Family Photographs
If you have not yet sent in a photographs of your family this year, can you please make sure you send one in soon as we are trying to capture the families of Meningie Kindergarten for our ‘Identities’ display.

Feedback/Suggestions/Input to Kindy
We would like to hear from you through our feedback box. Slips are available at anytime for your feedback.
We would like to work in close partnership with all families of our Kindergarten and value your thoughts and ideas. We aim to place the feedback box outside on the tables under the veranda so that you can place this in anonymously. If it is not put out each Kindy day it will be located in the Kitchen area.

Reconciliation Week
Wow, what a wonderful week we had at Kindy last week with Reconciliation Week. The children were able to participate in rich cultural experiences of playing in our Wurli/Pulgi, toasting marshmallows on the camp fire, watching our Ngarindjeri singing/dancing group, decorating Thukeri fish, making friendship bracelet’s, eating Coorong mullet to name but a few. A BIG thanks must go to Hallie Sumner and family for donating the fish for our lunch it was delicious! Also thank you to Matt Kelly and Richard Boscence who lit and tended to our camp fire all morning to ensure children’s safety. Mandy Cunneen, Karen Crouch, Sian Watson, Faith Hill, Sam Richards who all played a big part in the day helping children or preparing the lunch.

Thanks must also go to Coomandook & Districts Kindergarten for visiting us for the day. Thank you to Dana, Angela and Sheree for all of their help to ensure the day went off smoothly!

Thukeri
Last week at Reconciliation week the children had the opportunity to hear an Aboriginal Dreaming story called Thukeri. We were so lucky to be able to sit around the camp fire and hear this story. The children enjoyed the storytelling and some even asked if we could hear more stories! Please come in and read the Thukeri story which is located in the pin board near the piano.

Nude Food Days
Our first Nude Food Friday went well with many children bringing along a lunchbox containing ‘nude’ foods. We will continue to run Nude Food days at Kindy on the Friday’s that the children are here. For those families who didn’t get a chance to support this last Friday please remember for this coming Friday. Nude Food Friday’s means that the children are to bring along their lunch and snack items in plastic containers rather than glad, wrap, foil or any other packaging that food sometimes comes in. We will be talking to the children about the nude food concept so they will be able to share their ideas with you too. We plans to hold specific Nude Food Days on the Kindy Friday’s however we encourage you to do nude food days everyday as it is a great way to save the environment and it often a healthier options for your child. Our next Nude Food Day will be Friday June 14th — We look forward to your support! An example — sandwich in a container, cut up apple/or whole apple, nuts, un unwrapped muffin etc.

Lunch Boxes
We are finding that children are bringing in packets of chips, lollies and high sugar or high salt foods as part of their snacks for Kindy. Please consider other healthier options for your child. Please remember to send in a drink bottle for your child with water in it only as some children have been forgetting their bottles (please do not send fruit juice). This is all in line with the DECD healthy eating policy called ‘The Right Bite’.

Jolly Phonics Letter Program
Last week our letter of the week was Oo The action for the letter o is imagine you are turing a switch on or off and say ‘o, o, o’. This week our letter Uu. The action for the letter u to keep one hand steady and raise the other as if you are raising an umbrella and say ‘u, u, u’. Please try to talk about these letters with your child wherever possible. It is great to expose your child to as many opportunities as possible.
Welcome
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Anders Fisher and his family to Meningie Kindergarten. We hope that he enjoys making friends and playing and learning at Kindy. Anders started his Pre-Entry sessions last Tuesday.

Graduation Day
This term we are farewelling Katie Watson and Matilda Brooks. The Graduation Day this term will be held in Week 8 of term to accommodate the families. The Graduation will be held on Thursday 20th June at 2:45pm.

Healthy Eating Breakfast Show—PEEL, POUR & POP
OPAL visited Meningie Area School on Monday 3rd June for a ‘Peel, Pour & Pop’ show. Some Playgroup and Kindergarten families attended this performance to learn more about ‘Kenny Eatwell’ (Can he eat well?) It was a fun interactive learning experience for children to gain an understanding of how easy it is to be organised in the morning to have a wholesome and healthy breakfast. As simple as peel a banana or orange, pour some milk on wholegrain cereals or pour a glass or water or milk and pop a wholegrain, wholemeal of fruit bread into the toaster. At Meningie Kindergarten we encourage all families to provide their children with a nutritious and healthy breakfast as we would like all children to can start their day feeling alert and ready for learning.

Governing Council
Our next Governing Council Meeting will be held tonight at 7.30pm (Tuesday 11th June).

Profile Books
In the next week or so the children will bring home their personal Profile Books. We would like to give you the opportunity to view your child’s learning journey in the comfort of your own home. Included in the book will be a feedback sheet for you to provide positive feedback to your child about their learning. We hope you enjoy this experience. We ask that you return the book to Kindy once you have had a chance to view it so that more can be added. These will go home once per term for you to view.

Playgroup News
Playgroup operates Monday’s from 10-12noon. We have now dedicated a display space for Playgroup to use within the Kindy. Playgroup will use this space to display the children’s work or any other news regarding Playgroup.

Meningie Kindy Recipe Books
We currently have a ‘Kindy Recipe’ book available to purchase. It is $15.00 per book. They are nicely bound and easy to use. I will leave a couple on the table for you to look at. If you are interested please place the money in an envelope with your name and details so a receipt can be issued.

Catering Job for June 28th
We have committed to the catering of a lunch for the Meningie Area School Student Free Day on Friday June 28th. This falls on a Kindergarten day for your children and we will be operating business as usual. Recently we placed a Roster up on the whiteboard and a BIG thank you to those of you (Kindergarten and Playgroup families) who have already offered your support by way of food donations or a rostered time to help on the day. We are still looking for some more donations of food as well as help on the day. Some of the donations still required are quite simple such as lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries etc. Please consider helping us out as the funds raised go towards your child’s Kindergarten resources.

Washing Roster & Toy Sensitisation Roster
Thank you to all the families who have done such a wonderful job with our washing and toy sanitisation rosters. It is so great to know that families are prepared to chip in and help our Kindy to run smoothly. We are also very happy to see other families offering to take the washing or make a swap when it is not convenient to do washing for one reason or another. WELL DONE TO ALL.

YOU NAME IT—LABELS
Meningie Kindy is having an on-going fundraiser with ‘You name it—Labels’. This is a company that offers vinyl and fabric labels that are dishwasher and microwave safe. You can personalise you labels to suit your needs. Just log on to:

www.younameitlabels.com
And place you order, quoting our unique code mksa0213 (all small letters, no spaces). When you order online you will received a 5% discount off normal prices. The Meningie Kindy receives a generous rebate for each order so please feel free to share the code with neighbours and friends.
I have just received my order of name labels and they look great! Don’t forget to get online and purchase some for your child. Great for labelling lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.

Thanks Ally, Sheree, Dana & Angela