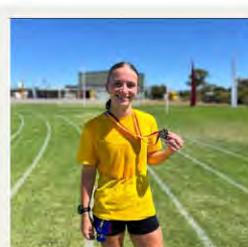
Intermediate Boys

HUGO SWAN



Intermediate Girls

BROOKLYN LONG



Open Girls

SHAYLA HERA-SINGH



Open Boys

ELLIOTT HURLE

Athletics Carnival



KUNGGARI

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AGE GROUP RUNNER UP WINNERS 2026



Sub Junior Boys

DARCY O'LEARY



Sub Junior Girls

GEORGIE NANKIVELL-WATKINS



Junior Girls

ELISE HERA-SINGH



Junior Boys

DOUG GREENWOOD



Intermediate Boys

EDDIE LOVE



Intermediate Girls

TIAH BUTCHER



Open Girls

CHARLIE NANKIVELL-WATKINS



Open Boys

CHRIS BLACKETT



Best Dressed

MYA KARTINYERI

Athletics Carnival



PRIMARY AWARD WINNERS 2026

Kindness - Angus Gambling
Respect - Oscar Smith
Determination - Alahni Love
Collaboration - Isla Liebelt

Kindness - Krew Gibbs (absent)
Respect - William Lowe
Determination - Amelia Dawson
Collaboration - Audrey Schulz

Kindness - Hayley Denew
Respect - Alex Love
Determination - Zahara Newell
Collaboration - Annie Cocks



NUMA TIRKANTHI HIGH ACHIEVER PRIZE & PROJECT OFFICER-ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES

RITA LINDSAY

NUMA TIRKANTHI HIGH ACHIEVER PRIZE

I commenced my first year of the Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours) at the University of South Australia in 2025.

I have recently been advised by the Adelaide University that I have been awarded the Numa Tirkanthi High Achiever Prize. In the Kurna language, 'numa tirkanthi' means 'skilful learning'.

The prize is awarded to the Aboriginal student that achieves the highest grade point average (GPA) enrolled in an undergraduate program within each of the seven Academic Units of the University.



I am honoured to receive the Numa Tirkanthi High Achiever Prize.

I will be continuing my studies at the Adelaide University as an external student for the degree, Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Honours).

I will continue my role as the Ngarrindjeri Language Instructor based at Meningie Area School.

It is an exciting opportunity to be working at corporate level for Aboriginal Languages.

PROJECT OFFICER ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES

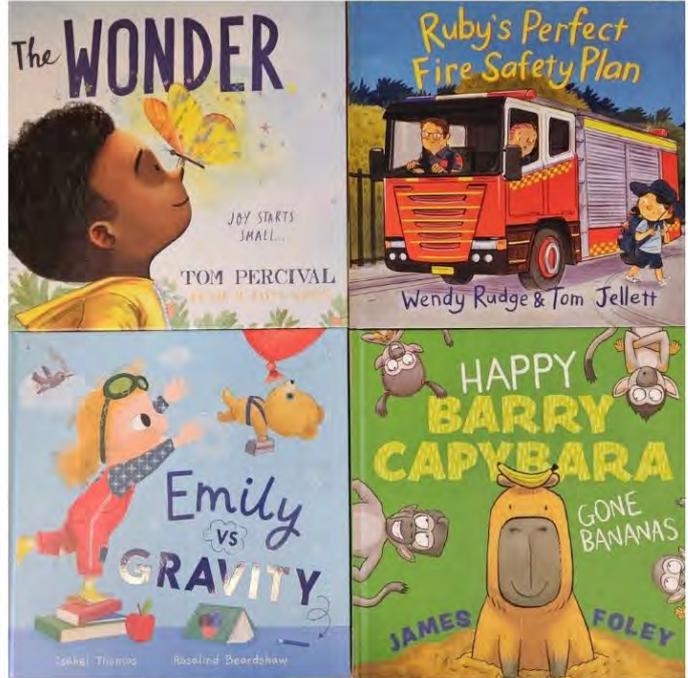
I have recently been appointed as a Project Officer, Aboriginal Languages within the Curriculum Policy & Standards, Department for Education, Education Development Centre. I will be undertaking the role in a part-time capacity and I look forward to working at corporate level.

Meningie School Community Library

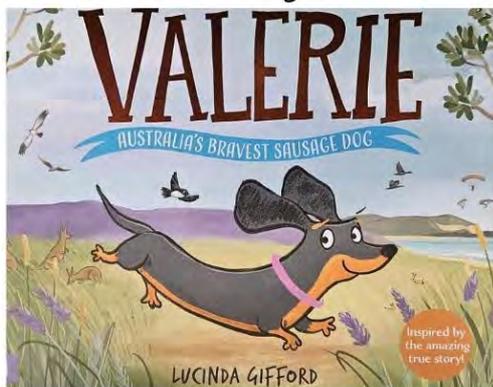
Every Thursday
Knit & Yarn 3pm - 4 pm
 during school term
 Chair Yoga ~ 4pm - 4.45pm
 Techelp ~ 5pm - 6pm
 All welcome ~ Bookings preferred

Book Discussion Group held on the
2nd Wednesday Monthly 2pm
 February 2026 Book of the Month
 Remarkably Bright Creatures by
Shelby van PELT

March 2026 Book of the Month
 The Rosie Effect by Graeme SIMSION



NEW BOOKS... 😊



LIBRARY HOURS

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

Closed 12-12.30 for lunch
 Closed Public Holidays and
 Mondays in school holidays



Email: meningie.library@gmail.com

PH: 85751681



SRC presents

HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity

Week 10, Thursday
2nd April 2026

Dress up in orange

Free Lunch BBQ

Sausage/Patty in bread & ice cream

Whole school activities after
lunch

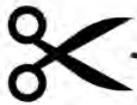
Together, we can build a community that
is more inclusive and welcoming for all.

Meningie Area School Governing Council AGM Monday 16th March at 7.30pm

You are invited to the Meningie Area School Governing Council AGM at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Please give careful consideration to attending this meeting. Strong communities have strong schools and we need your input and support to keep strong.

Please fill out the Nomination for Election Form below if you would like to be on Governing Council for a 2 year term and return it to the front office by Friday 13th March.



Nomination Form for Election

I
full name

of
address

Email

Phone

wish to nominate myself for Governing Council

Sign Date

Please return form to the front office by Friday 13th March

Coorong Cats Netball

Seeking Players for 2026

The Coorong Cats play in the River Murray Netball Association, which runs alongside the River Murray Football League. The playing season is between April and September, with games on Saturdays. Trainings have started and are on Thursday nights rotating between Meningie, Coonaplyn and Tintinara courts. School Sports Vouchers are accepted for registration fees.



We are seeking;

- ***Sub Junior players born 2015 - 2018 inclusive (male and female)***
- ***Inters players born 2009 - 2012 inclusive (female only)***

For further information and/or express interest please contact our President Laura O'Leary on 0437 199 922

MENINGIE
KINDY



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Preschool Mid-Year Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for mid-year intake at Meningie Preschool. We would love to have your family join our Kindy Community and be part of your child's start to their education journey.

If your child turns 4 between 1st May and 31st October 2026, they are eligible to start preschool in term 3 2026.

Please contact the Meningie Preschool on 85751290 or send an email to dl.6553.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest.

Come and join our Kindy Community which values

Connection and Kindness.