

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

It is great to be heading into holidays. Staff have been extremely busy finalising data, reports and starting a new semester so are looking forward to a well-earned break.

Week 9 was an alternative program for the secondary students after finishing semester 1. The focus was on pathways and students undertook activities learning about themselves and exploring pathways. Thank you to the secondary team for planning and running the week and I congratulate students on their great engagement in the programs.

You should have received your child(ren)'s semester 1 report by email. If you have not received it, please contact the front office. Students often view a "C satisfactory" grade as not good enough. It is worth noting that a "C" grade means that a student is achieving at the expected level for that year level against the South Australian Curriculum Learning standard (closely aligned to the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard) or the SACE Performance Standard. Working at the "B" and "A" level is exceeding this. Some students are not at the standard yet but are working towards it. What is important is that students are progressing. If you have any questions about your child(ren)'s report, please contact the subject teacher for a conversation or meeting.

I am pleased to announce that we will start Term 3 fully staffed. We will welcome Jacqui Street as the Secondary Assistant Principal and Anthony Prizzi as the primary NIT teacher. You can read about them both in this newsletter. We will welcome back Alice and Kate Morris will join use for some secondary English.

We are also preparing for the start of the build. The grounds staff have been busy emptying the grounds shed and Governing Council will dismantle it to be re-used elsewhere. Fortunately, aside from having to move the grounds staff there will be little interruption to students and staff.

## Diary Dates

### TERM 2 JUNE

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> NAIDOC Week Assembly

### JULY

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Secondary Mixed Netball @ Murray Bridge

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of Term 2  
Early Dismissal – 2.05pm  
Buses Depart 2.10pm

### TERM 3 JULY

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> RMD Girls Knockout Football

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> RMD Boys Knockout Football

### AUGUST

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Aboriginal STEM

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Conference

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Enterprise Expo



Governing Council have also been looking at smartening up the entrance to the hall. This includes painting of the entrance, looking at some lighting and a “regulation wall” for the Pinyali students to use. Thank you Cordelia and Anne for looking at options and using AI to produce samples of what it could look like. The school will also look at improving inside the foyer for displays and improved lighting to make it more welcoming.

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I would like to wish all our students and families a relaxing break to recharge for the second semester. Next term we look forward to seeing our community at our annual Enterprise Expo (Wednesday 12/8/26). Later in the term we will have 23 students showing our steers, sheep and goats. We have a school closure on Wednesday 9/9/26 and we would love to see students come and support our teams. Happy holidays.

## New staff welcome and introductions

### Jacqui Street, Assistant Principal Secondary (starting Term 3)

Hello Meningie Area School community,

As I prepare to make the move to Meningie, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself. Having spent much of my career working in regional and rural schools, I am excited to be joining a community-focused school and contributing to the opportunities available to young people in the region.

My journey into education took a slightly unexpected path. Before entering the profession, I worked as a zoologist in Australia and overseas, including several years in Costa Rica on an endangered bird conservation project. It was through working with schools and communities there that I discovered a passion for education and decided to pursue a career in teaching.

Since then, I have worked in a range of teaching and leadership roles, primarily in regional and rural schools. I have also had opportunities to teach and mentor in schools overseas, and those experiences have shown me the value of exposing students to different perspectives, opportunities and ways of thinking.

Most recently, I worked in Queensland as Director of Senior Secondary Studies, leading curriculum, student pathways and teaching and learning initiatives across the secondary school. Throughout my career, the most rewarding aspect of education has been supporting young people as they grow in confidence, discover their strengths and pursue their goals.

My husband and I, along with our dog Ziggy, are looking forward to making Meningie our home and becoming part of the local community. I am excited to get to know the students, staff and families who make Meningie Area School such a special place and to contribute to the school's future.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months.



## Anthony Prizzi, Health & Physical Education Teacher (Semester 2)

Hello everyone,

My name is Anthony Prizzi, and I am excited to be joining Meningie Area School as a HPE teacher.

I have previously taught at Coober Pedy Area School, where I taught a mix of PE, Science, Art and SACE. I enjoy teaching Physical Education because it is a good way to stay fit and be active.

Outside of school, I enjoy cooking and fishing.

One interesting fact about me is I was living in an underground house when I lived in Coober Pedy. It was cool in Summer and warm in Winter. My bedroom didn't have a window, it was like living in a cave.

I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff, families and wider Meningie community. I am excited to be part of the learning journey at Meningie Area School.

I look forward to meeting everyone throughout the term.



