



Edition 22 – July 26TH 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Learning to play a musical instrument is a rewarding experience for many students, with countless benefits beyond just music. For some time, there has been interest in our school community to provide access to private music lessons during school time.

In this scenario, all communication/payment between the music teacher and the families happens outside of school. The school simply provides a space for the teacher to operate. The benefit to families and students is the convenience of the lesson being at school. Lessons will rotate across a certain day of the week, so the student is not having the lesson at the same time each week and potentially missing out on the same class.

The school has been in contact with Lisa Murray who currently operates the same service in Mirboo North Primary as well as providing private lessons to that area. Lessons would run for 30 minutes and cost families \$25 per lesson. Students would have the option of learning Piano or Guitar and Lisa could provide the equipment.

I'm happy to answer any queries that families may have, preferably via email. In the meantime, we have an Expression of Interest form at the end of the newsletter to gauge the level of current interest at our school. Once we have this information, we will organise specific days for the lessons and be in touch with those interested. We would endeavour to start the lessons by next term.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

MACS DONATION

Thanks to the work of our lovely MACS volunteers, we have received a payment for \$1456.49.

A request from Meeniyan Area Community Shop

Thank you to the school community for your generous donations of goods and clothes to our shop.

However, we need volunteers as well! The shifts are 11am to 3pm Sunday to Friday and Saturday 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm. Perhaps two parents could share a shift (ie two hours each).

Allocations are distributed based on hours worked at the shop by volunteers electing your school as their beneficiary. For the past financial year this resulted in the school receiving \$6,780.74.

The Annual General Meeting for the Meeniyan Area Community Shop will be held at the Meeniyan Hall on Tuesday 2nd August at 10am. At this stage we have nominations for all vacant positions. Please accept our invitation for the school community to attend this event. Morning tea will be provided after the meeting. Enquiries for volunteering or attending our AGM to Faye Bland (Secretary) 03 5662 4907.



PST MEETINGS TOMORROW

PST Meetings are **tomorrow**. Classes run as usual on this day. Parents will need to collect their child from class, a timetable can be found below over the page.

CALENDAR

This week 26/7 – 2/8

26th July - School Council, 7pm

27th July - Parent Teacher Meetings

28th July - Prep 100 days

31st July - Book Club orders close

Upcoming

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

Class timetable for PST day tomorrow

	11:30	1:00	1:50
P	Mrs Dunlop Rm 1		Mrs Jackson Rm 3
1's	Mrs Jackson Rm 3		Mrs Callcott MARC
2 RG	Mrs Johnson MARC		Mrs Dunlop Rm 1
3/4 P	PE Mrs Browne		Mrs Licciardi Rm 5
3/4 LB	Mrs Healy Rm 2		Mr Robertson Undercover
5/6 HH	Mrs Licciardi Rm 5		Mrs Healy Rm 2
5/6 D	Mr Robertson Undercover		PE Mrs Browne

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

My parents used to ponder on how different each of us kids were, there was bewilderment around how my sister and I even had the same parents! My sister's side of the room was immaculate, her hair was neat and her clothes never seemed to have tissue fluff or little balls all over them. My side of the room had overflowing draws and an unmade bed, my outfits were selected from the floor, my pony tail scruffy and I was known to sneak over to the 'tidy side' to get a dab of her 'Body Shop white musk' oil. We co-existed until at some stage during my teenage years, my things were tossed into the hallway. My sister declaring 'I cannot live with her anymore' Dad suggested I move out to the bungalow, so I did. It was ace, I had freedom and could be as messy as I liked. I still snuck into the 'tidy room' for a dab of white musk!

The arguments we had over those teenage years were intense. Yet, as soon as my sister got into Uni we planned out how she could move into my share house because we missed each other and needed family. My siblings were the only people who knew how I felt when mum and dad separated, they were the only ones who went week on - week off between our parents and understood what it meant to leave a shoe at the other house. They were the consistent in my life and I was theirs.

