



Edition 32 – November 9TH 2021

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Supervision Times: 8:15 Mornings Duty

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Reports

Due to the significant impacts of COVID restrictions, the Department of Education has once again adjusted the reporting expectations for students this semester. Students will receive progress dots for Literacy and Numeracy subjects only. They will receive a general comment on the student's progress, a comment from each of their specialist subject teachers and a comment regarding what was covered this semester. We still hope to provide an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers before the end of the year to discuss student learning but are awaiting information on what this is allowed to look like.

Nonetheless, ***it is important that students and their families understand that teachers will be providing their best estimates based on limited information.*** It is important that we continue to track student progress but we know from the previous year that there is often a significant rebound in student performance once they are here on a consistent basis. If you have any concerns about student progress, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Out of School Hours care Update

Finally, after months of waiting the school was notified yesterday that we have been successful in attaining funding to run an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program at Meeniyan Primary for the next three years! Authorities explained that this final stamp may take some time so we took the liberty to select an OSHC provider in the meantime and ensure we would be all set to go by the start of the 2022 school year. Our provider will be Our Patch. I am meeting with them tomorrow to discuss our next steps. I know they are planning to send out information and come to the school in the coming weeks to provide an information session to parents interested in the OSHC program. Stay tuned for more information. Special thanks to Brad Kiljstra-Shone for representing our School Council and being a part of the selection committee.

Gene VanderZalm

YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS CAKES



Fay Sinclair has once again kindly offered to conduct Christmas Cake Decorating lessons with Year 6 students, commencing on Tuesday 16th November. Students will need to provide a fruit cake (up to 15cm in diameter) and pay a fee of \$12 (**cash only**). The cake can be store bought or home made and must be brought into school with the money by Friday 12th November.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk to school day will be happening on Friday 26th November. Further details including meeting points will be in next week's newsletter.

CALENDAR

Current 9/11 – 16/11

8th-10th Nov – Year 5/6 Camp

11th Nov - 3-6 swimming consent closes on Compass

12th Nov - Yr 6 Christmas cakes and money due to school

15th Nov – 3-6 swimming

16th Nov - 3-6 Swimming

16th Nov - Yr 6 Christmas cake

decorating with Mrs Sinclair

16th Nov - School Council meeting

Upcoming

17th Nov - 3-6 Swimming

18th Nov - 3-6 Swimming

26th Nov - Walk to school day

7th Dec - State wide transition day

9th Dec – Year 6 Graduation

11th Dec - Year 6 Pool party

16th Dec - Class Christmas parties

16th Dec - Students last day, 3.20pm finish

17th Dec - Pupil Free

31st Jan 2022 - Student's first day

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Congratulations

to Nathaniel and family on the arrival of Jessica



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thursday 9th December:

5.30pm - meal for students and staff.

7.00pm - formalities (speeches and presentation of gift) all MPS families are invited to attend.

We are still in the process of finalising a venue for this year's Graduation. We will inform families once this is confirmed.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

When I was a little girl I got a lot of ear infections, my ear would thump with pain and I would scream out to my mum. She would come to me and I would tell her "the elves were banging on my ear drum again". She would get the Disprin and we would wait for it to work. During the wait she would gently stroke my forehead and talk or sing to me.

I don't get ear infections anymore but when I am sad my mum still sometimes strokes my forehead while I cry! A few weeks ago she said to me "You have wrinkles Donna! Where did these wrinkles come from? Who gave them to you?" I explained that "no one gave them to me, I am 43 – I earned these stripes!"

It got me thinking about the voice of reason and comfort that my parents have always been, the calm in my storms. I know how lucky I am to have this, a mama who will paint with my children, who will clean my stovetop so I can write a story, a dad who will drop me a side of lamb and partner that with a coffee and a chat.

Now, more than ever, we all need a person, one who can sit with us while we are in pieces and listen. There are times when we get the privilege to be that person for others too – the calm in the storm, the voice of reason and practicality. It can be hard to accept and seek help from others but it is worthy, you are worthy of support, love and care.

Please, if you need support reach out.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- ☺ **Matilda B** for the effort and stamina she now gives to learning tasks (and how proud you are!)
- ☺ **Ayme D** for being consistent and kind to everyone and trying her best with every learning experience.
- ☺ **Flynn N** for thinking like a learner and what a great learner!
- ☺ **Jack M** for having such a positive attitude toward Literacy.
- ☺ **Sol S** for his enthusiasm and systematic approach to mathematics.
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YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Nakayla J** for picking up rubbish



STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Jacki Deering, Student Support

Where did you grow up? Dumbalk

One word to describe you would be.. Busy

What do you love about MPS? The way the students show pride in themselves and their school

How long have you been involved with MPS? 6 months

Favourite movie? Point Break

Favourite bedtime story as a child? The Magic Faraway Tree

What are you looking forward to this year at MPS? All of us being on-site all the time!!

Something you have always wanted to try? Heli-skiing

Your favourite past time? Yoga





CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS WHAT WE EXPECT AT MEENIYANI 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.