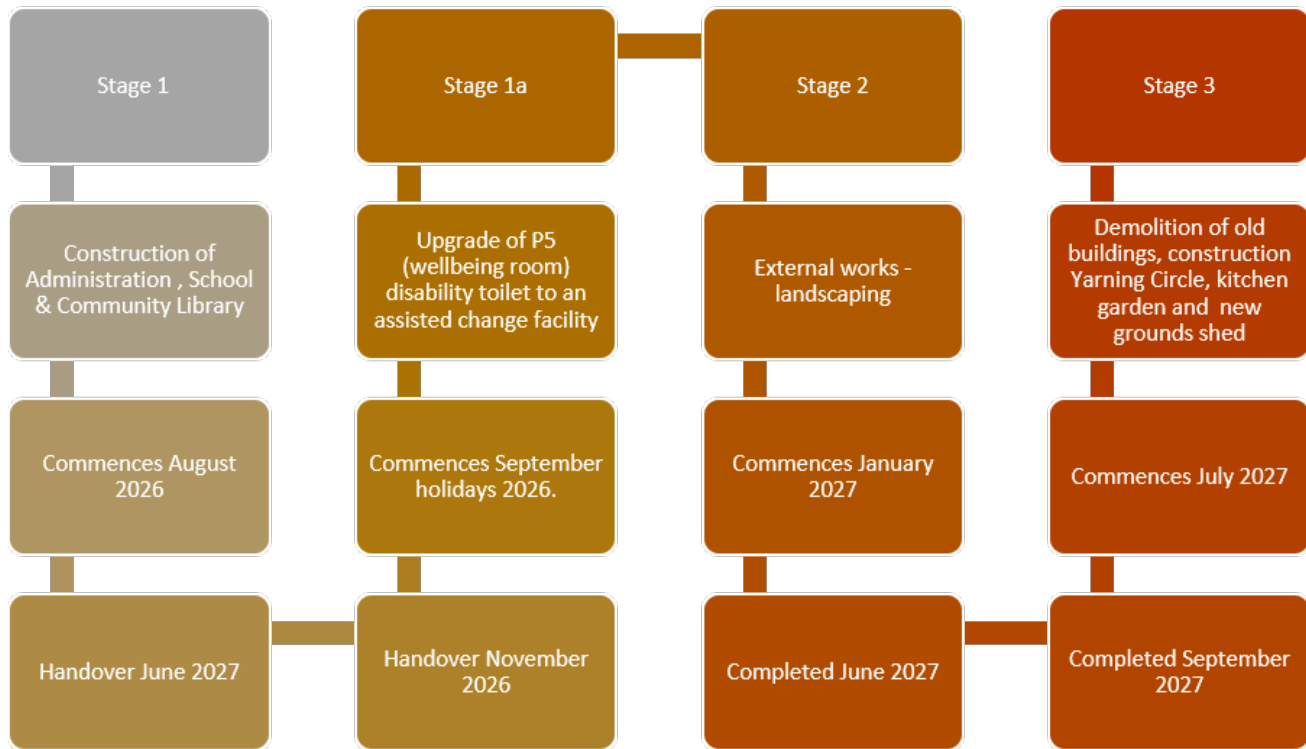


Meningie Area School News



Friday 7th August 2026

It was very exciting to have the “Start Up” for the construction of the new Administration area and School and Community Library in week 1 this term. The project is a long time coming and we look forward to seeing construction start.



STUDENT FREE DAY

**FRIDAY 21ST
AUGUST**

TERM 3 – DIARY DATES

AUGUST

Mon 10 th – Wed 12 th	Aboriginal STEM Conference
Wed 12 th	Enterprise Expo
Thurs 13 th	SRC Meeting
Tues 18 th	Yr 5/6 Music @ Adelaide Entertainment Centre
	Yr 5/6 Basketball @ Murray Bridge
Frid 21st	STUDENT FREE DAY
Thurs 27 th	Book week Parade 10am

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3 rd to Sun 6 th	Royal Adelaide Show – STEER TEAM
Tues 8 th to Thurs 10 th	Royal Adelaide Show – Led Wether Team
Wed 9 th to Thurs 10 th	Royal Adelaide Show - Led Wether Goat Team
Wed 9th	SCHOOL CLOSURE – SHOW DAY
Tues 15 th	Music Concert – Adelaide Entertainment Centre
Thurs 17 th	Rural Youth Ambassadors
Mon 21 st	Choir - Murray Bridge
Wed 23 rd	Whole School Assembly
Fri 25 th	Last day of Term Early Dismissal 2.05pm Buses depart 2.15pm

BOOKWEEK
Parade
THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST - 10AM

**SYMPHONY OF
STORIES**
Meet the
characters!



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I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new midyear receptions and their families and our new secondary students and families. The receptions have settled well into the class and have started the exciting journey of their school years.

