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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare. It is because we do not dare that things are difficult." – Seneca

At Meeniyan we have had some issues of late with students choosing to opt out. These choices come in many forms and sometimes they are valid but in many cases they are not. As a parent I too have heard the reasons for why my kids want to opt out of things, "No one else is going/doing it" "It's boring" "It's a waste of time" "I don't enjoy it" the list goes on and on. But how often do we stop to think about the consequence of opting out? We all want to protect our children, to give them a happy life. But how do we go about this? Is opting out the answer?

Renowned Child Psychologist, Andrew Fuller, states that confidence is one of the most powerful, and one of the most elusive qualities that creates success in life. Building confidence means that we develop the courage to try. Unless we are experts and look fantastic in the process, most of us approach new or difficult activities with a slight apprehension, which is usually followed by bewilderment, embarrassment or confusion. Our first attempts may be feeble and at times we may be embarrassed but if we persist we often gain a sense of mastery, self-confidence and self-esteem. If, however, someone rescues us when we are uncomfortable we only learn that someone else can do what we cannot. This is why rescuing children when they are struggling with a new activity is toxic to confidence.

So what should I do when my child doesn't want to participate in something at school? Talk to your child and talk to us. The Victorian Curriculum is a comprehensive progression of skills, attitudes and knowledge that when followed will provide every student with a thorough education for life. There will be parts of the curriculum that they enjoy and some that they don't, some they find easy and some they find hard. That is the point, schools and our curriculum are meant to challenge. The best thing we as parents can do is talk to our children about embracing this challenge. Tell them you are proud of them for giving it a go and that this is part of the journey. If after these discussions you still have issues then please talk to your child's teacher.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

Each student has today received a box of RAT's. This will continue throughout Term 2. From next Monday, students are only required to conduct RAT's if they have symptoms. It is no longer recommended to test twice a week if students are non-symptomatic. You must continue to notify the Department of Health and school if a student returns a positive RAT.

YEAR 7 PLACEMENT APPLICATIONS

Thank you to those families who have returned their 2023 Year 7 applications or contacted the school regarding their application. These forms are now overdue as per the Department's timeline and need to be forwarded on to relevant secondary schools. If you have not returned your form, or communicated with the school, please return it to the office ASAP.

CALENDAR

Current 17/5 – 21/5

- 17th May - MPS Cross Country
- 17th May - School Council, 7pm
- 18th May - Open classrooms 3.30-6pm
- 20th May - Photo orders close for 2022 School Leader photos

Upcoming

- 26th May - Division Cross Country
- 27th May - Winter Sports
- 30th May - Curriculum Day (pupil free)
- 1st Jun - Yr 3/4 Camp Rumbug
- 3rd Jun - Winter Sports
- 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

Our staffroom is a warm haven to nestle the most wonderful, vibrant, empathetic humans during the break times. The table is long and communal, the couches facing in. Sometimes staff come in super quickly, grab a cuppa and head back out. Other times they have a moment to eat and chat. Our staffroom is a space of words and connection and on Thursdays it smells like toast!

This week in the staffroom these wise words came to me 'it is better to run out of money, then to run out of time' it was in relation to taking a holiday. It got me thinking. Not so much the running out of money bit but the running out of time bit. It made me think about how I use my precious hours when I am not at work. Those precious hours for pleasure and for connecting with my family.

And I deleted my Facebook. Again.

I thought about the time that my computer and phone have stolen from me, and I made the choice to make a change. Now. I made a commitment to my youngest, to walk with her on our non-swimming, non-netball training nights. We walk, talk, and get so lost in our conversations and the stars and we don't notice time passing. This is a much better use of my time than scrolling!

I hope this finds you connecting with nature and connecting with your humans.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

MPS BEANIES \$20 each



Available from the office

The future engineers and architects of Meeniyán PS!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Reed G** for fantastic pattern work in Maths.
- ☺ **Hayden S** for persistence with his art.
- ☺ **Seth M** for his great start to term 2. He is a happy, positive member of Room 6 who loves learning.
- ☺ **Olly B** for getting started on tasks quickly and quietly.
- ☺ **Marlee B** for her amazing recount writing from the holidays.
- ☺ **Sophie T** for starting term 2 ready and eager. A great learning attitude!
- ☺ **Kaleb B** for making a thoughtfully considered effort to carefully complete a task.
- ☺ **Astrid H** for reliable, thoughtful and great organisational skills.
- ☺ **Patrick T** for his positive, can-do attitude and willingness to have a go at his first Waratah sports day.
- ☺ **Sol S** for cheering on and encouraging each student we encountered at Waratah sports.
- ☺ **Bentley S** for the way he conducted himself at the zoo. Well done for so being responsible and inquisitive.
- ☺ **Will D** for trying his best and working very hard during the unit on perimeter.



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

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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 MEENIYAH 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).

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 16th May Hot Breakfast 7.30 - 8.00am
- Taco Tuesday 16th May
- Make-your-own toasties on Wednesday afternoon
- Baking on Friday 20th May (blueberry muffins!)

Last week's goal was for children to develop their autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency. The activities planned last week were focused on children sharing with each other and groupwork.

Monday was very chilled out, with the children and me attempting to complete a (very) difficult Where's Wally Puzzle. Tuesday morning, we had our first Hot Breakfast! Some eggs on toast were enjoyed. The afternoon was another successful Taco Tuesday! The children prepped and cooked the tacos all by themselves, then moved onto a group project where the children painted a Our Patch sign together. Wednesday and Thursday were very active sessions, where the children participated in basketball and group games. Friday was a very relaxed session with some meditation and time on the playground.

Our Program Goal this week is for children to learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect.

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

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.
- We would like to remind everyone about the hot breakfast for the Before School Care kids. This will be every Tuesday, with waffles and berries and maple syrup on the 17th and the 24th of May.
- Monday the 30th of May is a Student Free Day, of which Our Patch will be offering an all-day service. Breakfast and afternoon snacks will be provided as per usual, but children will still need to bring a packed lunch and recess. Our Patch are looking at Specialist Activities to bring in on the day for the children to experience. More information will follow.

Chloe Clarke, Patch Leader

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Waffles with berries and maple syrup	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	Toasties with assorted fruit platter	Homemade pasta	Blueberry muffins with assorted fruit platter

