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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### 2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

While previously a random sample of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate, this year, all families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. The survey link is the same for all schools. Here is the link: <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Next, participants select their school and campus which is Meeniyan Primary School for both. Finally, they will enter a PIN that is linked to our school. Our school PIN is: 971395

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through annual reporting, School Council and as an overview in the school newsletter. Each year we use the survey results to guide the school in important decisions and directions.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

**Gene VanderZalm, Principal**

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Information on our 2022 school concert was sent out via Compass last week. A hard copy of this information will also go home with students today. Tickets are now available to purchase using the order form at the end of the newsletter. Preschool aged children will be free if they are sitting on a parent's lap and not requiring a seat. In order to give every family the opportunity to attend the performance, there will be a limit of 4 tickets per family, per session (not including children on laps). Students will need to bring their base costumes to school in a named plastic bag by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. These will be kept in the classroom for students to change into for the Matinee performance.



## CALENDAR

### This week 16/8 – 23/8

- 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** - MPS Parent Connect meeting, 11.30am @ school
- 19<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Consent due 5/6 Jewish Excursion
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug** - Book week colouring comp closes
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug** - School Council, 7pm

### Upcoming

- 25<sup>th</sup> Aug** - 5/6 Jewish Exc, 7.15am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Book Week Dress Up Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Aug** - Parent Connect meeting, 2pm @ school
- 31<sup>st</sup> Aug** - Book club orders close CoB
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sep** - Division Athletics (selected students)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sep** - School Concert
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** - Last Day Term 3 – 2.20pm dismissal  
Footy colours day (gold coin donation)

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

## **VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM LEVIES**

After an article in the newsletter back in March reminding families that it's not too late to pay the Curriculum Levy for 2022, we had a number of payments. We thank those families who have now paid the 2022 Voluntary Curriculum Levy – some even thanked us for the reminder!!

Our contribution rate now sits around the 63% mark (down from 83% this time last year). In real terms this equates to around \$8,700 less income in 2022 compared to previous years. These voluntary financial contributions assist us with the ability to provide additional resources to what is provided for by Government funding.

If you haven't made a voluntary contribution yet and would like to, it's never too late. Payments can be made at any time via Direct Deposit into our school bank account (Meeniyah Primary School | BSB 063 518 | Account Number 10071649) or by cash at the office. The 2022 voluntary curriculum levy is \$150 per child and a \$20 per family voluntary grounds levy is also invited.

## **BUS COMMUNICATION FOR ONE-OFF TRAVEL**

If your child is travelling on a bus that they do not normally travel on, for example, they are going home with a friend, it is extremely important that the parent notifies the school in writing. This can be either a hand written note to the office or an email. The note, aside from the travel arrangements, must include the parent's name and phone number of the child wishing to use the bus. This is a legal requirement of Public Transport Victoria who oversee all school bus travel.

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN MUSIC LESSONS**

Emails were sent out on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August to those families who had expressed interest in music lessons with details on enrolling their child. If you did not return an expression of interest by that date and/or have not received an email from school but are interested in the lessons, please contact Lisa Murray directly via phone or email.

Ph: 0408 855 492 e: [lisamurray71@live.com](mailto:lisamurray71@live.com)

If you have any school based questions about the program, please contact Gene.

## **RECLAIM YOUR LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property baskets are overflowing with uncollected items. As we do each term, we will soon be sorting through all these items and donating anything that is unnamed to MACS so please take some time to look through the lost property baskets and reclaim anything that belongs to you.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Book club catalogues have been distributed to students today. Please place all orders via the LOOP app or the Scholastic website. Orders close COB Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

When my Granny was a teenager her dad would not let her listen to Frank Sinatra. He thought Frank was singing about things beyond my Granny's years. Granny would wait until he was not around and then taking the opportunity to listen to 'Swoonatra' when he was not listening, imagining Frank as a dance partner for the next dance.

When my mum was a teenager, she had Granny as a mum and so she was allowed to fill the house with friends and music but the family were reluctant to get a TV and were one of the later families to do so. My mum and her younger brother forever being asked to turn off Road Runners and 'get outside'. So, they did. They got outside and they played Road Runners in the Dollar Hills. Running and beeping and looking over their shoulders for that naughty coyote.

When I was young we had a TV at my dad's house but not at my mums. At Dad's, I watched Punky Brewster and I caught her smile and her dress sense. When I was at mum's, with no TV, I practiced my Punky Brewster smile, got mum to paint me a Punky Brewster bedroom and sewed bandanas to wrap around my knee.

We humans are influenced by the things which give us pleasure or spark curiosity – that is the way we roll.

