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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I sit writing this I have been watching the highlights from the Commonwealth Games from Birmingham. Whenever there is a major event like this, I always find that it is a good opportunity for learning. It is a chance to learn about new sports and events and also different countries and cultures from around the world.

I also began to wonder how many years and how many repetitions the athletes do in preparation for their events. Learning and refining in sport, like school, is something that takes time, repetition and perseverance. As I talked through the learning focus overviews for each class at last week's School Council Meeting, we noted the linking and building which occurs throughout the seven years of Primary School and beyond. Topics such as 'Developing Resilience' and 'Being Healthy' are important learning threads which run through right from Prep to Grade 6. This repetition enables the students to build on their prior learning from previous years as they grow and develop.

Keep an eye out for the curriculum report Compass post this week and you can see some of the amazing learning that is occurring this term throughout Meeniyan PS.

Jo Healy, Learning Specialist

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Last week we held our School Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th of July, 2022. This meeting included an update on finances, a principal's report from Mr VanderZalm and a curriculum report from Mrs Healy, which is always a highlight.

Some notable mentions from the principal report were the success of the Grade 5/6 transition day at Leongatha Secondary College. This is the first year that Grade 5's have been included in this day, and from all reports, it went exceptionally well, and the students returned to school excited and happy. We also received an update from the Parent's Connect Group from school council member Tamara Symington, and the word on the street is to stay tuned for some exciting fundraising event that will be announced over the next few weeks....I'm excited and you should be too!

We also learnt about the current professional development (PD) opportunities in which staff are involved. One of these is a book club, which comes together weekly, focusing on the book 'Visible Learning Feedback' by John Hattie and Shirley Clarke. This is an area of focus because, as Mr VanderZalm explained, 'student feedback is arguably the most critical and powerful aspect of teaching and learning.' This is just one example of how the staff at MPS are continually extending their knowledge and practice and building on their strengths in order to create a better learning environment for the students.

And that's a wrap for this month's School Council report.

Kate Thomas - President Meeniyan Primary School Council

CALENDAR

Upcoming

- 15th Aug - Student Free day
- 17th Aug - MPS Parent Connect meeting, 11.30am @ school
- 19th Aug - Consent due 5/6 Jewish Excursion
- 23RD Aug - Colouring Comp due
- 23rd Aug - School Council, 7pm
- 25th Aug - 5/6 Jewish Excursion
- 26th Aug - Book Week Dress Up Day
- 31st Aug - Parent Connect meeting, 2pm @ school

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

BOOK WEEK COLOURING COMPETITION

In MARC library lessons we are celebrating Children's Book Week by reading many of the books shortlisted for a prize and will vote in class on the book we think should win Book of the Year. We would also like to celebrate with a Colouring In Competition. Copies of this year's picture to colour in have been distributed to students with this week's newsletter. If needed, extra copies can be collected from the office or the MARC library. Please submit completed pictures by Monday 22nd August.



PARENT CONNECT / FUNDRAISING MEETING

All parents/carers welcome!

If anyone would like to join the MPS Connect Fundraising team, they are more than welcome to come along to our next Meeting on Wednesday 17th August 11.30am at School. *

We have some very exciting events coming up for Term 3 and 4 and would appreciate any help available. If you would like any further details please contact Janelle at the office.

* Parent Connect meeting dates are listed in the Calendar on the front page of the newspaper.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

I love driving to work on Friday mornings. I get in the car excited for two things – the first is I get to teach the Grade 2 kids on Fridays. We write our counting goals on the tables, get messy doing science and I get to hang around a bunch of fabulous storytellers for the day. I am so lucky that Mrs Russell shares them with me one day a week and I am so lucky to work with our wise and caring Mrs Russell!

The second thing I love about Fridays is driving to work. Friday is 'Like a Version' time on JJJ, for those who don't listen, on Friday's a musician comes and sings an original and a cover live in the JJJ studios. Over NAIDOC week it was Archie Roach. His original was 'One Song' a song of gratitude and trust for the land and he followed it with 'One love' by Bob Marley. That was 3 weeks ago. He was very unwell when he sang these songs but he sang them anyway, forever an artist sharing his words with the country.

On the 30th of July Archie Roach passed away but he left us with his words and songs to share forever.

Make the time to listen to his musical stories, you will not regret it.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Olly B** for an excellent attitude and integrity with French pronunciation.
- ☺ **Year 1S** for great integrity (leading to success) in French pronunciation.
- ☺ **Lily H** for her enthusiasm and growth in Reading Groups.
- ☺ **Archie L** for being well organised and thoughtfully self-managing his learning time.
- ☺ **Nate G** for using feedback to improve his work standards.
- ☺ **Katie B** for being a positive hardworking member of our class. Always helping and lending a hand to her friends.
- ☺ **Harriet F** for her improved attitude towards her learning.
- ☺ **Edith C** for being kind, considerate and consistently offering help to others.
- ☺ **Evelyn W** for being very helpful to her peers and teacher. She is appreciated by all!
- ☺ **Bianca G** for her effort and attitude this term.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Meeniyam Mid - Week Ladies Casual Basketball:

When: Starting August 17th 9.30am 5 weeks of casual Basketball

Cost: \$2

Further Information: All skill levels welcome, children welcome. Teams decided on day based on numbers, round robin format. Tops Supplied.

Expressions of interest preferred but not essential. Sheree Livingstone 0437 076 953



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.