

Friday 30th October 2026

Welcome to term 4, it is off to a very busy start with the triple "C's" – choir, camps, Children's University. I would like to thank the staff that go over and above to provide these learning opportunities for our students. The newsletter provides a great opportunity to share this learning with our school community.

Communication is important for schools and we have received feedback from our families through the School Parent Engagement Survey.

DIARY DATES NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd – Thurs 5th
Tues 3rd

Thurs 5th
Fri 6th

Mon 9th – Wed 11th
Thurs 12th
Mon 16th
Mon 23 – Fri 27

Yr 8/9 Duke of Edinburgh Camp
Partnership SRC – AFL Max
Excursion
Children's University Graduation
Yr 12 Farewell Assembly 11.45am
RMD Cricket @ Unity College
SAPSASA Tennis
Beginner Band @ Murray Bridge
Student Free Day
Year 6 Sailing 9am – 10.30am

DECEMBER

Tues 1st
Wed 9th
Fri 11th

Achieving our Way Celebration
Swimming Carnival
SRC BBQ & Colour Run
Last day of 2026
Early Dismissal 2.05pm
Buses depart 2.15pm

Receives enough communication

25%

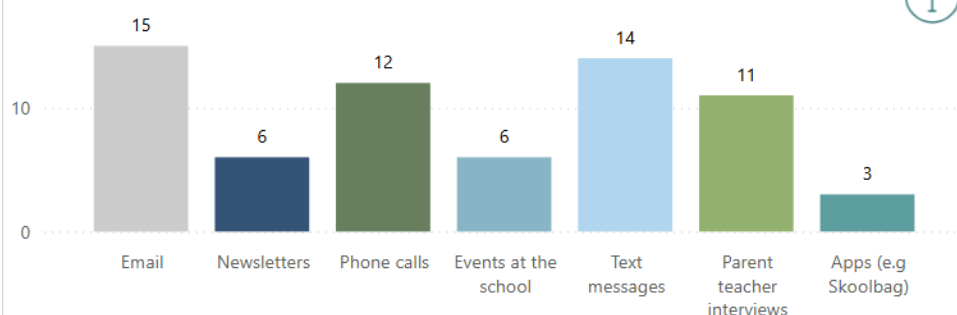
69%

School communicates effectively

38%

50%

I like to communicate/ receive communication through the following mechanisms:



YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

Friday
6th November
11.45am
in the Hall

*Hosted by Year 11 class
All Welcome*

STUDENT FREE DAY

TERM 4

MONDAY
16th NOVEMBER

We do use a range of communication methods depending on the information to be communicated – content, urgency, staff availability and preferred communication method. Governing Council is also monitoring the discussion around student images on social media. Using FROG journals is an alternative way of sharing student success within the school community. Some staff have used this feature a little in 2026 and in 2027 we will re look at FROG journals and helping more families access this. If you do have any specific feedback, we would welcome it. You can provide it to us via the front office, email or by speaking with a Governing Council member.

PLEASE ADVISE BY 6/11/26

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

We look forward to seeing our families during the end of year events – year 12 farewell, Achieving our Way evening and the swim carnival. Semester 2 reports will be emailed home 7 December 2026. Please note Year 12 subjects are not reported on as students will receive their Year 12 subject results on their SACE statement. Students can check SACE results through their SACE site Monday 14 December from 8:30am.

Fiona Haselgrove



DON'T FORGET
Weeks 4, 5 & 6

PRIMARY STUDENT
Swimming

Thursday 5 & 12 Nov
Ms Williams
Yr 5/6

Friday 6th, 13th & 20th November
Ms McDonald - Receptions

Wednesday 4 & 11 Nov
Ms Edwards
Yr 4



Meningie Area School
Government of South Australia
Department for Education

JOIN OUR TEAM

Administrative & Communications Officer

Ongoing Position
Commence 19/01/2027

SSO 2 - 25 hrs p/week

See J & P and apply through
<https://jobs.education.sa.gov.au/>

For further information contact
Fiona Haselgrove 85751106

Applications close 10/11/26

To be eligible to work in a school setting the minimum requirements are

- Hold a current DHS working with children check (WWCC)
- Complete the full day Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – education and care training

Canberra 2027!

We are excited to announce we have confirmed our booking for the 2027 Canberra tour. Students from Year 7-12 are invited to join the camp. The 2024 camp was a huge success, and staff are looking forward to sharing this camp with students.

