



School News



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With the threat of COVID 19 slowly dissipating in Victoria, it feels as though we can start setting goals and plans for our future with a sense of confidence. At Meeniyah PS, we believe it is time to re-establish the two pronged attack of School and Home to support our students in their learning. In order to do so, we would like parents and carers to focus on just two things for their child:

- Establishing a consistent routine of home reading and,
- Reading through the learning tasks (with their child) that teachers recently published on Compass

By completing both of these elements parents and carers will have a strong understanding of what their child is learning at school and be in the best position to support their child with their learning. Once you complete both elements, celebrate with your child. Highlight to them that life is made up of 1000's of tiny goals. By chipping away at them we gradually make progress and achieve our goals.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

HELPERS WANTED!

On April 22nd, we require 3 able bodied persons strong enough to wheel wheelbarrows of fresh concrete for a couple of hours. This is the first Thursday of Term 2 and the Wheelbarrows are supplied. The concrete works are the next stage in a new garden area being developed on the side of the oval and the free labour will save in costs for the school. We have professional concreters doing the technical work, we just need some people to move the concrete. If you are able to spare a few hours of your time on this morning and don't mind wheeling a wheelbarrow, please contact Gene at school ASAP.

NAPLAN

In May, the Years 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN assessments. In the weeks leading up to the assessments we are preparing the students in how to undertake this form of assessment and experience formal assessment conditions to lessen any variables that can impact on their performance. We align NAPLAN preparations with our curriculum and assessment plans to ensure the preparation time is used effectively and supplements our learning programs. An information sheet will go home with those students with the hard copy of the newsletter tomorrow.

BAKERS DELIGHT

Through the Baker's Delight Dough Raiser program in 2020, \$198.50 was raised for our school. Baker's Delight Leongatha donates 5% of all purchases made throughout the year to MPS when you mention our school name. Money raised from this program contributes to the purchase of technology for classrooms.



CALENDAR

Current 30/3 – 1/4

1st Apr – Last day Term 1 - 2.20pm dismissal-buses run 1 hour earlier than usual.

Upcoming

19th Apr – First day Term 2

26th Apr – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

18th May – School Council, 7pm

1st June – Cross Country

4th June - Division Cross Country

14th June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

15th June – School Council, 7pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Age Group Champion

Congratulations Angus Cousins, on being recognised at the District Sports last week as the Champion 11 year old boy. Angus placed first in 5 out of the 8 events. A tremendous effort!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier Beleza, are now selling all uniform items printed with the new Meeniyan Primary School logo. Price list is at the end of the newsletter. Next term we will have a sale of unsold TVPS printed items, that can be purchased from the school office. Details to come next term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We held our AGM this week and our new school Councilors attended for the first time. Office bearer elections were held, and Danielle Lacy was returned as President, Simone Jans as Vice President, Claire Guy as Minute Secretary and Brad Kijlstra-Shone as Treasurer. Congratulations to all on their appointments.

The School Council for 2021 members are: Katrina Benson, Claire Guy, Jo Healy, Melissa Horkings, Simone Jans, Brad Kijlstra-Shone, Danielle Lacy, Rhys Livingstone, Sarah Mitchem, Kate Thomas and Gene VanderZalm. Throughout the school year we will be communicating about School Council meetings but all parents are most welcome at any of our meetings in person. The dates listed below are when each meeting is to be held. Each meeting starts at 7pm and goes for approx. 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Tues 18/5/21	Tues 15/6/21	Tues 27/7/21
Tues 24/8/21	Tues 19/10/21	Tues 16/11/21

The new toilet block (which the school got a grant for to upgrade/replace) is at the tender stage, hopefully when we come back for term 2 there will be more information around the completion date. But like all Government projects and through our experience with the admin building project this may not go as quick as we would like.

Katrina Benson

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Our beloved MARC librarian often finds me a book that she knows I will delight in sharing with my grades or with my children. I love it when she finds me and excitedly describes the book before handing it over, flicking through to find the best illustrations or the paragraph that she knows will hook me in.

This week was no different to any other when she handed me a book filled with photos and quotes from young girls called, "Strong is the New Pretty". I could not wait to flick through this and see what all these strong young humans had to say about themselves.

AND I loved it because one reminded me of my mum. I can't remember my mum ever telling me I was pretty and she really hated the word 'nice'. I can't remember Granny or my dad doing this either, this was not because they did not think I was lovely to look at, it was because they did not think it mattered whether I was pretty or not.

Instead, they told me I was kind, that I had a good imagination, that I was strong, that I was a good sport, that I could saddle up the horse, they praised my compassion for others, they admired my independence and my abilities in the shearing shed. They taught me that clothing and fashion is fun but it is also important to be comfortable, warm and practical.

So often a girl's worth is measured by how pretty and how nice she is. This does not service our girls, instead it keeps them quiet and compliant, valuing themselves on their looks and how the way they look makes others feel.

