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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I didn't think one picture could encapsulate our cultural visit last week to the Melbourne Jewish school, Leibler Yavneh, but this ones goes very close.



From the moment we pulled up at the school, our students were intrigued. Like most Jewish schools in Australia, there are strong fortifications around the school, cameras and a security guard. The students could not see what was happening inside, but they could hear the excitement growing. From the moment the gates opened our students were greeted by all their penpals cheering, singing and dancing. The look on the MPS student's faces was priceless. It was like we were athletes returning after winning the World Cup!

From there, the students finally had time to talk to their penpals face-to-face. They took a tour of the school, sat and enjoyed a meal, witnessed various customs and topped it all off with a giant game of dodgeball. Teachers at both schools could not wipe the smiles off their faces. We were all witnessing the beginnings of tolerance and understanding.

As teachers, we are fortunate to watch our students learn many different attitudes, skills and pieces of knowledge during their years with us. The experience of this excursion showed us the power of connecting our students to the world around us. Something we hope will stay with them for a long time to come.

*Gene VanderZalm, Principal*

## YEAR 1/2 COAL CREEK EXCRUSION

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, students from years 1 and 2 will be going on an excursion to Coal Creek at Korumburra as part of their Inquiry Unit. They will look at how daily life has changed over the years. Students are invited to dress-up in 'olden day clothes' for the excursion.

## BALLARAT CAMP INSTALLMENTS

The second camp instalment of \$120 was due last Friday. Payments can be made via cash or direct deposit. All camp payments need to be received at school no later than Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## CALENDAR

### This week 6/9 – 13/9

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sep - Hot Dog orders due (late orders cannot be accepted)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sep - Division Athletics (selected students)

### Upcoming

- 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)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Term 4 commences
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Yr 5/6 Ballarat Camp  
Mon-Wed
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Meeniyan Community Ball
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - School Council, 7pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Yr 1/2 Coal Creek Excursion

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

### **MEENIYAN COMMUNITY BALL**

Our Parent Connect group have done a fantastic job putting together the Meeniyana Community Ball to raise funds for our school. Come along and enjoy an evening of music, dancing and connecting with members of our school community. Tickets are now on sale, see the attached flyer for details.

### **SCHOOL CONCERT**

The students and staff are all very excited about our school Concert which is just over a week away and tickets are selling out fast! There are still a few tickets left for purchase using the order form at the end of the newsletter. Tickets for the evening performance **MUST** be pre-purchased. They **will not** be available to purchase at the door.



Remember to get those base costumes into school this week in a named bag.

### **FOOTY COLOURS DAY / HOT DOG LUNCH**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September is the last day of Term 3. The Junior Action Team are asking you to wear your colours to show support for your favourite sporting team. They will also be selling hotdogs in bread on the day and orders are essential. Orders must be in by tomorrow using the order form at the end of the newsletter.

### **MARC LIBRARY NEWS**

In the MARC library this term we have been going through our large non-fiction book collection and sorting items to 'weed'. These items can be books that are either old, dirty, damaged, containing information that is no longer accurate/relevant or books that have not been borrowed in years. Once deleted from the collection, the books are ready for disposal. At school we like to give students the option to take home a book, before they are donated to op shops or recycled. If your child brings home a book which has the barcode sticker scribbled out, it is a book they have chosen from the discarded items and does not need to be returned to school.

Many thanks, Sophie Callcott & Jeanette Johnson.



### **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

When my daughter turned 16 one of my beautiful friends gave her a gift. The gift was her phone number with a card reading *'this is a free call, call me at any hour of the night, with any problem and I will help you – no questions asked'*. My daughter is yet to claim that call due to the 'nothing is so bad that you can't talk to me about it' policy she and I have.

I am sure there are things that she does not share with me, I hope there is! She is nearly 20 years old and does not need her mother to know everything BUT I trust that when she needs me, she will call. What I love about my friends' gift to her when she was 16, is that if for some reason I am not the person to help – there is a village, and they will help.

This Thursday is 'R U OK? Day' and it is a good time to touch base with our kids on 'who is in our village to help and how we can ask for help when we need it'.

Should you or your child ever need a chat please don't hesitate to make contact.

*Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- ☺ **Zorana D** for showing kindness and resilience to be a GREAT friend.
- ☺ **Kade L** for his hard work and dedication towards his reading.
- ☺ **Lloyd C** for Integrity and a great attitude to French tasks (showing initiative with research).
- ☺ **Albie H** for his consistent positive attitude towards all areas of learning. You are a delight to have in our class.
- ☺ **Madison H** for always using resilience in the classroom and yard.
- ☺ **Astrid H** for eager engagement and self-directed learning with our report writing focus.
- ☺ **Sophie J** for her enthusiasm and persistence resulting in an excellent information report on Anne Frank.
- ☺ **Sarah P** for clearly showing and explaining her maths thinking when solving money problems.
- ☺ **Sophie M** for setting high expectations for her learning and continually striving to meet them.
- ☺ **Hayley D** for great sportsmanship and kindness.



**HOUSE POINTS**

**THIS WEEK:** 3 way tie!!

**OVERALL:** Bluegum

## More from the Interviews being done by our 5/6 Students.....



Last Tuesday Harry Evans came to our school as part of our Interview forums. Harry is visually impaired, and he came to educate us about his life and living with his disability. Harry came with his seeing eye dog Bateman. Bateman is a black Labrador, and he helps Harry get around his everyday life.

Lara and Fin interviewed Harry Evans. Harry was polite, kind and willing to answer questions. He brought a big smile to our faces with his funny and interesting stories. *Jacob T*



This week in Grade 5/6 we have been learning about how to conduct an interview. The grade 5/6's have taken turns in interviewing different people in our community. I particularly enjoyed hearing about how these people's careers effected their thoughts and how they behaved. So far, we have interviewed two doctors, a police officer, a sight impaired citizen and a military lieutenant. It was very interesting to find out about their lives and how they got to where they are now. We are yet to interview a vet and an Olympian who will both be very interesting, I am sure. *James N*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

### Gippsland Gumboot Scoot:

Come along for dinner and/or a night of line-dancing! This is a charity event in support of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, run in conjunction with Stony Creek Football and Netball Club and Stony Creek Racing Club.

**When** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Where** – Stony Creek Racing Club, 22 Stony Creek-Dollar Road, Stony Creek

**Time** – 6-10pm, 6-7.30pm VIP entry \$50 for a two course mean and entry for entire night. Tickets must be purchased prior to the night.

7.30-10pm \$20pp, kids free. Cash or EFTPOS at the door

**Contact:** 0400 291 447 or hoedownsforscountrytowns@gmail.com

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.lavic.com.au/membership)

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

### HOT DOGS ORDER FORM

**Return form and money to school by C.O.B Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
(late orders cannot be accepted)**

Hot Dog order form for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September @ \$2.00 each.

Name:

Hot Dogs in bread \$2.00 each

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



**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.

# 2022 *Meeniyān Community Ball*

Venue: Meeniyān Hall

Date: Saturday 8th October

Time: 7.30pm until late

Cost: \$60

Dress: Cocktail

*BYO alcohol - supper provided*

*Music - local rock cover band "Red Sector"*

*Silent auction and door prizes*

*Doors Open - 7.30pm*

*18+ Only event*

***All proceeds going to Meeniyān Primary School***

***Scan QR code to purchase tickets or contact  
Sheree Livingstone on 0437 076 953***



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PRIMARY SCHOOL