



Edition 29 – September 13th 2022

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This Thursday we will hold our first school concert in 3 years.

Normally, the planning and organisation of a school concert would be spread across 6 months.

The landscape of 2022 has meant that the organisation for this event has been compacted into just over 6 weeks!

What Tanya Jackson has managed to achieve this term has been monumental. She has almost single-handedly developed this whole production, a totally original piece, that will remind us all of why we cherish our concerts so much.

It is crazy to think that our Grade 2 students have never been on the big stage, and it is for this reason that we have pushed so hard to put this production on in 2022. We couldn't make it 3 years!

Like every concert there is sure to be the odd mistake or movement out of place but that is all part of the experience, and the show will roll on. We hope you all enjoy the concert as much as we do and when you get the chance, make sure you thank Tanya for all her work 😊

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

SCHOOL CONCERT

Evening Performance – SOLD OUT

- Base costumes should now be at school in your child's classroom
- Students are to arrive at the hall for **6.40pm** on Thursday evening, dressed in their base costumes they have gone home in.
- If you are taking your child home with you from the matinee performance, please ensure you let your child's teacher know before leaving the hall.
- The performance will conclude by 8pm. We really appreciate the help we get from families packing up chairs etc after the performance. With many hands, it does not take long at all!

GOODS AND/OR SERVICES REQUEST

The Meeniyan Community Ball along with the Colour Run are our schools two major fundraisers for 2022. As the Meeniyan Ball is fast approaching (8th October), the Parent Connect group are seeking donations of goods and services to be auctioned off on the night.

Small items can be put together in hampers and services can vary from babysitting to trades or areas of expertise. If you are able to donate auction items, please contact:

Sheree Livingstone 0437 076 953 or Amanda Calder 0439 497 850

CALENDAR

This week 13/9 – 4/10

15th Sep - School Concert

16th Sep - Last Day Term 3 – 2.20pm dismissal
Footy colours day (gold coin donation)

3rd Oct - Term 4 commences

3rd Oct - Yr 5/6 Ballarat Camp
Mon-Wed

Upcoming

8th Oct - Meeniyan Community Ball

18th Oct - School Council, 7pm

20th Oct - Yr 1/2 Coal Creek Excursion

20th Oct - PST Open Night

24th Oct - P-2 swimming program commences

28th Oct - Yr 6 uniform orders due

31st Oct - Student Free Day

1st Nov - Melbourne Cup Day

4th Nov - Stuarts Cup

11th Nov - Colour Run

14th Nov - 3-6 Swimming program commences

15th Nov - School Council, 7pm

6th Dec - Statewide Transition Day

6th Dec - School Council EOY

8th Dec - Year 6 Graduation

19th Dec - Final Day for students

20th Dec - Final Day for staff

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 have gone home with the newsletter today.

LOST PROPERTY

Tomorrow is the final day to come in and collect any items sitting in lost property that may belong to you. On Wednesday afternoon everything that is not named will be gathered up and donated to MACS.

2023 GRADE 6 UNIFORM ORDER

An order form for Grade 6 uniform will go home in the first week of Term 4 (after students return from Ballarat camp). Orders must be placed by Friday 28th October to ensure items arrive by the end of the school year. Please consider sizing and quantities for the entirety of 2023 as this will be the one and only order for these items. There will be sample sized available at the office for students to try on before submitting their order.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Well done to Jarvis, Finn, Angus, Cole, Matilda, Hannah, Harriet, Sol and Hayley who had a great day competing in the Division Athletics last Friday at Casey Fields in Cranbourne.



SPELLING BEE FINAL



Congratulations to both James and Bailey who competed in the Victorian Spelling Bee State Finals yesterday, representing the school superbly! James is the Grade 5 State Runner up, and Bailey is the third best Grade 6 speller in Victoria. Both boys should be extremely proud of their efforts, we all certainly are.

ABSENCE NOTES

Some families will receive unexplained absence letters with their newsletters today. Please complete and return to school before the end of term. It is a legal requirement of DET that all student absences are explained.

FOOTY GRAND FINAL

We are holding a grand final between two yet-to-be-decided teams on Friday 16th (the last day of term). Parents/carers are welcome to come and support the kids. It will be at approximately 1:40pm, but feel free to come earlier. We will have music and other entertainment for kids and parents alike (dizzy demon; kicking the whole oval; captains' race).

Thank you - Fin, Josh, Jensen, Nico, Liam, and Cole

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

There are lots of things in life that we have to do, things that are not optional. While at times these things might feel like a bit of a drag, we know that these chores are not a choice, if we don't do them there will be consequences e.g., if I don't pay my electricity bill, my power will be cut off.

There are also things that are a 'choice', things that might be really good for us, for so many reasons but we still have the choice to opt in or opt out.

It might look easy for someone to 'opt in' but in a world striving for perfection, to 'opt in' can mean we need to take some risks. To 'opt in' can expect bravery and a mind which is open to failure, mistakes and flaws.

What helps me when considering whether or not to grasp an opportunity is I ponder on the payoff 'what will happen if I don't take this opportunity?' It sounds easy, but it is not always, it can be scary putting yourself out there.

Today, I celebrate those who are 'opting in', even though it feels scary. I am seeing this everyday across all the schools I work at, and it is moving and impressive. It might be contributing to a classroom discussion or going to a sport meet or entering a spelling comp. It might be saying yes to play with someone you don't usually play with or going on camp, even though you know you will miss your family.