Let's be mindful of how we praise our girls. Let's notice how strong they are, how wise they are, how compassionate or empathetic they are, how generous they are, how they stick up for themselves or others.

Strong is the new pretty and I LOVE this!

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



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Marcus J** for being a confident contributor in class and making some great friendships.
- ☺ **Harvey T** for slowing down to take care with his work.
- ☺ **Olive S** for being thoughtful and considerate of others on a consistent basis.
- ☺ **Indie H** for being responsible, respectful, independent, kind and fun-loving during the Grade 2 sleepover.
- ☺ **Christian L** for really challenging himself in reading to search for a more meaningful 'big idea'.
- ☺ **Sophie M** for continually going to the 'Learning Pit'. Great attitude!
- ☺ **Sarah L** for her 'have a go' attitude to all learning areas.
- ☺ **Eli A** for working towards his personal learning goals with a smile,



YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ Nico KS for using a wax lunch wrap.

HOUSE POINTS

Last Week: Bluegum

Overall: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Meeniyen Christian Fellowship Services:

Community Good Friday Service

Please come and join in as we celebrate Good Friday. A community event hosted by Meeniyen Christian Fellowship. 10am at Tanderra Park, Meeniyen. Guest Speaker is Randall Green (Formally of Life FM radio) A morning with music, a children's story, an Easter egg hunt and hot, Hot Cross Buns! (warmed on the barbie!) A Covid Safe and registered event.

Easter Sunday Service

On Easter Sunday our special service will begin at 10am at the Old Youth Hall. Our guest speaker will be Shelly Hermans (Former Meeniyen Primary School Chaplain) with a guest spot from Marina Gardiner (Current Meeniyen Primary School Chaplain.) Everyone welcome!

Meeniyen Auskick:

Come and join in Mondays 4-5pm starting Monday 19th April and running for the duration of term 2. Register online now at play.afl/auskick with walking bus from Meeniyen Primary School leaving 3.30pm and complimentary sausage sizzle following Auskick session. For more info, contact Steve Trotman 0438 762 068. To join the walking bus, contact Emma Trotman 0448 438 610.



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.

MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

RETAIL PRICE LIST - EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 2019

Trading Hours*
Monday - Friday: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am to 1:00pm
Sunday: CLOSED

*Store hours are subject to change.



Shop Online at <http://store.beleza.com.au/>

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM COLOUR	SIZES	RETAIL FROM (\$) (INC. GST)
GENERAL UNIFORM			
SHORT SLEEVE POLO PIQUE SHIRT (WITH LOGO)	JADE / 2 NAVY TRIM	4 - 16	\$ 23.00
LONG SLEEVE POLO PIQUE SHIRT (WITH LOGO)	JADE / 2 NAVY TRIM	4 - 16	\$ 25.00
SUPER FLEECE CREW NECK WINDCHEATER (WITH LOGO)	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 27.00
SUPER FLEECE BOMBER JACKET (WITH LOGO)	NAVY / 2 JADE TRIM	6 - 16	\$ 38.00
POLAR FLEECE VEST (WITH LOGO)	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 32.00
FULL ZIP POLAR FLEECE JACKET (WITH LOGO)	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 37.00
MICRO FIBRE ADJUSTABLE HAT (WITH LOGO)	NAVY	S/M , L/XL	\$ 16.00

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GIRLS SUMMER DRESS	NAVY & WHITE CHECK	4 - 16	\$ 26.00
GIRLS SUMMER DRESS	FABRIC CODE: 8302	4 - 18	\$ 36.00
GIRLS ELASTERINE SKORTS (WITH SKIRT FRONT)	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 25.00
GIRLS CULOTTES	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 25.00
HEAVY RUGBY SHORTS	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 21.00
SURF STYLE GABERDINE SHORTS WITH SIDE ZIP-POCKET	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 29.00
GIRLS POLY COTTON STRAIGHT LEG PANTS	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 31.00
GIRLS KNITTED BOOTLEG PANTS	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 20.00
SURF STYLE GABERDINE PANTS WITH SIDE ZIP-POCKET [WITH DOUBLE KNEE UP TO SIZE 10 ONLY]	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 32.00
SUPER FLEECE STRAIGHT LEG TRACK PANTS [WITH DOUBLE KNEE UP TO SIZE 10 ONLY]	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 27.00
SUPER FLEECE TRACK PANTS WITH CUFFS [WITH DOUBLE KNEE UP TO SIZE ONLY]	NAVY	4 - 16	\$ 27.00

*Membership discount does not apply to online purchases. | Prices may vary depending on size and/or whether it is Imported or Australian Made | Prices effective as of September 2019.

**Stock shortages may occur from time to time; of which will be replenished within 14 to 21 days unless otherwise notified to the School Council.

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