



School News

Aim High, Achieve Together



Respect



Responsibility

BULLETIN
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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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Supervision Times: 8:15 Morning Bus Duty	8:30-Morning Yard Duty	-4:00 Afternoon Bus Duty

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everybody. I was fortunate to drive to Queensland and back during the school holidays and got a front row seat of the devastating drought that is wreaking havoc across much of New South Wales and Queensland. There is no grass, just dirt, and many of the cattle and sheep are simply eating the bark, scrub and leaves of trees. The scary thought that kept crossing my mind as we drove through it was, 'What is this all going to look like in the summer?' This problem is far from over and the plight of these farmers is only going to get worse. So what does this mean for our students? Our School Values include the words Responsibility, Compassion and Understanding but do they relate to this? We like to think they do. We began talking to the students last term about our actions being so much more important than just our thoughts and words. We may feel and speak a certain way but unless we actually **do** something about it then there is no effect.

Thankfully, many in the Tarwin Valley community are already on to the drought issue and are **doing** something about it. As busy as last term was there were a couple of initiatives that our school was involved in to assist our drought stricken farmers but this is only the start. The Junior Action Team conducted a fundraiser last term where students dressed as something related to farms and raised over \$300 for 'Drought Angels'. To complement this the school office along with several businesses around Meeniyah became drop off points for the 'Trucking feed a Farmer' campaign. One truckload has already taken off and now we are building towards another. As we continue to fundraise this term through dress up days and as a drop off point for goods we ask that you continue to support his worthy cause. Perhaps this is one of the best lessons we can teach our students in Responsibility, Compassion and Understanding.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

MACS

Thank you to our lovely parent and community volunteers at MACS who through their time volunteering at MACS, enabled us to receive a cheque for \$482.08.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 Book Club catalogues have been distributed today. Please place all orders via the LOOP app on your phone, or via the Scholastic website by COB Tuesday 23rd October. Please **do not** send orders into the school office. Parents can organise to collect their order from the office rather than have them distributed to their child if they prefer.

NEEDED FOR SCIENCE

If anyone has any clear plastic bottles they could donate for use in the Science room, please send them in to Ms Giliam.

CALENDAR

This week 10/9– 17/10

12th Oct – Science Olympic permission slips due (Yr 6 - LSC students)
 16th Oct – Regional Athletics
 16th -19th Oct – Yr 3-6 swimming

Upcoming

18th Oct – Science Olympics (Yr 6-LSC students)
 23rd Oct - Book club orders close COB
 26th Oct – P-2 Athletics
 29th Oct – Bricks4Kids payment due (Yrs 1-3)
 30th Oct - Prep Beach Excursion
 30th Oct – P-2 Swimming Consent due
 1st Nov – Class of 2019 uniform orders due COB
 1st Nov – Kanga Cricket Tournament
 5th Nov – Pupil free day
 6th Nov – Melbourne Cup Day (pupil free)
 9th Nov – P-2 Swimming Program commences
 13th Nov – Bricks4Kids Incursion (Yr 1-3)
 13th Nov – Yr 6 xmas cake decorating

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Have you returned?

- Yr 3-6 Swimming Consent/Medical form

Save the Date

End of Year Celebration
Monday 17th December

(a typo in a previous newsletter stated 12th Dec)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



YOU'RE INVITED.

Agency Grand Opening

The whole Community is invited to attend the grand opening of the long awaited Meeniyani Agency.

With every product or service Meeniyani Agency offers, money goes back into your community.

So please come down to the IGA Supermarket and introduce yourself to the new Agency Team.

Free sausage sizzle and face-painting.

When: Friday 12 October 2018
Time: 11am till 1pm
Where: IGA, 100-104 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyani
For more information: Kaelene Shervell
ph 5664 0053

 **Bendigo Bank**
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Meeniyani agency

TRUCKIN FEED A FARMER BBQ FUNDRAISER

Round up your friends and family to come along to help send off the loaded truck full of goods to our farmers.

Date: 19th Oct 2018 **Venue:** Meeniyani square **Time:** 5:30

* Sausage sizzle, cold drinks & for the sweet tooth cupcakes kindly donated by Brent Sinclair Catering - gold coin donation.

Entertainment:

Live music Jumping castle Face painting Craft bags Rock painting

There will be a number of items to be raffled off including a meat tray donated by Wilson's meats of Tarwin lower.

Also, a free gate raffle to be drawn on the night.

Feel free to bring along your chair or picnic rug for an easy dinner and wonderful kids activities.

Fairer World Bazaar:

An alternative gift fair at the Leongatha Uniting Church Hall (Peart St), on Saturday 20th October, 9am – 2pm. Browse stalls for quality gifts that benefit community projects in Asia, Africa and Australia. Entry is **free**.