

Friday 27th March 2026

Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 6 May – see Edsmart email to make an appointment

NO LESSONS – students only attend for their conference with a family member.

BUSES WILL NOT RUN

Student led conferences provide the opportunity for students to share their learning journey with a family member. It is expected that every family will make an appointment to attend a conference with their student(s). Students will share learning – academic and social, discuss how they have progressed and what they need to focus on next. This process supports students taking responsibility for engagement and learning.

Appointments will be 15 minutes and the focus is on the student speaking.

Conference facilitators:

Class	Facilitator(s)	Class	Facilitator(s)
Reception	Mia McDonald	5/6	Jess Hankin & Prue Boland
1/2	Sophie Holland	7/8	Caitlin Angel & Monique Thompson
2/3	Wonita Greenwood	9/10	Alice Wheeler & Chloe Trotta
4	Bree Edwards	11/2	Caitlin Reick & Fiona Haselgrove
R-4 support	Ben Scharfbillig & Mel Woodward		

Diary Dates

TERM 1 MARCH

Mon 30 th	Track & Field @ Mile End
Mon 30 th to	SAPSASA Softball Carnival
Wed 1 st	
April	

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



A reminder that if you wish to have a parent-teacher interview you can do so at any time.

A reminder to check out your child(ren)'s FROG pages. Primary teachers are starting to showcase work in the class journals/feed which you are able to like etc. We look forward to some family engagement in these pages. If you are still having trouble accessing FROG please contact

Russell.Starr455@schools.sa.edu.au or see him in the front office 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Fiona Haselgrove

Fiona.Haselgrove277@schools.sa.edu.au

Chief Executive (CE) Student Forum

On Monday the 16th of March our SRC's took part in a forum about strategies people can use in the classroom to help with schoolwork. The students who went to the forum were from Y3 Kyana and Billie, Y4 Campbell and Annie, Y5 and 6 Sam and Flynn O. There were 160 different schools attending and Kangaroo Island hosted the forum because they had done it many times.

We talked about what were some strategies we used at Meningie Area School to help us in the classroom and keep it safe for everyone. Some of the strategies we talked about, were ways to calm down, ways to treat others, using friendly words and actions. We are going to take all these ideas to the next SRC meeting to discuss them further. It is going to help us create our Anti Bullying Policy at our school.



Rural Ambassador 2026

The first 3 day forum was held in Adelaide. There have been 19 students selected to participate from country schools across the state including Leyah Short from Meningie Area School.

Students shared information about their local area and opportunities available to them. Students explored various initiatives and programs which are on offer in SA schools. They also heard from presenters and in their final day the youth ambassadors were exploring ideas about the future and how programs can be facilitated in the rural communities and regions. Leyah will attend another 2 forums in Adelaide with her fellow youth ambassadors .



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.

Interschool Athletics



**11 YEAR OLD BOYS RUNNER UP
LOUIS COCKS**



**12 YEAR OLD GIRLS RUNNER UP
KELSEY MITCHELL**



**12 YEAR OLD BOYS RUNNER UP
DOUG GREENWOOD**



**14 YEAR OLD BOYS RUNNER UP
HUGO SWAN**



**GREAT
JOB!**



Goolwa Sailing Regatta



On Wednesday 11th March we traveled to Goolwa and competed in a friendly Regatta for Team Sailing with other schools from South Australia including Victor Harbor, Endeavour College, Goolwa High School and Saint Peters. We hope to do another one in Term 4 or next year.



We left school at 6.30am and went to Goolwa for team sailing. There were lots of different schools and other students there we didn't know. We made some new friends. They were more experienced and were able to teach us new us new skills. It was the windiest day we have ever sailed in, and it was quite challenging. We all enjoyed the day and would do it again.

Summer, Elise & Kelsey



Year 7/8

Design & Technology - Study Buddies -

Eddie & Reggie

We enjoyed using the different machines to create our study buddies and personalising them.

Hugo & Levi

We liked thinking of a design and bringing it to life. We found sanding the blocks and getting the exact measurements tricky.

