



Edition 4 – February 22ND 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Special thanks to Ms Giliam for organising a wonderful Welcome Night to kick-off our 2022 school year. It was brilliant seeing so many familiar and new faces all mingling together. The bike ride / walk / run along the Rail Trail at the start of the night had over 40 participants and was a nice reminder of a what a great resource this is 'right on our doorstep'. Further thanks to Stuart Bright, our School Captain from 2014 for coming along to present badges to our 2022 student leaders and for Pete Harris, our School Captain from 1999 for stepping in at the last minute! 😊

PSTs

Classroom teachers are looking forward to this Wednesday when they get the chance to sit down with students and their families to discuss the year ahead. Please discuss the event with you child beforehand so all parties can make the most of their 15 minutes.

Division Swimming

Congratulations to all students who came to the Toora pool a few weeks back to compete in the District Swimming Trials. The results are in, and we now have 6 swimmers going on to compete at the South Gippsland Division Level!

James J – Freestyle, Butterfly, Medley Relay and Freestyle Relay

Joseph W – Backstroke, Medley Relay

Josh A – Medley Relay and Freestyle Relay

Hannah H - Backstroke, Freestyle Relay

Rhys C and Taylor L – Freestyle Relay

All the best to these students and have a tonne of fun!

Gene VanderZalm

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

The Department of Education has advised schools that Rapid Antigen Testing will continue for the remainder of Term 1. Each student will today receive another pack of 5 RAT's. This pack allows for twice weekly testing during weeks 5 & 6 (28/2 – 11/3).

VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM LEVIES

Thanks to those families who have paid the 2022 Voluntary Curriculum Levy. This can be paid at any time via Direct Deposit or cash at the office. The 2022 fee is \$150 per child and a\$20 per family voluntary Grounds levy.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes must be returned to school with payment by Thursday. Children who do not return their envelopes will still have their photo taken for inclusion in class photos. Envelopes for siblings photos 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.

CALENDAR

Current 22/2 – 1/3

22nd Feb – School Council, 7pm

23rd Feb – **NO PREPS**

23rd Feb - Parent Student Teacher Meetings

24th Feb – School Photos

Upcoming

10th Mar - Dinner/Sleepover money and consent due

11th Mar - Curriculum Day (**pupil free**)

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

UPCOMING CURRICULUM DAY

Friday 11th March will be a Curriculum day for MPS students.

(The Friday leading into the Labour Day long weekend)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is back on! Breakfast club will run for students from 8:30am- 9:00am each Thursday. We are looking for donations of fruit - so if you have some surplus fruit from your garden please send these treasures this way!! We are also keen for any helpers to come in and pop and butter the toast (Masks on please!)

PST MEETINGS TOMORROW

PST Meetings are **tomorrow**. Classes run as usual on this day. Parents will need to collect their child from class, a timetable can be found below.

Book you interviews at www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the booking code **cx8e5**

If parents/caregivers need guidance please ring the school.

	11:30	1:00	1:50
1 P	Mrs Dunlop Rm 1	Lunch	Mrs Callcott MARC
1 H	Ms Sabey Rm 5	Lunch	Ms Gilbert Rm 3
2 RG	Mrs Johnson MARC	Lunch	Mrs Dunlop Rm 1
34 P	Ms Gilbert Rm 3	Lunch	Ms Sabey Rm 5
34 LB	Mr Robertson Rm 9	Lunch	Mrs Healy Rm 2
56 HH	PE Mrs Browne	Lunch	Mr Robertson Rm 9
56 D	Mrs Healy Rm 2	Lunch	PE Mrs Browne

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

While listening to a talking book this week I heard the most wonderful phrase. A child was thanking an adult for driving him to all his sport and the driver replied with "It's just turning a wheel mate, nothing to it". The author said that later in life, whenever someone thanked him for a lift he used the same phrase "It's just turning a wheel mate, nothing to it".

I reflected on my response to my own kids after driving EVERYWHERE for swimming, netball, music, music festivals, late night party pick-ups and more. I can assure you at times it has not been as graceful as the author of the book. If the kids squabble in the car or complain it is often met with a sarcastic whine from me "thanks mum, thanks for driving me everywhere, thanks for the hot chips and gravy mum, thanks for paying for all the swimming and my bathers...etc" and it turns into a lecture. I see the kids zoning out 10 seconds in.

After hearing the phrase "It's just turning a wheel mate, nothing to it" I have reflected. It is just a wheel on a car that I am VERY grateful to have, to drive my boisterous and wild children whom I adore around and to watch them participate in a sport and club which they love.

All I am doing is turning a wheel, but I blessed with hours and moments with my children in the car, to find out about their days, to ponder on the big things, to put the back seats down for extras, to bop along to interesting playlists, to listen to talking books and to sing at the top of our lungs.

If you are carting your child around anywhere – it is a fantastic time to talk with them. The eye contact goes, and the listening seems to happen easier. While I can assure you that many drives with my children have been chaotic and stressful other trips in the car have been where problem solving and connection has happened.

Keep turning those wheels!!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Foster Show Future Ambassador Awards:

Are you between 4-12 years old? Enter the Foster Show 26th Feb Ambassador Awards!

The Foster Show presents the Future Ambassador Awards with the aim to recognise and celebrate the talent of our young rural community. There are 2 age groups for children including 4-8 years old and 9-12 years old.

Register on the day of the Show by **10am** at the main stage area. Bring along your favourite toy, a piece of artwork or be ready to talk about a favourite hobby you have. Entrants will be interviewed by our 2 warm and friendly judges. Judging will be based on the applicant's ability to express themselves and talk about something they care about in their own unique way.

Strze the Koala will MC the event followed by a Magician show at 11am.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to build confidence, improve interview skills and have some fun along the way. For further information contact Ali Martin on alimartin1804@gmail.com



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.

After a crazy couple of weeks, we are happy to say that things are starting to finally calm down. Since last week we have had more parents/guardians and their children interested in the Before and After School Care Program. Last week the children enjoyed small activities like making stress balls with flour and balloons, mindfulness colouring, puzzles, painting and Lego. As well as a very intense game of tag and learning different ways to play with hula hoops. For a specialist activity on Tuesday afternoon, we had our first basketball session with Mackenzie from Gippsland United, where the children got to learn and practise their basketball skills such as shooting, dribbling and passing.

In Week 4 we will be incorporating more of the children's suggestions, with cooking and outdoor activities planned. We are also upping our game with the menu 😊, this week alongside our usual fruit platter we are offering the kids toasties, spaghetti bolognese and banana muffins (which are being made by the children Friday afternoon). Outdoor activities are also going to include Marshmallow Tiggy, Frisbee Flip and soccer. For more information on our weekly program please feel free to stop by and check out our information board.

A few reminders for parents/guardians to look out for:

- Please be aware that parents/guardians must book their child in before the session starts. This is so that we as educators can better plan the sessions for the children and cause minimal disruption.
- Also, we would like to introduce a hot breakfast for the Before School Care kids every Tuesday starting from the 1st of March from 7:30 – 8:00 am. We will be serving scrambled eggs, hot toast and baked beans to start off with. It is small events like this where parents/guardians must make sure that their children are booked in prior to the session. We hope to see the children there and look forward to starting this new weekly moment.
- Another reminder about our weekly Tuesday afternoon specialist activity with Mackenzie from Gippsland United, who is teaching the children to learn and practice their basketball skills like shooting, dribbling and passing as well as having enormous fun. We really hope to see more children attend this!

We look forward to another exciting week with the children!

Chloe Clarke
Patch Leader

Nicole Antzoulatos
Patch Leader

