



Edition 13 – May 10TH 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN

This week students in Grades 3 and 5 will commence their NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide additional information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student success. I know that some students and families can find this week stressful, but please remember that NAPLAN is just one form of testing taken on one particular day.

Zoo Trip

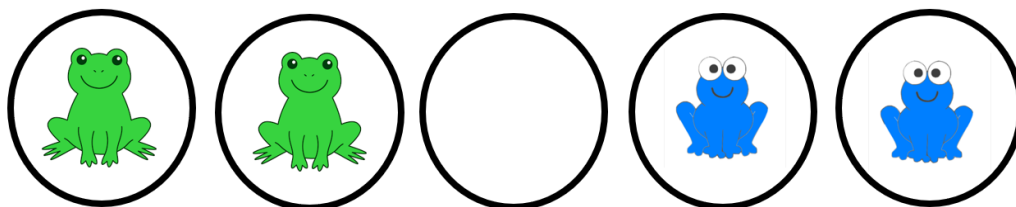
I can't believe it is already over a week since Grades 3,4,5 & 6 went to the zoo. It was such a great opportunity for students to spend some time together walking and talking in a beautiful setting. The educational talk was excellent and really concentrated on what students can do to improve their world around them. A particular highlight for me was seeing the cheeky baboons playing tricks on their older siblings!

Mathematics Problem Solving

On the first day of Term 2 teachers joined together with staff from around South Gippsland to undertake some professional learning in mathematics through 'Love Maths'. As a school we are investigating the way we plan, teach and assess mathematics across the school. A major part of the day was to put ourselves into our students' shoes and to work together to solve some engaging problems involving problem solving, teamwork and of course mathematics! From the day, teachers came away excited about using some of the activities in their classrooms and confident that as a school we are dedicated to creating independent mathematical thinkers!

Below is my favourite problem from the day (although we did it with people on chairs!).

Imagine two green frogs and two blue frogs sitting on lily pads, with a spare lily pad in between them.



Frogs can slide onto adjacent lily pads or jump over a frog; frogs can't jump over more than one frog.

Can we swap the green frogs with the blue frogs?

Can you see any patterns in the sequence of moves that it takes to swap the frogs over?

Can you explain why those patterns occur?

Can you describe a method for swapping all the frogs over in the minimum number of moves?

Can you solve it as a family? Good luck!

CALENDAR

Current 3/5 – 10/5

10th May - NAPLAN commences

Upcoming

11th May - Book Club orders close

12th May - Rumberg deposit & forms

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

30th May - Curriculum Day (pupil free)

1st Jun - Yr 3/4 Camp Rumberg

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were distributed to students last week. If you have any queries or issues with your photos, please contact Foons Photographics directly on 5672 1411.



SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTO

Families who wish to purchase an 'MPS 2022 School Leaders' photo can do so by sending cash (as this gets given directly to Foons) in a clearly labelled envelope to the school office. The photo is on display in the school foyer and can be purchased in two sizes. 8x10" photos are \$24 each and 6x8" photos are \$20 each. Orders close Friday 20th May.

Have you returned/completed...

- Winter Sports - Yr 5/6 due **today**
- Rumberg Camp - Yr 3/4 due 12/5 (consent, medical form and deposit required)
- Year 6-7 Placement forms due 13/5
- Rumberg final payment due 27/5

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Today I am wearing my fancy new Mother's Day pants. Andrew financed them but my middle daughter picked them out. She knew just what I would like and I was spoilt with love and attention on Mother's Day morning by all three of my gorgeous, wild, spirited daughters. I walked out on Townsend Bluff with my girls and we blew kisses to my Granny in the clouds, we had a coffee at Kongwak market with my step-mum and then we went to my mums and my little sister cooked dinner for all of us while my mum and I talked.

This is not what Mother's Day is like for everyone.

I think about how so many cannot celebrate Mother's Day with their mums because they are not with us or the relationship is complicated or a multitude of other reasons. I think of those who want to be mums and can't and for those who are waking up with their kids somewhere else on Mother's Day. I think about how often we honour the mums on Mother's Day by giving them a day off and how while that gesture is so very well meaning, it also serves a very ridged gender stereo-type – that those domestic chores belong to the mums.

I look at the lovely little hand-crafted gifts from the market stall at my kid's school and my daughter ponders on 'all these gifts were sold by the mums, made by the mums for the Mother's Day stall'.