Now, I am 3 children of my own deep and they ARGUE – it is intense. It makes my heart rate go up and I worry they will grow older and not be friends.

So, I call my sister and we talk it out...

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Alexis H** for her consistently positive learning attitude.
- ☺ **Ollly B** for great enthusiasm and delight in his drumming during the performance.
- ☺ **Blake H** for always having a positive attitude to his learning and consistently presenting his work to a high standard.
- ☺ **Liberty M** for working with integrity and great independence on all her learning tasks.
- ☺ **Caleb M** for his improved efforts to self-manage his learning.
- ☺ **Nikita Z** for her positive and helpful attitude towards all aspects of her school.
- ☺ **Thomas D** for an improvement in his attitude towards sportsmanship and his learning.
- ☺ **Matilda P** for being an active and engaged learner.



MARC Library News

PREVIEW OF LEARNING

Term 3 is usually a term with few interruptions. A time of deeper learning. Students have internalized routines, realized that they are capable learners, have had their curiosity piqued and provoked and are using their knowledge and skills to question, develop and make growth in all areas of the curriculum.

In MARC Library we support the above in our planned learning sessions.

In Weeks 1 and 2 all students discussed the common elements of the genre of fantasy. The older students 'tasted' a variety of new and classic fantasy, fantasy books in a series and time slip novels. The younger students were immersed in the world of *Tashi* and also met monsters and dragons. In Weeks 3 to 7 books shortlisted by 'The Children's Book Council of Australia' for the 2022 Book of the Year award will be shared. These books will encourage thoughtfulness about the author's purpose, the use of schema to broaden connections, the main idea and an understanding of the purpose of reading in our daily lives. Some of the titles used will include 'Walk of the Whales' by Nick Bland, 'Great White Shark' by Claire Saxby and 'Blue Flower' by Sonya Hartnett. In Weeks 8 and 9 students will explore series such as *Aussie kids*, *Freak Street* and *Stuff Happens*. Each new book, follows on and builds on the first thus supporting comprehension and students' love of reading. Week 10 is all about brilliant new literature and all that it can offer to our students.

Yours in reading and learning,
Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

Terrific titles available to take home today!



CBCA Nominated Books



Did you know?

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has been promoting and supporting the best of Australian literature for young people, for over 75 years!

**Book Week
2022**

August 20-26

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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.

Meeniyan Basketball:

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

Please check our "Meeniyan 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

Meeniyan 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)

Rec No. _____

Expression of Interest for Music lessons

(Cost - \$25 per 30 min weekly session)

Parent Name _____ Student/s _____

I would be interested in my child learning piano

I would be interested in my child learning guitar

Parent Signature _____

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 2nd August Hot Breakfast 7.30 - 8.00am (Eggs and Bacon)
- Taco Tuesday!
- Wellbeing Wednesday (Kindness Circle)
- Monday 15th August Pupil Free Day

Last week our goal was for children to develop dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity. We did this through activities such as building blanket forts, exploring our beautiful cold mornings, creating some amazing art pieces with clay, writing out some heart felt kindness



letters to fill each other's buckets and bracelet making with some wool.

Our Program Goal this week is for children to use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

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.
- I would like to also remind parents/carers that on our welcome table in the classroom there is a communication book where both parents/carers and your children will be able to write down any ideas, improvements or notes on the program.
- There is also a Pupil Free Day on Monday 15th August. Our Patch will be running for the whole day (6:45am until 6:00pm) if numbers are at or above six children for the day. Let us know if you have any suggestions for activities or menu items!

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

Chloe Clarke, Patch Leader

Menu for 25/07/2022– 29/07/2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Hot Breakfast	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads
ASC	Tomato soup with cheese toasties and assorted fruit platter	Tacos and assorted fruit platter	Creamy pasta bake and assorted fruit platter	Toasties with assorted fruit platter	Homemade chicken tenders with assorted fruit platter





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.