

Meningie Area School News



Friday 28th August 2026

TERM 3 – DIARY DATES SEPTEMBER

I was pleased to welcome our students, families, and community to our 2026 Enterprise Expo on Wednesday 12 August. It was our fourth Expo, and it has been evolving over the years, this year with a move to the hall. This was for several reasons including the start of the build of our new Administration and School Community Library. We are excited to see a start after the funding was announced 3 years ago. It has been a bumpy journey but worth it to get the best outcome for the school and the community.

Unfortunately, due to weather we could not start the expo with the Grand Parade. The show teams have been working hard under the guidance of Caitlin Reick, Chloe Trotta and Mark Richardson and I would like to thank all our sponsors who provide great opportunities for our students to learn the skills required to show stock at the Adelaide Show.

Once again, the expo showcased the entrepreneurial learning of our students Reception to Year 12. In 2026 the entrepreneurial learning included:

- R-6 classes having one dedicated Enterprise lesson per week in semester 1
- R-6 having an agricultural focus across learning areas
- Year 7-8 having an enterprise focus in technologies
- Year 9-10 having an Enterprise class (4 lessons per week)
- Year 11/12 Agriculture and AIF – student projects
- Year 6-12 Show Team – preparation through lunchtime programs

Enterprise learning focuses on students developing ideas, prototyping, pitching ideas, collaborating, and producing a product. This learning enhances the development of our students to become great members of our community as well as developing work skills. This learning is a focus for education systems and there is an increasing emphasis on recognition of capabilities and dispositions in the new SA Curriculum and the SACE curriculum.

Thank you to all our staff and community who have helped students in their learning. Denise Mason, Caitlin Angel, Ben Scarfbillig, Caitlin Reick, Chloe Trotta, and Mark Richardson have guided the students. Coorong District Council and local businesses have sat on panels for students to pitch their project to and provided valuable feedback. As a regional school we take pride in strong connections to community and are committed to further strengthening these connections which reflects the school vision “we work together to achieve our potential.”

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 9 th	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

**Meningie Area School**

Royal Adelaide Show
SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 9th September

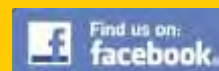
Library Open
8.30am – 4.00pm
normal opening hours

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I would like to congratulate our students on persevering in their projects that were showcased at the expo. It was quite a journey since February. It has not always been easy but that is an important part of the learning process – facing problems, developing solutions, and having the grit to work through.

Fiona Haselgrove, Principal



2027 Planning

If your child(ren) will not be returning to Meningie Area School in 2027, please advise us:

- R-6 please advise Jessica Hankin
Jessica.Hankin45@schools.sa.edu.au
- 7-11 please advise Jacqui Street
Jacqui.Street482@schools.sa.edu.au

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ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW

Royal Adelaide Show 2026

Where you will find our show team:

Sat 5/9

Steers - Grand Parade in the Main Arena - 3.00pm
Crossbred Judging on TFI Beef Cattle Lawn - 5.00pm

Sun 6/9

Led Steer Team Judging (Breeders and School Purebred) - from 9.00am

Wed 9/9

Goats - Grand Parade - 3.00pm
Led Merino Wether Judging - from 8.30am
Led Merino Wether Competition Results Sheep Pavillion - 5.00pm
Led Steer Presentation of Awards TFI Beef Cattle Lawn - 6.00pm

Thurs 10/9

Led Wether Goat Judging - from 9.00am
Individual Merino Wether Judging - from 8am
Merino Sheep Young Judges - 1.30pm



Support Staff Week was last week 17-21 August ✨

The leadership team and a teachers organised small gifts, cards and morning tea.

Thanks you again to all of our Support Staff Officers (SSOs) for the incredible job they do in making a difference in the lives of children and students every day.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SRC

New Year 3 SRC reps have been selected for Semester 2. Cody Henke and Krew Gibbs will represent the R-3 classes and learn from the year 4 representatives. They have attended their first meeting and this is week they were presented with their badges.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

We have had our Rehearsal for this year's Festival of Music at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

We saw lots of others students and we made music..... we are really looking forward to the **BIG EVENT** on September the 15th.



KNOCK OUT BASKETBALL

Our Year 5/6 students had a fantastic day at the Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium, with both our girls' and boys' teams doing a great job representing Meningie Area School.

Throughout the day, students competed against Tintinara, Coomandook, Lameroo and Pinnaroo. It was wonderful to see such great teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship on display, with everyone giving their best and supporting their teammates.



A huge thank you to our coaches, Lucy and Shayla, for giving up their time to support and encourage our teams throughout the day.

