



Edition 3 – February 15TH 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As a parent, the last few weeks have been extremely difficult for my wife and I. One of our sons was involved in a car accident. Thankfully, he walked away physically unscathed and we pray he is a lot wiser from the experience. The 'What ifs' are horrifying to imagine.

Traumatic events sometimes happen. But what should we do with ourselves when they do? Often, when the next workday comes around, we dust ourselves off in the morning, head out the door to work/school and switch our brain to a different channel. Sometimes this can be a nice distraction while our brains are processing information. It allows us to feel in control and keep going with our busy schedules. However, sometimes our brains aren't happy with this. Sometimes we need to stop. Sometimes we need to take a moment with our loved ones and process everything. Sometimes we just need to listen.

As horrible as the last weeks have been I am thankful to still have my son. I am thankful that this event has allowed us all to grow in different ways and I am hopeful that the experience might save some others.

Growing up isn't easy. We learn much from our parents, school, and other activities but some things we just learn through experience. Hold your kids close, communicate openly with them and listen. The answers are never far away 😊

Gene VanderZalm

MACS

Thanks to the work of our lovely MACS volunteers, we have received a payment for \$3,084.99. If you have a few hours a week, fortnight or month to staff the store which in turn, provides financial support to our school, please email the office.

YEAR 1/2 DINNER & YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

The Dinner and Sleepover has had a date change. This event will be held one week later on **Thursday 24th March**. Information was sent home last week by the classroom teachers with the details of the dinner and sleepover. This event is now live on CompassPay. Payment via credit card through Compass is the preferred option, however you can pay via Direct Deposit or cash to the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 24th February by Foon's Photographics, Wonthaggi. Please ensure all children are in correct uniform on this day. Each child has been given a photo envelope today. These must be returned with payment by photo day. Children who do not return their envelopes will still have their photo taken for inclusion in class photos. **Photographs of family siblings can be taken at your request.** Envelopes are available from the office and should be returned separately to individual packs. All enquires regarding photos should be directed to Foon's Photographics, Wonthaggi 5672 1411.

Please Note: Due to Covid restrictions, class photos this year will be a Compilation Group photo (see order envelope for details). The only 'group' photos that will be taken are family photos.

CALENDAR

Current 15/2 – 22/2

16th Feb – NO PREPS

17th Feb – Book Club orders close CoB

17th Feb – Welcome Evening / Bike Ride

22nd Feb – School Council, 7pm

Upcoming

23rd Feb – NO PREPS

23rd Feb - Parent Student Teacher Meetings

24th Feb – School Photos

14th Mar – Labour Day (pupil free)

22nd Mar – School Council AGM, 7pm

23rd Mar – Yr 3/4 Bugs Excursion

24th Mar – Yr1/2 Dinner - Yr 2 sleepover

8th 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

CAMPS, SPORT & EXCURSIONS FUND – APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the \$125 (per child) Camps, Sport & Excursions fund. **Please request a form from the school office.** Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. **If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.**

PST MEETINGS

PST Meetings are on Wednesday 23rd February. Classes run as usual on this day. Meetings during school hours will require parents collecting students from classes. Book you interviews at

www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the booking code **cx8e5 (Bookings now open)**

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing time, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code above. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents needing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5664 7382. *If parents/caregivers need guidance please ring the school.*

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

I spent this afternoon with Mr Helm's Grade 1's. I looked on the schedule for the afternoon and I got VERY excited when I saw "Wonder Spot Share". I could not wait to see what this was all about and boy I was in for a show when we got to it.

Some of the children had brought in things that sparked wonder in them and then they shared them with the class. The other children then had a chance to wonder about the curious things they were being shown.

It was so wonderful hearing their thoughts and watching the collective thoughts of all the children grow with each wonder. We did not google answers, we had conversations and wondered also who we could TALK to find more answers to our wonderings and some ideas we happily just left there as something to think about for a bit longer.

I thought about how often I do this with my own children and how often I go straight to google to find an ANSWER for them rather than letting them consider, ponder and make a connection to another experience or person.

