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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Farewell

This week will be Allyson's final week at Meeniyan PS where she has worked for 37 years.

Typically people remain in the workforce for around 45 years. On average, we change jobs every two years and nine months, meaning we could accumulate around 16 jobs in a lifetime. When looking at figures like that it highlights the amazing effort it is for someone to remain at the one job for 37 years, showing that she has hopefully enjoyed her time at Meeniyan PS as much as we have enjoyed working with her.

As a whole school community we wish Ally all the best in her well deserved retirement. We will miss having Ally at MPS but also look forward to hearing all about the adventures she is about to have with her husband Bird.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that next Monday the 14th of August it is a Pupil Free day as the staff spend the day working on our maths curriculum.

We have all been completing a lot of Personal Development this year, mostly focusing on maths. This day will give us an opportunity to work together as a team to build some parts of our whole school documentation and continue moving towards some of the short and long term goals we have set for our school.

Welcome Back!

This week we also welcome Gene back from four weeks of Long Service Leave. Students and staff are excited to hear about his trip to Cambodia.

Pete Harris, Learning Specialist

VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM LEVIES

We thank those families who have paid the 2023 Voluntary Curriculum Levy.

Our contribution rate now sits around the 60% mark. In real terms this equates to around \$9,000 less income in 2023 compared to previous years. These voluntary financial contributions assist us with the ability to provide additional resources to what is provided for by Government funding.

If you haven't made a voluntary contribution yet and would like to, it's never too late. Payments can be made at any time via Direct Deposit into our school bank account (Meeniyan Primary School | BSB 063 518 | Account Number 10071649) or by cash/EFTPOS at the office. The 2023 voluntary curriculum levy is \$150 per child and a \$20 per family voluntary grounds levy is also invited.

RED SPORTS SINGLET

There are a few red singlets that have not been returned to school after the sports days earlier this year. If you have one at home, please return it to school as soon as possible.

CALENDAR

Current 8/8 – 22/8

11th Aug - Mrs Opray's farewell assembly, 2.45pm

14th Aug - Curriculum Day (**Pupil Free**)

22nd Aug - School Council, 6pm

Upcoming

13th Sep - School Concert, Matinee 1.30pm
Evening 7.00pm

14th Sep - Division Athletics (selected students)

15th 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.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

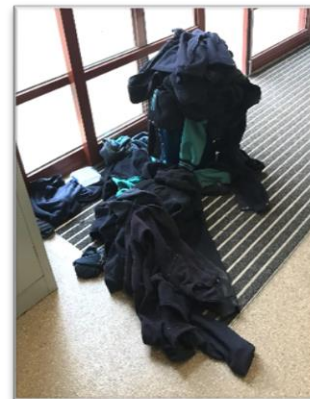
Information on our school concert can be found on the flyer attached to the newsletter.

Ticket sale information to come in the next newsletter.



LOST PROPERTY

Although we are less than halfway through the term, our lost property baskets are overflowing. Please take a look through these items and collect anything that belongs to you. Anything not collected over the coming weeks will, as per our usual process, be donated to MACS.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Back in my 20's I worked as a tour guide out of Alice Springs. It was a fun job where I got to drive a bus and take people camping out in the desert for 3 days, come home unpack and head back out to do it all again. It was great fun but one of the downfalls was in summer it was so HOT. One day I was running side by side with my mate Mark. Every time we stopped our buses we would end up chatting and every time we chatted, I told him how hot it was, as if he was not standing in the same heat feeling it too. In the end he said 'Donna, do you think telling me it's hot every time you talk to me does anything to change the temperature? All it is doing is bringing your attention to the heat and making it worse, and it is a little bit boring listening to how hot it is all the time.'

I had a similar conversation with Mr Harris the other day, this was not about the heat but instead about being busy. We talked about the fine balance between being busy and taking time out but also talked about perspective. We can look at the things we do in our lives as 'busy and a rush' or we can look at them as 'exciting and interesting'. I think about this as I take my kids to all their sport and juggle my studies and work, I can choose to feel the busy and be overwhelmed but I can also choose to buckle up, hold on and enjoy the ride! Because the ride is fleeting, and moments are precious!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3. This year is certainly flying past and it's hard to believe we are at the end of July. School Council met on Tuesday 25th July with Pete stepping in for Gene as acting Principal, discussed at this meeting was the upcoming student free day on 14th August, the formal farewell for Allyson and Bird on 11th August and what the Connect Group have been busy with, as well as normal finance and business reports.

The connect group is looking for volunteers as there are a few upcoming events planned. If anyone can donate some time to help it would be much appreciated, please contact Tamara Symington.

- Colour Splatacular Run
- Year 6 Graduation

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd August at 6pm in the school staff room if anyone is interested in attending.

Katrina Benson, School Council

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS AND MATHEMATICAL RESEARCH TEAM

This morning we counted the rubbish we collected last Friday. Our latest findings reveal that in one day at lunchtime we collected 44 pieces of rubbish ... wrappers etc compared to 107 pieces of rubbish at recess, this was a huge difference. However the total for recess and lunch is 151 pieces of rubbish per day, per week 755 pieces of rubbish, per month 3020 pieces of rubbish, per 6 months 18120 of rubbish and per school year - 42 weeks 31710 pieces of rubbish.

This amounts to a lot of rubbish that we produce. We encourage students to bring nude food in lunches. We also need to remember to place all rubbish in bins provided. It is extremely important that we all respect our school grounds and place rubbish in the recycle bins..... also if you see some rubbish on the groundSTOP, pick it up and place it in the correct bin.

We will keep you informed about our progress and our upcoming projects to keep our school grounds rubbish free, our upcoming recycling program and our school grounds beautification program.

The team ... James, Liam, Thomas, Harriet, Monty, Angus and Sophie

RIDDLE

Throw away the outside and
cook the inside, then eat the
outside and throw away the
inside. What is it?

Answer at the end of the newsletter

Around the school...



Some of our students recently wrote letters to their favourite AFL teams.

Left: A very happy Albie and Ben pictured with the letters that they received in response from players at the Carlton Football Club!

Right: Joseph and Brock delighted the students, staff and parents with their piano performance at a recent assembly in our outdoor amphitheatre.



Left: Year 5/6 students with letters from their Thailand penpals.



SCHOOL Disco





Music lessons with Lisa



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Fishy Stories Writing Challenge 2023:

The writing challenge is open to students from Grade 1 to Year 8 from across Australia and encourages imagination and creativity.

An exciting change this year is the inclusion of picture stories as part of the writing challenge!

Twenty stories will be selected from entries and performed at the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories in November 2023.

Save the date! Fishy Stories Festival 18-19 November 2023.

Find out more at fishystories.org



TO ENTER OR FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT OUR 2023 WRITING
CHALLENGE, SCAN HERE!



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.

Riddle Answer: Corn on the Cob



Presents an 'Aussie Bush Concert'



Evening Bush dance with 'Beggs to Differ'

When: Wednesday September 13th, 2023.

Matinee - (Seated performance without dancing or live band) 1.30pm

Evening - 7pm to 8:30p.m. Full Bush dance and MPS Students singing with live band.

Venue: Meeniyan Town Hall

Ticket purchase information yet to come!

Please note there will be limited evening tickets. The matinee is perfect for those who don't wish to dance as there will be very limited bush dancing and it's seated.

Matinee \$5 per ticket: Seated performance. No live band.

Evening \$10 per ticket: Non-seated Bush dance with live band. Students performing with band.

4 Ticket limit per family for evening performance