Sunday 20 June – Friday 25 June 2027

The camp will be significantly subsidised by both government grants and Meningie Area School to ensure it is affordable for all families. We will provide details early 2027 and provide payment options.



Celebrating and Thanking Our Wonderful Teachers

A big thank you to our Governing Council for generously providing lunch for our teachers on Tuesday as part of our teacher appreciation celebrations.

We would also like to thank our students for taking the time to recognise and show appreciation for their teachers, and our families for their thoughtful messages and gestures of thanks.

It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate the dedication, care and hard work of our teachers. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive community and a wonderful team of educators who make a difference in the lives of our students every day.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our teachers feel so valued and appreciated!



Rural Youth Ambassador Representative for Meningie AS – 2026 – Leyah Short

One of the adventures in my SACE this year has been being a Rural Youth Ambassador. As Rural Youth Ambassador, we look at the current issues with rural schools, map out ideas and plan solutions to resolve it.

To bring our plan to life, we met up with important influential people and discuss our ideas and solutions with them.

What I enjoyed about this experience was having the opportunity to meet new people and seeing the different mindsets of other people. One of the ideas that was shared was about using technology to link schools using virtual reality headsets to explore career paths. Another idea is to link rural and metro schools in a partnership.

I would recommend this program to other students as it is a great opportunity to expand on learning pathways. Our meals and accommodation were provided in Adelaide.

Leyah Short (SACE Stage 1)

Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp – Long Point, Coorong National Park

What a fantastic two days we had on our Year 4, 5 and 6 camp at Long Point Campground in the beautiful Coorong National Park!

Our students enjoyed two fun-filled days of adventure, exploration and play in nature. From bushwalking and exploring the shoreline to scavenger hunts, team-building games and spending time with friends, there was plenty of laughter, excitement and memories made along the way. It was wonderful to see students stepping outside their comfort zones, working together, building friendships and enjoying the great outdoors.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped organise the camp and those who gave up their time to attend. Your support and enthusiasm helped make the experience such a success. We would also like to thank all our parents and families for their ongoing support in making these opportunities possible for our students.

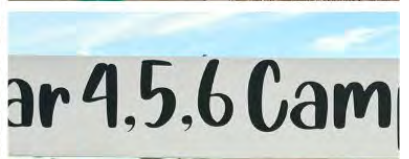
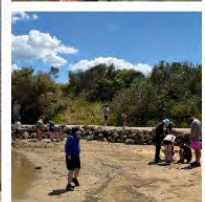
We are incredibly grateful to the Uniting Church for their generous donation towards our camp food and to Winks Septic Plumbing for providing the toilet hire. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!

A special thank you goes to Catherine for all the behind-the-scenes administration work that went into organising the camp, and to Andrew Smith for his assistance with organising our equipment.

Most importantly, congratulations to all our students for their fantastic efforts, positive attitudes and willingness to get involved. It was a wonderful two days filled with fresh air, adventure, teamwork and plenty of fun!

What a great way to make lasting memories together in our beautiful local environment!





Choir visits Probus

On Tuesday, the day before the big Murray Mallee concert, the choir went to Freshies to perform for the Probus Club. We sang 3 songs and some of us took turns in announcing and leading the solo parts of the songs.

We were thanked with a biscuit and some delicious hot chips..... Thanks for giving us the opportunity to perform.

Anne Wright



Murray Mallee Music Festival

What a great night! The students in the choir from year 4,5 and performed at the Murray Mallee Music Festival on Wednesday Night. We were part of a combined choir from other schools in the Murray Mallee. Congratulations on your great work singing, moving and working together to create a great concert. Well done to Sam Strother who won our school's award for the Don Watts Award for his dedication and involvement in choir. Sam and Charlie acted with great skill and enthusiasm as comperes for part of the evening.

Congratulations also to the students who performed as part of the Instrumental Music Service Band on the evening. Thanks to Mr Frears and Mr Helps for their work in working with the students.

This is an annual event that provides our students with an opportunity to build their music skills as well as working on our skills in our school values- collaboration, kindness, respect and determination.

This short excerpt is from Michelle Parkes, Board member of the Primary Schools Public Music Society, who attended our concert Wednesday night.

To the students, I want to say how proud you should be of yourselves. You performed with such enthusiasm, confidence and joy, and you brought great energy and heart to the stage. The quality of the singing, dance and performance was exceptional, and the soloists were especially impressive. Each of you played an important part in making the evening so memorable. It takes courage to stand in front of an audience,



resilience to prepare and rehearse, discipline to work together as a group, and confidence to perform so beautifully. You shone, and you should be very proud of what you achieved.

