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Melton South Primary School Mission:

Melton South Primary School is a progressive community who lead the way. Together we create motivated, respectful learners who achieve excellence.

This newsletter is available from our school website www.meltonsouthps.vic.edu.au or the Melton South Primary School Skoolbag App.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 5th February	Assembly in school gymnasium 2.30pm
Tuesday 6th February	Breakfast club commences today (every Tuesday and Thursday)
Monday 12th February	After School Sports Commence today
Friday 16th February	Grade 5/6 Round 1 Summer Sports
Friday 23rd February	Grade 5/6 Round 2 Summer Sports
Tuesday 27th February	MPSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 2nd March	Grade 5/6 Round 3 Summer Sports
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 15th March	Grade 3 to 6 Family Twilight Bat Tennis Competition (5.00pm start)
Thursday 22nd March	Last day of After School Sports
Friday 23rd March	House Cross Country (back up day 28/3/18)
Thursday 29th March	Last day of School for Term 1
Monday 16th April	Term 2 commences today



GRADE 3-6 TWILIGHT BAT TENNIS: We will be having a Twilight Bat Tennis night on Thursday 15th March commencing at 5.00pm. Teams of 2 are required and must consist of a student and a parent or guardian. If you would like to participate in this fun family night, please return the note that will be sent home next week.

SKOOLBAG—DO YOU HAVE OUR SKOOLBAG APP?

See instructions on page 3 of the newsletter and download our APP today! Parents/carers are advised that we will not be printing hard copies of the newsletter this year.



SCHOOL'S BACK—HEAD LICE IS BACK: What can you do? We seek your co-operation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform the school and advise when the treatment has started.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, the child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases—they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. Head lice are common in school aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures.

We understand that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students back to MSPS and a warm welcome to our new students and their families to our community. We are looking forward to getting to know you all.

We also welcome many new staff members to MSPS. At the end of 2017 we only had one staff member leave MSPS but needed to employ new staff to cover our ever increasing enrolments.

Mrs Nadine Mills - Teaching and Learning Coach

Ms Ariane Bradley - Grade 1 teacher

Ms Nerida Modica - Grade 1 teacher

Mr Peter Fitzpatrick - Grade 5 teacher

Mrs Emma Leighton - Grade 6 teacher (returning from family leave)

Miss Jayne Saigar - ICT

Ms Jade Lourey - Educational Support

Mrs Megan Fraser - Social Worker

Miss Jacqueline Gulliver - Prep teacher

Ms Nicole Healy - Grade 1 teacher

Mrs Joanne Gianino - Grade 5 teacher

Ms Simone Fisher - Performing Arts

Mr Garrick Demarchi - PE

Mrs Wendy Williams - Educational Support

Ms Sally de Wijn - Occupational Therapist

ENROLMENTS: Currently we have **755** students enrolled at MSPS. At the end of 2017 we had approximately 670 students, so we have applied to the Department of Education and Training for two more double portables.

MAINTENANCE WORKS: Last year we received funding for infrastructure maintenance works. We demolished the brick areas in the quadrangle area to create more playing space. Extensive paving was done between the prep rooms, the library and at the back of the gym. These areas were previously muddy in the winter and dusty in the summer. When the hot weather eases we will do extensive planting in all the newly created garden beds. Trip hazards in some areas were also fixed. The majority of the works were completed in the school holidays to ensure minimal disruption to student learning.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Personal property is often brought to school by staff, students and parents. DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage.

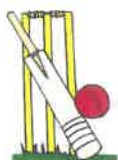
CAR PARKING: It is very busy in the car parks around our school at drop off and pick up times. We all need to be mindful of others at these times as there are many students and their families walking around.

MOBILE PHONES: School Council's policy on mobile phones states that students may bring their mobile phones to school if needed before and after school to communicate with family etc. If mobile phones are brought to school they must be signed in at the office on arrival and collected at the end of the school day. I am asking parents for your support in the enforcement of this policy.

Marilyn Costigan

Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS: Will commence on Monday 12th February and finish on Thursday 22nd March for students in Grade 1-6. Sports for this term will be Lacrosse on a Monday and Cricket on a Thursday. This is a free program funded by Sporting Schools and students **MUST** attend both



Monday and Thursday sessions from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. There are a limited number of places available for this program so the first 24 students to register will be accepted. If your child is interested in participating please collect a form from the office.



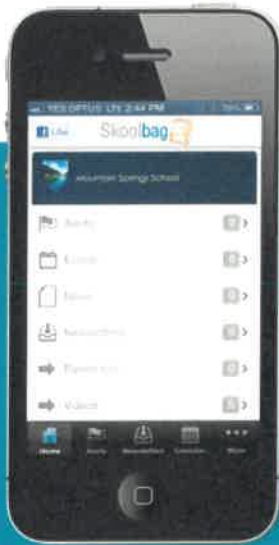
BREAKFAST CLUB

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commences on Tuesday 6th February from 8.10am to 8.45am. Breakfast club will run every Tuesday and Thursday. All students are welcome to come for a healthy breakfast in the gym foyer.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP? We use our school App to communicate directly to parents and inform you of what is happening around our school. If you have not downloaded our App, please do so.

Our newsletter will be published on the App every Thursday and we will not be sending home hard copies with students. There will be printed copies available from the office on Thursday afternoons.

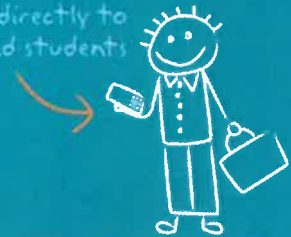


Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

- 1 Click the 'App Store' icon on your Apple device
- 2 Type your School name in the search, using suburb name will help
- 3 If iPhone you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install"
- 4 If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install"
- 5 When installed click "Open"
- 6 Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked
- 7 Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
- 8 Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

- 1 Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
- 2 Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help
- 3 Click the school name when it appears in the search
- 4 Click the "Install" button
- 5 Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
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