We only get one wild precious life.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 😊 **James C** for improved effort and independence in writing.
- 😊 **Marlee B** for hard work and dedication to following classroom expectations.
- 😊 **Lana M** for creating an engaging non-fiction text through effort and going beyond expectations.
- 😊 **Josh L** for using feedback and 'self-assessment' to improve his work.
- 😊 **1S** for their amazing team work and hard work practicing for the concert.
- 😊 **Lily Y** for her kind and caring nature (both inside and outside the classroom).
- 😊 **Nikita Z** for integrity and passion in French. A great presentation on francophone: Niger.
- 😊 **Tweak G** for his sustained efforts to improve his letter formation and cursive handwriting.
- 😊 **3/4P** for their incredible effort they put into their information reports and the brilliant job they did at presenting them.
- 😊 **Harriet F** for perseverance and enthusiasm in French. An excellent presentation on Niger (a francophone).
- 😊 **Nico KS** for setting a fantastic example for this peers through his warm and kind nature.



HOUSE POINTS **THIS WEEK:** Wattle **OVERALL:** Bluegum



Meeniyán Quarry – by Sullivan

Some boys in grade 3/4 decided to build a quarry near top flat. We bought equipment in, Tonka trucks, loaders, John Deere Excavators, tractors and other machinery. We are excavating out the area to make pits and roads. Some of our workers get loads of gravel to spread out where the roads would go. We also marked out the lanes of the roads with spray paint. We have found lots of clay and charcoal. We are still working on the quarry to make it even better.



In 3/4P Sully and Hudson have created a realistic Lego: La tour Eiffel (Eiffel Tower). Bravo!



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.

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 30th 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 hoedownsforsourcetowns@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 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)

Woolworths Cricket Blast All-Female program:

Don't miss this Cricket Blast Pop-Up program! The venue will rotate, beginning at Leongatha Town Cricket Club on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5pm. The program will run 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October and it's only \$10 per participant. Scan the QR code to register



2022 Meeniyian Community Ball

Venue: Meeniyian 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 Meeniyian Primary School

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



Last week featured a very special day, **R U OK? Day**. At Our Patch we looked at the different ways we can ask someone if they are OK, and who they each can talk to if they need someone to confide in. Last week's goal was for children to

Important Dates:

- Hats must be bought for ASC
- Wellbeing Wednesdays
- Friday 16th September 2.20pm finish
- Footy Colours Day Friday 16th September

become socially responsible and show respect for the environment. For our afternoons we went out and gathered natural resources to use for arts and crafts, we played plenty of sports outside, did some colourful painting with rocks and paper, had some delicious nachos, and enjoyed our beautiful sunsets.

We would also like to introduce and welcome our new Patch Educator, Paige. Paige began her first day here last week and some of the children and families have been lucky enough to meet her already. Paige will be with us for both Before and After School Care every day and is looking forward to meeting the rest of our lovely school community!

Our program goal for this week is for children to become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing. We will be doing a lot more Kindness Circles and focus on building our positive wellbeing as well.

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

Chloe Clarke, Patch Leader

Paige De Costa, Patch Educator



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. If an emergency booking is to be made, or your child/ren have been picked up from school, please let us know either by calling, texting or emailing.
- 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 the team and the children that is free for anyone to come and peek at what we have been doing each week at Our Patch.



Menu for 12/09/2022 – 16/09/2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Porridge with cream	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads	Assorted cereals and wholemeal toast with spreads
ASC	Cheese, crackers and french onion dip assorted fruit platter	Pancakes with yoghurt and berries and assorted fruit platter	Ham and cheese toasties with assorted fruit platter	Chicken burritos with sour cream, cheese and salsa and assorted fruit platter	Nachos with salsa, sour cream, and cheese with assorted fruit platter



DOUBLE THE FUN!

WOW, WHAT A GREAT START. The Fun-Raising started on Tuesday and more than half of all M.P.S families have set up their profile pages and are off to an enthusiastic start on their fundraising drive. Well done to those students and families. Make sure if you have not done so already that you get online with your Parent or Guardian and follow the simple steps in the Monty Handbook to create your own cybersafe fundraising profile page. There are lots of incentive prizes for students up for grabs along the way. Next term, we are hosting a **Colour Splatacular School Fun Run** to raise money for the Covered Outdoor Learning Area and to give the students a well-earned afternoon of fun after their fundraising hard work.

Did you know? Students raise 3 times more when they fundraise online!

Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au. You have until 4/11/22 to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Colour Splatacular School Fun Run on 11/11/22 from 2pm to 3:20pm. Parents are encouraged to come along and help on the day.

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal online! Students automatically achieve incentive prizes as they fundraise, starting from \$10. The more they raise, the more prizes they receive. Each prize is ordered automatically, so you don't need to worry about prize ordering! You can see what the incentive prizes are in the sponsorship booklet provided.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit! Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By creating an avatar, sharing your page with friends and reaching milestone donations, you can share in \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Monstar Madness. Check out your sponsorship booklet for more awesome Monty prizes up for grabs, like a Monty Plush toy, a bag tag or a high-bounce handball!

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree, including your choice of televisions, laptops, phones, home accessories and more! Start fundraising at www.australianfundraising.com.au for your chance to win.

Thanks in advance for your support, and Happy Fundraising!

Tamara Symington

School Council Member and Parent Connect Group Member