A big thank you to Kellie Martin and Bec Henke Who supported the students on the day.

Anne Wright





Year 7 Aquatics



I really enjoyed skiing and
paddleboarding.

Kelsey

Camp was good and I enjoyed
doing the water sports

Tatum

Going on camp was fun and I
liked knee boarding

Riley

I really loved the knee
boarding and also the skiing

Albert

I liked doing the stand up
paddleboarding.

Kodi

I enjoyed doing the paddle boarding
because I haven't done it before.

Mya

I enjoyed doing the knee boarding
because it was fun.

Summer

I enjoyed knee boarding but
preferred skiing.

Elise

I enjoyed the knee boarding. .

Ciara





COMMISSIONER'S DIGITAL CHALLENGE

SPACE TO DREAM



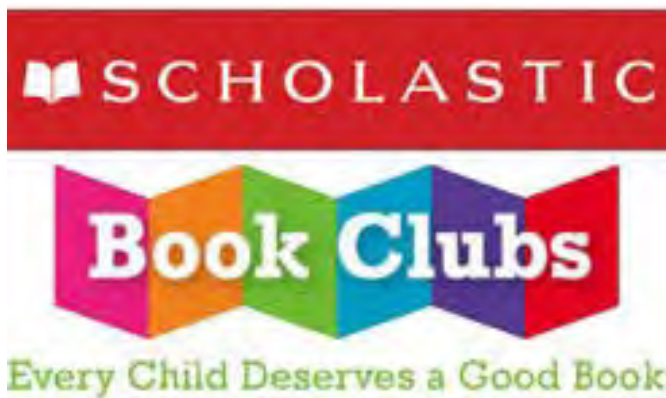
DESIGN EXHIBITION

See the top 2D and 3D
entries from SA students
who completed the
Commissioner's Space
to Dream design thinking
challenge in 2026.

**28 October –
30 November 2026**

Meningie School Community Library
1 North Terrace, Meningie | Free entry |
Open Mon–Fri 8.30am til 4pm, Thurs til
6pm. Closed for lunch 12 til 12.30pm

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of term or ready for Christmas. If you

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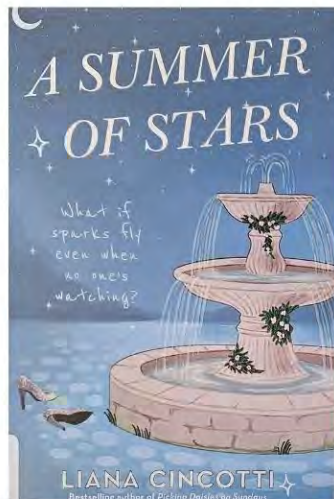
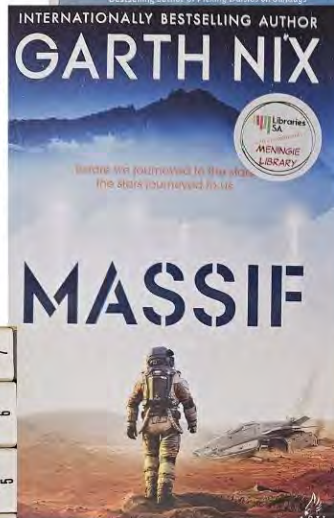
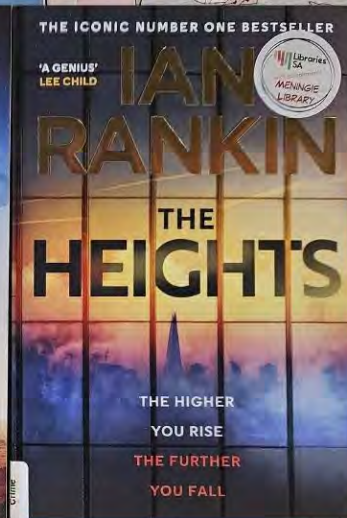
Meningie School Community Library

Every Thursday
Knit & Yarn 3pm - 4 pm
 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

October 2026 Book of the Month
 Table for Eight by Tricia STRINGER

November 2026 Book of the Month
 Mad Mabel, by Sally HEPWORTH



THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	THE LAST BATTLE	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	7
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	THE SILVER CHAIR	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	6
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	5
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	PRINCE CASPIAN	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	4
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	THE HORSE AND HIS BOY	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	3
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARD	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	2
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA	THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW	CF	Chronicles of Narnia	1

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

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