



Meredith Primary School Newsletter

Issue 3, Feb 2019

Principal Report – Steven Trotter

Week 3



The Meredith Primary School Open Night was an enormous success with a large number of families and community members visiting the school to see the great learning that is happening in our classrooms. Thank you to all the staff and families that were available to support the evening. We were also lucky enough to have a reporter from 'The Golden Plains Times' get some great pictures, so keep an eye out in the coming papers.

'Enrichment Groups' continue to support our focus on improved student learning outcomes. Enrichment is about building on and extending the learning from the classroom in a small group or one on one situation. We are very fortunate to have both extension groups and support groups running each week as additional learning to compliment the great work that is happening in our classrooms each day.

Mrs. Lang (MARC Van) is taking reading groups during first sessions on MARC Van days to extend the students in their comprehension strategies. Mrs. Brown is taking Math's enrichment groups, building on the problem solving skills essential for mathematics, Mrs. Mitilineos is running the MiniLit Program four mornings a week focusing on the fundamental elements of junior literacy and Mrs. Hart is running a MultiLit program to support the older students with literacy skills. All programs are developed in consultation with the classroom teachers and compliment the learning in each classroom.



Key Dates – Term 1 2019

- Monday 18th Feb. School Photos
- Tuesday 19th Feb. MARC Van
- Wednesday 20th Feb. No Preps
- Wednesday 27th Feb. No Preps
- Monday 4th Mar. Coffee Van
- Tuesday 5th Mar. MARC Van
- Tuesday 19th Mar. MARC Van
- Saturday 23rd Mar. Bunnings BBQ North Geelong
- Monday 1st Apr. Coffee Van
- Tuesday 2nd Apr. MARC Van & MVA Athletics

'Zoooper Doopers' will start week 3 for the remainder of term on a Tuesday and Thursday, These can be purchased for \$0.50.

New OSHC Kitchen

OSHC – Before and After School facility upgrade. This week we have had the new kitchen installed with new flooring. The team are very excited to set it all up ready for Before and After Care.



Playground Update

As most of you would have seen we have our new playground installed next to the sports shed. We are still waiting on some edging and soft fall to ensure it is safe for use for our students. The fundraising efforts have supported the installation of the new equipment.

Meredith Primary School Values

With the important consultative process concluded and having members of our school community and wider community provide feedback on what we value as a community we have narrowed our new school values down to four.

- **Respect**
- **Resilience**
- **Pride**
- **Excellence**

The staff will now work with our students to identify exactly what these look like in action in all parts of the school and community. I look forward to publishing the next stage of this essential process.



Tucker Tent

The school shift has a few places for volunteers to fill and I would like to offer firstly to our school community. The requirements is a 6 hours shift between 10am – 7pm. If anyone is interested please see the office. We only have 3-4 places so first in best dressed will apply.

School Council Election

Meredith Primary School is entering into an election period for our school council. The school council supports the governance of the school with parent members and Department employees making up the 12 members. The School Council is chaired by President James Knight and meets once a month to discuss items such as policy, finance, fundraising and school operations. **We have 2 parent positions up for election.** Anyone is welcome to nominate for a position (new or old). For more information please contact the office. Nomination forms are available at the office.

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 activities.





Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Coffee Van:

Next Visit – Monday 4th March & Monday 1st April 8:30am

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.

Book Packs:

We have sold out, with a large number of families purchasing their child's book packs in the first week. 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.

Lunch Orders:

Lunch orders are continuing this term on a Wednesday. Please see attached menu for ordering. All order must be in Tuesday morning and lunches will be delivered for lunch time Wednesdays. Order forms also available from the office.

Assembly:

Assembly will be starting tomorrow. Each class will be rotating through the delivery and organising of each assembly. Starting this week with our 2/3 class, week 3 will be our 4/5 class, week 4 will be our 5/6 class and week 6 will be our F/1 class. This rotation will continue with the students from each of the classes leading the assembly, sharing something from their learning that week and helping with the running and presentations of awards.

Independent Reading:

This has been a very successful week with our reading. All students have spent the first 15 minutes of their day reading. Reading will be an ongoing focus of Meredith Primary School. If you can spare some time to listen to students read during this time, please let your child's teacher know. Please keep reading at home to work towards 300 nights reading.

Family Helpers Wanted:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

On Saturday the 23rd 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.

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.

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.

Congratulations!

Year 5/6 – Mr. Maskell

Phelan Van Der Veen

For challenging himself during math lessons when working with estimating/rounding numbers

Principal Award – Mr. Trotter

Shaylah Bampfield

For displaying respectful behaviors at all times

Year F/1 – Mrs. Daglas

Lilly Connor

For being a fantastic Grade 1 leader in the classroom

Year 2/3 – Mrs. Edmiston

Lachlan Hicks

For being respectful towards teachers and classmates

Year 4/5 – Ms. Pritchard

Violet Patti

For demonstrating PRIDE in our classroom by always making sure everything is put away in the right places

Meredith Primary School Values

Respect

Resilience

Pride

Excellence

PE – Mr. Trotter

Jack Tabone

For his Excellence in practicing discus and shot put

Art – Mrs. Brown

Xavier Rafferty

For his excellent colour wheel eye

Lilly Connor

For her amazing primary and secondary colour stained glass window



MEREDITH CAFÉ AND CORNER STORE

Ph: 5286 1105

SANDWICH WRAP OR ROLL

From \$3 + additions (additions in brackets)

CHOOSE YOUR BASE

- White Bread
- Wholemeal Bread
- Wholegrain Bread
- Gluten Free Bread (+\$1)
- Small White Roll (+.50cents)
- Large White Roll (\$1)
- White Wrap

CHOOSE YOUR FILLINGS

- Ham (+.80 cents)
- Chicken (+\$1)
- Mild salami (+.80 cents)
- Tuna (+.80 cents)
- Egg
- ¼ Chicken Schnitzel (+ \$1)
- ½ chicken Schnitzel (+ \$2.50)
- All Salad (lettuce, tomato, onion, carrot, cucumber and beetroot)
- Lettuce
- Tomato
- Cucumber
- Beetroot
- Red onion
- Carrot
- Pineapple (+.50cents)
- Cheese

Choose your spread

- Butter
- Mayonnaise
- Tomato Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Raspberry Jam
- Vegemite

- Toasted

STUDENT NAME: _____

CLASSROOM: _____

ORDER TOTAL: _____

HOT FOOD

- Meat Pie \$3.50
- Sausage Roll \$3.50
- Party Meat Pie \$1.00
- Party Sausage Roll \$1.00

SNACKS

- APPLE .80cents
- ORANGE .80cents
- BANANA .80 cents
- Strawberry Yoghurt \$2.50
- Banana Yoghurt \$2.50
- Plain Yoghurt \$2.50
- Stringers cheese \$1.50

DRINKS

- Mini water \$1.00
- Pop top 30% Fruit Juice \$2.00
 - Orange
 - Tropical
 - Apple blackcurrant
- Daily Juice \$3.80
 - Orange Juice
 - Breakfast Juice
 - Cloudy Apple

Prices for school lunches only

LUNCH ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print Menu or collect a copy from the office.
2. Fill out order.
3. Attach Order to a paper bag or zip lock bag with appropriate money securely enclosed in the bag.
4. Ensure students name is clearly marked on both the menu and the attached bag.
5. Bring complete order & money to school on or before **Tuesday** recess to ensure order will be delivered Wednesday for lunch.