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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PMSS

Last week we received the exciting news that Meeniyah will be one of 50 schools from across the state to undertake the Primary Maths Science Specialist program over the next two years. This program will train two of our classroom teachers to become maths and science specialists. Part of their studies will include undertaking an audit of everything maths that the school is currently doing and bringing about sweeping changes to help elevate maths at our school.

In recent years, we undertook a major focus on Reading and are already seeing massive improvements in this area. In the recent round of NAPLAN assessments our school ranked first 1st amongst 50 Similar Schools and 6th for Reading. Our Numeracy results were in the middle range however we are looking forward to the boost we should receive from the PMSS program and the hopeful improvements in our students maths skills and knowledge.

Amphitheatre

Over the holidays an amphitheatre was constructed into the side of the hill behind the rebound wall. We still have a number of stages to finish, including the installation of a shade sail, concrete stage and landscaping. It already looks fantastic and is sure to be a wonderful asset to the school.

Division Sports

At the end of last term, nine students represented the school and our district at the Division sports day held at Casey Sports Fields. All students put their best foot forward with several personal bests and a number of 4th and 5ths. Cole Munday managed to claim 3rd in the 12 and over boys Triple Jump and will now move to the Gippsland Regional Finals next week. All the best Cole!

CALENDAR

Current 4/10 – 11/10

8th Oct - Meeniyah Community Ball

Upcoming

17th Oct - Consent/payment for Coal Creek excursion due via Compass

18th Oct - School Council, 7pm

19th Oct - Book Club orders close

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

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

2023 GRADE 6 UNIFORM ORDER

An order form for Grade 6 uniform will be distributed later this week. Orders must be placed by Friday 28th October to ensure items arriving 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 sizes available at the office for students to try on before submitting their order.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 catalogues have been distributed today. All orders are to be placed via the LOOP app or online through the Scholastic website by Wednesday 19th October.

SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR 2022

Congratulations

*to Harriet, Pippa and family on
the arrival of Bonnie.*



Notes for this years P-2 swimming program have gone home with students today. Please complete the consent and medical form and return to school by Thursday 20th October. There is no cost for this year's program which will run each day from Monday 24th October – Thursday 27th October.

Forms for the years 3-6 students will go home in the next couple of weeks for their program running Monday 14th November – Thursday 17th November.

MEENIYAN COMMUNITY BALL

Only 4 more days until Meeniyán Hall will be set for a fabulous night!

It's been so long since the parents and community of Meeniyán have been able to connect and have a night out together so we would love to see as many faces as possible.

Meeniyán Hall, Saturday 8th October 8pm start. BYO Drinks, 18+ only event, supper provided.

Local rock cover band RED SECTOR will be keeping everyone entertained, Door prizes and a Goods and Services Auction with all proceeds going to Meeniyán Primary School – for the Undercover Learning area. We have a very limited amount of bus seats available to local areas after the event for only \$10 per person but you must contact Sheree Livingstone 0437076953 and be on the list!

Tickets Available from QR code, or <https://www.trybooking.com/CCJKR>

MPS Parent Connect Group



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Student safety at Meeniyán Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised from 8.15am

After school: School grounds are supervised until the last bus leaves at 3.55pm

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care.

Families are encouraged to contact Chloe Clarke at Our Patch on 0427 992 320 or meeniyans@ourpatch.education for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please refer to our school website.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

I am sitting in my sister's kitchen in Exmouth, a beautiful little beach town right on the Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia. It has been over 15 years since I have wriggled my toes in the warm West Australian sand and floated in the Indian Ocean. Everything is as beautiful, raw and wonderful as I remember, and I am already preparing myself for tears as I drive away from the red earth and back home to lush Fish Creek.

We will have spent most of this month in our swags, as close to that red sand as we can be. My children are tinged pink, and they always have dusty salt on their skin.

We just spent the last 4 days in Karijini National Park. The hikes in this park expect one to be sure footed and brave. Our kids skirted the edges of the gorges, climbed down cliffs into crystal clear waterholes, stood still with arms crossed when met with dingoes, watched a brown snake find a safe rock and quietly visited a sacred waterhole.

I had many moments where I have had to stop myself from yelling out 'BE CAREFUL', I had to trust my daughters, trust their feet, trust the rocks and trust their swimming skills as they swam through the gorges. They had to remember their hats, their water and to apply sunscreen. They had to treat the outdoors with respect and love.

Karijini reminded me what a wonderful teacher nature is for both my children and us, the parents.

