



# Melton South Primary School

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THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2019

## 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](http://www.meltonsouthps.vic.edu.au) or the Melton South Primary School [Skoolbag App](#).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9.10AM

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2019

SCHOOL FINISHES — 1.30PM

No OSH CLUB operating

### DATES FOR 2020

Wednesday 22nd January

Last day to make payment for 2020 Fees

School Office Open 9.00am to 4.00pm

Uniform Shop open 9.30am-2.30pm

Tuesday 28th January

Uniform Shop open 9.30am-2.30pm

Wednesday 29th January

Grade 1 to 6 students commence school

2020 Prep Information Session 9.30am

Thursday 30th January

Uniform Shop open 9.30am-2.30pm

Prep children commence school today

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th February

No school for Prep children (prep interviews)

Monday 2nd March

Prep children commence full time school this week

This time of year can be very hard for some families and people. Please remember that help is available.

Safe Steps: Family help line **24/7 family violence response phone line** [1800 015 188](tel:1800015188)

Kids Help line: 1800 551 800

Parentline: 1300 301 300

Websites [www.thelookout.org.au](http://www.thelookout.org.au)

[www.woah.org.au](http://www.woah.org.au) (womens health line)

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**

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 and productive 2019. Best wishes to all our grade 6 students as they move into secondary college and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Wednesday 29th January 2020.



**ASSEMBLY:** Our final school assembly will be held TOMORROW, Friday 20th December at 9.10am. We hope parents will be able to join us.

**WHOLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST:** This morning we celebrated the end of the school year with a Whole School Breakfast. Thank you to all the wonderful staff who were at school very early preparing and cooking. Students enjoyed cereal, toast, pancakes, sausages and juice.

**CLASS STRUCTURE FOR GRADES 2020:** Today students got to meet their teacher and class mates for 2020. An important skill for students to learn is to get along with others in a range of settings. Please support your child by keeping a positive perspective.

**OSH CLUB:** We have been informed by OSH Club that they are NOT operating their program for Melton South Primary School students as St Anthony's School is now closed. This will effect students who are booked in to attend on the following dates:

**Thursday 19th December 2019**

**Friday 20th December 2019**

Unfortunately we are not able to offer a before and after school program at our school. As our school is growing every day we do not have the space that is required for such a program.

Please be aware that you will need to make alternate arrangements for your child if they would be attending on the above dates.

Mrs Marilyn Costigan,  
Principal

**SCHOOL LEVEL PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES—2020**

The Department of Education and Training has issued specific guidelines, which provide details of those materials, activities and services which parents in general can be expected to pay, such as;

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 2020.

Core Items—student diary, ID card & lanyard and other items depending on year level.

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.

The Education & Training Reform Act provides free instruction in the standard curriculum to all students in government schools. Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and provision of facilities.

The Act also empowers School Councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

Melton South Primary School Council has set the charges for 2020. Total cost of Essential Learning Items are Grade 1 to 6 \$175.00 per student and Prep \$185.00 per student.

We strongly encourage families to start paying for these fees now as they must be paid in full by Tuesday 22nd January, 2020 to ensure your child has the necessary equipment and resources to start the school year. If you have not paid for fees by the due date, your child will not have all the items needed to start the year and will have to wait until payment is received before we can provide these essential learning items.