



# School News

*Aim High, Achieve Together*



Respect



Responsibility

## FEATURE

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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our most recent change of Prime Minister goes completely against the grain of what we are trying to teach in our school. Blame. It is the hallmark of a Fixed Mindset and we know that little growth is possible when it is present.

Six Prime Ministers in 11 years. It says something. Many people will blame the politicians, some will blame the press and some will blame Malcolm Turnbull for doing a poor job.

Sports coaching is no different. Coaches have contracts but if the team doesn't have a great season the coach is the first to go. Blame.

At school we try to teach students that mistakes are a learning opportunity. That without mistakes, learning is impossible. We also teach them to support another person when they make a mistake, put your hand on their shoulder and offer them support. But does this only happen at school?

In society, if a person has an accident, how do we respond? Do we support the cause of the accident, try to improve it and work towards a better outcome? Or do we blame?

An Australian scholar recently visited a primary school in Finland and noticed the students at the top of some very tall trees. When he asked the Principal, "What would the parent say if a child slipped?" The Principal merely replied, "They would say to the child you have to be more careful next time!" Would this be the response in Australia?

Another critical factor in feedback is to get the balance right between praise and constructive criticism. I don't have an interest in politics and I care little over who is in charge, but like every job, I know Prime Ministers make some good and poor choices. "Australia is the second-wealthiest nation in terms of wealth per adult, after Switzerland," surely there must have been a few good choices by our PM along the way?

The only way we are going to change this current cycle of blame is by owning it. By educating our students about the dangers of blame we are taking a step towards a supportive society. Please support this mindset at home. Discuss issues, search for solutions and listen. I know it is more time consuming but the lessons you are teaching will have an impact far beyond your child.

*Gene VanderZalm, Acting Principal*

### FOUND

A gold ring was handed into the office last week. If you think it could be yours, see Mrs Opray at the office.

### HOT LUNCHES

Our next hot lunch day (pies, pasties & sausage rolls) will be next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The order form is at the end of the newsletter. Forms and **correct money** (no change can be given) are due back by 3.20pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Late orders cannot be accepted.

### CALENDAR

**This week 29/8– 5/9**

4<sup>th</sup> Sep – Book Club orders close COB

5<sup>th</sup> Sep - Hot Lunches

#### Upcoming

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Sep – Dental Van

20<sup>th</sup> Sep – School concert

21<sup>st</sup> Sep – Last day term 3

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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



### Our Community keeps on giving...

Meen Feedz is now supplying fresh fruit for Breakfast club

And

The Meeniyen Fellowship has offered a substantial donation to help us along with kitchen equipment.

## WANTED

If any families have the cardboard rolls from paper towel, please send along to be reused by 3GG.

*Many thanks, Mrs Guy*

The Science room is looking for donations of plastic bottles.

*Ms Giliam*

## REQUEST TO RETURN FORMS

Over the past couple of weeks, some families have been sent notices, which need to be returned to school. Last week many families were sent absence letters attached to the newsletter. You are required to complete the reason your child/children were absent from school by filling in the form **OR** going onto Compass and updating their absence. Thank you to the families who have done this. It is a legal requirement that **ALL** absences from school need to be notified either in writing or via Compass. There are also families who received a request for their child's Birth Certificate and/or Immunisation Certificate. Again, these are a legal requirement required to enrol your child in a Government school and must be presented as soon as possible.

**Parent Opinion Survey**  
If you were selected to complete the Parent Opinion Survey, a reminder that it closes Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

### **Tickets:**

School concert tickets are now available for purchase. Please return the order form at the end of the newsletter with money to the office by 9am Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets that have been ordered and paid for will be distributed each week with the newsletter.

### **Costumes:**

As with previous years, we have kept costume requirements to a minimum with parents supplying foundation clothes and school and volunteers adding the appropriate accessories. Hopefully you will be able to gather the required clothing from family, friends or Op shops such as MACS.

The table below lists the items students in each grade will need for their foundation clothes. Students will need to bring these items to school in a named bag by **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

Prep	Black Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 1	Black Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 2	Black Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 3	<b>White</b> Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 4/5	Black Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 6	Current school uniform and costume (details to follow)

## 'TRUCKIN FEED A FARMER

If you would like to make a donation to farming families in drought, a donation tub has been placed in the foyer of the office. The volunteer group 'Doing it for our Farmers' are looking for donations of toiletries, non-perishable foods (no glass), general house hold necessities, domestic pet food or money. At the end of September, the donation tub will be collected and 'trucked' to farmers in drought. See attached flyer for further details.



### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- ☺ **James J** for bringing an environmental concern to the attention of our class. Very global in his thinking!
- ☺ **Luca B** for embracing the challenge of telling time to the hour and half hour by demonstrating a growth mindset.
- ☺ **Thalia B** for building on her research and note taking skills while working independently on her mini beast report.
- ☺ **Kiarrah M** for consistently showing excellent manners.
- ☺ **Zekhai G** for the pride, care and effort taken to write both poetry and narrative.
- ☺ **Seth W** for demonstrating grit, persistence and self-management skills consistently during Genius Hour.
- ☺ **Elsie-Mae J** for connecting with French during class time and drawing pictures to add meaning to French words.