I hope these holidays found you somewhere in nature with the people you love.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Meeniyan Dumbalk United Junior Cricket Training:

Training will commence for U/12's and U/15's at the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve on 11th October. 4pm - 5.30pm. This is a mixed competition for both boys and girls.

If you have participated in the Master Blaster program in the past and are looking to take the next step to begin competitive cricket, please come along to this training session.

For any girls interested in possibly playing in a girls only side, a come and try day is set down for Sunday 9th October from 11am - 12pm for girls aging 9-15.

Enquiries Welcome for either of the programs -
Phil Allen 0408 366 229 (U/12's or U/15's)
Russell Widdows 0415679778 for girls only.

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program:

FREE online program for parents of children aged 2 to years. Learn how to resolve difficult behaviour over 3 sessions. Learn how to discipline without yelling or smacking, how to handle challenging behaviours and strategies to strengthen your child's resilience and their relationship with you.

Parents will receive a free workbook and a certificate of completion.

When: 11.30am – 2.30pm over three Tuesdays, October 25, November 8 & 15

Bookings: Limited places so bookings are essential

Contact: Mark Brookes, Uniting Gippsland on 5662 5150 gippsland.leongatha.reception@vt.uniting.org

DRUMBEAT Program:

Building resilience in young people for later in life.

The DRUMBEAT program uses hand drumming to engage participants in a co-operative group process that explores relationship issues. Structure sessions cover topics such as; values, peer pressure, identity, social harmony, teamwork and emotional expression. The program also includes a performance element. DRUMBEAT serves to increase positive social connection.

Contact Mark Brookes, Uniting Gippsland 5662 5150 or 0438 204 437 e: mark.brookes@vt.uniting.org

Screening of Embrace Kids:

This is a special event for kids in Bass Coast and South Gippsland. This film will screen at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Tuesday 25th October at 6.30pm The film is rated G and aimed at children aged 8-14. This is the next stage of Taryn Brumfill's Embrace project and hopes to spark and build generational change for healthy body image. For information on the film - <https://bodyimagemovement.com/embrace/embrace-kids/> All money raised from the screening will go to YES Youth Hub who provide a safe and fun space for our young people locally.

Cost: \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Book your tickets through TryBooking

[Embrace Kids \[G\] 1h19m Tickets, Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, Wonthaggi | TryBooking Australia](#)



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS WHAT WE EXPECT AT MEENIYANI 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.

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***



Meeniy Community Ball Goods and Services Auction

Brown Wigg Voucher \$150 - Donated by Brown Wigg Meeniy

Mika and Max Voucher \$50 - Donated by Mika and Max Meeniy

In Essence Midnight Ultrasonic Diffuser with Trio of Oils value \$120 - Donated by Meeniy Pharmacy

Lacy's Voucher \$200 - Donated by Lacy's

Linxcrete – labour only for laying of 5m³ concrete (Valued at \$1200) - Donated by Linxcrete

Mitre 10 Voucher \$100 - Donated by T & K Carpentry

Moos At Meeniy Voucher \$50 - Donated by Moos

Nerrena grass fed Angus Meat Tray - Scotch, porterhouse, mince, sausages, and Corned Beef (approx 8kg \$150) - Donated by Kelly and Ty Brookes

Dressed Lamb fresh pick up / date TBC – Value \$300 - Donated by Harris Farms

Meeniy Voucher pack 1 – Pandesel Bakery \$10, Meeniy Hotel \$25 - Donated by Pandesel Bakery and Meeniy Hotel

Meeniy Voucher pack 2 – Pandesel Bakery \$10, Meeniy Hotel \$25 Allforms Design \$30 - Donated by Pandesel Bakery and Meeniy Hotel

Meeniy Voucher pack 3– Allforms Design \$30, Catherine's Hair Techniques \$30 – Donated by AllForms Design and Catherine's Hair Techniques

PIPER Plumbing Value \$250– Full house gutter clean and washer replacement Donated by Piper Plumb Meeniy

Supermarket Hamper - Donated by Meeniy IGA

Angus Bull \$6000 - Donated by Harris Farms

Stay at Portsea Village Resort to the value of \$600 Expires 5th January 2023 – Donated by Tamara and Phil Symington

Mystery boxes! Value ???? - Donated by mystery people

Local 30minute Brass instrument lesson school age or above, instrument provided \$30 - Donated by Neil Gracie

Door Prizes from Moo's at Meeniy, Cootamundra Gardening and Lanscaping, SwanLee and Pandesal Bakery

All items above are subject to change and vary at any time. NO EARLY BIDS will be accepted. All items must be purchased and paid for on the night. Cash or Bank transfer available.

Thank you to all our generous donors!