## Kate Morris *Bag Sc, Grad Dip Ed, MHist, MEdTL*. – Yr 7 – 10 English (Semester 2)

Hello! My name is Kate, and I will be teaching secondary English this semester at Meningie Area School. I grew up on a property near Tintinara and I continue to live in the town today. My studies and work history are wide-ranging, having spent the first ten years of my career in the agricultural industry. My roles included landcare officer, soil survey, irrigation agronomist and saltland agronomist. Since then, I have worked in the education system in a wide variety of part-time, relief teaching and contract roles for both primary and secondary. Most recently I spent three years at Keith Area School as the teacher librarian and library manager before spending a further two and a half years as a teacher of English and HASS at Tintinara Area School. In the last two years, I returned to the agricultural industry, working firstly for the Limestone Coast Landscape Board as a Soil Extension Officer for 12 months, followed by a Project Officer role for Mackillop Farm Management Group for the last 12 months. I am looking forward to my return to education at Meningie this semester.

## Congratulations Miss Edwards!

Bree attended the celebration for the latest South Australian teachers recognised for Highly Accomplished Teacher and Lead Teacher. Bree completed her Highly Accomplished Teacher last year, the recognition is national through the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership. Congratulations Bree.

Photograph: Teacher Registration Board.



## Careers Camp 2026: Exploring Opportunities and Pathways

During the week commencing Monday 22nd June, a group of Meningie Area School students participated in a comprehensive careers camp, engaging in a series of eye-opening tours across several South Australian venues. The camp provided students with meaningful insights into diverse industries, expanding their awareness of potential future careers.



### Bend Motorsport Park

The first destination was the Bend Motorsport Park, an impressive sporting venue renowned for its vibrant motorsport activities. Led by Martein, a knowledgeable staff member, students delved into the numerous career possibilities associated with the motorsport industry. Martein highlighted the importance of teamwork, safety protocols, and necessary qualifications required for roles ranging from event management, engineering, hospitality, and more. The visit underscored that a passion for motorsport can translate into a rewarding career, with a variety of pathways to consider.

### Kanmantoo Mine

The next stop was Kanmantoo Mine, operated by Hillgrove Resources. This educational and informative tour provided an overview of mining operations, environmental management, and emerging technologies within the industry. Staff explained the roles available within mining, such as geology, environmental science, and trade-based careers. Students were particularly interested in learning how mining companies are striving to minimise their environmental footprint and the vital role that science and technology play in the industry's future.



### University Tours: Adelaide and Flinders

On Tuesday, 23rd June, Year 10 and 11 students took advantage of guided tours at both Adelaide University and Flinders University. These visits introduced students to an array of courses and support services designed to help university students thrive. Students participated in discussions about university life, entry requirements, and the transition from high school to tertiary education. Experiencing both campuses firsthand was invaluable in shaping students' perspectives about their future study and career options.



Adelaide Uni OPEN DAY Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9am – 4pm [Open Day | Adelaide University](#)

Flinders Uni OPEN DAYS 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 14-15 August [Flinders Open Days 2026 - Flinders University](#)

Wednesday, 24th June, saw students touring Regency TAFE, where they explored the hospitality and automotive facilities and gained an understanding of the various courses available. The hands-on tour offered a glimpse behind the scenes of learning spaces and kitchens, providing context for vocational training and real-world skills development.

After a brief recess, the group headed to Monarto Zoo. The tour guide spoke about the variety of career opportunities at the zoo, from animal care and conservation to education and facility management. Students observed animals such as meerkats, chimpanzees, and elephants, reinforcing their appreciation for the work conducted by zoo staff and the diversity of roles required.

Lunch was enjoyed in the shelter before the group journeyed back home, concluding an engaging and informative week.



This careers camp has helped students appreciate the breadth of opportunities available in South Australia and encouraged them to consider diverse pathways. From motorsport and mining to tertiary study and vocational training, students gained valuable knowledge to inform their future decisions.



Universal three-year-old preschool will be offered at **Meningie Preschool** from 2027. Registrations of interest are now open for 2027. Please contact the Meningie Preschool on 85751290 to seek more information or follow the links on the flyer above and register your interest.

**How to register**

- 1. Find your local preschool**  
You can use the tool on the department's website to find your local preschool. This will tell you when universal 3-year-old preschool will be available there.
- 2. Complete a preschool registration of interest form**  
You can apply online on the department's website or get a registration of interest form from your local preschool.
- 3. Wait for further details**  
If you meet eligibility requirements and your preschool can offer your child a place, you will receive an enrolment offer via email or letter from the preschool. If a place is not currently available, further information will be provided.
- 4. Starting preschool**  
Once you have accepted your offer, your preschool will provide advice on when your child can start after their third birthday.

To apply online or for more information visit [education.sa.gov.au/preschool-for-3-year-olds](http://education.sa.gov.au/preschool-for-3-year-olds)

**Flying Start for kids** Government of South Australia

## CRAZY CASUAL DAY

On Thursday week 7 Term 2, SRC held a 'Crazy Casual Day'. Prizes were given for best crazy hair/shoes/outfit.