So, I pause and wonder 'what is this day about? And what purpose does it serve?' And I have a conversation about this with my daughters because I want them to live in a world where the domestic chores are shared, the pay gap does not exist, where they will not bump their heads on glass ceilings and equality is not a conversation, it is the norm.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

Meeniyan Primary School Beanie Order Form

(\$20 each)



Name _____

No. of Beanies _____ Total \$ _____

Cash enclosed

Direct Deposit (BSB: 063 518 Acc: 1007 1649)

Rec No. _____

MARC Library News

PREVIEW OF LEARNING

In the last week of Term 1 we attended the 2022 MARC Conference in Bendigo. We were able to exchange ideas, speak with teachers working in the same field of learning and participate in engaging professional tasks. We browsed and purchased wonderful new books, many in the nonfiction area, an area we are currently reviewing and adding to.

We were fortunate enough to hear two widely published and notable authors, Lorraine Marwood and Katrina Nannestad, speak. Lorraine shared her journey as an author and Kate spoke of 'all things books'. Hearing their authorial journeys was thought provoking in terms of how long it can take to actually have your writing published and the challenges that repeated proofs and rejections can have. This correlates to the struggles our students can experience in their daily writing. Constructive, focussed support and suggestion is so important.

This Term's MARC library lessons will cover the following:

Week 1—ANZAC books were read to all students, honouring and remembering those who endeavoured to ensure that we have a hopeful and safe future.

Weeks 2-3 The genre of humour will be explored using various authors such as Mo Williams, characters like the wonderful Fly Guy and activities such as The Humorous Book Blurb Match Up.

Weeks 4-6 The MARC library has acquired some stunning new books by First Nations authors over the past year. Themes and issues will be discussed and country will be celebrated when we share some of these books as we approach Sorry Day (26/5) and Reconciliation Week.

Week 7—June 5th is World Environment Day and all classes will consider the different ways they can help protect the environment when they listen to stories on this theme.

Week 8—Classes will have the opportunity to share in the latest new literature.

Week 9—In honour of his birthday, all students will read and celebrate the stories and collage illustrations from the wonderful Eric Carle.

Yours in reading and learning,
Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

Exciting new non-fiction available to borrow now!



New Fiction in the MARC van



AND THE CBCA BOOK WEEK THEME FOR 2022 IS...



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

LSC Year 7 Information Evening and School Tours – Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 6.00pm:

An invitation is extended to Grade 4,5 & 6 students, and their parents/carers, to attend college presentations about the programs and opportunities LSC has to offer for 2023 and beyond.

For information, contact Paul Borg, Junior School Leader

Tours – 18/5 & 24/5: 10.15 – 11am 26/5: 5.15-6pm 27/5: 10.15-11am

E: info@leonsec.vic.edu.au

Ph: 5667 2200

w: www.leonsec.vic.edu.a

Biggest Morning Tea:

You are invited to Fish Creek Community Development Group's Biggest Morning Tea. Enjoy some tasty treats and support those impacted by cancer.

Details: Thursday 19th May at the Fish Creek Hotel from 10am – 12nn. Entry fee is \$15 which includes the morning tea and 1 x raffle ticket. Please bring a plate to share. No need to book, just come along.

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/centralenrolment. 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

- Taco Tuesday

- Make-your-own toasties on Thursday afternoon

- Baking on Friday 13th May (blueberry muffins!)

- Student Free Day 30th May

Last week's goal was to develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities. Activities last week were focused on listening and learning about children's understandings of themselves, sharing their successes with their families and acknowledging and understanding that children construct meaning in many ways.

Tuesday was our very first (of many) Taco Tuesdays! The children prepped and cooked the tacos all by themselves. Wednesday, we explored some geodes and painted them as well. Thursday was also another day of firsts, with a Make-Your-Own toasties session. After talking with the children afterwards, we have decided to keep this as a weekly occurrence.

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.

- There is a Student Free Day on the 30th of May. Our Patch Education will be operating all day pending on numbers, so please book your child in ASAP.

Our Program Goal this week is for children to develop their autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency. Our Visual and Performing Arts Patch will include plenty of team-related activities.

We look forward to another exciting week with the children! 😊

Chloe Clarke, Patch Leader

	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 assorted fruit platter	Toasties with assorted fruit platter	Blueberry muffins with assorted fruit platter

