**Community Noticeboard**

**Give Golf a Go** Everyone can Learn Meeniyan Golf Club 385 Promontory Road, Meeniyan

5 week Beginner Golf Clinics Level 1 Open Clinic (Level 1: for complete novice or people wishing to return to the game) Sundays 12th, 19th, 26th October 2nd and 9th November 2014.

Time 10.00 to 11.00 am Cost $100 for 5 week course. Equipment provided - Dress Comfortably (Flat shoes) Contact Sue Hoskin 0429 932467 Meeniyan Golf Club

**Division Athletics**

Well done to our team of athletes who braved the weather and attended the Division Athletics held at Mary MacKillop College last Thursday. It was great to see you all have a go and try your best.

Well done everyone.

Zali, Lachlan M, Sharli, Ebony, Lachlan G and Lara are all off to the next level at Newborough early 4th term.

**Fish Creek and District Primary School**

**Term 3, Issue 29**

**Important Dates**

**September**

Friday 19th Last Day of Term 2.30pm Finish

October

Monday 6th Term 4 Begins

Tuesday 7th CEP Incursion David Vincent Sudanese Refugee (Senior students)

Friday 10th Kanga 6 Cricket - Grade 3/4

Tuesday 14th Immunisation talks - Grade 6

Regional Aths - selected students

School Council

Saturday 25th Family Portraits

Sunday 26th Painting Working Bee

**End-of-term-it is – a note from Mrs Smith**

As usual, the term holidays have come at a good time! Lots of sick kids and teachers will need the break to recuperate and get back on track, ready for a fantastic Term 4.

Staff have determined next term’s integrated studies topic and we are really looking forward to starting off our technology theme with the introduction of “Genius Hour”, a weekly session in all classrooms where students will be given the opportunity to create a product that will make a difference to their own lives or to someone else’s life. This is a really exciting venture for us (“Thanks, Mrs V!”) and it will be fantastic to see what creative and useful products our kids can dream up. If you want to know more about Genius Hour, check out the Internet for some really inspiring stuff!

A reminder to students to find their school hats, as Term 4 means compulsory hat-wearing whilst outside. New hats may need to be purchased if your child cannot find theirs and are available from the office for $10.

Tonight the grade 2s are going to enjoy sleeping at school. I hope they are also looking forward to the great maths lesson I have planned for anyone who is awake after 11 pm, it will keep them occupied until 6 am at least! Thanks to Miss Jordan for getting the sleepover organised and making sure we all get fed!

Have an awesome holiday. Kids, don’t forget to annoy your parents so that they want to send you back after the holidays!
**Last Day of Term**
A reminder that we will be finishing at 3.30pm tomorrow in line with SSVSC so the buses can link up at the interchanges.

**Photocopier**
We are waiting on a part for our photocopier to fix the blurriness and colour issues you may have noticed on the past few newsletters. We apologise for the inconvenience. The newsletters are uploaded to the website regularly if you would like to print it at home for clearer reading.

http://www.fishyps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=77

**School Mobile**
I have replaced the sim card in the school mobile and it should be working ok now. However, as it is an iPhone there may be issues sending texts from iPhone to iPhone. Please check with your Telco if you are having difficulty and they can advise you how to change some settings. Many thanks for your patience and cooperation. Kerri Smith with have the school mobile until the start of next term.

**Value of the Term**
This term’s value is Fairness. Fairness is giving people what they need, when they need it. Each week there will be a question to discuss as a family about what they need, when they need it. This week’s question is... will be a question to discuss as a family about fairness. This week’s question is... Is it fair that in Australia all children get to go to school but in some countries children don’t?

**Photo Session**
**October 25th**
Interested in having a family photo taken? Then log on and book in for the school fundraising session. $15 gives you a session with about 40 photos taken from which you can choose one 10"X13" framed photo.

www.trybooking.com/FSPC or see Irene

**Tidy Team Awards**
This week’s Tidy Team Award went to Prep/1. Congratulations and thank you for keeping our school tidy.

**School Banking Starts 4th Term**
School Banking Day will be Wednesday. Pam will bank on a Wednesday afternoon, books will not be returned to the students until the following Monday. School Banking will commence the first week of Term 4.

**EMA**
For many years now the Government has assisted low income families to put their children through school. This assistance was in the form of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Schoolkids bonus. Over the past few years we have seen the amount of this assistance steadily decrease and we regret to inform you that EMA will cease altogether at the end of this year. There will be no EMA in 2015. The Government is suggesting that there may be some alternative assistance but at this stage we don’t know what that will be, or when it will come. We understand that following Christmas money can be hard to find so if you would like to consider a payment plan please contact the office. At any time parents can put small amounts of money into their own account at the school to maintain a credit for use when times are tight. $10 per week per child between now and the end of the year will pay off more than half the fees by the time the school year starts in 2015!

**Attendance**
Congratulations to these students who have been at school every day this term. Well done!
Tyson Delbridge, Mishra Gange, Tom Vuillermin, Alice Cashin, Rosie D, Jasmine Taylor, Ebony Cashin, Amelia D

**Visitor/Volunteer Sign in Book**
A friendly reminder that all visitors MUST sign in and out when they come to the school. This includes parents who read or cook with students, present to classes in their working capacity (e.g. police, nurses, chefs, vets, farmers etc.), when attending working bees, contractors and builders etc.

**Swimming Program**
Thank you to everyone who completed our swimming program survey. Staff have taken these responses, in consultation with Life Saving Victoria’s latest research into water safety and decided to move our school swimming program to Leongatha SPLASH. The program will run during the first two weeks of December. More information will come out next term. We understand that for families the cost will increase and would like to invite anyone who needs to, to begin a payment plan early next term.

**Tuning In To Kids**
Tuning In to Kids is an evidence-based parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children. In particular the program teaches parents skills in emotion coaching, which is to recognise, understand and respond to children’s emotions in an accepting, supportive way. This approach helps children to understand and manage their emotions.

Tuning In to Kids was developed by Dr Sophie Havighurst and Ann Harley in Melbourne, Australia, and has been evaluated in multiple randomised controlled trials that have shown the program leads to positive outcomes including improving parenting, parent-child relationships and children’s emotional competence and behaviour.

Foster Primary School and Uniting Care are once again offering Tuning into Kids Workshops

Tuesday mornings for 6 x 2 hour sessions from 14th Oct to 25th Nov, 2014
9.15am to 11.15am morning tea will be provided.

Please phone Damon Piercy on 0428 620 470 or 5662 5150 for information or to register Email: damon.piercy@ucgipps.org.au