

Meningie Area School News



Friday 5th June 2026

Staffing announcement

We are very happy to announce that we have appointed a Secondary Assistant Principal starting in Term 3. We will welcome Jacqui Street to Meningie, Jacqui has broad experience. She began teaching at Investigator College Victor Harbor. She then spent several years in international education in the Philippines. More recently she has worked in regional Queensland as in senior secondary and student pathways. It will be great for our secondary students to have a leader again. Thank you to Katrina Hood who helped out at the beginning of the year and Caitlin Reick and Denice Mason who have provided great support to the secondary students.

Earlier this term we ran out Student Led Conferences for the second time. Thank you to families, staff and students who provided feedback:

	Parents/Families	Students	Staff
2026	3.65	3.79	4.11
2025	3.65	3.54	3.71

Diary Dates

**TERM 2
JUNE**

Mon 8 th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 10 th & Thurs 11 th	RAA Street Smart
Thurs 11 th	SRC Crazy Dress Up Day – Fundraising Sausage Sizzle & Bake
Mon 15 th	STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 22 – Wed 24	Year 10/11 Camp
Tues 30 th	NAIDOC Week Assembly

JULY

Thurs 2 nd	Secondary Mixed Netball @ Murray Bridge
Fri 3 rd	Last Day of Term 2 Early Dismissal – 2.05pm Buses Depart 2.10pm

Schedule	Full day	Afternoons
Parents/Families	61%	39%
Students	66%	34%
Staff	78%	22%

Comments from parents/families:

- § Found it very confronting going in and facing 3 teachers at once. My child did not want to participate at first as they found it a bit intimidating. It took them a little while to open up, so we did go over time.
- § Some parents can't get to interviews during the day, and the kids are missing out on a whole day of learning with it being structured how it has been this year. I feel learning is more important.
- § Kudos to the teacher for their support of the children. The environment was well coordinated and prepared for strong communication. So clear about their learning expectations and what they have achieved. They presented so confidently and professionally with a lot of pride in their work. The combination of class display and conference gave us a lot of insight. A great initiative.
- § I feel like the conference was not worth losing a day of school for. I was with my child's teacher for about 5 minutes. My child didn't talk, and I feel like it would be good to hear from teachers how our child could improve or what our child is good at.
- § I didn't mind the full day of student lead conferences but I'm mindful of working parents who find it hard to have kids home for a day.
- § We are both happy with the student conference.



- § Didn't find very productive as just showing work they've done, I was hoping to see where they are at in their learning and if they are where they need to be.
- § Overall, like how the conferences went but disappointing to not our teacher for two students had questions understand couldn't be helped but had a teacher who was unable to help.
- § I think that the student led conference did not suit my child, nor was appropriate for their age. The session was led by the teacher as my child did not remain focused. My child also needed prompting on what to talk about. It also seemed excessive to have the child only attend school for their conference for the day and have the rest of the day off. I think this is a good idea for older students though, who are able to concentrate and have a better memory.
- § Question 4 I answered yes, but this was from chatting with other families rather than getting clarity from the school. Question 6 was hard to answer because I felt like my child didn't understand the process either and couldn't chat about their work samples very well, although this could just be due to their confidence level. Overall, I like the idea, and I can see the benefit to my child, but I will most likely need to make a time with the class teacher to discuss more.
- § Excellent format and structure. It was clear the teacher and students had worked hard on their preparation and knew all of the content. It was a great opportunity for the student to present their work and their classroom and feel very proud of their understanding and achievement. As parents it was amazing to also have the learning environment explained and to see the student's appreciation for the vision and work of the teacher. A much less stressed scenario for the teacher having a day dedicated to engaging with parents and their students, and for the student coming to school for this special presentation. Far more effective that catching both at the end of a busy teaching/learning day.

Given the feedback we will stay with the full day schedule. We do appreciate this may be difficult for some parents to attend due to work, but the appointments did go up to 6pm. It was good to see from the feedback that parents understand they can book in at any time to discuss student progress. From this feedback, staff need to work at ways of helping students understand where their data and work samples are against year level Learning Standards and at SACE the Performance Standards.

Great collaboration

Governing Council have teamed up with NLPAC-WOC group to continue the tree planting on the oval. Ann and Brian Lund developed a plan for suitable trees/shrubs to provide shade and wind protection for our students. Governing Council held a working bee in March to tidy up the area, Ann sourced mulch for free from the company pruning roadside vegetation and NLPAC-WOC prepared and planted trees with students on National Tree Planting day. Thank you to all involved for beautifying and providing wind/sun protection for our students in the coming years.



