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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 has certainly started with a bang! Years 3-6 students kicked off the term with an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo and from all accounts gained many different perspectives on the animals and the world around them. Special thanks to Mrs Healy and the other Year 3-6 teachers for the extra effort they put into getting this event off the ground in the first week of term.

Student Free Day

Please note the following correspondence from the Department of Education:

Late last term the department reached an in-principle agreement with unions, that entitles teachers to 3 professional practice days in 2022, starting in Term 2, 2022.

For Term 2, 2022 only, the department recommends schools hold their first professional practice day on the same day for all staff. Students will not be required to attend school on this day.

As a result, Meeniyan Primary will be holding our Collective Professional Practice day on Monday May 30th and students will not be required at school this day. We apologise for any inconvenience from this additional day but as you can see it was beyond our control. Teachers will be using this day for assessment and reporting purposes.

Gene VanderZalm

YEAR 3/4 CAMP RUMBUG

Details for the Grade 3 & 4 Rumbug Camp have been distributed today. Consent and medical forms are to be returned to school by Thursday 12th May along with a deposit of \$100. The balance of \$130 is due Thursday 27th May.



YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 2023 FORMS

Students in Year 6 received their Year 6 to Year 7 Placement Information Pack (2022-2023) yesterday. Included in the pack is the 'Application for Year 7 Placement 2023' form. This form must be completed and return to school by **Friday 13th May**. Please ensure that forms are filled out correctly and returned on time.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues went home last week. Place all orders online or via the app by COB Wednesday 11th May.

YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORTS

Students in Years 5 and 6 will once again participate in Winter Sports against Fish Creek PS. The first session will be on Friday 13th May at Fish Creek. There is a cost of \$5 per student for the bus which can be paid through Compass. If your child has CSEF available, this can be used for this event, just tick the box when consenting. Consent and payment must be completed by next Tuesday night.

CALENDAR

Current 3/5 – 10/5

10th May - NAPLAN commences

10th May - Consent/payment due for winter sports

Upcoming

11th May - Book Club orders close

12th May - Yr 3/4 Rumbug Camp notes & deposit due

13th May - Year 6 to 7 placement forms due

13th May - Winter Sports

17th May - Cross Country

17th May - School Council, 7pm

26th May - Division Cross Country

27th May - Winter Sports

27th May - Rumbug final payment due

30th May - Curriculum Day (pupil free)

1st Jun - Yr 3/4 Camp Rumbug

3rd Jun - Winter Sports

7th Jun - School Council, 7pm ** TBC

13th Jun - Queens Birthday (pupil free)

16th Jun - Division Winter Sports

24th 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

During the holidays, my daughter invited me to go to see Stella Donnelly at The Corner Hotel in Richmond. The last time I had been there was to see 'Magic Dirt' in the late 1990s, this married with the fact that I had not seen much live music over the last 2 years had me VERY excited.

So, we got all dressed up, went out for a fancy dinner, lined up at the pub, showed our tickets, got a stamp on our wrists and we were in. The lighting was low, and the crowd looked young and wise. While I felt pretty cool to be there with my 19-year-old daughter, I also knew my limits. I suggested she and her friend make their way to the front of the stage and I found something to stand on so I could see Stella but also not have my 43-year-old body squashed.

Stella is a sunny and bouncy performer her songs are disguised as happy with the cheery melodies BUT the lyrics are raw, heart wrenching and real.

I listened to the first few songs and then she played the opening riff to my favourite song of hers. A song about consent, victim blaming and entitlement. My face was wet with tears as were the faces around me. Before Stella played the song she announced, 'this song hurts, I don't like playing it, you guys don't like listening to it but I have to keep singing it until things change.' The song was a reminder to WHY our Respectful Relationships and consent curriculum is SO important across all of our schools.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

Years 3-6 Zoo Excursion



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 1st May and simply complete a registration form nominating your kindergarten preferences. To be included in the first round offers you must register by 30th June.

You can register at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centrallenrolment. For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program:

Free live Online program for parents of children aged 2 to 12. Tired of yelling and nagging? With this program we will discuss resolving difficult behaviour in children aged 2 -12. Learn how to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking, how to handle challenging behaviours strengthen your relationship with your child and much more. This program runs 11.30am – 2.30pm June 7th, 14th and 21st. This is a free program but bookings are essential. Contact Mark Brookes, Uniting Gipps. 5662 5150 or e:Gippsland.leongatha.reception@vt.uniting.org



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.

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Important Dates:

- Tuesday 10th May Hot Breakfast 7.30 - 8.00am
- Make-your-own toasties on Thursday afternoon
- Baking on Friday 6th May

After a crazy few weeks last term, we can finally put them behind us and would like to say thank you to the families of Our Patch for their patience and understanding in all the chaos. I am glad to say that it will be easy going from now on. Our first day back as a whole was amazing, the children in the program were buzzing with excitement. For the start of term two, we focused on building children's performing arts voices. Wednesday started off as smoothly as you could ask for, the children enjoyed some of the new sports equipment in our beautiful weather and later a

peaceful yoga session. Thursday we all worked on some special clay modelling, which are still drying and waiting to be painted sometime this week. Friday the children were able to complete their very first baking session at Our Patch, by whipping up some very delicious blueberry muffins!

Our Program Goal this week is to develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities. Our Enrichment Patch is including plenty of nature-based and outdoor craft activities.

A few reminders for parents/guardians:

- Please be aware that parents/guardians must book their child in or cancel their booking prior to when the session starts. This is so that us educators can better plan the sessions for the children and cause minimal disruption.
- Also, we would like to remind everyone about the hot breakfast for the Before School Care kids. This will be running every Tuesday starting from the 10th of May from 7:30 – 8:00 am. We will be serving scrambled eggs, hot toast and baked beans to start off with.

We look forward to another exciting week with the children!



Chloe Clarke, Patch Leader

Menu for 02/05/2022 – 06/05/2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads
ASC	Yoghurt with berries and/or granola with assorted fruit platter	Tacos and assorted fruit platter	Mini pizza muffins with chicken, ham and sauces with assorted fruit platter	Toasties (tomato, cheese, ham, chicken) with assorted fruit platter	Banana muffins with assorted fruit platter

