



School News



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Seatbelts on folks, here comes Term 4!

With COVID cases on the rise in regional areas and vaccination targets nearing closer we are obviously in for a bumpy ride for the next few months. As a school, the health and safety of our school community is our highest priority. Several events planned for Term 4 have had to be cancelled and we are still awaiting clarification on future events. Our main goal is to simply have the students back onsite. For this to occur, we will be doing our best to maintain health and safety standards and avoid the spread of COVID.

In the meantime, we are excited to have our Prep – 2 students back with us for the term and the older students just weeks away from a fulltime return. Each time I am amazed at how our students readjust to their schooling after lengthy breaks. For all that we read about students struggling to readjust and connect with their learning, we rarely see this at our school. It is interesting to note that many of our younger students don't know any different. For them, this is what schooling is? When we explain to them, that as children, we never had to stop any of our schooling because of lockdowns, they look at us kind of perplexed.

In short, none of us, governments included, know what the fallout from these lockdowns will be on student learning. Therefore, it is so pleasing that the Victorian Government has decided to continue with the 2021 Tutoring initiative into 2022. At Meeniyan Primary we feel well placed to bounce back in 2022 with low class sizes and an established staff. We will have some exciting announcements in the weeks ahead regarding staffing for 2022. In next week's newsletter we will be asking parents for their input into classes based on 2022 numbers.

Gene VanderZalm

CLASS OF 2022 UNIFORM ORDERS

Order forms for 'Class of 2022' uniforms are attached to today's newsletter. Sample sizes are available to try on in the foyer of the office. If you wish to try on the sample items, please phone the school to organise a time. All order forms and payments must be in by **9.00am on Friday 22nd October**. We cannot accept late orders and there will not be a second order for these items so please consider sizing requirements and quantities needed for your child for the whole of next year when placing your order.

PREP, 1 & 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Due to restrictions, the swimming program start date has been pushed back by two weeks. The first session will now be on Friday 29th October. Information will be sent home to families with next week's newsletter.

BOOK CLUB

Book club catalogues for Issue 7 have been distributed today. For students who are not currently attending onsite, the catalogue can be viewed online <https://www.scholastic.com.au>
All orders are to be placed online or through the LOOP app by COB Thursday 21st October.

CALENDAR

Upcoming

- 21st Oct** - Book Club orders close CoB
- 22nd Oct** - 2022 Year 6 uniform orders due 9.00am
- 26th Oct** - School Council, 7pm
- 29th Oct** - P-2 swimming program commences

- 1st Nov** - Student free day
- 2nd Nov** - Melbourne Cup (pupil free)
- 8th-10th Nov** - Years 5/6 camp
- 15th Nov** - 3-6 Swimming program commences (TBC)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

BUS TRAVEL COMMUNICATION

1. It is school practice to follow the **last notification by parents or carers** regarding bus travel and not rely on verbal messages relayed by students. If a misunderstanding occurs or there is confusion, we endeavour to contact parents.
2. Parents/ Carers of bus travellers who are not going home on the bus on any given night **MUST** notify the office prior to the end of the day. A phone call or note to school is required.
3. If the arrangements are permanent, eg. tennis for the whole of Term 1, please email the office meeniyam.ps@education.vic.gov.au . At the conclusion of your child's participation it is your responsibility to contact the office and have the arrangements revert back.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

I came home from my run on the last day of school holidays and got a strange hankering to clean my laundry walls. I can promise you that I have never had a hankering like this EVER! I look at the walls in my house and I want to blink the fingerprints, hand smears, paint, food colouring and the rest off the walls. Blinking does not work, either does clicking.

Anyway. I took to the laundry walls with gusto and then the kids toilet walls. It was as boring as I imagined and might have been more satisfying if I had done this in a more used area of my house like the kitchen or lounge room. Job done.

Something else happened WHILE I was doing this job. Daisy, my youngest decided to do a big clean out of her room. I am not very good at letting the kids do this to their room independently, I helicopter over them and usually they end up backing out of their room slowly as I grumble about in their rooms.

