



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

Tuesday 14th November	Grade 5/6 Excursion to Ballarat Book Fair in Library—3.30pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday 15th November	Book Fair in Library—8.15am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Thursday 16th November	Prep 2018 Orientation Day 2.00pm to 3.00pm Book Fair in Library—8.15am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Friday 17th November	Grade 3/4 MPSSA Basketball Book Fair in Library—8.15am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 4.00pm Last day for payment for Grade 4 Excursion to Science Works
Tuesday 22nd November	Coffee Chat 9.00am in staff room Payment due today for Grade 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
Monday 27th November	Melbourne Museum—Grade 1D, 1E and half of 1C School Council Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 28th November	Melbourne Museum—Grade 1A, 1B and half of 1C
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

GRADES 2018: Please note that requests for 2018 closed last Friday the 3rd of November. The requests received will be given due consideration. Grades are already being organised for 2018 as we need to have 5 more grades due to our increased enrolments.

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 Thursday the 16th of November for their second Prep Orientation day.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont.)

STAFFING FOR 2018: The leadership team are interviewing today and tomorrow for 2018 classroom positions. At this stage in 2018 we will have the following structure:

6 x Grade Prep 5 x Grade 1 5 x Grade 2 4 x Grade 3 4 x Grade 4 4 x Grade 5 4 x Grade 6

This is an increase of 5 grades. We will also be having 1.5 teachers in most of our specialist areas to cover these 32 grades. Next year French will be taught in grades Prep to 3. We have advertised for a social worker to work 3 days a week with Tina Matana and also an Occupational Therapist 2 days a week. This will help meet the needs of our ever increasing enrolments.

PRINCIPAL FORUM: Natalie, Angela and I attended a full day Melton/Brimbank Principal Forum yesterday. As part of the day we further worked on the development of our 2018 Annual Implementation Plan, where we set goals, targets and strategies in our four main priorities of Reading, Attendance, School Wide Positive behaviour and Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum.

DESIGN TEAM MEETING: Today the leadership team will meet with Ann Fox, our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), Lisa Bennett Education Improvement Leader (EIL), Danielle Stella, Principal of Taylors Hill Primary to discuss our progress since our last school review. We will look at our progress in year one of our 4 year School Strategic Plan.

UNIFORM POLICY: As we are heading into the last 6 weeks of school, students are reminded that they must attend school in full school uniform. If for any reason your child is not in school uniform a note is to be given to the classroom teacher.

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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.

Marilyn Costigan

Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal

P-2 MINI ATHLETICS—WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

On the Athletics Day we had to dress up in our house colours such as Davis, Cahill, Cochrane and Arthur.

My favourite sport was the three legged race—I liked it because you can co-operate with each other and have fun. By Joshua Valasinavicius 2B



On the mini Athletics day we jumped for hurdles and did egg and spoon races.

By Kobie Mather 2B



On Wednesday Melton South Primary School had their mini Athletics and my favourite sport was the 60m sprint. My second favourite was the vortex throw. I came first in the 3 legged race and I took 11 seconds at the hurdles. At the end of the day Miss Modesti said who won and Davis won. By Dontaye Harris-Leaupe 2B



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.



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

GRADE 5/6 VOLLEYBALL

Well done to the 5/6 Volleyball team who represented our school at Regional athletics on Thursday last week at Maribynong College. The team went into the grand final undefeated. They lost the first set and won the second set, however lost the third set 12 to 15. Well done to the team who have given up their time during lunch times to train—their efforts have really paid off.



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	Shanice Kumar	Always helping cleaning up at the end of the day.
PB	Aiden Burgess	Improving in his behaviour and showing respect to others.
PC	Royalpreet Mann	Excellent writing about living things.
1A	Hamish McWhinnie	Continue to have a go at stretching out sounds in tricky words.
1C	Eric Toor	Stretching out sounds and solving tricky words!
1D	Xavier Richards	Trying really hard to stretch out words.
1E	Carter Noa	His excellent reading and creative writing piece.
2B	Dontaye Harris-Leaupepe	Showing great sportsmanship during MSPS P-2 Mini Athletics.
3C	Nate Tucker	Demonstrating great listening skills during 'the phases of the moon' learning.
4A	Samuel Blanks	Good use of his writing time—'The Adventures of Comic Man' looks interesting.
4C	Sameeya Chaudry	Her excellent effort collecting data and making graphs!
5C	Ebony Cousins	Improved writing stamina when creating her persuasive quick write.
5/6A	Krist Dadang	His positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning.
6B	Keeritta Toafa	Working collaborating to create a 3D shape.

SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY THURSDAY AT OUR SCHOOL

