Welcome back to Term 3 - a good, solid term of learning with minimal disruption.

We welcome Mrs Perry to 1GH, Mrs Bright to Prep R and Miss Darmanin back to the Educational Trainee role. Thanks to the students of Prep R and 1GH who have made their new teacher feel welcome and supported...and believe me, especially when it comes to the Preps. Mrs Russell endeavours to develop confident and independent young learners and by gosh it’s obvious. I am amazed at their thinking, initiative, openness and ownership when I encounter them in class and in the yard - they are all such characters. I am sure Mrs Bright will have a great time over the next three weeks. Congratulations to 1GH for moving straight back into learning mode after the holidays and coping with change. Their independent and group work in reading yesterday was commendable. Being flexible and coping with change - what great qualities.

P.R. Russell

This year we have been part of a network wide project on developing resiliency in school communities. We have directed a lot of thought and energies to improving resiliency - or as I like to say equip students to be more resilient for now and the future. Resiliency needs developing over time and should be thought as a reserve of strategies, experiences and learning that guides behaviour when the need arises. Hope is not a strategy so our work has been around explicitly developing resiliency and the factors that support resiliency.

We are approaching this in several connected ways including:

- Introducing Future Projects that empower students to problem solve and be empowered to direct their learning, encounter and overcome challenges, and contribute to their community
- Classroom strategy boards
- Developing a growth mindset
- Social and Emotional sessions following the Department’s Building Resiliency program
- Superhero Day-awareness of factors that support resiliency and general wellbeing (including fun)

This term we introduce two new elements:

1. Parent sessions (Education is all about partnerships so that we are working cohesively together to support our children.)
   - My Take On Resilience - a talk by Beau Vernon on Wednesday July 27th
   - Wellbeing Expo on August 10th @ TVPS. Guest speaker, strategies in action, supports available, I encourage you to seize these opportunities to learn more about resiliency and how you can support your child by building up their resiliency for now and the future.

2. Mindfulness - attention-training practices and cognitive strategies that can help one unhook from unproductive thought patterns and behaviours. I will detail this further in next week’s newsletter

Brett Smith
LOST PROPERTY
Peter Cook is missing a jade school jumper and a navy jumper, both named. Parents, please check jumpers brought home from school.

FUTURE PROJECTS
At TVPS the Grade 5/6 students have been working tirelessly on Future Projects. Future Projects are a project for the future, such as pets, Lego rooms, memory walks, and bits like that. Recently we have spent our Wednesday afternoons writing to the school council, the newsletter, Mr Smith, and completing other tasks that need to be done to achieve our goals. Our projects started by Mr V and Ms Gilbert asking us what we would like changed at school. They gave us the opportunity to brainstorm lots of potential ideas we’d like to see happen, then we narrowed them down to a perfectly great, but doable idea. The idea behind the projects is that in creating change we will develop the ability to ask for help, to schedule things so we get our work done in time, organisation, learn to get past blockers, and achieve stuff. The groups have recently been led by the great Ms Gilbert, who has helped us decide what to write, how to ask for money, and be by our side to help. Expect to see changes soon.
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BOOK CLUB
Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been distributed today. All orders must be placed and paid for online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or via the app (download from the App Store or Google Play). Orders close COB Thursday 28th July.

COMMUNITY NEWS
The following Community News articles promote community connections and communication.
They are not considered school activities.

MEENIYAN ART GALLERY
presents
COUNT ON ME
an exhibition of new work by
RACHEL WARREN
Exhibition from July 1 to July 28
84 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan
www.meeniyanartgallery.com.au
10-4 weekdays (closed Tuesday)
Weekends 11-5

ASD Support Group:
Parents, family and carers of children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (autism, aspergers syndrome, pdd-nos etc.) are warmly invited to our next meeting on 3rd August, 10.30am at the Inverloch Hub, 16 A’Beckett Street. Tea and coffee provided. For more information, phone Julie 5657 4248 or Tona 0407 622 949 tonaleo@me.com

Leongatha Volleyball:
Come and play volleyball at Leongatha SPLASH Stadium. Juniors (secondary) & Spikezone (primary from 8 years old). Junior Competition starts Thursday 21st July at 6.00 pm. For more details phone Tom BH 5658 1043 or AH Mandy 5662 4395 / 0418 361 240.

Riddle solution: Her horse’s name was Sunday