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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Stuart's Cup

Thanks to our entire school community for showing up in such large numbers to cheer on the student's in another fantastic Stuart's Cup. The day is a wonderful memorial to former student Stuart McCaughan who tragically lost his life when he was a student at our school. Special thanks to Stuart's mother Heather McCaughan for once again helping out on the day and presenting the trophy to the winning house. This year the winner was Wattle, just 5 points clear of a fast finishing Waratah. On this, the 20th anniversary using the current House names, Wattle had won on just four previous occasions and not since 2013, so it was nice to see them share the spoils.



CALENDAR

Current 9/3 – 18/3

9th Mar – SC Elections close 4pm

12th Mar – Waratah Sports 3-6

16th Mar – School Council AGM, 7pm

18th Mar – Yr 1 Dinner / Yr 2 Sleepover

Upcoming

26th Mar – District Athletics Yrs 3-6

29th Mar – Student Free day

1st Apr – Last day Term 1

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday.
All items need to be submitted by 1:30pm
to be included

Learning Tasks

This week, teachers are posting Key Learning Tasks on Compass that students will be exploring over the coming months. This preview of tasks will enable parents and carers to check-in with what their child will be learning in the coming months. Then, on May 27th, the school will hold its inaugural Open Night, where students will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms with their parents/carers and present their learning on these tasks. We ask that all parents/carers check in with these tasks over the next week so they are aware and informed on the tasks and in position where they might be able to support their child going forward.

To find the learning tasks - **- using the app:** click on the photo of the student, select the Task tab along the top of the screen and select the task you wish to view.

- using the web browser: click on the pencil icon at the top of the screen and select Learning Tasks in the drop-down menu.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 Book Club catalogues have been distributed today. Please place all orders via the LOOP app on your phone, or via the Scholastic website by **9am** Thursday 18th March as orders will be processed at that time. Please **do not** send orders into the school office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- ☺ **Blake H** for being a 'self-manager' and looking after all his belongings.
- ☺ **Tyler D** for always contributing to class discussions.
- ☺ **Brock R** for managing his needs at school with independence, maturity and resilience.
- ☺ **Jordyn B** for showing kindness to others by asking someone else if they would like to play with her.
- ☺ **Maggie M** for being a kind, caring classmate and persevering with tricky topics.
- ☺ **Eliza H** for a great attitude of persistence with her spelling work.
- ☺ **Shannon B** for following all classroom expectations.
- ☺ **Fin S** for fantastic thinking in Maths.



YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Adisyn P** for a healthy lunch.

HOUSE POINTS

Last week's winner: Bluegum

Overall winner: Bluegum

HELPERS NEEDED FOR WARATAH ATHLETICS DAY PLEASE

Our wonderful school is running the Waratah Athletics Sports, this Friday March 12th at Foster Secondary College, for all grade 3-6 students, against Fish Creek and Tarwin Lower Primary Schools. As we are responsible, we do need a few helpers to make the day run smoothly, so if you can offer some time to help on a stopwatch for the sprints, please let me know. Rebecca.Browne@education.vic.gov.au

ACTIVE FAMILIES KIDS ACTIVE

I just wanted to let you all know how amazing your kids have been participating in our Physical Education classes. It is wonderful to see their smiling faces each week, can do attitudes, and the way they are encouraging of their peers. It is a real testament to all the families at our school, encouraging their kids to lead active lives.

The link between the brain and being active is a hot topic at the moment within Sport in Australia and the term Physical Literacy is of great focus. This is all about how educating people to be active helps strengthen the individual cognitively, psychologically, socially, as well as physically. I am passionate about this and believe the earlier our kids can find a love of movement in any form, the easier it will be for this to continue throughout their lives.

I believe we are blessed to live in a community with so many active options for us. The best thing is that many of these are free, with our local trails, amazing playgrounds, beautiful beaches, and more. I ask every student at the start of their class each week how they have been active since I last saw them to encourage them to move often, in all different ways. I will be encouraging the school community to get behind Active April again this year to build on this. It offers many free movement opportunities for the whole family. I also encouraging the students to join our Tuesday lunch run club, as well as a Wednesday lunch catch up for those who may want to practice the skills from the week's lessons.



