

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

Monday 6th November	After School Sports Commence today
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	NO ASSEMBLY TODAY
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday— School Closed
Wednesday 8th November	Prep—Grade 2 Mini Athletics Day
Tuesday 14th November	Grade 5/6 Excursion to Ballarat
	Book Fair in Library
Wednesday 15th November	Book Fair in Library
Thursday 16th November	Prep 2018 Orientation Day 2.00pm to 3.00pm
	Book Fair in Library
Friday 17th November	Grade 3/4 MPSSA Basketball
	Book Fair in Library
	Last day for payment for Grade 4 Excursion to Science Works
Tuesday 22nd November	Coffee Chat 9.00am in staff room
Monday 27th November	School Council Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 1st December	Grade 4 Science Works Excursion
Monday 4th December	Grade 6 Graduation Evening
Tuesday 12th December	Prep 2018 Orientation Day 9.30am to 10.30am
	Grade 6 students Secondary School Orientation Day
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Alpha Show
	Last day of After School Sports
Friday 15th December	Grade 3/4 MPSSA Basketball
Wednesday 20th December	Whole School Breakfast
Friday 22nd December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SCHOOL VALUES : TOLERANCE, FAIRNESS, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARING, FUN

ASSEMBLY : PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY THIS MONDAY THE 6TH OF NOVEMBER.

LIBRARY SHELVING: We have recently purchased new library shelving which we can move when we have whole school meetings. It certainly makes the library look a lot brighter and more colourful. Books are now placed in genre type, eg science fiction, pets, etc to enable students to access books of interest easier.

DOXA CAMP: We had 60 students and 8 staff attending DOXA camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Students and staff had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and many activities the camp had to offer.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont.)

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR (SWPB): Six members of staff including myself, are participating in SWPB training. If a child can't read we put strategies in place to teach them, if a student can't write we do the same. If a child does something wrong the first response is often consequences. In this program the expected behaviours are explicitly taught to students and there is consistency across the school. Of course logical consequences are put into place if a student is not following our school values.

Your children may be talking about receiving tokens. All staff carry tokens on their lanyards and if they observe positive behaviours the children are given a token in acknowledgement. The student then marks it on a chart in their classroom and when they receive a certain number they can trade them in for a prize!

GRADES 2018: Teachers devote many hours to the development of new grades, taking many factors into consideration. If you have any specific requests, please put them in writing and return to 'The Principal—Confidential' and hand into the office by tomorrow Friday 3rd November, 2017. All requests will be given due consideration. Please note that only requests received by this date will be considered.

To assist with this process we ask any families/students who are moving to another area and not returning to Melton South Primary School in 2018 to notify the school office as soon as possible. This information is critical in terms of class structure and staffing. We also ask that if you have a child that will be commencing prep in 2018 at our school and have not returned your enrolment form to the office to do so immediately. We are looking forward to seeing our prep students on Wednesday 25th October for their first Prep Orientation day.

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Parents/carers are reminded that our school values include students, staff and members of our school community. Staff members are more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have but you are reminded to do so in a respectful and courteous manners. Unacceptable behaviours or abuse will NOT be tolerated in any circumstances.



Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal

PREMIERS' READING Challenge

Congratulations to the following students for completing this year's Premiers ' Reading Challenge:

Arian Afnani	Rasleen Bajwa	Ja Seng Bawbi	Ataahua Boreham-Thompson
Aiden Burgess	Onyx De Silva	Clintyn Dryden	Pison Ghebreyesus
Cooper Huppert	John Chin Paing Kenchy	Awal Kuol	Xiaotai Liao
Nina Ljubinkovic	Honour Luafalealo	Emily Mendez	Elias Mersha
Ivy Nguyen	Ruby Weston	Stevie Wharton	Amin Abdi
Ariam Asgodom	Aiden Chircop	Jujhar Dhaliwal	Jordan Flynn
Denzel Hafoka	Aiden James	Willoh Kapitan	Reet Mann
Royalpreet Mann	Adrian Mizzi	Willow Smoothy	Jace Stojkovic
Beautian Tapaatoutai	Nienke Van Dijk	Skyla Van Dijk	Rajkamal Singh Virk
Mona Alame	Saiyan Andrews	Sierra Briggs	Callum Butler
Lili Casey	Lucas Gurr	TJ Leahy	Chian Lul
Madison Macallister	Coco Mccomber	Jenna-Lee Morton	Jayde Patten
Brodie Rayner	Bailey Robinson	Hunter Rowe	Rose Sonerson
Ruby Sonerson	Kienzo Sunga	Jayden Truong	Anouk Van Dijk
Kalahni Wright	Zavier Armstrong	Mia Bosworth	Zara Carlin
Daniel Chol	Declan Curtiss	Ella Czyzewski	Shaniya Daniels
Madison Deane	Jackson Falla	Neva Fonoti	Shannel Harvey
Leilani Maiava	Kyla Matenga	Braeden Mayhew	Zaki Noori
Taleisha Stebbings	Erica Streets	Harshal Toor	Adrian Vergos-Schepisi

SCHOOL LEVEL PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES—2018

Melton South Primary School Council have decided that all students will be charged for essential student learning items in 2018. Total cost of Essential Learning Items are \$170.00 per student which include:

Stationery Packs—which vary for each level—we have arranged bulk orders to the school to help reduce the costs to families. These packs will be distributed direct to your child's classroom in 2018.

Bulk Classroom Supplies—paper, glue sticks, pencils, scissors, pens, markers, independent reading boxes, etc.

