PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Reports and PST Interviews
This year our Student Reports and Parents, Student, Teacher Interviews will be produced and managed through the Compass School Management Systems. Please find an attached letter detailing the changes. Please note that due to Mrs Guy and Mrs Russell’s long service leave next term, their PST interviews will be on Thursday 23rd June.

How We Can Support You
If you have any concerns or need support, there are several staff who can assist. Fortunately we have a high rate for approachability as rated by parents and we strive to maintain that culture of open and respectful problem solving. The following is a list of who is the best person to contact and ways of contact.

Bus changes
- Admin
  XX Phone, note or email

Financial queries
- Allyson Opray
  (Tues-Fri)
  XX Phone or email

Newsletter
- Janelle Smedley
  XX Phone or email

Compass
- Admin
  XX Ring, email or pop in

Concerns relating to student learning and specific student incidents in the teacher’s class
- Classroom teacher or relevant teacher
  XX Ring for appointment or discussion

Concerns relating to yard duty, school policy, school management, staff members or complex student issues
- Contact Principal

Social and Emotional Support
- Contact Principal to determine support pathways

Principals if ongoing or not resolved
- Contact Principal

Kath Gilbert-Primary Welfare Officer
Tania Niziorski-School Chaplain

FEATURE

CALENDAR
Upcoming
24th June – Last Day Term 2 – school dismisses at 2.20. Buses will run 1 hour earlier.
11th July – First Day Term 3
27th July – Superheroes Day
27th July – Beau Vernon Parent Evening
7pm @ Meeniyan Town Hall
29th July – Yr 3-6 Zoo Excursion
16th Aug – School Council
25th Aug – State Netball Competition

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 1:50pm to be included.

RIDDLE
What can run, but never walks?
Has a mouth, but never talks?
Has a head, but never weeps?
Has a bed, but never sleeps?

Solution at the end of the newsletter

Brett Smith
ZOO EXCURSION
Heads Up!! Years 3-6 Zoo Excursion is during the third week of next term.
On the 29th of July, students in Years 3-6 will be undertaking an all day excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Next term, students in these grades will be exploring different concepts about animals in their Inquiry Units and the excursion will be a wonderful complement to their inquiries. The day will be a longer one with students leaving at 7am and returning around 6pm. The cost for the day will be around $35 per student which includes bus travel and entry. Included in the day, will be an education session provided by the Melbourne Zoo staff. This excursion only occurs once every four years so we are very excited it is here again. There may be a limited number of seats for adults (sorry no toddlers) on the bus depending on the number of students attending. Stay tuned for permission forms and parent expression of interests Week 1 next term.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO IN FRENCH?
The Year Preps and Ones were very excited to begin learning all about French on Friday the 3rd of June. We practised phrases that people use when meeting and greeting each other, such as “bonjour”- hello and “au revoir” – goodbye. The students also practised how to introduce themselves and how to say nice to meet you in French. Mr Smith brought in some croissant pastries for the Preps and Ones to try and we learnt how they got their name in French, which comes from their crescent shape. Merci beaucoup, Monsieur Smith!

Madam Lester

KIDSMATTER UPDATE
Once again this week all students were involved in mixed-age group activities to continue their learning about emotions. Together the students explored ‘How do we know what someone else is feeling?’ with an emphasis on body language. I heard the other day, 7% of our message is delivered through words, 34% through our tone and the rest through our body language, so for children to learn about what they are unintentionally saying via their body and tone is really important.

There are some great ideas at https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/suggestions-for-families if you’re interested in some further reading on social and emotional learning.

Next term we are looking forward to having guest presenter Beau Vernon join the older students to speak on resilience. Beau will also be speaking at 7pm on July 27th at the Town Hall Supper Room for all school and community members regarding his resilient outlook on life. Please see attached flyer for more information

Leongatha Gymnastics School Holiday Program:
These coming school holidays we will be running two fun filled days of gymnastics.
Tuesday June 28th Fun gymnastics (no experience needed) 9am-4pm $35
Thursday June 30th Skill based gymnastics (experienced gymnastics/acro students only) 9am-4pm $50
BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Email leongathagymclub@hotmail.com or ph 0400 273 658 for more information and a booking form.

Riddle solution: A River
Beau Vernon has learnt his fair share about being resilient. In 2012 in an instant he went from playing the sport he has always loved (Australian Rules Football) to being diagnosed a quadriplegic at the age of only 23.

Since that day Beau has not sat back to wonder ‘why me’, he has continuously strived to achieve his next goal. He has recently had his first child with wife Lucy and in 2015 returned to the sport he loves, as coach of the Leongatha Parrots Senior team, albeit in a wheelchair.

This is not a poor me story, it is a story about how people can cope and be more resilient when things don’t go their way. (For further insight into Beau’s story you may like to check out his blog - https://beauvernon.com/ )

Beau Vernon – My take on Resilience
7pm
Wednesday July 27
Meeniyan Town Hall – Supper Room
ALL Welcome – gold coin donation