I congratulate all students on their end of semester 1 reports. There were some very good results showing student progress in their learning. I have been particularly impressed with the Year 11/12's independent learning. There were 2 "A's" and 1 "B" in the Open Access courses studied. Our Limestone Coast Training Centre students are all well on track and impressing their teachers. The School Based Trainees are focused and working successfully through a range of competencies to accumulate credits in their SACE. I am pleased to say the senior students have exceeded my expectations, which is great.

NAPLAN will be sent home this week. Note, these results are a point in time assessment. Some student's results may not be representative for a range of reasons e.g. illness on the day, test anxiety, students not used to the online platform. It is still valuable information for the school to understand where our students are in their learning journey. We use this data with other data to get a picture of where each student is at and plan for our teaching.

Please look at the data – it clearly shows your child(ren)'s result against the national average and school average. It also shows the band where 60% of the year level in Australia fall.

For year 5,7 and 9 it is useful to look at the "student progress" on the blue summary sheet.

Upper – indicates the student has progressed more than expected since the previous test.

Middle – indicates the student has progressed as expected.

Lower – indicates the students has not progressed as expected.

If you have any questions about your child(ren)'s results or overall progress at school, please contact your child(ren)'s homegroup teacher to make an appointment to discuss.

Fiona Haselgrove, Principal



2026 Mid-Year Receptions
Seb Austin, Asees Randhawa, Jensen Sheridan



**TODAY - 7th AUGUST is
PRINCIPAL'S DAY**

Staff and students have enjoyed spoiling her today as a small way of saying thank you for the passion, guidance, and encouragement she brings every day.

Happy Principal's Day, Ms Haselgrove!

**Meningie
Area School**

**Royal Adelaide Show
SCHOOL CLOSURE**
Wednesday 9th September

Library Open
8.30am - 4.00pm
normal opening hours

River Mallee Districts Football

On Tuesday 28th July Doug, Hugo, Samzon & Archer represented Meningie in the River Mallee Districts Year 7/8 Football team. They traveled to Imperials Football Ground at Murray Bridge. It was a knock out competition and their first game was against Murray Bridge High School and won by 3 points. The boys then went on to play Glenunga and won by 29 points. Thank you to Shaun Cunneen for goal umpiring on the day. The boys will play the next round on Tuesday 18th August at Imperials Football Club and will play against Encounter and Seaford. We wish them all the best with the next round.



Brooklyn, Ruby & Kelsey participated in 11/12 RMD Football at Imperials oval against Birdwood, Mount Barker and Unity. We won one game out of three. We enjoyed playing older kids and participating in the experience.



Mya, Elise, Brooklyn, Ruby & Kelsey participated in RMD Football at Unity in the 7/8/9 comp. We played against Unity and won, and Birdwood and lost.

We enjoyed getting to play with different people in our team.



SE Merino Field Day

On Wednesday 22nd July, the Merino Wether Show Team with Miss Trotta and Mark Richardson travelled down to the SE Merino Field Day at Keith Showgrounds to interact with industry and gain some experience with judging sheep in preparation for the Royal Adelaide Show. We were lucky enough to have short presentations on a range of topics from Hansi Graetz of Pepper Well Poll Merinos (pictured), Tilly Keller of Ramsgate, George Millington of Collinsville and AWI Chairperson, Shannon Donoghue from AWI, and Stephen Kellock of Kelvale and Coordinator of the School Competition at the Show. We also had an extensive chat with David Eckert of Mentara Park, one of the breeders of our show sheep, about what he looks for when selecting rams. The students showed great determination through some less than ideal weather conditions, as well as asking some great questions of our speakers. We are looking forward to competing at the Royal Adelaide Show from 8th to 10th of September.