Daisy snuck off and got the ball rolling on her room without telling me or asking me for help. She spent the day in there and I assumed she had got nicely distracted with her Lego or dolls.

BUT she did not get distracted, she did not get halfway through and go out and play. She stuck to the task, sorted, tidied, and moved ALL her furniture. This might not sound like much, but Daisy is a collector and there was a lot to move and sort and tidy.

I was not aware of the massive job she was doing alone, and she was pretty pumped to unveil her efforts.

The hours she spent in her room had her showing grit, problem solving and persistence.

The hours I left her alone to do this (totally by accident not by remarkable, deliberate parenting!) gave her the space to do this. I am 100% sure this would have played out differently if I had walked in halfway through!

It was a timely reminder for me to have faith in my child's persistence, ability to cope and problem solve. Our kids have been asked to do this over and over during the last 2 school years and there will be cracks and struggles but there will also be independence, growth, and creativity.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch as the year draws to an end.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Nathaniel O** for giving effort to his learning tasks.
- ☺ **Olly B** for becoming a valued member of Prep S.
- ☺ **Flynn N** for working thoughtfully to create a terrific 'sensory' poem.



Congratulations

to Charlie C and family on the arrival of Billy



Congratulations

to Hudson, Nate and family on the arrival of Mayah



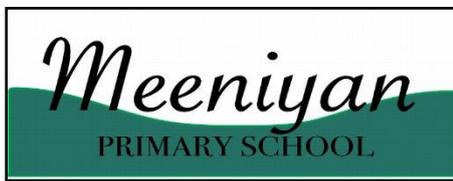


CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS WHAT WE EXPECT AT MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.



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'CLASS OF 2022'

It's time for Year 5 students to have the opportunity to order their 'Class of 2022' tops for next year. We will be placing the order on **Monday 25th October**. Hopefully this means we should have the garments ready to hand out at the end of the 2021 school year.



Left: The raglan sleeve polo shirt features a jade green body, white highlights and navy sleeves & collar.

Right: The hoodie is a brushed fleece, cosy style jumper in navy blue.

Both garments will be printed with the school logo on the front chest. The back will be printed with 'CLASS OF 2022' and list the students' names in alphabetical order.



If you would like to place an order for 'Class of 2022' tops, please complete the attached order form and return to school with payment by 9am Friday 22nd October 2021 for ordering on Monday 25th October.

No late orders can be accepted.

Garments can be viewed in the office in a range of sizes to help you make your selection. We recommend you do try on a sample size before ordering, as 'Class of 2022' uniforms are a special order and **IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO EXCHANGE IF SIZING IS INCORRECT**. It is important to consider what your child will need for the **whole** of the 2022 school year. In past years, some parents have found that they should have ordered more polo shirts than they did. It **WILL NOT** be possible to order again during the year.

ORDER FORM – to be completed and returned to school by **9am Friday 22nd October 2021** .

Child's Name: _____ (the way it will appear on the garment)

I would prefer not to place an order for 'Class of 2022' garments.

(* Please indicate the quantity you wish to order)

POLO SHIRT				HOODIE			
*Qty	SIZE	COST	Total \$	*Qty	SIZE	COST	Total \$
	Child 8	\$30.00			Child 8	\$35.00	
	Child 10	\$30.00			Child 10	\$35.00	
	Child 12	\$30.00			Child 12	\$35.00	
	Youth 14	\$30.00			Youth 14	\$35.00	
	Youth 16	\$30.00			Youth 16	\$35.00	
	Adult Small	\$33.00			Adult Small	\$40.00	
	Adult Medium	\$33.00			Adult Medium	\$40.00	
	Adult Large	\$33.00			Adult Large	\$40.00	
	Adult XL	\$33.00			Adult XL	\$40.00	
Total Cost Polo Shirts				Total Cost Windcheater			

Total of order \$ _____

Money enclosed Cash OR

Direct Deposit to school A/c - BSB 063 518 A/c no. 1007 1649

Direct Deposit Receipt Number: _____