



Melton South Primary School Newsletter

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Melton South Primary School Mission: committed to addressing students individual learning needs through the development and implementation of quality teaching and learning programs which foster lifelong learning.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 15th December	Choir—Estia Health 2.00pm
Monday 18th December	Final school assembly for 2017—2.30pm in the gymnasium
Tuesday 19th December	Final Breakfast Club for 2017
Wednesday 20th December	Whole School Breakfast
Thursday 21st December	Students will meet their classmates and teacher for 2018



**FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR 2017—
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM**

Wednesday 24th January 2018	School office open 9.30am to 12.00pm and 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 30th January 2018	First day of school for 2018 (Grade 1 to 6 students)
Tuesday 30th January to Friday 2nd February	2018 Prep student interviews
Monday 5th February	Prep students commence full time schooling today

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



This will be the last newsletter for 2017 and I would like to wish students, staff, parents and carers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone deserves a break after a very busy year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 30th January, 2018!

EVACUATION DRILLS/LOCKDOWNS: Along with all Government schools we are required to have fire and lockdown drills to prepare students in case of a real emergency. A couple of times we have had to bring students in earlier from recess and/or lunch breaks if we deem it unsafe for them to remain outside. This was the case on Friday last week when a teenager was on the fence line outside the school fence behaving inappropriately. He was using inappropriate language and throwing rocks. Everyone has the right to be safe is one of our key rules so the bell was rung and children went into class and continued the normal class routine. Police were contacted and did attend. If parents have any concerns at any time please contact us so we can explain the incident.

ALPHA SHOW: Students thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas production "Snow Queen" performed by the Alpha Show. Students who do not celebrate Christmas were involved in an alternative program.

REPORTS: Please accept our apologies however due to a problem with our printers, semester 2 reports will now go home next week instead of tomorrow.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: I would like to thank all staff and parents on School Council for 2017. They all have made valuable contributions to make Melton South Primary School the best it can be.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont.)

PREPS 2018: This week we made the decision to restructure the preps and form another grade. We have had many late enrolments and now need to have 7 prep grades. At this stage we will probably start 2018 with over 715 students.

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: I met with the DET representatives and contractors on Tuesday. Our brick walls in the quadrangle will be demolished in the holidays to allow for more play space and safety. The area behind the gym will be upgraded with paths and garden beds established. Other maintenance works will also be undertaken. They plan to have the works finished prior to the start of the new school year.

END OF TERM: To celebrate the end of the school year we will be holding a "whole school breakfast" on Wednesday 20th December 8.15am to 8.45am. Students are asked to contribute \$3.00 each towards the cost of purchasing food for this celebration. Notes have been sent home and money is due by Monday 18th December and is to be given to the classroom teacher.



Marilyn Costigan

Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal

MATHS TALENT QUEST SUCCESS: Please join us in celebrating the success of our school entries in the Maths Talent Quest judging this year at next week's school assembly.

Class entries from 5B and 5C received Distinction Awards and will be presented with a book voucher in addition to their class and individual certificates at assembly. Class entries from Prep C, 1D, 2A, 5/6A, 6A and 6B received Credit certificates. Ella Fielding from 4B received a Credit certificate for her individual entry and Sam Blanks, Emily Gilford and Indiana Kapitan from 4A also received a Credit for their group entry. Congratulations to all these classes and students on their achievements. Jenny Dockeary, Maths

ASTHMA FORMS:

Parents/carers are advised that next year Asthma Victoria has issued new forms for asthma action plans within schools. These forms are available from the office and will need to be completed by a doctor. Please be aware that we can only accept these specific forms issued by Asthma Victoria.



ATTENDANCE: We will be seeking explanations for all recent unexplained absences and request that you give this your urgent attention as we work towards finalising school attendance data records for the school year. Please return pink slips and absence letters promptly to support this data work.

ALLERGY FORMS: ASCIA have issued new allergy and anaphylaxis forms for 2018 which need to be completed by a doctor.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards. These awards are made to students in recognition of achievement and will be presented at our final school assembly for this year at 2.30pm on Monday 18th December in the school gymnasium.

CLASS	Name	Reason for Award
PB	Cooper Huppert	Displaying whole body listening and being ready to learn!
PD	Jack Costigan	Always being respectful and following instructions.
1A	Prince Llerin	Always following our school values and being a fantastic member of 1A!
1E	Rose U Rai	For writing her sentences with detail and description! Keep it up!
2D	Jayden Gray	Being a fantastic friend and helping others in our class.
3B	3B	Having a "fun-tastic" year!
4A	David Valasinavicius	For being a helpful, responsible member of our grade during our Investigation Unit. Well done!
4B	4B	For striving to do your best all year! I am so proud of all of you!
5/6A	Katherine Psomadellis	Her outstanding commitment and application to learning.
6B	Brodie Hufton	His excellent recount of Grade 6 graduation which included many details.