SRC Partnership Day was held at Coomandook. Flynn O'Leary and Charlie Nankivell-Watkins attended representing Meningie Area School.

July Firstival events and Author Talk, and other Library news

Meningie Library was again part of Firstival which is an annual state-wide winter festival hosted by Libraries SA across more than 130 public libraries. Running annually through the month of July, it features over 300 free and low-cost community events, workshops, and unique learning experiences designed for all ages to try something new.

Meningie Library held three Firstival events this year which met the goal to: encourage connection, spark curiosity and help residents discover new hobbies.

Drawing Workshop with Dave Atze

The Coorong District Council sponsored the Firstival event, Drawing with Dave Atze, which was held on the first Wednesday of the school holidays. Dave is a fantastic children's illustrator who has published his own books and illustrated for many authors of children's books also. Dave ran an hour's workshop keeping a good pace where the 6 participants were fully engaged with a variety of drawing ideas and exercises – the crazier the better! Dave offered a range of tips to spark ideas for quirky characters and hilarious creatures. All participants had fun interacting with Dave and each other to produce some great pictures and took home an ideas sheet.



Birthday and Beanies

To celebrate the "First" Birthday of "Knit and Yarn" group members were greeted with a lovely afternoon tea and a display of knitted and crocheted items in the two glass display cabinets. This colourful display showed lots of items created by group members such as beanies, scarves, headbands, socks, even a collection of cute, crocheted animal bookmarks. The display also had a collection of library books with patterns and tips, plus an assortment of yarns and needles/hooks used and examples of how to make a pompom.



Since July, 2025, Knit and Yarn has been held weekly on Thursdays at 3pm, this program is free and offers the opportunity to meet as a group to create knitted or crocheted items or just come for a yarn. Participants are welcome to BYO project however for beginners there are knitting needles, crochet hooks, easy patterns and wool available at the library to start you off. From Term 3, 2026, we're trialling the earlier start time of 2pm (til 4pm), as this may suit parents and carers to come along for before the school or kindergarten pick-up time.



Savouries and Sweets with an Air Fryer

This was the final Firstival event at Meningie for 2026. Kirsty Bagshaw shared some tips and a variety of recipes, cooked together with participation from attendees using recipes from some of the cookbooks from the Meningie Library. Recipes showed options for muffins and omelettes for breakfast or brunch, together with Crispy wedges, Baked Camembert, Gnocchi with Pesto dipping sauce, Corn Chip Crumbed Chicken Tenders, and more which could be served with a main meal or shared as a flavoursome snack. All enjoyed the cosy atmosphere and sampling the dishes prepared. They were impressed with this quick and easy method of cooking and were keen to try these at home.

Note: Unfortunately, the advertised author talk by Pam Gillen, about her book “A Year on the Coorong”, was cancelled. It is hoped this will be rescheduled later this year; in the meantime, there is a copy of this book to borrow from the Meningie Library.



Meet the Author

On 24 July the Meningie Library was chosen as the venue for the Meet the Author, Suzi Evans, Meningie event hosted by Coorong Conversations Matter (CCM, the local Suicide Prevention Network), through funding from Drought Response and support by Coorong District Council. Suzi spoke about her book, Grief, and her Workbench Workshops, this was heartfelt and enlightening. Practical strategies were offered to support self-care and wellbeing for one another. Almost twenty people attended this session mostly from Meningie but also from Tintinara and Adelaide. This was the fifth and final session offered across the council district as a travelling road show. All attendees received a copy of Suzi's book, plus Suzi has kindly donated a copy for the Meningie Library and Book Discussion Group.



Other Programs

Now we're back from school holidays, the Chair Yoga and Techelp programs on Thursdays resume. These sessions are free, and new members are always welcome.

Chair Yoga is lead by Sue Ryan is held weekly at 4pm. This enjoyable exercise session runs for 45mins followed by a cuppa and nibbles.

Techelp is facilitated by Bernie Ryan from 5pm, offering information on different topics each week to assist with digital literacy and navigate challenges of ongoing updates to devices and applications, online safety and scam awareness.

