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Supervision Times: 8:15 Mornings Duty

3.20 -4:00 Afternoon Bus Duty

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everybody from what was hopefully a relaxing Easter break.

Term 2 is a particularly short term, so we are looking forward to packing in as many learning opportunities as possible. The years 3-6 classes kick things off with our Zoo excursion this Friday. This excursion is traditionally held every four years, so every student has the opportunity to visit the zoo during their time at MPS. In the past few years, we have had to cancel the excursion and we look forward to finally getting it off the ground.

This term we welcome back Ms Jade Sanders who will be teaching 1S (formerly Mr Helms 1H) in tandem with Mrs Sallie Sabie for the remainder of the year. We wish Mr Helms all the best on his extended break. A further welcome to former student and presenter at this year's badge ceremony, Stuart Bright who is joining the school as a teacher's aide. Stuart has worked with students over the past two years at Leongatha SC and at Camp Rumbug and we welcome him back into the Meeniyan Primary community.

## COVID Update

The latest changes to our COVID rules mean that staff and students are no longer required to wear masks in primary schools and that individuals no longer need to isolate if they have a household contact. If your family does have a household contact, individuals will just need to conduct RAT tests for 5 of the 7 days that their household contact is isolating and wear a mask when at school if they are 8 or more years of age, unless they have an exemption.

## ANZAC Day

Congratulations to Evelyn and Finn on the detailed and engaging ANZAC Day speeches that they presented to the Meeniyan community at the ANZAC Day ceremony on Monday. Both students had the crowd hanging on every detail as they unpacked the lives of soldiers from two different families who lost their lives during WW1. Thank you to both students families for supporting them in their research and writing of the speeches over the school holidays.

**Gene VanderZalm**

## MACS DONATION

Thanks to the work of our lovely MACS volunteers, we have received a payment for \$1800.01. 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.



## CALENDAR

### Current 27/4 – 3/5

29<sup>th</sup> Apr - Yr 3-6 Zoo Excursion

### Upcoming

10<sup>th</sup> May - NAPLAN commences

13<sup>th</sup> May - Winter Sports

17<sup>th</sup> May - Cross Country

17<sup>th</sup> May - School Council, 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> May - Division Cross Country

27<sup>th</sup> May - Winter Sports

1<sup>st</sup> Jun - Yr 3/4 Camp Rumbug

3<sup>rd</sup> Jun - Winter Sports

13<sup>th</sup> Jun - Queens Birthday (pupil free)

14<sup>th</sup> Jun - School Council, 7pm

16<sup>th</sup> Jun - Division Winter Sports

24<sup>th</sup> Jun - Last Day Term 2

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

I am rushing these words out as I get ready to head over to a Maths PD in Tarwin Lower. Already I feel my heart starting to race, I have eaten breakfast standing up and stacked the dishwasher at the same time. I have organised my mum to come over and have the kids today and it has become suddenly apparent that we cannot just use platter food for school lunches tomorrow – so somewhere I need to fit some food shopping in. My kids are both sitting near me making little noises and I am, through gritted teeth asking if there is anywhere else in the house they could be right now.

If I had of written this yesterday, I would be doing so slowly – not looking down at the little clock in the corner of my computer and having my brain in 15 different places. I would have spell checked and grammar checked and pondered on sentences.

I think back to yesterday. I drove a fridge and a dog up to my daughter in Melbourne, she cooked me a delicious lunch and then I walked with beautiful cousins in the hills around Eltham, the conversation flowing like it has since we were born and the sun warm on our backs. I think of my drive home with the doggy in the front of the ute, listening to a podcast about a pub in the NT. Coming home to my sleepy kids and some soup.

I would have had to of stayed home yesterday to write this yesterday. So instead, I decide to be accepting of the rush this morning and already it does not feel so bad. I choose to be grateful for my healthy, boisterous children and my gentle mum who creates art with my children and tolerates my cats. I feel excited about seeing all my workmates and your gorgeous kids and finding out about their adventures over the holidays.

Welcome back. There will be no judgement if your children arrive with platter food in their lunchboxes...mine will be!

*Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer*

## Meeniyan ANZAC Day March 2022



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## South Gippsland Central Kindergarten Registration:

To register your child for three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten for next year, visit the South Gippsland Shire Council website from 1<sup>st</sup> May and simply complete a registration form nominating your kindergarten preferences. To be included in the first round offers you must register by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

You can register at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment). For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you ba

## Meeniyán CWA Exhibition:

See attached flyer



## 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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## Meeniyán Primary School Beanie Order Form (\$20 each)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Beanies \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



I have enclosed cash

I have paid via D/D (BSB: 063 518 Acc: 1007 1649) Rec No. \_\_\_\_\_





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# GIPPSLAND HILLS GROUP EXHIBITION

### Handicrafts, Art and Home Industries

On display will be members exhibits, demonstrations and workshops from the talented women from the Gippsland Hills CWA of Vic Branches. Raffle tickets on sale in the foyer. CWA merchandise and light refreshments available for purchase.

Enquiries Marilyn 03 5664 7327

Find us on facebook @CWAGippslandHills

**Meeniyan  
Mechanics Hall**

**97 Whitelaw St  
Meeniyan**

**Saturday 10 – 4.30**

**Sunday 10 – 3.30**

**Adults \$5**

**Children and  
school children  
free**

**Admission allows  
re-entry all  
weekend**