Semester and reporting timelines:

Primary classes will continue as normal for the rest of the term. There will be some subject/teacher changes for Semester 2 and classes may move on the timetable.

Primary:

R-3 classes – Science/Technology will change to HASS/Arts

Secondary:

Semester 1 ends 19/6 (end of week 8)

Week 9 will be an alternative timetable with a focus on careers and pathways.

Year 10/11 will attend a career focused camp to Adelaide Monday 22/6 – Wednesday 26/6

The United Nations Youth will present workshops to all secondary students

Thursday 27/6

There will be a series of workshops, Enterprise sessions, Show Team sessions throughout the week. A program will be sent to families when it is finalized.

Semester 2 starts 29/6 (start of week 10)

Semester 1 reports will be emailed home by Monday 29/6/26. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please request through the front office.

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 can 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.

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Limestone Coast Technical College is holding an **Open Night on Wednesday 17 June 2026**, and all interested students and families are invited. Explore the college's state-of-the-art facilities, meet the leadership team, and connect with employer partners to learn about apprenticeships and career opportunities.

Learn about part-time industry training for students in years 10 to 12 in:

- Agri-tech (for careers in forestry, agriculture, horticulture and more)
- Early Childhood and Education
- Health and Social Support
- Multi-trades (for careers as plumbers, builders, electricians).

Homework Club
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
3:05pm - 4pm
At the library

- Homework support across all subjects
- Help with completing and understanding assignments
- One-on-one tutoring in specific subject areas
- Preparation for tests
- General support with school-related tasks

Available to students years 5-12

Homework Club is supported by SSO, Kelle Martin. You will need consent from your parent or guardian to attend. For more information please see the front office.

Book your place at [Limestone Coast Technical College Open Night](#)



Reconciliation Week



At Meningie Area School, we acknowledge and celebrate National Reconciliation Week, recognising the importance of building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider Australian community. This week provided an opportunity for all students and staff to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to reflect on how each of us can contribute to ongoing reconciliation efforts. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment, upholding the values of respect, unity, and understanding within our school community.



Year 4 English - Why Reconciliation is Important in 2026

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I think reconciliation week is important to help the stolen kids find their families. The government can use their cars to help the kids to find their families. This is how to help the stolen kids find their families.

I think reconciliation week is important to create healing in Australia. We can share our culture with people. I'm going to play the Didgeridoo to the people at Jallarah and for some of my elders too. My Nanna lives at Jallarah. She likes it when I play the Didgeridoo. Auntie Fay says we all have the same kind of blood, so we should look after each other. This is how to create healing in Australia.

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By Alex

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Firstly, Reconciliation is important in 2026 because we need to show that we are sorry that the government took aboriginal kids. Like how would you feel if some strangers found you and took you away from your parents? So we need to show that we are sorry that the government took Aboriginal kids off their families.

Secondly, reconciliation is important in 2026 because we should definitely reflect on the pain that the government caused. Wouldn't you be sad if your kids got taken away and no one CARES!? So we should definitely reflect on the pain that the government caused.

Finally, reconciliation is important in 2026 because we should show that we respect Aboriginal people and their culture. We need to be fair to Aboriginal people. How would you feel if you just got bullied? So, that is why we should show that we respect Aboriginal people.

In Conclusion, see why reconciliation is important in 2026? We need to show that we are sorry that the government took Aboriginal kids from their families, we need to reflect on what the pain that the government caused and we should show that we respect Aboriginal people. So this is why Reconciliation is important in 2026.

