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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Learning takes on many forms and comes in so many different ways. I wanted to share some of the learning that has already taken place within the first two weeks of this term.

The first one is swimming. Our Prep-2 students were fantastic last week completing their four days of swimming. The learning that takes place for them is not just in the pool, but also with the getting organised before and after it. Different routines, buses to catch and clothes to remember are a few of the many things they all had to work out and learn about last week.

Now our 3-6 students are in the middle of their swimming lessons this week. Swimming also provides opportunities to try new and different things, or conquer some fears and unknowns. A brilliant opportunity to build resilience.

The second form of learning is the obvious one, student learning. In maths, all students across our school spent the first two weeks learning about ways to interpret and represent data, as well as touching on Place Value concepts each day. It has been great to see the students challenged in different ways, such as how to create a specific question that allows them to find the data they are looking for, before representing that data in a clear and purposeful way.

Lastly, it is our teacher learning. Our staff are all learning about many things at the moment, with particular focus on maths. So far this term we have been embedding new ways to plan and prepare for teaching and learning, then evaluating the impact that is having on our students.

Along with this, staff are digging deep into the curriculum to ensure we are interpreting it as thoroughly and consistently as we can, to ensure the best learning outcomes for our students. This deep dive into our curriculum will be the building blocks for our staffs future learning, where we are excited to extend our focus into maths even further.

Pete Harris, Learning Specialist

2024 GRADE STRUCTURES

Attached to the newsletter is a school structure scenario sheet for classes at MPS in 2024. 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 this by 24th October.

CLASS OF 2024 UNIFORM

Order forms are due to school by Tuesday 31st October, 9am. Late orders **cannot** be accepted. Sample sizes are on display in the foyer for students to try on. Please carefully consider both sizing & quantity required for **all** of 2024 as this will be the one and only order placed with the company.

CALENDAR

Current 17/10 – 31/10

- 17th Oct - School Council, 6pm
- 19th Oct - PST Open Night (TBC)
- 20th Oct - Trivia Night
- 20th Oct - Book Club orders close
- 31st Oct - Year 6 uniform orders due, 9am
- 31st Oct - P-2 Bug Blitz session @ Meeniyan Community Garden

Upcoming

- 3rd Nov - Stuart's Cup house sports
- 6th Nov - Student Free Day
- 7th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 14th Nov - School Council, 6pm
- 27th Nov - Curriculum Day (pupil free)
- 5th Dec - School Council, EoY
- 7th Dec - Yr 6 Graduation
- 12th Dec - Statewide Transition Day
- 13th Dec - Final assembly with school awards
- 14th Dec - Yr 6 Pool Party
- 15th Dec - Class parties
- 15th Dec - Colour Run
- 19th Dec - Last day for students
- 20th Dec - Last day Term 4, Pupil free



STUART'S CUP SPORTS

A flyer is attached to the newsletter for all the info on our upcoming school sports day @ the Rec Reserve!



TRIVIA NIGHT

It's not too late to purchase tickets for our Trivia Night this Friday (flyer over page). If you would like to come along for a great night of entertainment, trivia, games, prizes and auctions, contact school on 5664 7382. Ticket cost is \$20 per person, you can book a table of 10 or grab individual tickets and we will place you on a table.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Back in July, when my youngest daughter turned 10, she made a request that her 10th birthday gifts be experiences rather than things. My gift to her was that we would run a kilometre for every year she has been alive at the Melbourne Marathon.

This was the best gift because her birthday was in July, but this was something we spent months getting excited about and training for. Running is such an individual activity – a human, a pair of runners and the outdoors. Yet, these big events can make one feel part of something really big. It is the sound of hundreds of feet thundering over a bridge, the kind words we all share with each other as we trot past each other and all the shapes, sizes and abilities, each with their own story to why they are running in the city on a chilly Sunday morning.

On Sunday, her day finally came, and I was so excited to share with her the feeling of running with thousands of people. Finally, Daisy and I added our foot stamps to the path, we started by holding hands at the busy start line. It did not take long to let go of each other's hands, we worked together for most of the run always keeping each other in sight but as we got closer to the end, she wanted to go faster and I could not keep up. So, I had to guide her on where to wait for me at the end and let her sprint out the last kilometre because that is my job – to hold her hand when she needs me and let her fly when she is ready.

I only had a little tear in my eye as she sprinted off towards the end, without looking back and another little tear of relief when I saw her sunny little face waiting for her old mum at the finish line.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Inverloch Kongwak Football Netball Club Girls Football:

Are you a girl aged between 11 and 18 with a love of Football? Join us for our 2024 season! Whether you're a seasoned player or just getting started, this is your chance to be a part of something amazing. Come and train sessions – Monday 16th October 5pm and Monday 23rd October 5pm at the Inverloch Rec Reserve. For more information contact Cassie on 0407 380 827



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).

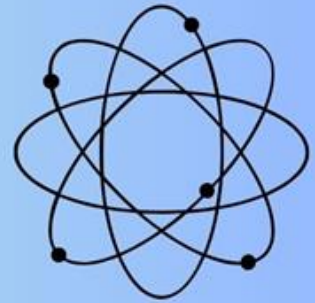
Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.

Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.

MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO A



TRIVIA NIGHT!



Fundraiser for Science and Tech Resources

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023

MEENIYAN MEMORIAL HALL

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM

PRE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT BY

FIONA CURRAM

TRIVIA @ 7PM

ADULTS ONLY EVENING

BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES



GATHER YOUR TEAM OF 10 OR
SINGLES ARE WELCOME.

\$20 PER PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH
MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

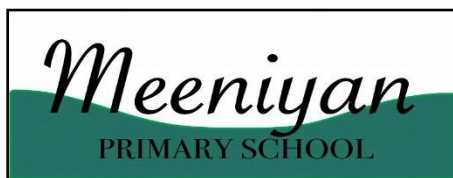
ON 5664 7382 OR FOR ANY QUERIES CONTACT

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SILENT AUCTION, PRIZES, GAMES AND TRIVIA.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!



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Principal: Gene VanderZalm

2023 Stuart's Cup .. House Athletic Sports

Friday 3rd November @ Meeniy Recreation Reserve

Dear Parents,

On Friday 3rd 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:

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