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THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

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

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
Friday 20th April	School Photo Day

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Attending school every day is vital for students of all ages to fully achieve.

As a parent/guardian:

- ⇒ Commit to sending children to school every day.
- ⇒ Make sure children arrive at school on time.
- ⇒ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- ⇒ Consider catching-up on missed work.

**EVERY
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MESSAGE FROM
THE PRINCIPAL

STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS ALL HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AT MELTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE **EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE RESPECTED**
EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LEARN

PREPS: On Monday we welcomed our 130 preps to their first school assembly. They were very excited and their listening skills were excellent. It was pleasing to see so many families join us for the assembly.

STUDENTS WORK: A part of my job as Principal I really enjoy is visiting classrooms to see students at work and students coming up to my office to share their learning. I already have had several visitors to share 5 star work.



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SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM: For every \$10 spent at Coles you receive one voucher. If you are shopping at the local Coles at Melton South we have a collection box near the checkouts. If you shop at Woodgrove Coles we do not have a collection box there. Please bring those vouchers to school, we have a collection box in the foyer. We will be able to order sports equipment at the end of the program to the value of the vouchers we have collected.

DOGS POLICY: Melton South Primary School has a dog policy. **Dogs are not permitted on school grounds** at all with the exception of specially trained dogs to enhance mobility or disability. We do promote the Responsible Pet Ownership Program to educate students in the knowledge and understanding needed for responsible pet ownership and animal care.



GLASSES FOR KIDS PROGRAM: Our school has been selected to be part of the Glasses for Kids program. All students in years prep to grade 3 will be able to have a free eye assessment and will also receive glasses at no cost if required. If parents do not return the consent form their children will not be involved in the program. **The tests will take place on Thursday the 1st of March**



SCHOOL COUNCIL: School Council election process began on Monday the 12th February as advised last week. Nomination forms are available from the school office between 8:30am and 3:45 pm. They need to be returned to the office before the end of the school day on Monday the 19th February. There are 5 parent vacancies, if the number of nominations exceed this number we will need to have an election. I would like to thank the school council members from 2017 for their continued commitment to the improvement of Melton South Primary. Information on the role of School Council is available at the office.

Just a reminder that breakfast Club is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It is held in the gymnasium foyer between 8:15 and 8:45am. Parents please ensure your children do not arrive before 8:15am.

BREAKFAST CLUB

EARLY ARRIVALS: I have noticed that many students are arriving at school before 8:00am. There is no supervision for these children at this time of the day. We have staff on yard duty from 8.35am—students should not be arriving at school before this time. Even though our teaching staff are here before 8.00am they are in the classroom preparing for the day. Many of our students attend the before and after school care program at St. Anthony's across the road. The students are brought to the office in the morning to be signed in and meet under the canteen after school by OSHClub staff.

OSHClub details—www.oshclub.com.au and then search for St. Anthony's OSHClub, Melton South

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont.)

SECURITY CAMERAS: Just to inform new families to our school we have a security system around our school. We have 15 cameras in place. The cameras overlook the playground and the foyer area of the school. Parents/carers are assured that these CCTV cameras comply with legislative and DET requirements. We can review footage when required, it can help resolve issues and also gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the students following our school values.



SMOKING BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND AT SCHOOL ENTRANCES: Just a reminder that smoking is not permitted on school grounds or within 4 metres of an entrance to any school ground. The smoking ban applies to anyone present on school premises during school and before/after school hours, including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups. We seek your co-operation in this matter.

EVACUATION DRILLS: I want to advise parents/carers that we have regular drills—both external and internal lockdowns, so in the case of an emergency students and staff are prepared and follow the set procedures. Review meetings are held after these drills by members of the Occupational Health and Safety team to discuss any issues, what worked well or where improvements need to be made.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, bicycles, scooters, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. We advise that should your child bring their bike or scooter to school it is advisable to also send a lock with them as we have unfortunately had things stolen from the bike shed.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE RESPECTED, EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE: Parents/carers are reminded they are not to approach students or other parents in the yard. If you have any concerns regarding an incident that may have occurred please make an appointment to see your child's classroom teacher or make an appointment to see myself or Assistant Principals, Angela Lanza or Natalie Sadler.

Marilyn Costigan

Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal



SKOOLBAG—DO YOU HAVE OUR SKOOLBAG APP?

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

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WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING INTENTIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Maths</u>
Prep	Good readers start at the right place, read in the right direction and return to the next line as needed.	Good writers can draw the beginning, middle and ending of a story.	Good mathematicians can read, write, make and draw a collection of the number
Year 1	Good readers can make predictions.	Good writers know how to write a recount.	Good mathematicians can show numbers in different ways.
Year 2	Good readers understand the features of a personal narrative.	Good writers publish their work.	Good mathematicians are able to rename numbers.
Year 3	Good readers are able to summarise information in a text.	Good writers write recounts about real life events and experiences.	Good mathematicians are able to understand the place value of each digit in a number.
Year 4	Good readers set reading goals to improve their reading.	Good writers can form their letters correctly in upper and lower case.	Good mathematicians can show what they know about Number and Place value.
Year 5	Good readers make connections when reading texts.	Good writers can identify features of a recount story.	Good mathematicians can create and order larger numbers with reference to their place value.
Year 6	Good readers can interpret and summarise information.	Good writers document ideas, experiences, feelings, memories in a writer's notebook.	Good mathematicians explain and investigate number patterns.

SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY THURSDAY AT MELTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:



Twister Power Handball
Sparkle Glitter Pens
Mighty Boom Handball
Slushie Maker Cup

Secret Scratch Pad
Glow Light
Heat Reactor Pencils
Zoom Flying Disc

Getting involved in School Banking is easy! All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please see your classroom teacher for an information pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

DETOX YOUR HOME AT MELTON CITY COUNCIL'S FREE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL DROP OFF PROGRAM

Do you have unwanted household chemicals you no longer use? Some of these products could harm you, your family and your pets?