Winners: Samira B, Bryson H & Ella H

Runners up: Zahara N, Jayden S, Weston G, Alahni L

Honourable mentions: Aiden L, Charlotte S, Amelia D, Ava G, Isla M, Nora C, Alex L, Mckenzie J, Ruby C, Lucy R, Avayah L, Doug G, Mia S, Scarlett J.

We cooked a BBQ and bake sale for lunch. The chocolate chip cookies were a hit! **We raised a total of \$440** for the Friends of the Women's & Children's Hospital (Meningie Auxiliary).



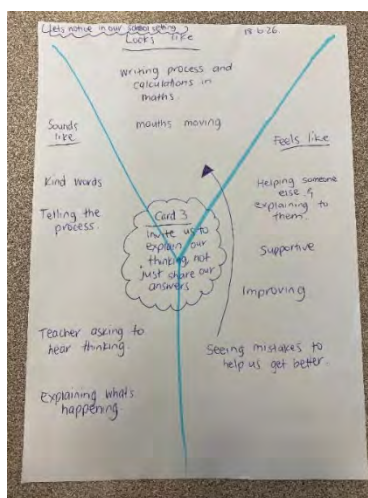
## STUDENT LEADERSHIP COORONG & MALLEE PARTNERSHIP SRC

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, three SRC members Flynn, Doug & Charlie went to Coomandook with Mrs Gibbs for our first Coorong & Mallee partnership SRC meeting. We were there with

Lameroo, Karoonda, Tintinara and Coomandook Area Schools. We discussed how our schools can intertwine and work together. We shared highlights of our school learning and events. It was great to see what other schools are doing and come up with possible ideas for collaboration. We are excited to work with the Coorong Mallee SRC in the future. Our next meeting will be early term 3 where we will plan our first partnership event.

## CE NETWORK MEETING

On Thursday Week 8 Term 2, Annie, McKenzie, Xzayliah, Campbell and Lincoln met with Mrs Gibbs to join the CE (Chief Executive) Network meeting on teams. This is the second meeting we have attended. We were with 5 other schools. We talked about learning mode and performance mode. We discussed the learning mode card number 3 "invite us to explain our thinking, not just share our answers" Have a look at the picture of our Y Chart to see what we thought it looks/sounds/feels like. We now have to develop an action research headline to be our focus for the remainder of the year. We will continue to work on this and hopefully finalise it by the end of the term.



## NEW DRINK STATION INSTALLED

The water station on the basketball court has been replaced.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> new water station to be installed across the school where students can refill their drink bottles.

We encourage all students to bring their own waterbottle to school to refill.



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY Skills Workshop

- Cooking
- Boxing fitness
- Art/construction

**Three part skills workshop**

- 1 hour cooking (entree, main or dessert)
- 1 hour boxing fitness and games session
- 1 hour art/construction

Three course meal at the end of the three sessions.

16 July 2026  
9.30 am to 2.30 pm  
Edward Square Building  
2 South Terrace, Murray Bridge

\$15.00 per person.  
Ages 10 to 17 years  
For further enquiries,  
please contact: 8535 6345

Register via the Blue Light SA website: [www.bluelightsa.org](http://www.bluelightsa.org)



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South Australia



## Meet The Author

A Cuppa, A Chat & A Chapter  
with author & mental wellbeing advocate

*Suzi Evans*



Join us for a relaxed **FREE** community session featuring author of Grief, Suzi Evans, as she shares her personal journey through loss, resilience and healing in rural Australia.

### Each session includes:

- Author conversation & audience Q&A
- "Workbench for the Mind" wellbeing taster session
- Complimentary tea, coffee & refreshments
- FREE copy of the book 'Grief' & book signing, photo opportunity

**24 July 2026**  
**Meningie Library**  
9:30am - 12:00pm

Registrations  
Essential  
Tickets are limited



**DROUGHT  
RESPONSE**



For more details or to RSVP  
Scan QR CODE  
OR Phone:  
0481 789 174

This is a Connecting Communities event sponsored by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions through the Family and Business Support Program as part of the \$97 million Drought Support Package.

Libraries SA July 1 - 31  
**Firstival**

## Drawing Workshop with Dave Atze

Join us for one of our workshops with children's illustrator Dave Atze.