Brooklyn, Macey & Ruby

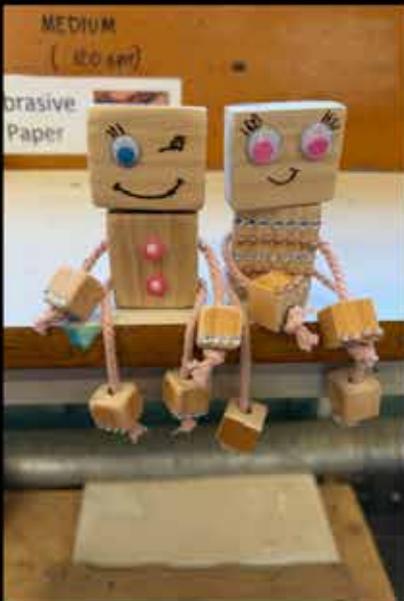
It was fun to design and make our study buddies. We really enjoyed decorating and personalising them.

Avayah & Mya

We enjoyed developing a design and then making it. We liked how they had human characteristics.

Kodi & Tatum

Our favourite thing was learning about and using the different tools to create our study buddy.



7/8/9/10 ENTERPRISE EXCURSION

Coorong District Council (Refugee Art Exhibition) / Taillem Bend Community Centre & Transport Hub/ Old Taillem Town/ Murray Bridge Regional Gallery



Doug

I really enjoyed seeing my artwork alongside other students in South Australia in the display.

Isaac & Eugene

We enjoyed seeing the talking tree called Pinar and we liked seeing the exhibitions at the Murray Bridge Art Gallery.



Levi & Samzon

We enjoyed seeing the talking tree at the Taillem Bend Community Centre Hub, it felt nice. And we enjoyed the art exhibitions at the art gallery, especially the rock sculptures.

Krystal & Khaliyaa

We enjoyed visiting Old Taillem Town and seeing the old village of buildings. We also learnt about how they market their business.



Mya & Avayah

We went to Old Taillem Town and learnt about how it was built and how they marketed the business. Our favourite part of the day was running around Old Taillem Town and looking at all the old buildings.

Tiah & Charlie

We enjoyed visiting the Murray Bridge Art Gallery and viewing the exhibitions. It was great looking for inspiration through viewing other people's artworks



Ngarrindjeri Language

The Ngarrindjeri language students are building vocabulary and are creating Ngarrindjeri language resources.

Students are strengthening their language knowledge and skills and are further developing their skills with reading, writing and speaking in Ngarrindjeri.

Students have created and delivered presentations and are learning how to translate texts and use the Ngarrindjeri language dictionary.



WORKING BEE

On Sunday 22 March, Meningie Area School's Governing Council hosted a productive working bee focused on improving the tree line along the Princes Highway side of the oval.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered their time and effort on the day. It was fantastic to see such teamwork, with volunteers taking on a range of tasks. Some operated whipper snippers and chainsaws—both standard and handheld—to trim back the trees, while others followed behind pruning excess branches. Another group worked diligently to rake and shovel mulch, ensuring the area was cleared and tidy.

Partway through the morning, Keiron brought in the tractor from the Ag Block, which greatly sped up the process of moving mulch and debris. Teams worked efficiently on both sides of the tree line, trimming approximately one metre back to create a neater and more manageable space.

As you may have noticed, a significant amount of debris and excess vegetation was removed during the working bee. These materials are currently piled along the oval and footpath and will soon be processed through a mulcher and spread around the remaining trees.

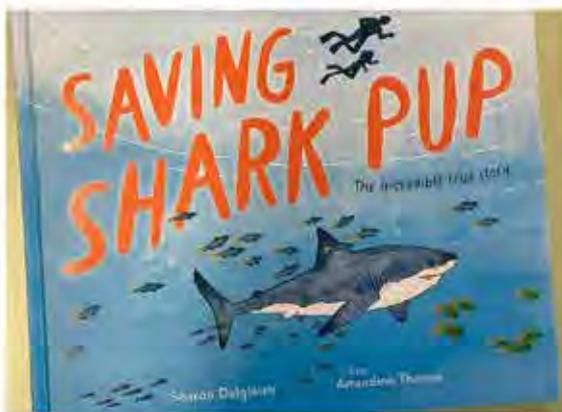
Looking ahead, Brian Lund is currently propagating new trees, which are planned for planting in winter. Once they are ready, the Governing Council will organise another working bee to support this next stage of improvement. We hope to see an even bigger turnout next time—after all, many hands make light work!



