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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's hard to believe we have reached the halfway point of the year but there is much to be proud of in our start to the year.

Our student results indicate considerable improvements across all learning areas, especially in Numeracy which has been our focus area for the past two years. Consistent practices such as 'daily review' (where students spend 10 minutes per day reviewing past concepts) are being established across all classrooms. Perhaps most pleasingly, students from our senior grades have shared positive feedback around their classroom culture. When asked why they feel they have improved this semester, they explained, 'the class is just quiet and it's easy to learn', also 'our teacher asks better questions and explains things really clearly'. These are just two of a host of comments that provide a welcome confidence boost to our staff as we continue on our improvement journey.

Attendance data has been far stronger in 2024. So far we've slashed the number of students with attendance of <90% from 51% in 2023 to 34% in 2024. Considering the cold and flu season that has affected so many this term that is a great result that we hope to continue and even improve in the second half of the year.

Have a great break everyone and we'll see you next term.

Gene Vander Zalm, Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

This month's council meeting was spent reviewing some of the policies in regard to Child safety. Not just within the school grounds but also while out on excursions, sporting events & camps. It was very reassuring to see just how much our children are cared for by their educators on all levels at Meeniyan Primary School.

After some wet weather it was good to hear that works on the classroom roof are finally complete & by the sound of things the students handled the transition to alternative rooms well.

We had a chat about all the amazing work that all the students have been doing, from the preps right through to the Grade 6s, it seems that all year levels have been doing some really interesting work.

It's exciting to hear about all the up-coming events planned for the school over the next 6 months.

Soon we will be holding the Trivia Night in June, Grades 3 & 4 will be attending Camp Rumbug in July, Division Athletics in September & Math Assoc's Vic in October.

It looks like it's going to be an exciting & busy 6 months ahead for our school.

Sheena Linke, Meeniyan Primary School Council

CALENDAR

Current 24th - 28th June

27th June – Prom Excursion
(Whole School)

28th June – Last day of Term 2,
2.30pm dismissal

Upcoming

15th July - Term 3 commences

17-19th Jul - 3/4 Camp Rumbug

31st July - Prep 100 days party

24th July - PTS Interviews

29th July - MPS Olympics day

31st July - 1/2 Coal Creek

5th Aug - Student free day

23rd Aug - Book week dress-up
day

12th Sep - Division athletics

19th Sep - School concert

20th Sep - Last day of Term 3

CAMP RUMBUG GR 3 /4 REMINDER

Thank you to those families who have returned forms and paid for camp. **The final instalment is due on 28th June.** Please submit payment either by direct deposit, EFTpos at school or cash to the office asap, to secure your child's position at camp.



AFL CLINIC

We held an AFL clinic for the Prep/1/2 on the 11th of June. Alisha Molesworth, from Box Hill Hawks came to the school to promote Auskick and take the students for a skill building session in the stadium. The session was fun, and the students enjoyed interacting with a current VFLW player. It was also a great chance to promote the local Auskick as well as the school holiday program coming up in Drouin and the local 'all girls' sessions in Inverloch for term 3.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Last Friday night was the Trivia Night and thank you to Andrew Watt, Brad and Jenneke Kijlstra-Shone it was a blast! The mood in the hall was zen with low lights, candles on the tables and groovy music. But the enthusiasm and competitiveness was high. We welcomed "The Blow Ins" from Fish Creek way who came with game face on and gave the 'teacher's table' a run for their buck.

The bean bag throw got serious, going down to the wire with Steve Dunlop bringing home the chocolates. There were plenty of giggles, food, beverages and a bit of local knowledge to get the teachers table over the line in first place again this year. Well done Ollie on the tradie questions, (thanks to Matt Linke for your trade question segment), Steve is a whiz on all things general knowledge and Gene loves a flag!

We raised \$1290.00 on the night and we are very grateful to our Parent Connect Group and wider community for supporting our school's fundraising efforts.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

My family had a rough start to today, actually it ended sort of rough yesterday and spilled in to today. I walked out the door feeling like I had really stuffed up, the car drive to school had me revisiting conversations in my head – how could I do them differently? What could I do better? How can I be better?

This is the soundtrack to many mothers thinking 'how can I be better?' And now I pause and ask myself 'what actually is better?' I reflect on all the things which are often running through my head – are my kids warm enough? Are they eating their lunch? Do they have people to play with at school? Where is their red sock? Have I washed the netball uniforms? What is on my daughter's eye? Do I have enough fuel in the car? How can I juggle work commitments around kid commitments? Do we have any bread? Why is the dog eating the kitty litter? When was the last time the chooks were fed? Who is doing the pick ups and drop offs tonight? Is my car clean? Why does it always smell like dog gas? Why do we have to drink out of jars? Why don't we have any spoons? When will I clean the bathroom walls? Why is their dog hair everywhere in my house? When will I finish my reports? How will I find hours to get my next assignment done? Am I doing enough? Am I enough?

Where does this internal conversation come from? I don't think I am the only parent having this conversation in their head (the kitty litter issue might be unique). This was singing through mine so loudly this morning. Until 10 minutes ago, I stood outside and noticed that it wasn't really that cold. I noticed that the rain was soft and that the day was not perfect but it was beautiful. And I have decided that today is not perfect, it had a warty morning but it is still beautiful and if today is enough, then maybe I am too.

You are enough.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Kindergarten Registrations Now Open:

To register your child for 3yo or 4yo kindergarten next year, visit the South Gippsland Shire Council website from 1st May and complete a registration form, nominating your kindergarten preferences.

To be included in the first round of offer, you must register by 30th June. Scan the QR code or visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder



South Gippsland
Shire Council

For more information, please call 5662 9200 or text your details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back.



Meeniyan Preschool Movie Night – 3pm, Friday 12th July. Online tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSHVC>

Meeniyan Preschool Presents
MIGRATION
Movie Night

FRIDAY 12TH JULY | MEENIYAN TOWN HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 3PM
MOVIE STARTS AT 3:45PM

\$10 Per Ticket Available

BYO Comfy Chair and Blankets, Some Chairs will be provided

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS WET WEATHER GEAR

MIGRATION PG RATED

QR code for tickets

IT'S PLAY TIME!
THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU

DROUIN
FRIDAY JULY 12TH, 9AM-3PM

nab AFL Auskick 4-8 year olds

AFL superkick 9-12 year olds

FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

QR code for program details

come find your awesome

INVERLOCH & SURROUNDS
Term 3 All Girls Auskick Centre
Fridays 5:30pm
Inverloch Rec Reserve
5 weeks starting August 23rd

nab AFL Auskick

play.afl/auskick

QR code for program details



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.