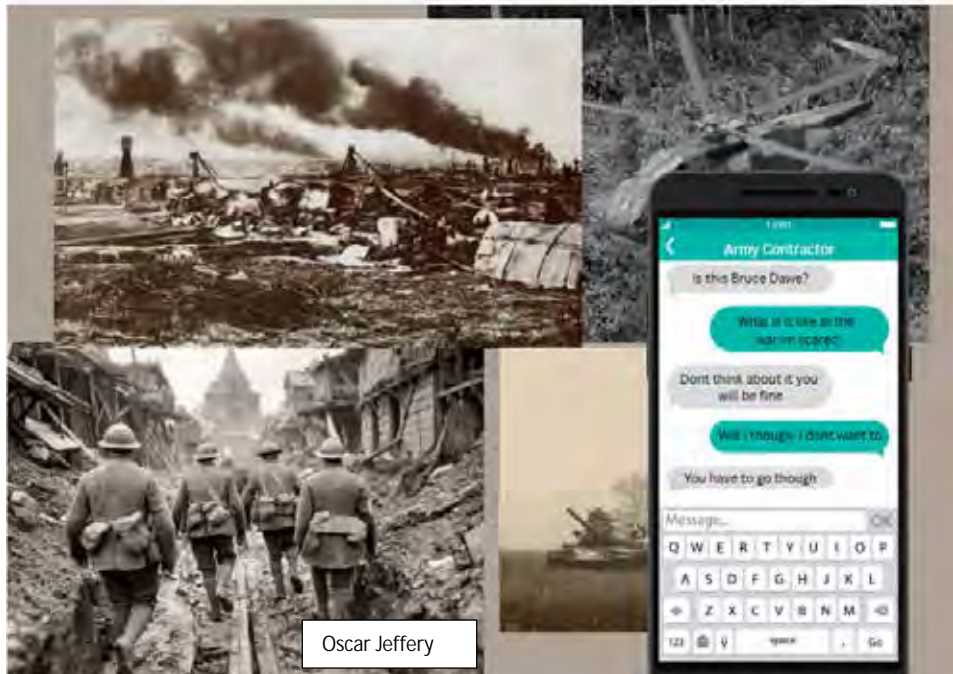
By McKenzie



Year 9/10 English

Voices of War

The Year 9/10 English class have been looking at a range texts and images portraying war. Students read the poem "Homecoming" by Bruce Dawe, wrote about the poem and produced a poster reflecting the poem.



Homecoming – Bruce Dawe

War is a common topic in poetry.

Poets write about war because there are many different experiences of war.

Poets use language to evoke emotions and give a perspective on war.

Bruce Dawe is an Australian poet; he died in 2020. He has written many poems about war and social issues in Australia. One poem he wrote is called 'Homecoming'. It is about the Vietnam war and the young Australian who fought and died.

Techniques Bruce uses are repetition and imagery. He repeats 'they' and 'them' so the readers to understand that there are lots of dead soldiers.

The images that are repeated are about soldiers that have died, bringing the soldiers into processed, tagging them zipping them in the green plastic bags to be sent home to their families. Which makes you think of those images about the bodies, as you are reading.

This poem uses themes about bringing 'them' home. Homecoming normally is a celebration and about happiness but this time it is talking about grief and bringing home the soldiers to their hometowns.

Poets use language to changes people's emotions and give a certain perspective on war.

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The tone of this poem is heavy, aggressive and sombre.

Carter Cunneen





Backflips For Bullying



We were excited to welcome Backflips for Bullying to Meningie Area School! 🦋

This week, our primary and secondary students enjoyed separate performances focused on raising awareness about bullying and building a more positive school community.

Through acrobatics and engaging storytelling, students learnt about the impact of bullying and how we can all help make our school a safe and supportive place for everyone.

Let's stand together and make bullying a thing of the past!



#BackflipsForBullying

#MeningieAreaSchool

#Respect

#Inclusion #StopBullying



SAPSASA SPORT

Football

On the 25 to 27 of May, we Flynn O, Louie and Ollie went to SAPSASA Football at West Beach in Adelaide. We played 9 games over the 3 days and won 4 games. Against Whyalla, we only lost by 1 point.

We played in lots of different positions, Louie and Ollie kicked 0 goals and Flynn kicked a couple. Overall, it was fun with the other kids and we encourage other kids to try out for it in the future.



Cross Country

On Thursday 4th June Flynn & Doug competed in the Cross Country Running at Oakbank. The Cross Country event is open to students from Year 4 aged 10 years old through to Year 12.

Flynn competed in the Under 12 Boys running 3000m in 16m11s.

Doug competed in the Under 13 Boys running 3000m in 14m13s.

Well done to both boys for having a crack in cold wintery conditions.

