

# Meredith Primary School Newsletter



Issue 1, 2019



## Principal Report – Steven Trotter

### Welcome back to Meredith Primary School

It has been a very busy start to 2019 at Meredith Primary School with a number of facility upgrades, maintenance and some great new initiatives to drive our students learning across all levels. There is a fair bit of information in this edition some please spend some time to read and if you have any questions please pop in and ask.

I would like to welcome all new members to our school community. We have a number of new families, not only in foundation but across the school so please ensure you say hi to any new faces. I would also like to welcome Mr. Bradley Maskell to our teaching team. Bradley is teaching our year 5/6 class this year and has slotted into the team with ease.

Our teachers and education support staff spent our first day back engaging in professional learning around our key areas of focus for 2019, of literacy and numeracy. You will notice a few changes to our program this year which have all been part of the research and learning our staff have been participating in to continue to improve and build on the great teaching and learning that is already taking place in our classrooms.

#### The 300 Night Reading Challenge (More information to be sent home)

Research is unwavering, that being a good reader will have a big impact on your child's learning growth across all curriculum areas. The 300 Night Reading Challenge is for all students from Foundation to Year 6. This challenge will provide motivation for each student to read more at home, with the aim to achieve at least 300 nights of reading across the year.

## Key Dates – Term 1 2019

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Geelong Football Club Visit & Coffee Van
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. MARC Van
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. No Preps
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. No Preps & Parent Information Night
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. School Photos
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. MARC Van
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. No Preps
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. No Preps
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar. MARC Van
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. MARC Van
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Bunnings BBQ North Geelong
- MVA Athletics Date TBA
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr. MARC Van

#### 2019 Specialist Timetable

Subject	Teacher	Day of the week	Classes
Art	Mrs Brown	Wednesday	All
PE	Mr Trotter	Wednesday	All
MARC Van	Mrs Lang	Tuesday (fortnightly)	All



### **Independent Reading:**

Each morning, students will engage in independent reading for a minimum of 15 minutes from 9:00am – 9:15am. Children learn to read by reading, thinking, talking and writing about reading. Teachers will use this time to listen to small groups or individual students read. If there are any family members that would like to listen to students reading in the classroom during this time, can you please speak with your child's teacher.

### **Office:**

Belinda will begin the year working Monday (until 1pm), Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Meredith Primary School and will be at her other school on a Tuesday.

### **Assembly:**

There will be no assembly this week. Assemblies will begin week 2, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am.

### **Compass:**

If you haven't accessed your Compass account, please do so asap. All communication from Newsletters, announcements and semester reporting will be published on Compass. We **WILL NOT** be using Flexibuzz any longer. If you have any questions, please see myself or Belinda in the office.

### **Book Packs:**

We have sold out, with a large number of families purchasing their child's book packs on Tuesday. Don't worry, if you haven't received yours yet, please see the office and we will be putting in an order at the end of this week.





### **Meredith Music Festival Tucker Tent:**

We are very fortunate to be a part of this great community group supporting the school and other organisations around Meredith. This however, doesn't happen without a lot of extra work behind the scenes from staff and volunteers. I would like to acknowledge Belinda Gear who has been attending 'Tucker Tent' meetings as secretary on behalf of the school.

### **Coffee Van:**

I have been able to book Cruzin Coffee and Food in for a regular visit as a trial this term. The van will be visiting our school the first Monday of each month for the term, and if some of our families take advantage of the opportunity for a coffee, hot chocolate and a chat, I hope to continue during term 2. Please join me for a coffee and a chat from 8:20am (ish) until 9:00am(ish). It was a great turn out on the first day back, hope to see you all back at the next visit.

Next Visit – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February (next Monday)

### **Family Helpers Wanted:**

#### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, Meredith PS will be running a fundraiser at North Geelong Bunnings. More information will be available soon, however we are looking for family members to help at the BBQ across the day. If you are available can you please let the office know and one of the School Council Members will be in touch shortly.

#### **Staining School Deck:**

I am looking for any community members that might be able to help with a little tidy up of the decks surrounding our learning spaces. If there are people available to get out the mop and paint brush to give them a well needed stain it would be very much appreciated.



Community enjoying the coffee van (left), Luke Bubb doing the finishing touches to the external painting of the school (middle). The foundations for the new playground getting put in reading for stage 2 in a few weeks (right).

## Before and After School Care

There are still places available for both programs. Please see the office for additional information and forms. Below are our first students in Before School Care on day one of the year, enjoying some breakfast and morning games.



**THE CATS  
ARE VISITING  
ANAKIE FNC!**  
Monday 4th February  
4:30-6:30pm

**FREE  
COME & TRY**  
**FEBRUARY 4TH, 4:30PM - 6:30PM**

- Meet & train with Cats players
- Learn more about our great club
- Auskick & Junior sessions for girls & boys aged 5-14 years
- Free BBQ for all participants
- New players & families welcome

ANAKIE FNC  
DEMOTTS RD, ANAKIE

**CATS IN THE COMMUNITY**

**AFL COMMUNITY CAMPS**

**AFL BURNING**

**#CATSONCAMP  
#rtd #AnakieFNC2019**

**PLAY.AFL**