



# School News



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope everyone has had a restful break and are recharged for a busy Term 3. Term 3 is usually the term that teachers love the most as it is a time where there are minimal interruptions to teaching and learning, and where we really see our students grow as learners and people. This term also means one of the big events of the year, our annual school concert which is taking place in week 10.

With Gene away for the first four weeks of term I am looking forward to the challenge of filling his role and working with our whole school community.

*Pete Harris, Learning Specialist*

## 2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolment forms for students going into Prep next year must be completed and handed in to the office (with birth certificate and immunisation certificate) by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

## BOOK CLUB

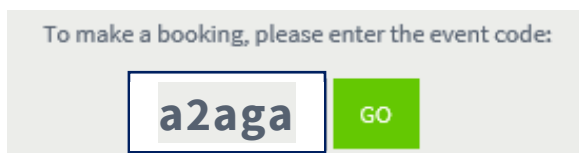
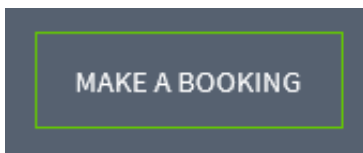
Book Club Issue 5 catalogues will be distributed this week. Look out for it coming home in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3 to help you on your child's reading journey. Issue 5 also has a free book giveaway. When you place your order of \$30 or more, you can select free books (see catalogue for details). All orders are to be placed via the LOOP app or via the Scholastic website by COB Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please **do not** send orders into the school office.

## PST MEETINGS

PST Meetings will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. Classes will run as normal on this day, parents will need to collect their child from class.

Bookings can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) after 12.00nn today.

- 1.
- 2.
3. Follow screen prompts



Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing time, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

## CALENDAR

### Current 11/7 – 25/7

- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Bookings open for PST's, 12nn
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Student Teacher Interviews (PST's)
- 25<sup>th</sup> July - School Council, 6pm

### Upcoming

- 27<sup>th</sup> July - Book club orders due
- 28<sup>th</sup> July - 2024 Prep enrolments due
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aug - Student Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> Aug - Curriculum Day (**Pupil Free**)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug - School Council, 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sep - School Concert
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sep - Division Athletics
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sep - Last day term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

### **LUNCH TIME MUSIC GROUP**

There are still places available for the Tuesday lunch time music group for students in years 3-6.

If you would like to participate, we have:

Recorder – An initial cost of \$10 to purchase your own recorder

Guitar – Students will need to bring their own guitar

Ukulele – We have Ukulele's at school or students can bring their own.

Please let Marina Gardner or Lisa Murray know if you would like to participate.

### **S.P.A.R.C FUNDRAISING**

Mrs Gardner and the students in her S.P.A.R.C program raised \$283.45 through the sales of hot chocolate and biscuits last term. This money will be spent on improving the school sand pit.

Meeniyen PS Beanies  
available for purchase from  
the office - \$20 each



### **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

These holidays my middle daughter who is in Grade 6 bought up a conversation around being able to get kids messenger and she is also starting the conversations around 'when can I get a phone mum?' When this conversation starts, I feel anxiety build up because I have already been here – I have already had the arguments and I have already seen the consequences of 'having a phone' with my first daughter, who was the last of her friends to get a phone.

Anyway, I answered with 'no, we are not getting kids messenger' and 'please don't bother with the phone conversation'. My daughter was upset because EVERYONE else has it and she feels like she is missing out on the big conversations that EVERYONE else is having.

And then, once we had calmed down, we sat and drew together, then she went on to read her book, later we had a game of Monopoly deal and that afternoon as a family we built a massive sand land on the beach.

On Thursday nights between netball training and Scouts we have 9 of her friends for dinner each week – it is loud and hilarious. They all talk over each other, and they eat and then they all go to scouts, and I put the house back together.

Some might argue that we could balance all of that with tech use, but I argue why? What for? Why does my 11-year-old need a phone? What purpose will it serve and what is the pay off? Because there is always a pay-off and right now, that cost is too high.

Instead, I will fill my house with her friends, it is messy and loud but that is the sort of payoff I am comfortable with!

*Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer*



Last term we had a day where students came to school dressed as one of our wonderful teachers. Codi, Josh and Sol came as Mr Robertson.



# Term 2 SCIENCE





Our Year 5 / 6 students reading poetry to a captive audience!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

### **Tarwin Football Netball Club Kidz Disco:**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

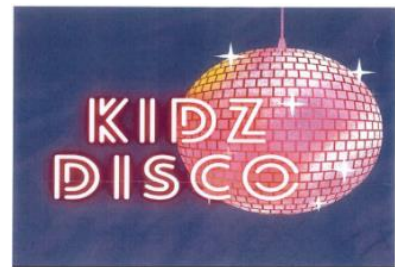
\$5 entry

Snacks and drinks

70's theme

Disco lights, balloons and games

Prizes for best dressed and best dancer



### **Meeniyan Junior Basketball:**

Meeniyan Junior Basketball is now taking expressions of interest for the 2023 WINTER domestic competition. This includes Aussie Hoops (Wednesday nights) Mini's, Minors, Intermediate and Youth.

Expression of interest form will close on Friday 21st July (End of Week 2)

<https://forms.gle/tv4BFh8sNTWZRiva8>

For any further information please contact [meeniyanbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:meeniyanbasketball@gmail.com)

### **Meeniyan Representative Basketball Information Session:**

Friday 14th July 5pm at the Meeniyan CFA building

All parents / guardians are welcome. This session will cover a lot of information and discussion from roles to be filled (coaches, team managers and a rep subcommittee), expectations, coaching courses, costs, tournament dates and uniforms.

If you would like to be part of getting this off the ground you must come along!!

If you have any questions please email [meeniyanbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:meeniyanbasketball@gmail.com) or contact Sheree Livingstone, Amanda Calder or Kim Byrnes.



## 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.