Coorong Connects is a new program due to start at Meningie Library on Tuesday 11 August 2026, programmed regularly until December 2026. Offering patient, jargon-free help for everyday technology e.g. phones, tablets, computers & laptops run by Coorong District Council. Topic 1 – Getting started with technology: Understand device types, what they can do, and basic terminology. No bookings are required for these free sessions. View the program at www.coorong.sa.gov.au/coorongconnects

The **Book Discussion Group** is held on second Wednesday at 2pm. Each month a book is read by participants, returning the following month to discuss topics raised. This group generally reads adult fiction with a mix of genres including some trending titles while sometimes a non-fiction title is selected. Again, it is free to participate, and new members are always welcome. Yes, the books are discussed in easy conversation often about the emotional impact the story had or reflection on different eras, but the emphasis is on friendly, social connection over a cuppa.

Blue Light
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TUES 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

11 AM TO 1 PM

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VENUE - MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE BASKETBALL STADIUM 51 ADELAIDE ROAD, MANNUM

COST - \$5
BOOKINGS VIA BLUE LIGHT WEBSITE WWW.BLUELIGHTSA.ORG/EVENTS
ENQUIRIES: 8535 6345

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7-17 YEARS

TICKETS TO BE PRE-PURCHASED ONLINE. CANTEN AVAILABLE.

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Dental Assistant Traineeships

Earn While You Learn

Dear Schools

SA Dental is offering multiple 12-month dental assistant traineeships across the state commencing in January 2027. **Applications are open now and close Thursday 13 August 2026.**

The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training in a SA Dental Clinic and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting, whilst earning a salary.

These traineeships play a major role in developing quality Dental Assistants for the future oral health workforce – please note, these are not school-based traineeships.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit:

www.dental.sa.gov.au/about/careers/dental-assistant-traineeships

Thank you in advance for sharing our traineeship information with your community.

SA Dental offers paid Dental Assistant Traineeships at our clinics across SA. Giving you the opportunity to earn while you learn, build real skills, and be part of a team improving the oral health of SA communities.

The traineeship program runs twice a year with applications opening January and July.

Discover traineeship details and eligibility + more here

✉ Health.SADentalRecruitment@sa.gov.au



Coorong Connects

Tech Made Simple

Meningie Community Library
Phone 08 8575 1681
Email: meningie.library@gmail.com



Free Tech Sessions

Phones / Tablets / Computers / Laptops

Patient, jargon-free help for everyday technology in your local library.

Topic 1

Getting Started With Technology

Understand device types, what they can do, and basic terminology.

• Tue 11 Aug — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 2

Setting Up Your New Device

Build confidence in initial setup, accounts, passwords, updates & accessibility.

• Tue 26 Aug — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 3

WiFi & Mobile Networks

Learn how to get online safely and stay connected anywhere.

• Tues 8 Sep — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 4

Online Safety & Scam Awareness

Recognise suspicious activity online and take simple steps to protect from scams.

• Wed 23 Sep — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 5

Introduction to Email

Build essential communication skills.

• Wed 21 Oct — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 6

Government Services Online

Access essential digital government services independently.

• Wed 4 Nov — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 7

Introduction to Mobile & Online Banking

Build financial confidence and digital independence.

• Wed 18 Nov — Meningie, 2pm

Topic 8

Social Media & Video Calling Essentials

Safely & confidently use video calls & social media to maintain connections & access services.

• Wed 2 Dec — Meningie, 2pm



All sessions are **FREE** — no bookings required, although appreciated with your local library



SALA EXHIBITION

Art in Alberts

Opening event 2 August 2pm

2 TO 30 AUGUST 2026

Open daily 10 am til 4.30.pm

Alberts Gallery via The Chambers

14 Princes Highway Meningie 5264



Meningie
Area School



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
DRESS UP PARADE
10AM 27TH AUGUST