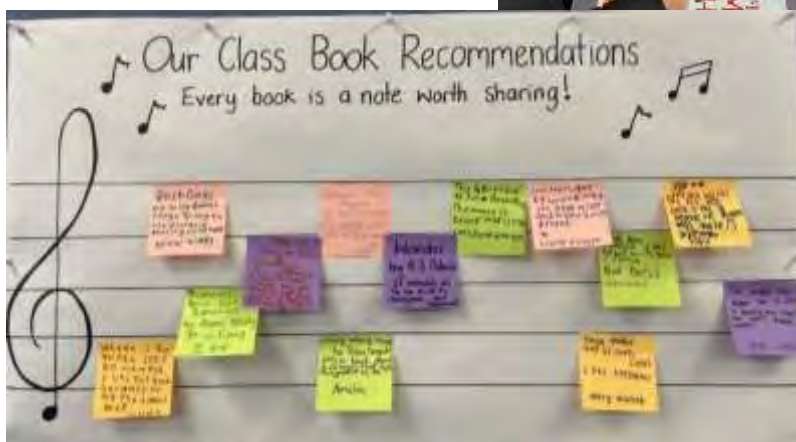
We would also like to thank Jess' son, Hamish, for helping us out by umpiring games — we really appreciated it!

Well done to all our Year 5/6 basketballers!



BOOK WEEK

For Book Week, our Year 2/3 class created a **'Symphony of Stories'** display by sharing our favourite books and writing a short recommendation for others. Each student created their own musical 'note', which we added to our class music staff to celebrate the many stories we love to read.



More photos and articles from Book Week will be in Week 9 Newsletter

Led Wether Show Preparations

Daryl from Fox & Lillie Rural Agri Services visited the school on Wednesday to help students learn more about wool and animal judging in preparation for the upcoming show.

We greatly appreciate Daryl sharing his knowledge, experience and expertise with our students. His support is invaluable as they continue to develop their skills and confidence in preparation for the show.

A big thank you to Fox & Lillie Rural Agri Services and Boothby Downs White Suffolk & Merinos for sponsorship of the Show Team Polo's. The students look great!



Mallee Career Expo

Our students recently travelled to Lameroo to attend the Mallee Career Expo at Lameroo Regional Community School.

The Expo gave students the chance to speak with a range of local employers, training providers, universities and community organisations and find out more about the different career and training opportunities available in the Mallee. There were organisations representing everything from agriculture and horticulture to emergency services, automotive, education, local government and community services.

Students were encouraged to ask questions, have conversations with employers and explore pathways such as university, TAFE, VET, apprenticeships and traineeships.

It was a really worthwhile day and gave students the opportunity to start thinking about what they might like to do after school, as well as showing them that there are plenty of opportunities available right here in our local area.

A big thank you to the organisers and all the businesses and organisations who took the time to speak with our students.



Year 4 Class Celebration

Congratulations to our Year 4 students, who enjoyed a special after-school celebration for filling their class marble jar! As a reward for their outstanding teamwork and positive behaviour, students took part in exciting STEM and team-building activities, shared tacos for dinner, delighted in ice-cream for dessert, and finished the evening with a glow-stick walk around the school in the dark. Well done to all our Year 4s for their fantastic efforts!



2026 Murray Lands Concert Band Workshop and Concert Report

40 students from around the Murray lands gathered on this day the 14th of August 2026 to come together to rehearse, refine and perform a small repertoire of songs selected from Essential Elements Film favourites and Concert series.

The day was supported by staff from Meningie Area School (Anne Wright), Mannum Community College (Joy Marks & Correta Odera), Karoonda Area School (Cathy Miegel), Instrumental Music (Tim Frears & Sean Helps) and hosted by Lameroo Regional Community School (Jess Branson).

Students travelled as far as 150 km to join the fun as we came together to form a well-balanced ensemble. It was a pleasure to have students from year 6 - 10 and staff participate in what is a collaborative, vertically grouped model where everyone had an opportunity to contribute to the overall sound of the ensemble. Proving the special role music can play in building positive relationships between students and educators.

Our ensemble consisted of a percussion line with drum kit, two bass drum, two auxiliary percussionists and piano, 8 flutes, 8 clarinets, 3 alto saxophone, 6 trumpets, 2 trombone and 2 electric bass guitars.

Conducted by Mr Frears, the ensemble played Beethoven's Ninth, Pirates of the Caribbean, Infinity March and My Heart Will Go On. Our concert opened with the Lameroo Regional Community School presenting Advance Australia Fair, and two selections from the 2026 Festival Of Music repertoire including a funky number about sunglasses. Lameroo Year 6 Student Robyn Gilbertson presented her piano solo Boogie Woogie Blues and Lameroo senior students Vienne Quaidato, Camille Saplan and Jackson Kerley presented two pieces from the Bruce Pearson trio series in collaboration with Mrs Miegel, Mr Helps and Mr Frears.

