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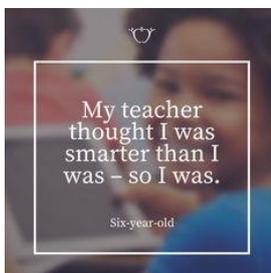
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week at School Council I shared a presentation of some of the work that staff focused on during the recent curriculum day. Much of the discussion focussed on the power of collective efficacy and feedback. Collective efficacy *refers to a **shared belief** that the school's staff can have a positive impact on student achievement.*

When staff share a collective belief in their ability to positively impact each and every student they teach we are as close to a 'guarantee' as we can get of 'every student succeeding'.

Having a climate and culture of effective feedback at our school is essential as effective feedback doubles the speed of learning. If feedback only really flourishes in the right environment, then new feedback activities will only be worthwhile if that environment has already been developed or is in the process of being developed. So, what should that environment look like?

1. A language of possibility rather than certainty.
2. How we react to the mistakes that students make.
3. How much the students **know** we believe in them.
4. Growths and progress are a much bigger part of the language than achievement.
5. Learning is better than getting it right.
6. Our approach to asking questions.
7. What we praise.
8. Learning is meant to be a struggle



CALENDAR

This week 30/8 – 6/9

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

31st Aug - Book club orders close CoB

2nd Sep - Ballarat Camp Installment due

Upcoming

7th Sep - Hot Dog orders due

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 This Week

Bread & Pickles are closed this week. Lunch orders will be available again from next Monday.

Reminder for Yr 5/6 families

Ballarat Camp Instalment due this Friday 2/9, \$120

Keep an eye out for the curriculum report Compass Post this week or head over to the school's website to see the report in full. (<http://tarwinvalleygps.vic.edu.au/curriculum-reports/>)

Jo Healy, Learning Specialist!

SCHOOL CONCERT

This is the final week to pre-order your tickets for the evening performance. After this, any available tickets will be opened up to anyone wishing to purchase extra tickets. Keep your eye on next week's newsletter for further information on availability. For those wanting tickets to the matinee performance, there are still plenty of seats available. The order form is at the end of the newsletter.

Also, a reminder to get your base costumes into school by Monday 12th September. Clothing is to be sent to school in a named bag and handed to the classroom teacher.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

When I younger I would tell my dad all the things I was 'gunna' do and he would let me go for a while and then he would bring me back to earth "Don't tell me about what you're gunna do – tell me when you have done it!" That is how he parented me from the start, no frills, honesty and humour. He could give me a look or ask a loaded question and I would know that I had gone too far.

On student free days while other kids were sleeping in and getting hot chips for lunch, my dad will call a 'working bee in the yard' or the student free day would coincidentally fall on the same day as lamb marking. I can remember feeling ripped off that I was not at Mcindoe Park eating hot chips and sipping on a lemonade with my mates but dad would give me a look and some instructions and we would get on with it.

My dad taught me it was great to dream but to understand I needed to work to get there and that my gender would not limit me because keeping the shearers pen full and the shearing board clear had nothing to do with me being a man or a woman.

My dad taught me that men cry, they cry when they lose a mate, or a relationship or in a sad movie or watching their kids play sport or when they have a bad day or when they hold their grandchildren for the first time, same as women!

Now, I get less 'looks' or loaded questions from my dad, instead he stands by the netball court watching his granddaughters chasing a ball in the wind or he arrives at my door with a green Woolie's bag filled with lamb chops for the family, if he has not heard from me he calls with a "just checking if you blokes are ok".

Like Mother's Day, Father's Day is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of families and the roles parents play in these roles and to challenge ridged gender stereotypes in the process!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

School Council met on Tuesday the 23rd of this month where all Council members were in attendance!

Following the normal finance and general business discussion Council learnt in the Principals report about the recent Principal-forum Gene attended and in particular the new time in lieu arrangements for teaching staff.

We were also informed the school was lucky enough to receive \$7000 worth of Decodable books from the speech pathology in school program. A great gift to receive but far in excess of our needs, with the potential to share them amongst other schools discussed.

Among some other topics, Gene also discussed the recent year 4 to 6 attitude to school survey, it's results and what we can take from them.

Jo Healy's informative curriculum report touched on the learnings from the recent PD day. Some of the main takeaways were around feedback practices, normalising struggle and mistakes as an opportunity to learn and working as a collective. Something the teachers here at MPS do very well.

