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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Open Classrooms

This Thursday we welcome all parents/carers to our 'Open Classroom' afternoon between 3:30 and 5pm, straight after assembly. The occasion gives the opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher, see aspects of your student's work and engage with their learning. We will be encouraging all students to take the lead with this showcase so they can develop a deeper understanding of what they have been learning and why. During the event, adults are encouraged to ask many questions of their student but be mindful of the judgements (good or bad) we put on our children. What is more important is them knowing how they feel about their learning and why.

2023 Planning

With student numbers slightly down in 2023 we will be running 7 classrooms. We encourage everyone to have a look at the breakdown of numbers across the school and if you would like, send through your ideas for how we might divide the students amongst these 7 classes. (See attached)

Like most workplaces, we will see several changes to our staffing in 2023. We are still finalising some of this recruitment and will notify you in due course.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Notes for the 3-6 swimming program have been distributed today. Please complete the consent, medical and competency forms and return to school by Thursday 10th November as numbers are submitted to Splash at 9am on Friday 11th November. There is no cost for this year's program which will run each day from Monday 14th November – Thursday 17th November.

STUART'S CUP SPORTS

Attached to the newsletter is information on our upcoming school sports day, Stuart's Cup. Student's are asked to wear a t-shirt in their house colours, yellow (Wattle), red (Waratah) and blue (Bluegum). The day involves a mixture of events including, tabloid sports, sprints, distance events, relays and ball games and will be held at the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve on Friday 4th November, starting at 10.00am. Students come to school at the usual time and will leave school at 9.20, walking as a group to the Rec Reserve. At the end of the sports, parents can take their children home with them but please notify your child's teacher before taking them.

CALENDAR

Current 18/10 – 25/10

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

Upcoming

28th Oct - Yr 6 uniform orders due

31st Oct - Student Free Day

1st Nov - Melbourne Cup Day

2nd Nov - 2023 Prep Information evening, 6.30pm

4th Nov - Stuarts Cup

11th Nov - Colour Splatacular 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

REMINDERS

- 2023 Year 6 Uniform orders must be in at the school office by 9am Friday 28th October. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- P-2 swimming consent due Thursday 20th October



2023 GRADE STRUCTURES

Attached to the newsletter is a school structure scenario sheet for the classes at MPS in 2023. The number of students in each year level is listed along the top. Parents are invited to use these numbers to create classes using the tables below. You may create more than one scenario and if you wish. Please submit your chosen class structure to the school by 25th October.

ORDERS FOR SPLATACULAR T-SHIRTS

An order form for the white t-shirts required for participants of the 'Colour Splatacular' can be found at the end of the newsletter. All orders are to be placed by Tuesday 8th November with cash being the preferred payment method. Shirts are \$5.00 each and are a small fit so ordering a larger size than you would normally purchase is a good idea. You can exchange if it does not fit **provided** that it has been kept clean. If the size you require runs out, we will provide you with the next size available.



The poster features a purple background with abstract shapes in green, yellow, and orange. At the top left is the 'ourpatch' logo. The main title 'Karate Tuesdays' is in large, bold, light blue letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is 'with Mick from Gippsland Martial Arts Centre'. A paragraph of white text describes the benefits of the program. The start date and time are listed in light blue. The location is in white. A silhouette of a person in a karate stance is on the right. The duration and frequency are in white. The registration information is at the bottom in white.

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Karate Tuesdays

with Mick from Gippsland Martial Arts Centre

This specialist offering allows children to become fitter and stronger, develop more confidence, focus and discipline within a safe, fun and friendly environment.

Commencing
Tuesday, 18th of October

4:00pm - 5:00pm
in the Patch Room at
Meeniyah Primary School - Meeniyah

Included as part of After
School Care Program fee

This program will run for 6 sessions over 7 weeks.
No class will be held on Tuesday the 1st of November.

To register and book; visit www.ourpatch.education/before-and-after-school-care/ or call our Customer Care Team on 1300 018 310

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

We got home from our long holiday on Saturday. Instantly my mind was on school, after school sport, university, up-coming Christmas, extra school events, Christmas gatherings, end of year events and all the bits that make up my life and the life of my humans. It felt a bit like coming out of lockdown, I asked myself 'how much busy do I want to let in?'

Then my daughter said this 'Mum, I feel something in the air, a term 4 feeling and smell. I LOVE term 4' and she reminded me that I do too! I love being around the grade 6 kids as they bring primary school to a close, I love the warmer weather and cloudy December days, the smell of hay being cut and all the baby animals growing, I love the building excitement around all of the extra bits that come up in term 4 and then the excitement and joy as the year comes to an end.

So, after two years of cancellations, limitations and restrictions, here we are in term 4 of 2022 and I am filled with gratitude for the upcoming excitement and fun of what it might bring!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 😊 **Max G** for high perseverance in French.
- 😊 **Nate G** for phenomenal work ethic in French.
- 😊 **Bentley S** for his consistent effort he is putting in to all of his learning.
- 😊 **Fergus B** for trying extra hard to write capital letters and full stops in his writing.
- 😊 **Matilda P** for an enthusiastic approach to all learning activities.
- 😊 **Isabelle A** for using grit and resilience to improve her work following feedback.
- 😊 **Lara H** for stepping up as a leader in our school and being kind, inquisitive and a great role model.
- 😊 **Oscar B** for his enthusiastic and determined attitude towards all areas of his learning.



HOUSE POINTS

LAST WEEK: Wattle

OVERALL: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Meeniyán Dumbalk United Junior Cricket Training:

Are you: female and aged 9 – 15 years?

Excited about a girl only team with some of your mates from MDUCC Blasters?

Looking to begin competitive cricket with a relaxed, friendly & comfortable environment with modified rules?