Many thanks to Jess Branson of Lameroo for coordinating our Junior School Audience and inviting parents to our performance.

Overall, a wonderful exercise in collaboration with excellent musical outcomes for the Murray Lands Regional community of schools. After such a success we are now planning our 2027 date with the hope of Mannum Community College hosting in 2027.

Tim Frears (Instrumental Music - MBHS Music Focus School)



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WANTED – MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL

Could you help keep our students moving?

Meningie Area School is seeking expressions of interest from parents, local residents and community members who may be interested in becoming a Department for Education School Bus Driver.

We're looking to strengthen our local pool of qualified drivers so that our school bus services can continue to operate reliably when regular drivers are unavailable due to leave, illness or other circumstances.

Having additional qualified drivers available at Meningie Area School could also provide the school with greater flexibility to support excursions, camps and other approved school activities.

What does being a school bus driver involve?

School Bus Drivers play an important role in our school community and are responsible for:

- Safely transporting students to and from school
- Following approved school bus routes
- Ensuring students enter, travel on and exit the bus safely
- Completing required pre-journey safety checks
- Conducting a full check of the bus at the end of every journey
- Helping maintain a clean and safe school bus
- Providing a reliable service to students and families in our local community



Opportunities may be suitable for someone interested in regular school bus driving or providing backup and relief coverage when required.

Don't have a heavy vehicle licence or accreditation?

You can still express your interest!

The Department for Education may be able to provide financial assistance towards obtaining the qualifications required to become a school bus driver, subject to the relevant approvals.

This may include assistance towards:

Obtaining the required Heavy Vehicle Driver's Licence

- Large Passenger Vehicle Driver Accreditation
- Required medical assessment and screening costs

Where possible, driver training may also be able to be arranged locally using a departmental yellow school bus, reducing the need to travel elsewhere to complete practical training.

What qualifications would I need?

A Department for Education School Bus Driver is generally required to hold:

- Minimum MR Driver's Licence
- Large Passenger Vehicle Driver Accreditation
- Working with Children Check
- Required police screening

If you don't currently have these qualifications, don't let that stop you from getting in touch. We can discuss the requirements and what assistance may be available to help you become qualified.

Why become a school bus driver?

It's an opportunity to:

- Make a difference to students and families in your local community
- Work around school hours and school terms
- Become part of Meningie Area School's local driver network
- Provide valuable backup when another driver is unavailable
- Potentially assist the school with excursions, camps and other approved activities

Interested in finding out more?

At this stage, we're looking to hear from people who may be interested in becoming a school bus driver – there is no obligation in simply getting in touch.

To express your interest, please contact:

Meningie Area School

Catherine.burnett557@schools.sa.edu.au

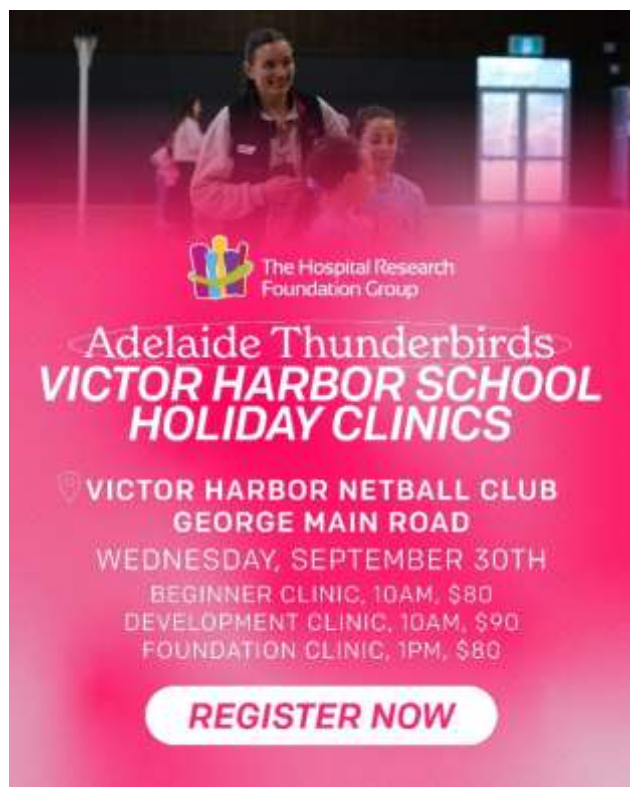
For further information about becoming a Department for Education School Bus Driver, contact: 8575 1106

Mathew Stagg,

Bus Driver Liaison Officer, Department for Education

Transport Services Mathew.stagg@sa.gov.au 8226 1716

Your interest could help us build a stronger local driver network and keep Meningie Area School students moving safely.