### **YARD DRAW AWARD**

- ☺ **Brody S** for helping Mrs Russell sort non-recyclables from the recycling bin.

### **HOUSE POINTS**

**Last week's winner: Waratah**

**Overall Winner: Bluegum**

# Writing with Homophones 4/5

At night the little knight sat down and read a tale. The book cover was red but the tale was about a lion that had no tail. The king's son woke up the queen when the sun came up. The king and queen could see the sea. *Annika*

One day there was a poor old lady who had to pour cups of tea all day long. Every Friday she walked by the shop to buy tea. Sometimes she says bye to her son. Her brother is male and he is the one who won the race and he collects the daily mail. *Lochlan*

The lady gave a long whine as her wine fell onto her son who was looking at a picture of the sun. She screamed "He's going to die". Then quickly went to dye her hair again before going out. The son dropped the picture of the sun and went to get ready to flee as he felt a flea bite him. They rushed out at night saying goodbye to Knight, their dog. They got into the car as the son ate a biscuit in the shape of an eight. Eventually they got to the hospital and the doctor prescribed them some special cream with a title of a sum. *Zara*



## FATHER'S DAY GIFT MAKING ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNITY NEWS

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

#### South Gippsland Tennis Coaching:

September School Holidays Tennis Coaching clinic, held at Fish Creek, Leongatha and Mirboo North. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September for ages 7-18. We run beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. For a full information flyer, please contact Matthew Pocklington - [info@souuthgippslandtenniscoaching.com.au](mailto:info@souuthgippslandtenniscoaching.com.au) or 0402 736 693

#### Meeniyan Art Gallery Exhibitions:

##### Gallery 1:

*Pyrogravure* by Sue Gilford and *Conversation in Symbioxix* by Zetta Kanta, running August 29 – October 2. Opening Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.

##### Gallery 2:

*Now in Gippsland* by Susan Hall, Martin Curwain, Leslie Monahan, Amelle Camille & Dylan Breninger running August 29 – October 2. Opening Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.

#### Camp Rumberg Day Camps:

School Holiday Program, 1-5 October 2018. Adventure activities such as:

Abseiling

Archery

Leap of Faith

Flying Fox

Aeroball

Climbing

Canoeing

Challenge Course

Raft Building

All instruction included, suitable for ages 7-14. Arrival from 8.15am, activities between 9-4.15. Pick up 4.15-5pm. Just \$49 incl. GST per day. To book visit: [www.pgladventurecamps.com.au/daycamps](http://www.pgladventurecamps.com.au/daycamps) Bookings essential.

# "Truckin feed a Farmer"

## *Drought assistance*

Have you been wanting to directly help our drought stricken farmers but haven't been sure the best to do so?

Did you know that many farming families are going without daily necessities as they are directing all their money into hand feeding their livestock?

So would you like to help out a fellow farming Family doing it tough?

Jess Bright in conjunction with volunteer group "Doing it for our farmers" has come up with the plan to set up drop points at our wonderful and supportive local businesses so everyone can have the opportunity to donate.

Donations ideally in the way of toiletries, non-perishable foods (no glass), general house hold necessity's or domestic pet food would be greatly appreciated, there will be donation tins at the drop points decorated by the Meeniyan pre-school if you wish to donate that way. All cash donations will be used to purchase further items. Local company Dorlings Transport have come on board to ensure there will be no shortage of room to get all items to where they are needed most.

Even the smallest gesture can make the biggest difference to our knights in flannel armour. So if you'd like to donate race into one of the drop points listed below or for further information ask the friendly staff at the drop points for Jess' contact details.

## Drop points

Brown Wigg Meeniyan

Meeniyan IGA

Koonwarra Sale Yards

Meeniyan Service station

Leongatha Splash

Gendore Tractors and Machinery

Meeniyan Primary School

Meeniyan Pre-school

Essential Body Basics Foster

Meeniyan Pharmacy

Foodworks Toora

Fishy Hardware



Find us on  
**Facebook**

@ *Truckin feed a farmer*



*Year 6 students rode to Leongatha on Tuesday where they visited Woorayl Lodge. They spent time chatting and playing games with the residents.*

**2018 SCHOOL CONCERT TICKETS  
THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September - MEENIYAN TOWN HALL**

~~DAY~~  
~~Night at the Museum~~

<b>MATINEE PERFORMANCE – 1.00PM</b>	<b>EVENING PERFORMANCE – 7.00PM</b>
Name: _____	Name: _____
_____ Adults @ \$7 per seat _____	_____ Adults @ \$7 per seat _____
_____ Children (-12) @ \$3 per seat _____	_____ Children (-12) @ \$3 per seat _____
Please find enclosed \$ _____	Please find enclosed \$ _____

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**PIES PASTIES SAUSAGE ROLLS ORDER FORM:**

**Please return form and CORRECT money to school by 3.20pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Please Note: Late orders cannot be accepted**

Pies, Pasties or Sausage Roll & Flavoured Milk order form for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Hot Food (circle)</b> \$2.50 each	<b>Flav Milk / Primas</b> \$1.50 (Please circle)
_____	Pie Pastie Sausage Roll	_____ choc / straw / prima
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Total No. of pies, pasties and sausage rolls ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of flavoured milk/prima ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please enclose **correct** money as change **cannot** be given