Household chemical products can also pollute the environment for future generations as well as harm their health, which is why you shouldn't throw chemical products out with your regular rubbish collection or pour them down the drain. Doing so would pollute our waterways, harm animals and vegetation, contaminate our drinking water supply and make rivers and beaches unsafe for swimming.

The good news is you can reduce the risk of poisoning, environmental pollution and bushfire hazards, as well as improve recycling rates, by dropping off unwanted chemicals at the Melton Recycling Facility's, Detox your Home event.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take advantage of this **safe, free and easy-to-use service for householders** to dispose of common, highly toxic household chemicals without harming your health, your family's health or the environment. Please note that students should not handle household chemicals without adult supervision.

When: Saturday 14th April 2018
Time: 10.00am-1.00pm
Where: Melton Recycling Facility, 33 Ferris Rd, Cobblebank (Melton South)



Do the right thing by your loved ones, the local community and the environment and get rid of unwanted – and potentially dangerous – household chemicals through Detox your Home.

The collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

What you need to do—Simply register online or over the phone, then turn up on the day with your unwanted items, and the expert Detox your Home team will do the rest. Register online to choose your preferred time slot:

sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

What can I bring to a Detox your Home mobile event? Detox your Home is a free program designed specifically to collect unwanted or out-of-date household chemicals. Less toxic items – paint, household batteries and fluorescent lights – can be disposed of throughout the year at a permanent drop-off site.

Visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome for a full list of accepted items and a list of permanent drop-off sites.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When parents and carers get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows that children whose parents are involved get better results, do better on tests and have fewer discipline problems.

At Melton South Primary school we are committed to getting more parents connected to school. This is the number one thing that we can do to create an even greater school and improve student performance.

There are many rewards for time invested both big and small for those who get involved - *Seeing the bright light of learning sparkle in a young child's eye; seeing the smile that shows we are making school a bit more fun – and a child is feeling more at ease in a learning environment.* There are lots of ways for you to become involved:

- Listen to reading/Read a book to a small group/the class/or a student
- Help with small group work stations/activities
- Sharpen pencils and put up work displays
- Laminate/Cut and paste
- Work with small groups/individuals
- Assist with computer sessions/help with sport
- Assist with special events e.g. sports days, fundraising stalls,
- Assist with gardening projects
- Donate time to help in the library, shelving, covering and repairing books

Even an hour or two during the term can make a difference for your child and the class.

Big or small, your help is needed and appreciated!! If you have a particular skill or area of interest, please discuss with your child's teacher as parent helpers are encouraged across all areas of learning. **Won't you join us?**

Working with children check (WWCC)

Parents/carers who wish to volunteer at Melton South Primary School are required to have a current WWCC. Volunteering with reading in class, going on an excursion or helping out with sporting events or upkeep of gardens will require a current WWCC.

Once you have applied for your WWCC card at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au you just need to finalise your application at any Australia Post. Volunteer Checks are free. Australia Post will take your photo for your card at no charge. Show your stamped application receipt to the school Office staff and you can begin helping while your application is being processed. Once you receive your card, let the Office staff know so that your card number details can be added to the school register.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards this week. These awards are made to students in recognition of achievement and will be presented at school assembly on Monday 19th February at 2.30pm in the school gymnasium.



CLASS	Name	Reason for Award
PA	Dior Lovric	The beautiful presentation of her work.
PC	Ruby Mackay	For following class room rules and expectations. Great effort!
PD	Johnsmart Tahaih	For helping out others in reading—keep it up!
PE	Shivash Kumar	Recognising all the Red Star words. Great effort!
PG	Zavier Papp	For always showing full body listening.
1B	Sophie Wakeham	Challenging herself in her writing by adding detail.
1C	Corey Baker	For consistently showing whole body listening.
1D	Jack Costigan	For an awesome job with his counting and skip counting.
2A	Faith Swanton	For making text to self connections when reading 'The Best Cat'.
2B	Mason Dawson	The excellent reading connection you made while reading 'Places Around the World'.
2C	Blake Hugo	For a great start to his new school.
2D	James Michell	Displaying a terrific attitude towards learning by trying his best on all activities.
2E	Melissa Heuser	For showing excellent whole body listening.
3A	Ryly Camilleri-Dalby	For showing a Growth Mindset approach towards his writing and having a go!
3B	Riley Turner	Displaying excellent Independent reading strategies and behaviour.
3C	Kenneth Su'a	Working hard in his writing by revising and editing his work.
3D	Titus Vaye	Putting effort into his learning and staying focused in writing his recount.
4A	Alex Russell	Settling into our school very well and completing his class tasks with a super effort!
4B	Elisha Mau'u	Using a Growth Mindset when completing his writing!
4C	Xiaosheng Liao	Always being polite and following our school values.
4D	Armanii Rechichi	A positive start at her new school. Well done!
5A	Ruci Waqavonovono	Always demonstrating our school values and consistently being a role model.
5C	Lincoln Campbell	For showing all our school values. Welcome to your new new school!
5D	Ashton Briggs	Showing enthusiasm and commitment to his homework tasks.
6A	Mitchell Grech	Contributing to class discussions with confidence.
6B	Storm Robinson	Her 5 star learning efforts in our classroom.
6C	Ieshia Simon	Always showing a positive attitude towards learning!
6D	Jordy Kelly	For demonstrating excellent work habits and being a good role model!
PE	Roxy Kelsall Viliami Tupou	Her wonderful listening and demonstration of the game "Frogs and Toads" Demonstrating a great shotput by following the success criteria. Great work!