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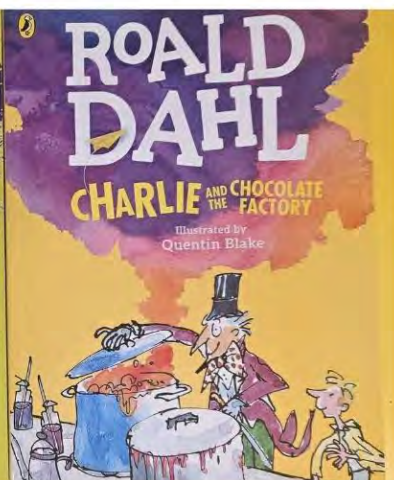
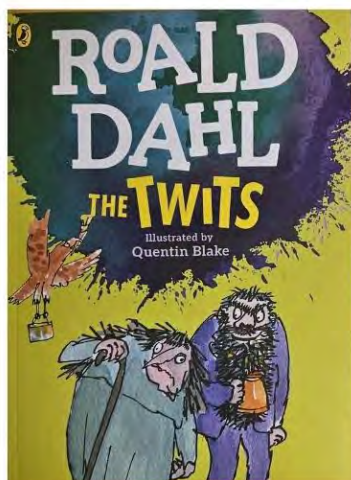
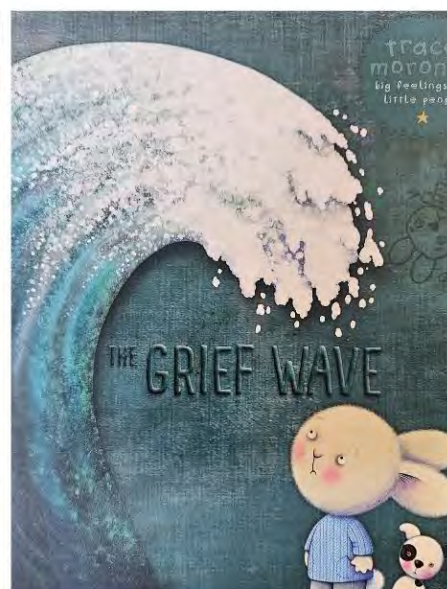
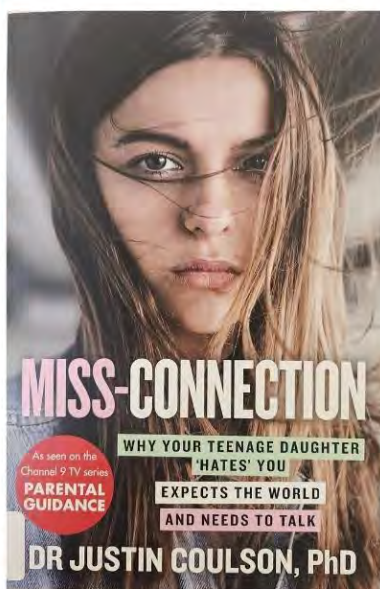
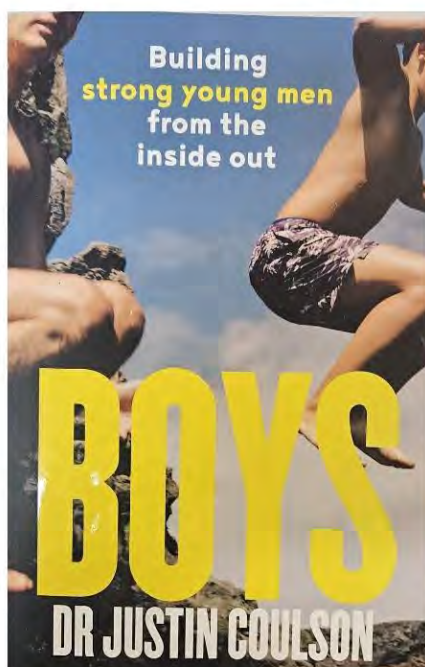
Meningie School Community Library

*Every Thursday
Knit & Yarn 2pm - 4pm*

*during school term
Chair Yoga ~ 4pm - 4.45pm
Techhelp ~ 5pm - 6pm
All welcome ~ Bookings preferred*

*Book Discussion Group held on the
2nd Wednesday Monthly 2pm*

*August 2026 Book of the Month
Exiles by Jane Harper
September 2026 Book of the Month
The Death of Dora Black
by Lainie Anderson*



LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm
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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2026

ENTERPRISE EXPO



Government
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Wednesday 12th 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!

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WILD
SEAFOOD



Primary
Selling pots - Potpourri
- Reusable bags - Dried
herbs and Dried fruit
& MORE!!!

Secondary
Selling Tomato Sauce
- Fabric Items -
Cookies & Biscuits -
Spices & MORE!!