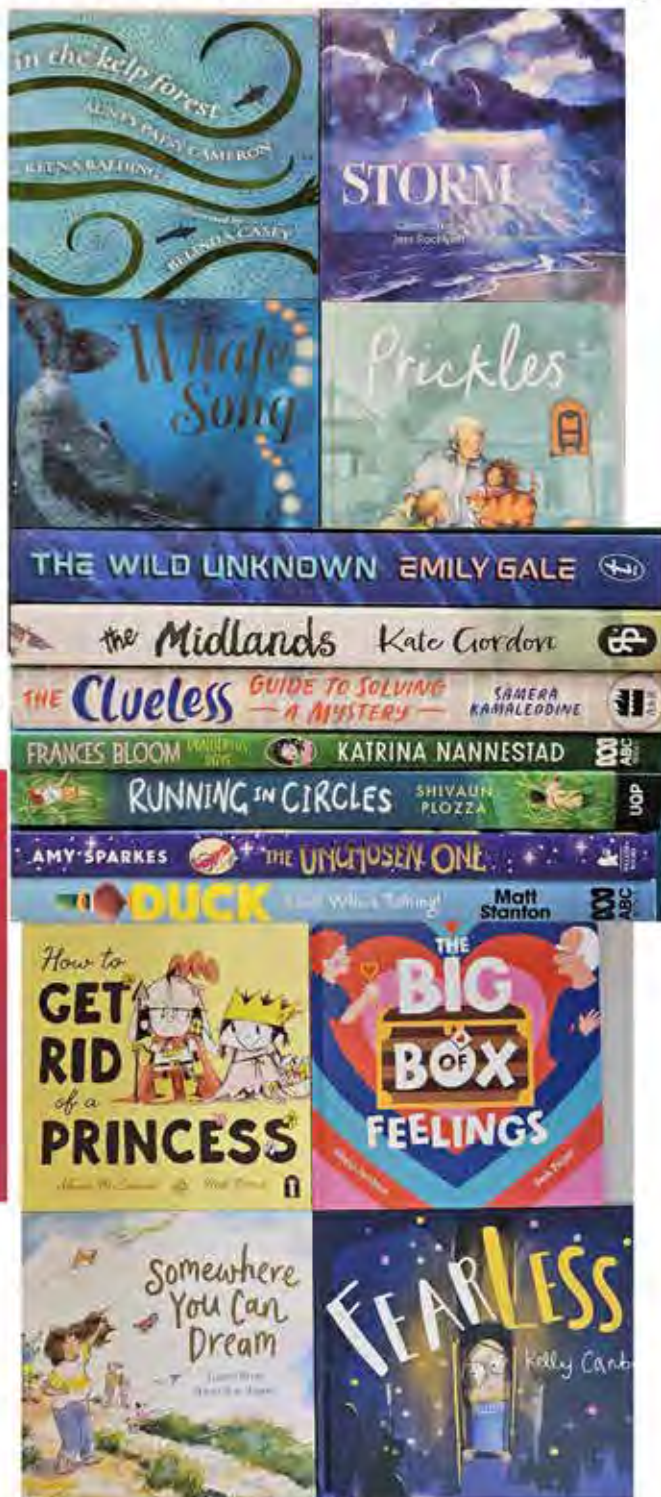


Meningie School Community Library

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
 May 2026 Book of the Month
 All That I Am by Anna Funder

June 2026 Book of the Month
 Heart of the Grass Tree by Molly Murn



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

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Meningie Area School

SRC presents

A fundraiser for The Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital (Meningie Auxiliary).

Thursday Week 7 11/6/26

BBQ Lunch & Bake Sale

sausage in bread \$2
baked goods \$2



Crazy Casual Day - Gold Coin Donation

Prizes to be won!

Categories:

- Crazy hair
- Crazy shoes
- Best overall



PRE ORDER FORM

Get your own little personalised banner



NAME (PRINT)	LETTERS FOR BANNER	COLOR PREFERENCES
eg. Caitlin	7 letters	Rainbow colours and patterns
	Total Letters	Cost
		\$.

PRICES

Each letter - \$2 (incl GST)

Minimum 4 letters (e.g. name) in the Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital

LAST CALL OUT FOR ORDERS PLEASE EMAIL Ruby.Cunneen518@schools.sa.edu.au FOR ORDERS OR VISIT THE MENINGIE AREA SCHOOLS FRONT OFFICE FOR ORDER FORMS. ORDERS END SUNDAY THE 7TH OF JUNE.

MEET AUTHOR:
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FOR BOOK SIGNING AND PURCHASES

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026
10.30 ~ 12 NOON



► **THE CHAMBERS**
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MENINGIE

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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

Tuesday's 9:30am MANNUM Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room Intergenerational Activity Village 26 th April 10am	Wednesday's 11am MENINGIE Meningie Kindergarten Intergenerational Jallaraa House 28 th May 10am	Thursday's 9:30am TAILEM BEND Tailem Bend Primary School Community Library Intergenerational Tailem Bend Hospital 4 th June 9:30am
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Intergenerational sessions ~ insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

CAFES NURSE VISIT
Include: Weights - Measurements - Informa Discussions - Information like book

Mannum 16 th June	Meningie 17 th June	Tailem Bend 26 th June
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For children aged 0-5yrs and their parents/carers
Bookings are essential
Scan QR code or go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHCYD>

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