The Connect group is working hard on the 2 major upcoming fundraising events with dates now locked in. Please save the date for the Meeniy Primary School Ball on Saturday 8th October and the Colour Run will be held during school hours on the afternoon of Friday 11th November.

Next meeting is scheduled for the 18th of October

Rhys Livingstone, School Council

Book Week Dress-up Day 2022



Footy/Team Colours Day Friday 16th September

The Junior Action Team is asking you to wear your colours to show your support for your favourite sporting team. We will also be selling hotdogs in bread on the day. Please order the number of hotdogs (\$2 each) you want and send the money into the office by Wednesday the 7th of September. Thanks from the JAT.



Gold Coin
Donations will be
collected by JAT to
go towards a local
animal shelter



Hotdogs
\$2

Year 5/6 Jewish Excursion

Last week our Year 5 & 6 students visited their penpals at Leibler Yavneh College in Melbourne as part of the Connecting Cultures Program. During the excursion the students visited a shule, (Synagogue) and the Jewish Museum of Australia. The program at the museum “promotes the cultures of peace and acceptance”. The Excursion was fully funded by Zionism Victoria who is partly funded by the Victorian Government and the Victorian Multicultural Commission as well as many of Melbourne’s philanthropic families and businesses. The Program plays a significant role in planting seeds of tolerance, compassion and understanding that will contribute towards the creation of a more harmonious society for the future of all our children.



Year 5 & 6 Interview Professionals from our Region

As part of the unit 'Empowering Students & Building School Pride' the students are running interview forums throughout the weeks commencing 29th of August - until the 5th of September, with a focus on striving for excellence and determination.

We are all very excited about this program. On Monday students had a visit from two 4th year medical students Sarah Marion and Sharon Tu from Melbourne Uni together with their administrator from Monash Health Gippsland. Today, Harry Evans, who is vision impaired, came along with his guide dog Bateman. Tomorrow an officer from Victoria Police will be interviewed by the students about the journey to become a member of the Victorian Police Force. Over the following week we have some other visitors booked in for this exciting learning focus.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Leongatha Little Athletics:

A parent run club teaching the fundamental skills of running, jumping and throwing to prepare your child for all sports.

The 2022/2023 season commences 1st October, 9am at the Leongatha Velodrome for athletes 5-16 years old.

New athletes can 'Come and try' prior to paying. All parents are involved. Register online at

www.lavic.com.au/membership

Contact: Ben Cruickshank 0438551976 (president) or Alisha Hemming 0400 393 938 (Registrar)



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.

HOT DOGS ORDER FORM

Return form and money to school by C.O.B Wednesday 7th September
Hot Dog order form for Friday 16th September @ \$2.00 each.

Name: _____ **Hot Dogs in bread**
\$2.00 each

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

2022 SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET ORDER FORM
THURSDAY 15th September - MEENIYAN TOWN HALL



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 6th September Hot Breakfast 7.30 - 8.00am (Homemade pancakes!)
- Taco Fridays!
- Wellbeing Wednesday (Kindness Circle)
- Friday 16th September 2.20pm finish

ourpatch

Last week all everyone could talk about was how it was the 2022 Book Week 'Dreaming with eyes open'!



Throughout the week we did a few activities related to this, with a 'I Just Ate My Friend' picture book activity of which everyone can see on display in the classroom and preparing for the dress up day on Friday. Together the whole school got to enjoy the morning showing off their very cool costumes. Alongside this, we at Our Patch were able to do some cooking (hot breakfast), drawing, trying new foods, our very special Kindness Circle on both Wednesday **and** Thursday, some yoga and some outdoor time where we enjoyed a beautiful sunset Thursday evening!

Our Program Goal this week is for children to collaborate with others, express their ideas and made meaning using a range of media and communication technologies.

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

A few reminders for parents/carers:

- 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 29/08/2022 – 02/09/2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Pancakes with maple syrup and fruit	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads
ASC	Homemade beef burgers and assorted fruit platter	Homemade blueberry muffins and assorted fruit platter	Homemade apple and cinnamon muffins and assorted fruit platter	Build -your-own chicken wraps and assorted fruit platter	Tacos with tomato, corn, salsa, sour cream and cheese with assorted fruit platter