Can manage just 3 games before Christmas Holidays and 3 games after the break... on a Sunday, but not all day Sunday, all equipment provided?

If yes is the answer to any or all of these questions, please join us! On Tuesday 18th October, 4.00-5.30pm at the Meeniyán Rec Reserve.

Contact Russell Widdows 0415 679 778 or Mark Cantwell 0427 624 845

Training commenced last Tuesday night for U/12's and U/15's at the Meeniyán Recreation Reserve. Sessions run 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 the next training session.

Enquiries: Phil Allen 0408 366 229

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](#)

Colour Splatacular T-shirt Order Form

(orders to be returned by Tuesday 8th November)

T-shirts are \$5.00 each (cash preferred)

Student/s Name:

T-shirt size *

Class:

Total enclosed \$ _____

*Available sizes: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

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Important Dates:

- 17th October Before School Care will be up and running once again.
- Monday 31st October, Our Patch will be running a pupil free day!
- Martial Arts Specialist Program runs from 4-5pm Every Tuesday until 22nd November.

Last week at Our Patch we have loved playing outside in the sunshine. Having our fruit and veggie platter outside as a picnic has been a hit, as well as practicing our soccer skills. We have been helping in the kitchen, making cinnamon scrolls, mini pizzas and pizza scrolls. Being able to eat what we have made has been so much fun! Throughout the weeks leading up to the school holidays you may have seen a new Our Patch face helping out... Paige will be stepping up as the Patch Leader and is super excited to get to know everyone better. We can't wait to see what Paige has to offer, make sure you stop by to say 'hi' and have a chat 😊.



A few reminders for parents/guardians:

- Hats are now required in term 4 for before and after school care when the UV rating is over 3.
- Sunscreen will be applied more regularly, but if your child is sensitive to sunscreen, make sure you pack them one in their bag that they can use so they don't miss out on the fun outside.

Menu and Activities for 17th October- 21st October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham, Cheese and tomato toasties	Crackers and dip	Egg and Bacon Muffins	Cheese Burgers with Salads	Homemade Banana Ice cream
What's the time Mr Wolf	Karate Tuesday	Chalk Obstacle Course	Just Dance	Volcano Eruption Science Experiment

For bookings or enquiries don't hesitate to call our Customer Care Team

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2022 Stuart's Cup .. House Athletic Sports

Friday 4th November @ Meeniy Recreation Reserve

Dear Parents,

On Friday 4th November, we again celebrate our wonderful House Sports, the Stuart's Cup. This event is the highlight of the year for many in our school community as it carries a beautiful sense of community and is all about the participants. This year the day will once again run as a one-day fixture with all team and individual events taking place at the Recreation Reserve on the Friday.



Children are to wear a T-shirt/top in their house colour if possible – Wattle (yellow), Waratah (red) and Blue Gum (blue), Shorts (tracksuit/jacket if cold), suitable footwear and a hat.

9:20am - Classes will be walked down to the recreation reserve by staff, arriving at 9.50am in readiness for a 10.00am start.

Students will be seated in their house areas and will be able to join you for morning tea and lunch if you are able to attend. If your child goes home with you at the end of the sports, please notify the class teacher.

WHAT IF?



If the weather is unkind to us, it will mean a cancellation of the event. We will take the weather and the forecast into account and make a staff decision at 8.30am. Please do not phone the school before 8.30am, we will post a News Item on 'Compass'. If the weather on the day is hot, the day's program will be modified. If you are unsure, send your children to school (prepared for the athletics and/or a normal school day) so that they will be ready if the sports go ahead.

COMPETITORS REQUIRE:

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| T-shirt in their house colour - Wattle (yellow), Waratah (red) and Blue Gum (blue) | |
| Shorts (tracksuit/jacket if cold) | Suitable footwear |
| Hat and Sunscreen (regardless of weather) | Something to sit on if the ground is damp |
| Morning tea, lunch, snacks | Water bottles .. able to be refilled at the ground |
| Optional coloured hairspray or zinc can be applied at home (only a small amount please) | |

PARENTS:

You may like to bring folding chairs or rugs to sit on around the track. Please keep pre-school youngsters with you so that they are not near the running track. Students will be seated in their house groups and called for each event by their House Captains. They will be able to join you during the lunch break.



OFFERS OF HELP PLEASE

We are seeking offers of help:

- Man a P-2 Tabloid activity – offer on the day
- Setting up house tents in the morning-let us know
- Check and wipe over toilets (yuck, but someone has to do it for the health and hygiene for students) Supplies, cleaning products supplied -let us know

Gene VanderZalm



DOUBLE THE FUN!

We are hosting a **Colour Splatacular School Fun Run** this term on 11 November!

Help raise money for a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

The big day is approaching and we have some fun and exciting ideas to boost the fundraising experience. They will be announced during this week's assembly. Meanwhile, **WHITE T-SHIRTS** that will be worn by participating students are available to buy for \$5.00 each from the office. Please complete the order form in the school newsletter and send into the office **before Tuesday 8 November** to ensure your child receives their t-shirt before the event. *Note: T-shirts are a small fit so it's a good idea to purchase a size larger.*

Did you know students raise three times more when they fundraise online!

Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au to access your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet. You have until 4 November to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

If online fundraising is not for you, you can still fundraise and manually fill in the back of the Monty booklet with sponsor names and amounts inserted. Just make sure all monies are handed in before 4 November. Remember, every student that raises \$1.00 or more goes in the draw to win the 30cm Plush Monty!

Participating students will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder and ooey gooey slime from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle and hat. Sunscreen will be provided, but it is always a good idea to apply before school anyway.

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.

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!

Thanks in advance for your support in raising money for an important asset for your school. Happy fundraising!
Tamara Symington
School Council Member and Parent Connect Group Member