



# Meredith Primary School Newsletter

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## Principal Report – Steven Trotter

### Week 7 Term 2

This week on Monday and Tuesday I attended the State Wide Principal and Leadership Conference. I was able to attend different workshops facilitated by leading researchers in education from around the world.

It was an amazing opportunity to see the best practice and research focusing on ongoing improvement in student learning and the system as a whole.

One of the key statistic that was presented, supporting the **300 nights Reading** we are driving at Meredith PS. This piece of information demonstrates the importance of reading and vocabulary exposure for all students. See below researched examples of 3 students, Student A, Student B and Student C all that have different exposure to reading and vocabulary over a 12 month period.

#### Student A:

Reads for 20 minutes daily  
Exposed to 1 800 000 words a year  
Scores in the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile  
in standardized assessments

#### Student B:

Reads for 5 minutes daily  
Exposed to 282 000 words per year  
Scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile  
in standardized assessments

#### Student C:

Reads for 1 minute daily  
Exposed to 8000 words per year  
Scores in the 10<sup>th</sup> Percentile  
in standardized assessments



### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Curriculum Day (No School for Students)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – MARC Van

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Book Club Issue 4 Order & Money Due

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – MVA Athletics

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June – Parent teacher Interviews

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day Term 2, 2.20pm Finish

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – First Day Term 3, 9am Start

### Keep up that home reading

Toastie Tuesday/Thursday  
Get your sandwich toasted for 0.50c.



## Meredith PS Amazing Opportunity

### **FREE Equine Assisted Learning Program**

We have been offered a number of FREE horse riding programs funded through the local council. 6 different programs will run from August 2019 until May 2020. This is aimed at students from 10 years old to 12 years old.

The program will run on a Wednesday with a bus provided to pick the students up for a 4pm start and drop them back after completing the program at 6:00pm.

The program will be held at a riding school on Pioneer Ridge Road, with all equipment and support/teaching provided. No previous experience with horses is required, just a willingness to listen and learn.

More details will be provided and an expression of interest sent out soon. There are only 8 places available for each program so it is important that you send your expression of interest in to ensure a place is available. If I receive more interest than places, I will organize a fair way for students to be selected to attend.

### **Meredith Movie Night**

The movies selected in Zootopia. Currently there are about 15-20 attending so please if you are interested, book in for a great night. Families and siblings are all welcome. Book to ensure there is enough supplies for all attending.

Golden Plains Youth in partnership with Meredith Community Centre are holding a Family Movie Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. This FREE event will be held at the Community Centre (4 Russell St, Meredith VIC 3333). There will be FREE food, drinks and bean bags and a family friendly movie on the big screen.

#### **Help still Wanted!!**

We are still looking for some people to help spread the mulch. If anyone is available please let Steven know asap.



### **Fundraiser From the Student Leaders:**



Well done to our student leaders for their MND Fundraising initiative. We do not have the final total for funds raised, however this will be published in next week newsletter. Thank you for all the families and students that supported the cause.

#### **KickFit:**

Kick fit has now concluded for this term. We will look at the dates and details and inform families and students early next term.

# Coffee Van Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July



## OSHC Happenings...

### Week 7

This morning, (Wednesday), we made 6 slices for the Biggest Morning Tea. It is our contribution from Meredith PS OSHC. We love to be involved in our community.

This week has been really cold and inside activities have proven welcome as the afternoons become increasingly icy. Lick the lizard who is now 14, has been our focus. We have researched many things about his world and how to care for him during the colder months.

We discovered that he is an 'omnivore' which simply means that he eats both meat, in the form of insects, and plants. While winter and cold weather are present, his enclosure needs to be around 35deg constantly to keep him warm. As he cannot regulate his temperature, he also needs a heat mat to 'help' him. It's just like us when the weather gets colder and we use our electric blankets.

The children have been busy colouring, cutting and pasting a 'Lick' mural which will be on show in our room for the next couple of weeks (Feel free to come and have a look). Hibernation for a blue tongue lizard such as Lick, looks a lot like those in the wild. He slows down a little but still needs to 'come alive' to warm up. He has a log to lay on under a heat lamp which acts as the sun. The children always enjoy seeing him and we have already learned more than we knew a week ago.

Next week, **Week 8**, we will be looking at doing some science experiments. Some of them will be edible whilst others are just fun and messy. If you recall last week we asked for some empty, clean soft drink bottles to use for one of the experiments. If you could bring them in by Thursday or 1st thing Monday that would be great!

There are still places for your children to come into our OSHC services in both mornings and afternoons. You can pick up an enrollment form from the office. Thank you for your continued pro-active bookings. If you need to put your children in at the last minute, you can contact the office, call the OSHC phone on 0436395288 or after hours on 0419593306.

Look forward to seeing you soon,

Kym and Tahneah

### Before and After School Care

There are still places available for both programs. Please see the office for additional information and form.

## Did you know.....?

You may be eligible for a CCS rebate for Before and After School Care. With this rebate it brings the cost of Before School Care from \$15 to approximately **\$2.50 - \$4** per day (depending on income) and After School Care from \$20 to approximately **\$3 - \$6** per day. This cost includes, qualified supervision, fun activities and snacks/breakfast etc...

**GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY!!** For any additional question please see Belinda, Kym.

# Congratulations!



This week's awards will be published next week and presented with next week's awards at assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Meredith Primary School Values

Respect

Resilience

Pride

Excellence

## Donations Required

If anyone could please help to supply egg cartons and any old picture frames that are A3 Size or bigger for the art room, it would be much appreciated.



See what we are doing in the art room at Meredith, follow us on Instagram @meredithmakers or #meredithps.



**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.