**Meningie Library**  
**Wed, 8 July at 10am**

Book your spot: with the Meningie Library on 8575 1681





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## Get up to \$500 for education costs

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)  
1300 610 355



FREE EVENT

MOVE, PLAY, GROW

## LITTLE LEAPERS



Building Strong Bodies & Confident Little Learners

A fun and engaging free 10-week guided sensory play and movement program for children aged 0-5 years

**COMMENCING SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 8:30AM - 9:30AM**

Murray Bridge South Primary School Gymnasium  
Enter from Jarvis Ave, Murray Bridge

### What to Expect?

- Running, Jumping & Balancing
- Ball Skills & Coordination
- Teamwork & Cooperative Play
- Confidence-building Activities
- Fun, Inclusive Environment

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**  
**Parent participation is essential**



**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLVXR>

For Further Information Contact Tailen Bend Community Centre  
P: 8572 3513 E: [c4cadmin@tbcc.org.au](mailto:c4cadmin@tbcc.org.au)

Supported by the Variety Brats Bash



## JULY 36ERS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

### 1-DAY CLINIC

Tues 7th July  
St Clair Recreation Centre  
9:00am - 3:00pm

### 2-DAY CLINIC

Tues 14th & Wed 15th July  
State Basketball Centre, Wayville  
9:00am - 3:00pm

## ADELAIDE 36ERS HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP

### FRIDAY, 17TH JULY

The Lights Community & Sports Centre

**MORNING CAMP** | 9:00am - 12:00pm  
**AFTERNOON CAMP** | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**REGISTER HERE**

HomeStart



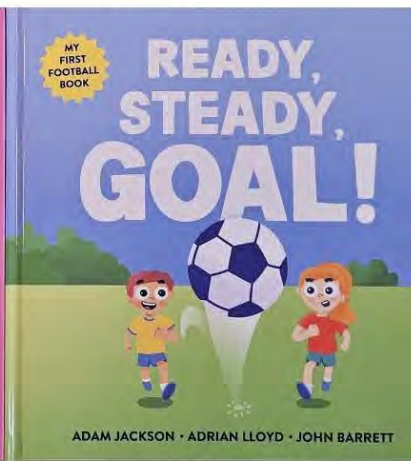
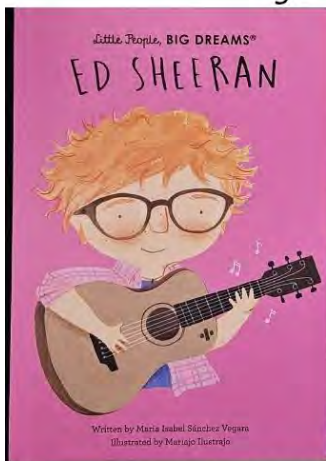
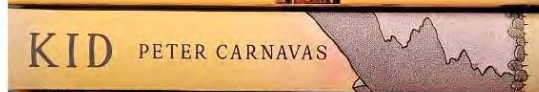
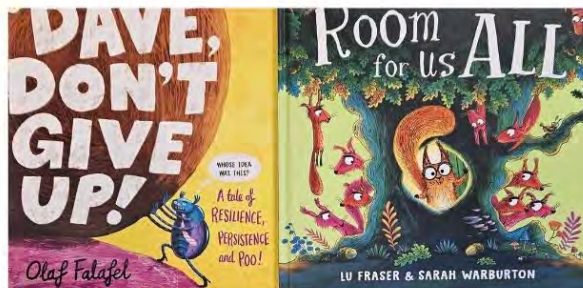
# Meningie School Community Library

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

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Book Discussion Group held on the  
 2nd Wednesday Monthly 2pm  
 June 2026 Book of the Month  
 Heart of the Grass Tree by Molly Murn

July 2026 Book of the Month  
 One Hundred Years of Betty  
 by Debra Oswald



## 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](mailto:meningie.library@gmail.com)

PH: 85751681

# UPCOMING

MENINGIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



2026

# Firstival

Try something new

**JUL 2**



## A YEAR ON THE COORONG

**CANCELLED**  
Local author Pamela Gitten will share memories and images from her new book of life on The Coorong from her 5pm to 6pm

**JUL 9**



## BIRTHDAY & BEANIES

A Beanie Display to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday of our weekly Knit & Yarn group. Beginners welcome 3pm - 4pm

**JUL 8**



## DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH DAVE ATZE

Learn tips and tricks to create colourful, quirky characters & hilarious creatures. For children 8+ Parental supervision is required 10 - 11am



**JUL 16**



## SAVOURIES & SWEETS USING AN AIR-FRYER

Make tasty snacks, quick to prepare and bake in an air-fryer 4pm - 5pm

**FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 85751681 or email [meningie.library@gmail.com](mailto:meningie.library@gmail.com)**





Meningie Area School



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2026

# ENTERPRISE EXPO

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August  
11am Open - 2pm Close  
Market stalls, student presentations  
and show parade!

EFTPOS  
AVAILABLE!

HAPPY  
DAISE  
COFFEE  
VAN

BBQ Lunch, Cold/Hot Drinks,  
Market stalls from  
Reception to Year 10 and  
Interactive activities for all!

COORONG  
WILD  
SEAFOOD



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