



Edition 21 – July 19TH 2022

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Supervision Times: 8:15 Mornings Duty

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Have you ever realised how much your kids copy you?

I woke up this morning and reflected on my Sunday. More specifically, I reflected back on the amount of time I became caught up with my phone.

A friend had recommended a new game on my phone and before I knew it, a couple of hours had passed. I was watching my beloved Bombers at the same time but I realised I wasn't present. As I reflected deeper I thought about my choices and the movements of my family around me.

Health: Let's just say I resembled Norm from the old 'Life Be In It' ads. Poor food and not a lot of movement.

Communication: Also poor. My daughter isn't a lover of footy so instead she retreated to her room and Ipad. My sons did just as I did, phones out, laying on the couch. Monkey see, monkey do.

I could have made all the excuses I needed, 'It was raining outside' or 'you can have a little downtime!' but that wouldn't be being true to myself or my values.

My family is at a stage now where we may not have too many afternoons all together. There were a million other things I could have done with my family that afternoon and I won't be making that mistake again.

I'm happy to say, I got out of bed, deleted the game from my phone and did a bunch of jobs around the house to balance the ledger. I can't say my kids will copy that but at least you've got to try 😊

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in our lost property baskets. I urge all students/families, if you are missing any items, please have a good look through the baskets before they are emptied out and donated to MACS.

PST MEETINGS

Places are still available for PST meetings on Wednesday 27th July. To book an interview with your child's teacher, head to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the booking code **xjf93**.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 15th August will be a student free day at MPS due to teachers attending a professional development day.

CALENDAR

This week 19/7 – 26/7

26th July - School Council, 7pm

Upcoming

27th July - Parent Teacher Meetings

28th July - Prep 100 days

31st July - Book Club orders close

15th Aug - Student Free day

23rd Aug - School Council, 7pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

MPS Beanies for sale \$20 each



See order form at the end of the newsletter.

The office will be closed next

Tuesday, 26th July
9.00am – 12.30pm

JAT NEWS

A big Thank You to all the students who came dressed in their PJs on the last day of Term 2. Together with donations and hot chocolate sales we raised \$227.30 to go towards supporting our local animal rescue shelters.

This term we are busy organising two more events for the school. A Book Week Dress Up Day (Friday 26th August) and also a Footy/Team Colours day near the end of the term.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

We will be running lunch time clubs again this term. There will be a different club each day of the week. We would like to get parents involved to support these clubs, so if you have some spare time and would like to help the kids with these activities, please email the school meeniyam.ps@education.vic.gov.au



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Some people meditate for mindfulness, I run. I put on my head torch and meet my girlfriends in the dawning of the day. We puff and talk and laugh and cry – some days we fly and others slug up the hill. It is the magic of my morning mostly because of the runner's endorphins, because I am out in the elements and mostly because I laugh before I have had breakfast!

When I go away I need to replace my girlfriends with some sort of entertainment while I am running, otherwise I notice that I am puffed and that my 43-year-old body is aching. So, I listen to podcasts and hear stories of interesting people.

This winter break I listened to the story of Nova Peris. She told her story of hockey, then of running. She told her story of being in politics. She spoke of her food security, laundry and micro businesses foundation for people out bush. She told her story of having a baby at 19 years old and taking her with her as she broke through glass ceilings. She told her story of running around Uluru with the Olympic flame in 2000, barefoot with the children of Mutitjulu running behind her.

She ran with no shoes on, to show respect for the country she was running on and to raise awareness to the poverty which many of our first people endure.

When asked what she was most proud of in her life, she replied with 'we are born on this Earth and one day we will die – it is what we do in between that matters' and followed this with 'to be able to help people who will potentially never be able to return the favour.'

And I thought to myself... imagine if we all thought like that? Imagine if we all used our privilege to make the world a better place for others? I wondered how the world would be then?

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Gracie N** for her curiosity and questions.
- ☺ **Nate G** for a fantastic learning attitude and great focus on learning.
- ☺ **Patrick T** for integrity and participation in French during French Revolution talk.
- ☺ **Penny C** for her consistent effort and attitude towards all aspects of her learning.
- ☺ **Tessa T** for consistently making thoughtful contributions to class discussions and completing all work to a high standard.
- ☺ **Corey R** for coming to school ready to learn every day.
- ☺ **Fin S** for setting a wonderful example for peers.
- ☺ **Thomas D** for integrity and perseverance in French, completing task well.
- ☺ **Josh A** for great integrity in French, working to produce a high quality wordsearch on French Revolutions.



HOUSE POINTS

LAST WEEK'S WINNER Wattle

OVERALL WINNER Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program:

FREE online program for parents of children aged 2 – 12 over three Tuesdays, 9/8, 16/8 & 23/8 11.30am – 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, contact Mark Brookes, Uniting Gippsland 5662 5150 or Gippsland.leongatha.reception@vt.uniting.org

Fishy Stories Writing Challenge 2022:

Our Writing Challenge is open to children in Grades 1 – 8 from across Australia and encourages imagination and creativity.

Twelve stories will be selected from entries and performed at the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories. Closing date – 11th August 2022.

Find out more at www.fishystories.org or enter by scanning this QR code.



Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories is on 18th September, 10am – 7pm. The festival includes performances, workshops, entertainment and the writing challenge.

Meeniyán Basketball:

Meeniyán Junior basketball for 5-16 year old's will commence Early August. Wednesday (Aussie Hoops 5 & 6 yo) & Friday (Mini's, Intermediate & Youth 7-16yo) Meeniyán Basketball Fess are \$50, plus Basketball Victoria Insurance (if due)

Please check our "Meeniyán Basketball Association" Facebook page from Wednesday 20th July for details regarding playing and completing an Expression of Interest form, for the upcoming season (Places are limited).

If you are not on Facebook or need further information, please contact Darlene Jones 0417 640 035 or Kim Byrnes 0427 346 048

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

Name _____

No. of Beanies _____ Total \$ _____



Payment method: Cash Cheque Direct Deposit (BSB: 063 518 Acc: 1007 1649)
(Please circle)

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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.