Literacy and Numeracy—subscriptions for Mathletics and Reading Eggs which students access at school and home. Also includes subscriptions to numerous other ICT programs which are only accessible at school.

Classroom Project Materials, cooking and art consumables.

Whole School Incursion—Alpha Show.

School Council Project—covered walkways near grade prep portables, PA System in the gymnasium, upgrade sick bay facilities.

We strongly encourage families to start paying for these fees now as they must be paid in full by WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2018 to ensure your child has the necessary books and stationery items to start the school year. If you have not paid for fees by the due date, your child will not have all the books and stationery items needed to start the year and will have to wait until payment is received and we are able to order more stationery packs.

Payment arrangements: The school level parent payment charges can be paid via the following options:

- Cash/Eftpos/BPay – Commencing: Monday 17th July, 2017 to 20th December, 2017 between 8:30am – 3:45pm Wednesday 24th January 2018 9:00am – 4:00pm (Parents paying by BPay do NOT need to come to the school on these days).
- Instalment Plan – Pay by 2 instalments of \$85.00. First payment due by Wednesday 20th December 2017 and second payment is due by Wednesday 24th January 2018.

TODAY WE HAVE EMAILED FAMILY STATEMENTS WHICH HAS YOUR UNIQUE BPAY CODE PRINTED ON IT. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS AT THE OFFICE.

Thank you to those families that have paid their fees or have started paying them off.



GRADE 6 GRADUATION: will be held on Monday 4th December at Galli Estate Restaurant. Cost is \$50.00 per student which will cover the students meal, DJ and graduation packs for all graduating students. Money is due by Thursday 23rd November and no late payments can be accepted as we need to advise the restaurant of exact numbers attending—please arrange to see Mrs Costigan if you are unable to make payment by the due date.



Please note that this is NOT a CSEF approved activity.

- Students are asked to arrive at the venue no earlier than 5.30pm for a 6.00pm sharp start.
- Parents/carers are invited to view the graduation ceremony starting at 6.00pm—LIMIT 2 guests per student. After the graduation ceremony parents/carers will then leave whilst the students and staff have dinner followed by a disco.
- Children will need to be collected from the restaurant at 9.00pm sharp following the disco.
- Dress code—NO DENIM or SHORTS —shirt with a collar, no formal gowns and age appropriate clothing.
Shoes— NO runners and appropriate for dancing.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

8.50am Your child has arrived in time to settle well and do their best learning.

9.00am Your child has probably arrived after most children as the school day begins at 9.00a.m.

9.01am Your child is LATE and has missed the beginning of the school day
Being late often unsettles children.

9.05am 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost school days a year.

9.10am 10 minutes late means 6 lost school days a year.

9.15am 15 minutes late means 9 lost school days a year.

After 9.15 am is unacceptable Arriving late means a late arrival entry is recorded on the school roll.

If your child is late they are missing out and a consistent pattern of lateness will affect their learning at school.

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

Arrive at 8.50 am!

EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY IS VITAL FOR STUDENTS TO FULLY ACHIEVE.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school!

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are steps you can take to ensure they don't fall behind: Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up. Develop an absence learning plan with your school and ensure your child completes the plan.



Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS: After school sports will commence this Monday 6th November and will run for 6 weeks on every Monday and Thursday until 4.30pm. To be eligible your child MUST be available to attend BOTH the Monday and Thursday sessions. Sports for this term will be netball and Minor Sports. Forms are available from the school office.



P-2 MINI ATHLETICS:

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Students in Prep to Grade 2 will be participating in a day of fun activities on Wednesday 8th

November. Students are encouraged to wear their team colours. Parents and friends are welcome to come and support our students.





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 at 2.30pm on Monday 13th November in the school gymnasium.

CLASS	Name	Reason for Award
PA	Rylan Whitfield	Working hard to write the sounds he hears in words.
PB	Skylah Tutaka	Settling well into a new school.
PC	Jai Dhaliwal	Creating a fabulous shape picture in Digital Technology.
1A	Kiara Duka	Sharing her thoughts about how her thinking changed during shared reading.
1B	Matua Te Whatu	A great start to his new school.
1C	Sarah Nebo	Her fantastic contribution to class discussions.
1D	Georgette Majaliwa	Excellent progress with her reading.
1E	Esther Hlawn Ceu	Her excellent reading and her friendly nature to all students,
2A	Coco Uerata	Her excellent writing piece on Cinderella from the step sisters point of view.
3A	Sui Tlaling	Actively engaging in class discussions!
3B	Teah Borg	Demonstrating Melton South Primary School's values in her first week.
3C	Ken Leasi	Being helpful in class and listening to feedback on his writing.
3D	Jaymz Horne	Trying hard to make the right choices.
4A	Pheonix McTaggart	Fantastic effort when answering his comprehension questions.
4B	Levi Lewis	For having a terrific attitude to the challenging activities at Doxa camp!
4C	Rhayn Tearoa	Her great effort on reading a level W!!
5B	Destiny Bryce	Producing a sensational writing piece about the school concert.
5C	Mariam Alame	Excellently applying her mental computation strategies to her maths work.
5/6A	Shanaie Curtiss	Taking on extra responsibilities within our classroom.
6B	Connor Horton	Always displaying the values of respect and responsibility.

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE - CHC50113

Government funded
Flexible day or night class (once a week)
In Melton area
Industry experienced trainer

CONTACT—0422384361

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

In primary school, some students **MISS** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of year 6.



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We allow our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and readings.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

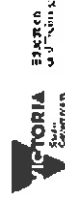
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx



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Monday 20 November	12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 November	12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 November	2.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 23 November	12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 24 November	8.30 am – 3.30 pm

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