On Thursday I will be sharing our second Resilience Project video with you on compass – this one will be about gratitude. About noticing the little things. This afternoon I have been reminded to pause and wonder about the little things with my own children. I am grateful to 1 H for bringing this to my attention!
Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

**Welcome Evening
and Bike Ride**

When: This Thursday
4.45pm – Bike Ride
5.30pm – Welcome Evening

Where: The Rail Trail and Meeniyan
Rec Reserve

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Nate G** for consistently following his class expectations.
- ☺ **Kade L** for showing kindness to class friends.
- ☺ **Lana M** for magnificent leadership during our first Tabloid sports. Patient, helpful and thoughtful.
- ☺ **James J** for the responsibility he has shown and thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
- ☺ **Walker W** for his kind and insightful contributions to class discussions.
- ☺ **Jacob T** for challenging himself during writing and maths sessions.
- ☺ **Angus P** for showing integrity and always being happy to help out those around him. You're a star!



HOUSE POINTS **Last Week's Winner:** Bluegum

our patch

Welcome to 2022 and we at OurPatch wanted to say a BIG thank you for welcoming us to your community. We are excited to be here and are looking forward to this year. We would also like to welcome Meeniy Primary School's trainee from last year, Chloe Clarke, who is our new Patch Leader.

Over the past two weeks we have been busy building relationships and finding out what the children enjoy. We have been doing a lot of construction with Lego and magnetic tiles, creating zoos, houses, and marble runs. The children have also been enjoying playing and discovering new board games. Favourites at the moment are Monopoly and Jenga. While the weather has been nice and sunny, we have been outside every afternoon. The children are having fun playing The Floor is Lava, Down Ball, and Tip.

Coming up at the program, we will be trying out some cooking activities, getting more involved in art and crafts, making playdough and more outdoor play. We look forward to working with the Meeniy Primary School community.

Chloe Clarke
Patch Leader

Nicole Antzoulatos
Patch Coach



our patch

Basketball Tuesdays

with Makenzie from Gippsland United

This specialist offering allows children to learn and practice their basketball skills. Shooting, dribbling and passing.

Commencing
Tuesday, 15th February
4:00pm - 5:00pm
at the Patch Room at
Meeniy Primary School

Included as part of After
School Care Program fee



To register and book; visit www.ourpatch.education/before-and-after-school-care/ or call our Customer Care Team on 1300 018 310



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.

MARC Library News

WELCOME BACK TO 2022!

We begin a new year with hope and confidence that it will be a full year of learning experiences, socialization and happiness. Our love of literature remains, as always, firmly in place and we will continue to grow and share that with our students. In MARC, reading and all that it encompasses, is our absolute and constant focus for all our students.



PREVIEW OF LEARNING

We have begun Term 1, 2022 with expectations of behaviours and learning for all. In Weeks 2,3 and 4 all students will share books by the authors Junior/Julia Donaldson, Middle/Gus Gordon and Senior/Margaret Wild. In Week 5 we will enjoy new literature such as 'Go Home Cat' by Sonya Hartnett for the junior students. Weeks 6 and 7 will be devoted to Library Studies focussing on Non Fiction books and their specific features and classification. In celebration of Harmony Day, Week 8 chosen books will support understanding and knowledge of diversity. Week 9 gives further opportunities to 'discover' new literature. Finally Week 10 will have 'Easter' as its focus.

Yours in Learning and Reading,

Jeanette Johnson & Sophie Callcott

New books in the van—available to borrow now!



AUTHORS IN FOCUS THIS TERM

Julia Donaldson

<http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>



Gus Gordon

<http://www.gusgordon.com/>



Margaret Wild

<http://www.allenandunwin.com/authors/w/margaret-wild>



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2022 MARC lessons will be on:

Monday—Grade 3/4P, 3/4L & 5/6D

Tuesday—Grade 5/6H

Wednesday—Grade PG, 1H and 1P

Remember to return your books on these days so you can borrow!