



# MEDINA MATTERS

At Medina PS we C.A.R.E.

**STRONG AND  
SMART**

**Friday 22nd  
February 2019**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

## Welcome Back:

Welcome to the 2019 School Year! What a fabulous start to the year. It has been wonderful to see how smoothly and enthusiastically the children have settled in. I would like to welcome all families back to Medina Primary School for the year and extend a very special welcome to all families who are joining our school community for the first time.

My sincere thanks go to all of our staff members who have done an outstanding job in being prepared for the first days of school. Their level of professionalism and commitment to our students is commendable and it will ensure that we are set for a brilliant start to the year. My thanks also go to our gardener and cleaning staff that looked after our school campus over the summer break.

## Big Breakfast:

As the delicious smell of bacon, sausages and toast wafted across the school, it was wonderful to see so many families join us at the Big Breakfast on Tuesday morning. I enjoyed meeting our families and having the opportunity to speak to you all. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together to support this event. I would like to sincerely thank ALL our amazing staff who arrived at school incredibly early to prepare for this event. A special thank you to our staff who are on the Health and Wellbeing Committee for their successful co-ordination of the breakfast.



## Possible Re-structure:

Our student numbers have fluctuated over the past three weeks. This means that most of our classes are now at capacity. As a staff we will be looking closely at our numbers and we may need to re-structure our classes. I'm alerting you of this now so that you know that Week 4 could possibly bring about some classroom changes.

## Arriving Too Early:

We have a large number of students who are arriving at school far too early every morning. Breakfast Bowl operates from our Multi-Purpose Room (old school library) every day from 8:00am – 8:30am. Students are welcome to attend Breakfast Bowl from 8:00am. Students who are not attending Breakfast Bowl are asked not to be on school grounds prior to 8:15am. We need to ensure duty of care for all our students.

## Late Passes:

Just a reminder, students who arrive after the siren are required to come through the front office and collect a Late Pass before heading to their classrooms.

### At Medina Primary School we show C.A.R.E.:

This year we have rolled out our new behaviour expectations across the whole school. You may have noticed our new sign boards and posters across the school and in every classroom. Our motto is – At Medina Primary School we show C.A.R.E which stands for Co-operation, Achievement, Respect and Engagement. Our behaviour expectations are underpinned by Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). Improving student academic and behaviour outcomes is about ensuring all students have access to the most effective accurately implemented instructional and behavioural practices and interventions possible. PBS provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes. It guides decision making about what practices should be put in place to support student learning and social behaviour. A number of rewards and incentives have been implemented across the whole school to acknowledge students who are showing C.A.R.E.

A copy of our whole school Behaviour Matrix is below..

## **AT MEDINA PRIMARY SCHOOL WE C.A.R.E.**

### **Behaviour Matrix**

	Co-operation	Achievement	Respect	Engagement
<b>In Class</b>	We co-operate with others on shared learning tasks. We are held accountable for doing our share of the work when completing group activities. We listen to and follow instructions from adults. We encourage and accept others' opinions. We fully participate in activities. We reflect on our actions.	We set personal goals and work towards them. We reflect on and celebrate success. We persevere. We display pride in all that we do. We work independently when required.	We wear the Medina PS uniform with pride. We show respect and good manners to peers and adults. We are responsible for our property, equipment and behaviour. We are honest. We respect others personal space and safety. We manage our feelings and emotions in a positive way. We treat all resources appropriately and only use them for the purpose intended.	We arrive at class on time. We help and encourage others by using positive gestures. We ask for help when help is needed. We are active learners.
<b>Out of Class</b>	We remain seated in our designated areas when eating. We co-operatively agree on and follow game rules before starting. We play safely. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves. We wear a Medina PS hat when outside.	We do our best and challenge ourselves. We stay within set areas. We support and encourage others to do their best.	We move around the school in a quiet and orderly manner. We wait outside classrooms quietly and responsibly. We are respectful of others and their games. We respect our environment by placing rubbish in bins, walking on paths and conserving resources. We only enter classrooms when a teacher is present.	We participate in all activities and 'have a go'. We are inclusive of others and provide opportunities for them to join in.

### Paperless Newsletters:

For Term 1, newsletters will be sent home in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. Our aim is to implement paperless newsletter by Term 2. This will mean that as from Term 2 we will email newsletters to parents. A link will also be put on our Facebook page and the newsletter will be uploaded to our website for parents to access

My details to receive our school newsletter by mail are.....

