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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Some big changes are afoot.

Earlier this year, teacher unions and the Victorian Government agreed upon a new bargaining agreement for teaching staff. Within this agreement was one major change we have not had to consider before – time in lieu (TIL). From the beginning of 2023, teaching staff will be entitled to TIL for any extra hours they do outside their normal 38 hours. Times where this will occur include camps, excursions, school concerts, Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews and School Council meetings.

I will be meeting with our staff before the end of 2022 to consult and ratify a plan for when they will be taking their time in lieu. There are two main issues that will need to be worked through. The first is time with students. Obviously, teachers want to spend as much time with their students as possible and we will have to work out appropriate times where we can minimise the impact on student learning ie. Taking the TIL at quieter times in the term. The second involves planning school events. Schools receive minimal compensation to fund this TIL and will need to be smart with how we plan and organise events. Events such as Parent Teacher Interviews will need to take place within the teachers work hours to avoid more TIL.

This is fair compensation as teachers already spend large amounts of time planning and correcting outside their paid hours. I believe we can find common ground where everyone will be treated justly and the best outcome met for all. As a school community, I wanted to start making you aware of these upcoming changes so you will have an understanding of why the change may be occurring.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

CALENDAR

This week 23/8 – 30/8

23rd Aug - School Council, 7pm

25th Aug - 5/6 Jewish Exc, 7.15am

26th Aug - Book Week Dress Up Day

Upcoming

31st Aug - Parent Connect meeting, 2pm @ school

31st Aug - Book club orders close CoB

9th Sep - Division Athletics (selected students)

15th Sep - School Concert

16th 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

No Lunch Orders Next Week

Bread & Pickles are closed next week. This means that lunch orders will not be available Monday 29/8 – Friday 2/9

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☺ **Sam H** for his excellent attitude and independence towards all learning tasks.
- ☺ **Marli H** for being a very kind and generous student in 1P and always doing things with a smile on her face.
- ☺ **Eden P** for enthusiastic participation in all subject areas.
- ☺ **Flynn N** for thoughtful engagement with his learning tasks.
- ☺ **Raf KS** for taking on feedback and setting goals to improve his writing.
- ☺ **Cody M** for showing constant empathy and kindness to his classmates in times of need.
- ☺ **Cole M** for always accepting challenges.



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



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

My middle daughter had a little stack on the netball court this weekend, which meant we had to go to Wonthaggi for an x-ray on her hand. We were in the emergency room for about 4 hours and she came home plaster free! 4 hours in E.D can feel pretty long – we did not bring books with us so we had to entertain ourselves as best we could as the room filled up but ever so slowly emptied throughout the day.

In those 4 hours I was reminded of something really important – this: People are really kind and generous. People do not have to be, when they are feeling terrible, sitting on an uncomfortable chair with a busted-up hand or foot or some other illness but they are. People smiled at each other and throughout the day there was warm and kind conversations bubbling in the waiting room.

One of the staff had been working 2 jobs over the previous 72 hours but every time he talked to a kid he got down on his knees and connected with each kid. Another noticed people were cold and offered blankets, explaining why the heat could not be turned up.

The whole world is understaffed right now, our schools, our hospitals, our cafes and our supermarkets but one does not have to look very long to see people being kind, empathetic and helpful to each other. Seriously, if you have not noticed – take a look, there are really ace people all about right now! How lucky are we!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

School Concert Tickets



Tickets to the evening performance are limited to 4 per family.

2022 SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET ORDER FORM THURSDAY 15 th September - MEENIYAN TOWN HALL	
<i>RAIN CAN'T STOP THE ROCK!</i>	
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 _____



Important Dates:

- Tuesday 30th August Hot Breakfast 7.30 - 8.00am (Homemade pancakes!)
- Taco Fridays!
- Wellbeing Wednesday (Kindness Circle)

Our Pupil Free Day Service on Monday was a huge hit! In total we had nine children join us for a day filled with fun activities. Our planned excursion to the Community Garden unfortunately did not happen due to the weather, however we still made it work with an indoor picnic instead. Our other days have been packed as well, with baking, butterfly mural creations, drawing and craft activities. The weather hasn't been amazing, but we have made it work. Any chance we got we would be outside, playing in the sandpit or on the basketball court! Our Program Goal this week is for children to engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts. 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 22/08/2022 – 26/08/2022

	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	Chicken tender wraps and assorted fruit platter	Homemade fried rice with spring rolls and assorted fruit platter	Homemade samosas and assorted fruit platter	Homemade pancakes with yoghurt, frozen berries and maple syrup and assorted fruit platter	Tacos with tomato, corn, salsa, sour cream and cheese 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.