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
 March 2026 Book of the Month
 The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion
 April 2026 Book of the Month
 Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty



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



SUPER MARIO PARTY TOURNAMENT
MENINGIE SCHOOL LIBRARY

YEARS 4-7 WEEK 7 YEARS 8-12 WEEK 8 YEARS R-3 WEEK 9

WEEK 10 CHAMPIONS MATCH
(INVITE ONLY - SPECTATORS ALLOWED)
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME 12:45
LIMITED TO 12 PLAYERS PER SESSION



MENINGIE SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY PRESENTS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

FREE

UNDER 12S 10AM 12+ 2PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 08 8575 1681
PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED

GAMEDAY THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

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.

WAYS TO PLAY

RIVER MURRAY FL
IN 2026




COORONG CATS FC



AUSKICK



U7 - U17
CLUB FOOTBALL



2 | WORLD
AUTISM
AWARENESS
DAY
APRIL

PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE

FREE SESSIONS

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

TERM 2 2026
27 APRIL - 3 JULY

<p>Tuesday's 9:30am MANNUM</p> <p>Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room Intergenerational Aminya Village 28th April 10am</p>	<p>Wednesday's 11am MENINGIE</p> <p>Meningie Kindergarten Intergenerational Jelajah House 13th May 10AM</p>	<p>Thursday's 9.30am TAILEM BEND</p> <p>Tallem Bend Primary School Community Library Intergenerational Tallem Bend Hospital 4th June 9.30am</p>
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Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

CAFHS NURSE VISIT
Include: Weights - Measurements - Infrared eye exams - Entries into blue book

Mannum 16 th June	Meningie 17 th June	Tallem Bend 28 th May
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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
Communities for Children Team
Tallem Bend Community Centre
141 Railway Tce Tallem Bend
P: 8572 3513 E: cfadmin@tbbc.org.au W: www.tbbc.org.au



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



THE MENINGIE AUXILIARY,
FRIENDS OF THE ADELAIDE
WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL PRESENTS THE

Little Stars GALA

MAY 30 AT 2:00PM
2026

SUNDAY | **30** | **AT 2:00PM**

Meningie Football Clubrooms
Theme: May Day in the garden

All children 0-12 years old are invited to join in on the fun. Dress in your best and walk in the parade. Children can also take part in a talent show. For an application form please email
Tamika:
Tamika.williams357@schools.sa.edu.au

Set for Success Program

Is your child finding it hard to focus, follow instructions or engage in learning?

We are here to help! Our 8-session program is designed to help children build the skills they need to feel more confident, capable and settled in the classroom.

What We Focus On:

Your child will work 1:1 with one of our Paediatric Allied Health Professional to develop their:

- Emotional regulation and coping skills
- Attention and ability to follow classroom instructions
- Social communication and age-appropriate play skills
- Language and phonetics
- Fine motor skills for writing, drawing and play tasks
- Self-care skills to promote independence

How it Works:

You share your child's needs and goals → We design a tailored 8-session plan → Your child receives support with one or more of our therapists.

Our Team includes:

- Psychologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Pathologists
- Behaviour Support Practitioners

Program Snapshot:

- 1-2 sessions per week
- At school, in clinic, at home or virtual

WHERE SCHOOL SUCCESS BEGINS



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Is your child heading to
Primary School in 2027?

Could an **extra \$500** help with their education costs?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 68,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

The Smith Family
is delivering Saver Plus

To support families at

All SA Schools

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What is Saver Plus?

A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

*Being in the top 10% of Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form with a Savings Coach, we'll reach out to you.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the Box.

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

FREE EVENT

WILBUR'S WILDLIFE

Wilbur's Wildlife brings the magic of native Aussie animals right to your doorstep, providing unforgettable encounters with our furry, feathered, and scaly friends.

Bowhill Community Centre
88 Weber Rd, Bowhill
Wednesday 15th April 2026
11am-12pm

Children must be accompanied
by an adult at all times

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
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88 Railway Twp Tullaghan Road
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