The Hospital Research Foundation Group

**Adelaide Thunderbirds
VICTOR HARBOR SCHOOL
HOLIDAY CLINICS**

**VICTOR HARBOR NETBALL CLUB
GEORGE MAIN ROAD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

BEGINNER CLINIC, 10AM, \$80
DEVELOPMENT CLINIC, 10AM, \$90
FOUNDATION CLINIC, 1PM, \$80

REGISTER NOW



**RIVER MURRAY
ALL-GIRLS
AUSKICK & SUPERKICK**

WHEN: • Tue, September 1
• Tue, September 8
• Tue, September 15
• Tue, September 22

TIMES: Auskick 4.15pm
Superkick 5.15pm

VENUE: Mannum Football Club

COST: \$55

Auskick: Born 2019-21
Superkick: Born 2014-18

Participants get a modified Auskick or Superkick pack.

Participants can use the SA Sports Voucher.

CONTACT: **FAIRPLAY - 30/9/2019**
rick.barn@safl.com.au
(0479 016 854)

Auskick/Superkick - Julie Evans
julieevans@riverside.com.au
(0409 733 100)

Mannum FC - Amanda Fisher
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(0437 676 831)

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND GIVE FOOTY A GO!

Enterprise Expo

2026

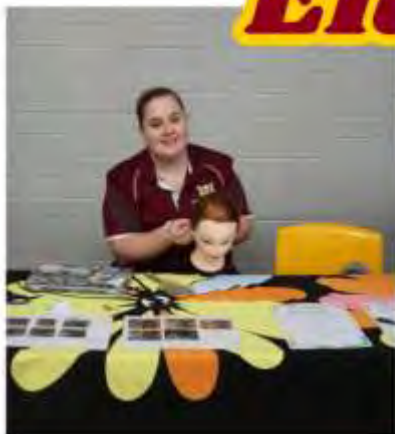
The Day



Enterprise Expo

2026

Year 11/12 Stalls



Koda - Hair Demonstrations
Luke - Digital Art
Leyah - Bracelets
Chris - Electrical work



Gabby - Cambodia Trip
Millie - Pork
Shayla - Sports Shirts
Katie - Marigold Plants
Lyla - Catalogue & Chickens



Enterprise Expo

2026

Year 7/8/9/10
Stalls



Enterprise Expo

2026

Year 7/8 Stalls



Mya - I am proud of from our Enterprise Project is selling out all of our candles because that means people really liked our candles.

Tatum - People said our sauce was yummy because I set out a taste testing station for people to try it.

Macey - I am proud of our Enterprise Project in how many we got made and how they looked. I am also proud about how my group worked together because we had good teamwork and our stand ended up looking good.



Kelsey - I used to think, I used to think success came from having one brilliant idea and simply believing in it. But now I understand that real success is built through patience, hard work, learning from mistakes, and being willing to change.

Doug - One thing I am proud of from our Enterprise Project is how we sold our products and explained how we made them. Some people didn't want to buy our products, but they did want to learn about our product and how we made them.



Meningie School Community Library

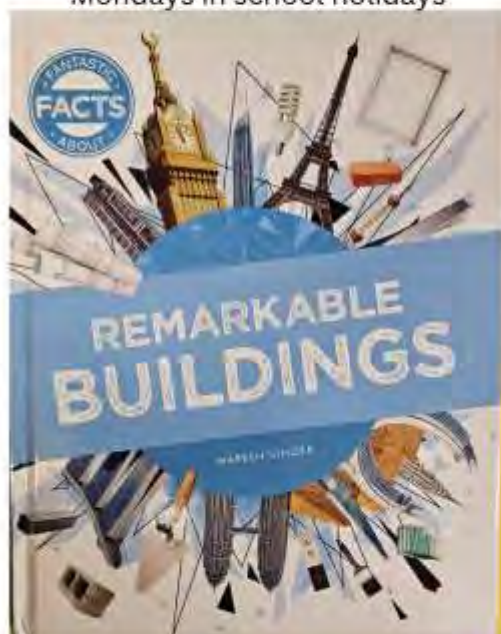
Every Thursday
Knit & Yarn 2pm - 4pm
 during school term
 Chair Yoga ~ 4pm - 4.45pm
 Techelp ~ 5pm - 6pm
 All welcome ~ Bookings preferred

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

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**

FREE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Connecting Families WITH HEALTHY LUNCHES



Cook • Learn • Create • Take Home



When: Fridays, commencing 4 September



Time: 1:30pm–3:00pm



Duration: 10 weeks



Where: Home Ec Room, Meningie Area School



**PLACES ARE
LIMITED!**



Register your interest today:

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