Parent/Carer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Youngest Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE HAND IN TO MRS CAVANAGH IN ADMIN BY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Regards,  
Karen Davey  
Principal

# Mental Health and Wellbeing Team

This year Student Services has expanded to include a Medina Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing Team. The team is being led by Miss Jo, Mrs Foletta and Mr Hevron. Medina Primary School was fortunate to receive funding as a result of a National Education Initiative to support early learning and school communities (school principals and teachers, service managers and staff, parents/carers) to support the mental health of Australian children and young people from the day they enter the education system until the end of year 12. During Terms 1 and 2 students and staff will be participating in a whole school 'Wellbeing 4 Kids' program which will be run and coordinated by Linda Bancroft every fortnight. On the alternate fortnight classroom teachers will take on the role as classroom facilitators. The aim of the program is to upskill and support teachers in implementing mindfulness strategies in their classroom and assist students to develop these skills as well. Our staff is looking forward to participating in the 'Wellbeing 4 Kids' program so that we can help support our students' mental health and wellbeing.

## LITERACY

**Reading** is how we discover new things and how we develop a positive self-image. The ability to read is a vital skill. **Reading** helps to expand the mind and develops the imagination.

### READING EVERY DAY IS FUN – AND IMPORTANT

Babies and children enjoy being read to and sharing books is a great way to spend time with your children. It also helps to expand their vocabulary and for them to see that you value reading. What can I do?

- Tell stories, say and sing rhymes, poems and songs.
- Make up actions.
- Talk about the words and numbers you see when you're out and about.
- Read to your children from newspapers, junk mail, electronic devices and magazines, as well as books.
- Read a wide range of things – these can include printed books and stories on electronic devices.
- Read favourite stories over and over.
- When reading to your children, follow the words with your finger, point to pictures and talk together about the story.
- Let your children pretend to read. Children pretend to read by making up the story. This is a great start.
- Show your children how to look after books such as turning the pages carefully.
- If your children are not showing interest in a particular book, don't push them.
- Avoid distractions when you are reading with your children – for example, turn off the television.
- Visit your local library and ask about the programs they run for parents and children.

## NUMERACY

### WAYS TO DEVELOP MATHS, READING AND WRITING SKILLS:

Children learn maths, reading and writing as they play. Parents can support their child's early learning at home in the following ways

- Play 'shops' with items from the kitchen using shopping bags, purses and play money.
- Make a scrapbook with drawings, photos, certificates, birthday cards, letters and tickets from places you have visited together.
- Write events on the calendar such as birthdays and special celebrations and talk about these with your children.
- Make birthday cards, thank you cards and invitations to send to family and friends.
- Have a space for your children to scribble, write and draw. Use scrap paper, textas, crayons, pencils, old envelopes and cards.
- Display your children's drawings and talk about the drawings with them.
- Have a message board and write messages to each other. You can turn daily tasks into fun learning times.
- Cook simple things together. Read and talk about recipes. Give your children simple spoken directions to follow.
- Encourage your children to find ingredients in the kitchen and measure them.
- Cut food and talk about size, shape, colour and taste.

## CHAPLAIN

Our School Chaplain, Charis Chua, will be leaving us on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Charis for all of the incredible work she has done during her time at Medina PS. She has been a wonderful asset to our school. Charis has provided support for our students, families and staff. We wish Charis all the very best with her future endeavours.

Michelle Grobbelaar will be our new School Chaplain. I would like to welcome Michelle.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

*Friday 1st March*  
Wellbeing 4 Kids

*Monday 4th March*  
Labour Day

*Friday 8th March*  
Student Leader Assembly

*Friday 15th March*  
Wellbeing 4 Kids

*Friday 22nd March*  
Room 17 Assembly

*Friday 29th March*  
Wellbeing 4 Kids

*Friday 5th April*  
WASO Assembly

### P & C NEWS

**Due to a lack of attendance at our last meeting the P&C positions are still not filled.**

**Unfortunately this means our P&C may have to fold and this would be a huge loss to the school.**

**The P&C provides people with a unique opportunity to make a valuable contribution to the school which in turn benefits the students.**

**If you have some free time and feel there is a way you could become involved in the school community please come along to our next meeting on**

**Monday 11th March @ 9:00am**

### Breakfast Bowl

A friendly reminder that our new look Breakfast Bowl is now held in the 'Multi Purpose Room' which was previously known as the Old Library.

Your child and their families are welcome to come along and enjoy breakfast with their friends.

Breakfast Bowl is open from 8:00am to 8:30am

We look forward to seeing you there!

## FUNDRAISING

This year we will be working closely with the remaining P&C members on our school fundraising.

**The purpose of this is to enclose the Undercover Area.**

Fundraising ideas that will be implemented are:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle  
Fundraising Chocolates  
Design a Brick

The date for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is yet to be confirmed.



Fundraising Chocolates will be sold from our school administration and will be sold to staff and parents. Students may only purchase chocolates if a parent is with them. These will be sold for \$1.00 each.



Staff, students, parents/carers both past and present will soon be able to purchase a personalised engraved brick which will be laid in our school.

The path will start from the back of the school library then travel across the Yaagin grassed area which will then connect to the Pre Primary / Kindy area and prices are still being worked on but should cost somewhere around \$27.

Order forms will be handed out during Term 1 once finalised.



Your support for Medina PS is always appreciated!