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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Winter Sports

It was so wonderful to see the Grade 5 & 6 students down at the Rec Reserve last Friday enjoying some of the last of the autumn sunshine. As part of this program the students were given the chance to select from a range of winter sports including Football, Soccer, Netball and Mixed Sports. The students then joined with other student from Tarwin Lower and Fish Creek to train and learn about their chosen sports. Some students have been selected to compete in a District Winter Sports Team representing Waratah at Foster against the Prom Coast Team. Notes will be published on Compass for selected students today.

Grade 3/4 Camp

I think it will be hard for some students (and grown-ups) to go to sleep tonight as Grades 3 & 4 head off on their adventure camp on Wednesday morning. For some students this will be the first time away from home but it is an important step in growing independence and I can already sense the excitement coming from them. I know from experience that the students will have an amazing time and we can't wait to see the photos! Please make sure you read all the information and packing lists that have been sent home carefully and pack lots of warm clothing. I look forward to seeing the students take on some of the challenges that this camp offers and hearing all the wonderful stories upon their return.

Winter Weather

With the colder weather upon us please remember to dress to conditions and also to label all jumpers, jackets, beanies and gloves that come into school as the lost property pile continues to grow.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

MONDAYS WE WALK

As per my Compass message last week, we will be starting a 'walking to school group' on Monday mornings. I invite your family to join mine on the Rail Trail from the Meeniyan Bridge each Monday, leaving from 8:10am or join us somewhere along the way if that works better for you.

Mrs Browne



CALENDAR

Current 31/5 – 7/6

1st Jun - Yr 3/4 Camp Rumbug

6th Jun - Book Club orders close 9am

Upcoming

8th June - Winter Sports

8th June - Parent Information session
-2023 Prep enrolment,
6.30pm

13th June - Queens Birthday (pupil free)

14th June - School Council 7pm

16th June - Division Winter Sports

24th June - Last Day Term 2

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **James C** for excellent focus during whole class learning time.
- ☺ **Matilda B** for her wonderful attitude to learning new things.
- ☺ **Laura J** for really trying hard to be more independent in her learning.
- ☺ **Riley H** for his kind and caring nature. He always displays empathy and kindness to his peers.
- ☺ **Josh L** for his commitment and persistence when composing and recording his narrative.
- ☺ **Noah P** for being a team player in taking initiative to help organise our classroom.
- ☺ **Xavier S** for trying his best during writing and coming up with a brilliant suspenseful narrative.



HOUSE POINTS

This week's winner: Wattle

Overall winner: Wattle

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Florence and the Machine has released a new song called 'Free' and it is absolutely fabulous. I heard it in the car on the way to work, the beat, the sound and her stunning voice caught my ears. Then I started listening to the lyrics and thought – I need to listen to this song properly.

So, I watched the video clip. And it started with introducing Florence in a beautiful red dress and then introducing a man in a suit – her anxiety.

The video clip shows her anxiety following her everywhere, guzzling coffee, tapping his foot, and stuffing around regularly on his phone. Florence at times looks frustrated, bored, or overwhelmed or at times she just leans into him or rests her head on his shoulder.

The only place her anxiety leaves her alone is when she is dancing. So, she dances – with freedom and without shame. Her face is light with joy and playfulness – in the clip we can see the anxiety still fluffing around in the background, but she is above it, stomping on tables and laughing.

This song made me think about Miss Pattern's class on a Friday afternoon. The Grade 3/4 B class dance their way into the weekend and do so with gusto, laughter, and joy – their gorgeous teacher shaking the week off with them. The room pumps and I get a little tear of joy whenever I wander past this!

Music, dancing, and laughter are three of many ways to trigger dopamine- decreasing sadness and stress and increasing happiness and relaxation!

So, crank up those tunes! Sing and dance with your kids – they will just think you are fabulous, playful, and fun – and they will pull your moves out for their mates in years to come!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

Congratulations!

We have had a few big weeks of sport in our school with the 5/6 students participating in winter sports, MPS Cross Country, and the Division Cross Country just this week. All students who have taken part in these should be so proud of their efforts of giving these events a go and trying their best. The MPS staff and wider community are extremely proud of how our students have been competing in all of sporting events recently and throughout this year.

A big extra special congratulations goes out to Angus Cousin who this week got presented with his 12/13 Boys District Athletics Age Champion Medal. Angus put in his best effort in everything he competed in and not only won all his events on this day but did so with great sportsmanship towards all the people he competed against. Well done Angus!



Division Cross Country



Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 25th May, students in Grades Prep-2 were excited to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year's book was *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronjojoy Ghosh and after listening to the story, students enjoyed an afternoon of creating their own trees, decorating them with beautiful autumn leaf rubbings.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Southern Fusion Netball:

Southern Fusion Netball Club is the South Gippsland representative club which aims to develop players into the Netball Victoria Development Pathway. We extend players knowledge, skills & understanding using an experienced team of qualified coaches for training, development sessions and match play.

Players will compete in state-of-the-art facilities on indoor courts, Wednesday night, at Casey Netball Association's Casey Stadium. Scheduled training sessions are held on Sundays at Meeniyah Stadium.

Trials for the Winter/Spring 2022 season are open:

Sunday 19th June, Meeniyah Stadium, Under 13s & U15s @ 9am, U17s @ 4pm

Monday 20th June, Meeniyah Rec Reserve, U13s, U15s & U17s @ 5.30pm

Sunday 26th June, Meeniyah Stadium, Under 13s & U15s @ 9am, U17s @ 4pm

Wear a white or light top with shorts. No skins or leggings

Register at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1N6Ww8340UOWbY1A4jPHMKP-aWw6kplBGpvphvs12zVU/edit>

For more information please contact Leonie 0400 153 092 or email info@southernfusion.com.au



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).