Which is why I worry. Our kids have the world at their fingertips, they can have their wonders answered in a moment, thrills and spills without leaving their loungerooms and the internet is an endless stream of answers, entertainment and connection.

This should be good right? But what if there is just too much to process in this raging river of information? What is influencing our kids? Are we able to pinpoint this? How do we keep up?

This is all running through my mind as my children ask for more screen time and I wonder, what is the pay off?

What are they missing to gain more time on a screen?

*Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer*



## Book Week 2022 Dress Up Day!

Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> August

The Junior Action team is organising a dress up day. Please come dressed as your favourite book character!



Congratulations to Bailey and James on winning the recent spelling bee held at Cowes Primary School. They will move on to the Regional finals in Traralgon in a few weeks.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Nakayla J** for maintaining focus and a 'can-do' attitude toward her learning.
- ☺ **Nathaniel O** for excellent productivity in French.
- ☺ **Jacob T** for integrity and productivity with completing research on Marie Antoinette – The Crown looked great!
- ☺ **Charlie H** for great integrity writing French sentences.
- ☺ **Laura J** for going beyond expectations with her French animal writing.
- ☺ **Tyler D** for great contributions in SEL & knowing who to seek help from when faced with a problem.
- ☺ **Jack M** for the grit and persistence he has shown in computing tasks, despite his broken wrist!
- ☺ **Heath G** for great use of descriptive words in his chocolate poem.
- ☺ **Lucy M** for asking thoughtful questions during learning conversations.
- ☺ **Grace P** for returning after a long break with focus and a positive learning attitude.
- ☺ **Sullivan H** for his improved effort to self-manage during learning time.
- ☺ **Max H** for his honesty and pride in his work.
- ☺ **Jarvis D** for a great attitude at our school.
- ☺ **James N** for thoughtful discussions during Lit circles and ensuring everyone has a say.
- ☺ **Kieran S** for the integrity he shows in the yard each day by being so inclusive.
- ☺ **Pippa F** for making thoughtful efforts and carefully completing tasks.



HOUSE POINTS

THIS WEEK: Bluegum and Waratah

OVERALL: Bluegum

### 2022 SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET ORDER FORM THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September - MEENIYAN TOWN HALL

***RAIN CAN'T STOP THE ROCK!***

MATINEE PERFORMANCE – 1.30PM	EVENING PERFORMANCE – 7.00PM
Name: _____	Name: _____
_____ Ticket/s @ \$8 per seat _____	_____ Ticket/s @ \$8 per seat _____
_____ Children (-5) FREE on parent lap	_____ Children (-5) FREE on parent lap
Please find enclosed \$_____ cash	Please find enclosed \$_____ cash
Paid D/D \$_____ Rec _____	Paid D/D \$_____ Rec _____

**MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENTS**

***RAIN CAN'T STOP THE ROCK!***

*An original play exploring mostly Aussie music legends that have charted through the decades. A family is stuck inside on a rainy day and share their musical memories. Come and enjoy a whole school, all singing, dancing and acting show that explores Aussie rock n' pop and the joy of intergenerational family time.*

**TICKETS \$8 EACH (KIDS ON LAPS FREE)**

**EVENING TICKETS PRE-PAID ONLY**

**AND LIMITED TO 4 SEATS PER FAMILY.**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH 2022**

**1:30PM & 7PM**

**MEENIYAN TOWN HALL**



**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.

## Important Dates:

- Tuesday 23rd August Hot Breakfast 7.30 - 8.00am (Scrambled eggs on toast)
- Taco Fridays!
- Wellbeing Wednesday (Kindness Circle)

Last week our days were filled with many activities, including a little typing contest, our spur of the moment discussion about prehistoric animals, some origami, board games and the everlasting favourite Magnetic Tile Set! We did



some more work on our Zones of Regulation, which puts a focus

on the children's emotions and eagerness to learn and participate in our activities.

Our Program Goal this week is for children to interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes. This will be developed with experiences like mindfulness colouring, our kindness circle and our kindness letters.

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.
- 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. We also have a reflection journal that is worked on both me and the children that is free for anyone to come and peek at what we have been doing each week at Our Patch.

Chloe Clarke, Patch Leader

## Menu for 15/08/2022– 19/08/2022

	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	Crackers with cheese, French onion dip and assorted fruit platter	Bolognese pasta with cheese and assorted fruit platter	Homemade chicken tenders with sauce and assorted fruit platter	Ham and cheese toasties with sauce and tomato and assorted fruit platter	Tacos with tomato, corn, salsa, sour cream and cheese with assorted fruit platter