You may have also recently seen the Government has released a \$200 voucher for families to cover some of the costs to participate in sports (some eligibility criteria apply) <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers> Our community runs many programs to keep our kids and us active, so this is a great opportunity to join in if you meet the criteria. **To those community groups I would love to hear from you about any opportunities to for our kids to participate in sports, so we can link into our school Physical Education Curriculum.**

Finally, I run a few free movement opportunities at the Meeniyah Rec, that all are welcome to join (most Monday's 9:15am a child inclusive workout, most Wednesday's 7pm adult only workout, and I am trying to get Rock Up Netball going from the start of Term 2). If you are at all interested and would like to join, please let me know.

Mrs Browne

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

The theme for International Women's Day this year is 'Choose to Challenge' – I really like the word challenge because it allows for a conversation rather than an argument. It feels productive and when someone tells me they are challenging what I have to say I feel excited, like some new thinking is coming my way.

Tuesdays in our house are NUTS! They start with both grown-ups having an earlier start. I have a staff meeting which bumps onto squad training for my girls and my neighbour's kids too. They all finish at different times so while they are swimming I duck between various supermarkets and the pool. Somehow, the shopping gets done, the kids all swim and they all eat something. Usually, for some strange reason it's the day we need a sudden headlice treatment done after getting home from the pool at 9pm!

Andrew often smashes out the floors and bathrooms while all the swimming, eating, shopping and combing happens.

After the onslaught this Tuesday we both flopped on the couch and he looked to me and said 'you are a good chick Donna Giliam' and I 'chose to challenge.' I know he was telling me what a great partner I am, I acknowledged that. Yet, there was something in the word chick that I needed to challenge. We decided to unpack the 'endearment' because it is a word only used for women. I loved that Andrew and I are getting used to this now and he did not say "what is the world coming to? I can't say anything these days, without being put through the ringer" He said "let's look it up" so we did.

We decided that this word that slipped of our tongues was actually pretty derogatory. Chicks are infants, they have small brains, are fluffy and weak and need to be looked after. All pretty opposite to what I had achieved that day. Choosing to challenge actually made a change in the way we both spoke and thought of the word chick. Neither of us would like our strong, independent, capable, wise daughters to be called chicks or babes.

I can't wait for the next challenge.

Happy International Women's day out there to all the Women in our wonderful little community!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer / 0390801881 / Donna.giliam@education.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Mt. Eccles Netball Club:

Netball training commences Thursday 18th March, 4.00 – 6.30pm at the LDNA courts. We welcome players from all over South Gippsland. Junior training times: U11's and U13's 4-5pm. U15's and U17's 5.30-6.30pm. The season runs April – September will all games played at the same times on Saturdays at the one central location.

To register <https://forms.gle/x4x3rgZePe7NndSw9>. For queries contact mounteccles@gmail.com or phone Jacinta 0400 255 954.

Meeniyán Community Cupboard:

A great new community project in Meeniyán has just begun. The Meeniyán Community Cupboard is a green metal cupboard placed near the Meeniyán Community Garden. The cupboard contains basic non-perishable household goods and is available to those in need of this support.

The cupboard is available 24 hours a day and we ask that the cupboard and its contents be treated with respect and consideration for others. Good quality and 'in date' donations and financial support are always welcome.

Please contact Lauren at Bread and Pickles Café or phone Rosie on 0438 644 230. Perishables are available on request.

AUSKICK @ Stony Creek FNC & Junior Football Training:

Registration Day for AFL Auskick is Saturday April 24th, 10am. Contact Mat Linke 0421 466 545 or Mark LePage 0447 352 208

Come and train on Thursday nights for Junior Football (U11 U13 & U15) at Stony Creek Football ground starting 5pm. New players & families welcome. For more information contact Mark LePage 0447 352 208 or Dale Gilliatte 0417 096 456



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

WHAT WE EXPECT AT MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- ❖ We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- ❖ We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- ❖ There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- ❖ The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- ❖ The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- ❖ Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.
- ❖ Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.

Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.