MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Meeniyan Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 - 17 years to come join our competition. Section 2 & 3, from 3.45pm Friday nights, Section 4 - Wednesday nights.

Season starts Friday 8th August. Could all new players or any players not playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0417736048/5663292 or Darlene 0417640035/56640035. Teams & times for Section 2, 3 & 4 will be published in the Star newspaper on Tuesday 9th August.

Reminder: Fees are to be paid up front. Section 1 $35, Section 2 & 3 $40, Section 4 $50.

Fun and engaging art classes that encourage a love and appreciation of art and artists.

Casual and Ongoing classes available, for toddlers to teens.

NEW! 'Great Artist Saturdays' - Students learn about a well known artist before making an artwork of their own in a similar style!

For more information or to book a free trial class, contact Jacqui on 0400959522 or visit bookartstudio.com.au or www.facebook.com/bookartstudio

Parentzone - Confident Parent, Confident Children.

In developing a greater partnership and support for parents, Tarwin Valley Primary School is hosting a Parentzone course that will support parents in understanding how to support their children as they progress through different stages of childhood.

The course aims to support parents now and in the future so that their children can develop into confident and resilient young people. The content will be adjusted to the needs and interests of the participants.

The course will be held at Tarwin Valley Primary School and commences on Monday 28th July for 5 sessions between 7pm and 9pm. Please see the attached flyer and if you are interested please return the RSVP directly to Tarwin Valley Primary School by Wednesday 23rd July.

There has been a lot of publicity recently about the Foster Swimming Pool and it’s future. We are looking for support to help keep our pool open and to move forward into the future. We are inviting interested community members to our AGM on Monday 28th July @ 7pm. It will be held at the Foster Golf Club and we would love to see some new faces.

Janelle, Secretary
Foster Swimming Pool

Welcome Back to Term 3!

After a few weeks rest I am back on deck for term 3. Thank you to Kerri Smith for doing such a great job as acting principal and stepping in at my time of need!

We have another fun-filled term of learning ahead including our annual concert. This year we are trying something a bit different and have the Footsteps Dance Company returning to coordinate this. The theme will be "The Amazing Race" and will include a variety of dances from different countries around the world. This complements our whole school geography topic for this term.

Students will be learning and rehearsing the dances every Friday morning this term. It would be appreciated if lateness could be avoided and appointments are not made at this time to enable all students to fully participate.

I would like to wish our budding actors and back stage helpers good luck for the FAMDA production of Bugsy Malone this weekend. What a fantastic opportunity to develop self esteem and confidence. As they say in show biz—break a leg!
**Special Religious Instruction**

As there were a very small number of consent forms returned, we will be unable to continue to provide the SRI program. I would like to thank Narelle Poletti, Carol Latham and Ron Smith for their contributions over the years. They will be coming in to school in the near future to officially say goodbye to the students.

**Working Bees**

The building and grounds committee will be meeting soon to organise the Winter working bee on Sunday 3rd August, from 10.00am, more information to come. Last year we had a fantastic turn out and got a lot done, now we need to maintain the great work and do some pruning and gardening. BYO tools and equipment.

**Staff Update**

Tomorrow Miss Jordan returns from her amazing European adventure. I know she will have some great stories to tell and photos to show us. Thank you to Mrs Vitola for doing a fantastic job in Grade 1/2. We are pleased to announce that she will be returning later this term to replace Mrs King when she begins her family leave. Mrs Banikos is away for two weeks on long service leave.

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome the Barlow family to FCDPS. They have recently moved from Kerang. Warren is in Prep and has joined Mrs Smith’s class and Grace is in Grade 3 in Mr Farrell’s class. We hope they settle into life in “sunny” South Gippsland!

**3 way Conferences**

Mrs Smith and Miss Jordan will be rescheduling their 3 way conferences and notes will go out next week for students in these grades.

Just a reminder....

Please remember that you can organise a time to speak to any of our teachers throughout the year if you would like to. Please do not feel you need to wait for the 3-Way Conferences if you have any issues or concerns. The 3-Way Conferences are not for concerns but for the students to report on their progress and be empowered to plan future goals.

**Trivia Night**

The PnF is once again holding its Bi-annual Trivia Night. This year it will be held on Friday 8th August at the Footy Social Rooms. Tickets are $20 each. This is the major fundraiser for the year, so please come along and help raise funds for the school whilst having a fun night. You can either organise a table 8-10 people or just put your name down and we will organise a table for you.

**RSPCA Fundraiser**

Next week Eryn & Emma with the help of Amelia, Hannah & Jaslynne will be holding a pet photo competition. If you want to enter bring a photo of your pet (write your name and the pet’s name on the back) and a gold coin donation. The judging will happen on the 26th July and the photos will be on display in the art/science room. There will be prizes for the smallest pet, cutest pet and most unusual pet. There will also be a “people’s choice award” and each student will get an opportunity to vote in this category. Prizes will be presented at assembly next Friday. Certificates will also be presented to all students who participate.

**Internet Payments**

Must be paid into the Bendigo account is now CLOSED and all payments online we need your new details. Also, a reminder that if you are paying online we need your new details.

**Banking Details**

SEE page 4 for banking details.

**Where the Wild Things Are**

Some of you would’ve noticed the new display in the foyer as you come into the office. This term we are focusing on being “bucket fillers.” We are using the story “How Full is Your Bucket?” as a simple way to explain to students how to look after their mental health and well being and that of others. There will be a series of lessons that will help support the understanding of the connection between the droplets in the bucket and good mental health and well being. These lessons will focus on positive self talk, being kind to others, recognising feelings etc. Each Monday at assembly one student from each class will be chosen to be the VIB—Very Important Bucketholder. Their photo will be displayed on the big whiteboard in the assembly area and their bucket will be filled with lots of positive messages from other students and staff. These students will be featured in the newsletter with their photo and their favourite positive message from the week. On Friday each VIB will be presented with their droplets at assembly and take home all of their positive messages. This initiative will replace the Catch em Being Good awards and is an idea that came from the assembly survey in regards to the old Student of the Week awards. Parents are welcome to come to Monday’s assembly to see who the lucky VIBs will be for the week and are encouraged to attend Friday’s assembly when it is their child’s turn. We are very excited about this new initiative and hope it will help build a strong sense of connectedness and positivity across the school. If you would like more information please click on the link below to view the story. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5S6t2m-zP4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5S6t2m-zP4)

**How Full is Your Bucket?**

For all creatures great and small.

**The Editor**

Narelle Poletti

*Editor of the newsletter – Term 3, Issue 20*