

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2020

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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

Monday 15th June

Book Club orders due

Friday 26th June

Whole School Rainbow Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Monday 13th July

CURRICULUM DAY—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 14th July

First day of Term 3

Monday 31st August to

Grade 4 Swimming Program

Friday 11th September

Wednesday 14th October

School Photo Day



RETURN TO SCHOOL

Hygiene: Hand soap and additional cleaning protocols continue to be utilised at MSPS. Sanitiser will be used upon entry and exit of their classrooms and children will be required to wash their hands frequently with antibacterial soap.

Temperature Checks: In line with DET directives all students with any signs of illness will be required to be immediately collected from school.

Lunch/Recess: No food will be permitted to be dropped at the office.

Early Pick up: Parents are requested not to pick students up early except in an emergency situation.

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

Welcome back to our whole school community. The students have settled very quickly back into their routines and are enjoying seeing their friends and teachers again.

There are still many parents who have not yet downloaded the Skoolbag App. This is our primary source of communication with our families. Please **download the Skoolbag App** in the Apple App or Google Play Store. Sign up with your email address and search for your school and add your subscription group.

We are very concerned about many students who are arriving at school well before the **gates are open at 8:45am.**

Please adhere to the designated entry and gate allocation times. We have implemented a staggered start and finish time in line with Department Guidelines for the safety and wellbeing of students, parents and staff. Social distancing is required between adults but not between students as per Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines.

A Split Timetable has been implemented across the school.

Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 have their recess break from 11-11.30am and their lunch break from 1.30-2.15pm.

Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 have their recess break from 10-10.30am and their lunch break from 12.30-1.15pm.

We have done this to **halve the number of children in the yard** at any one time.

Thank you to all the parents who have updated their email addresses on COMPASS as MSPS **reports will be emailed** to families via **COMPASS** on Wednesday June 24th. Interviews will be held in term 3 with more details to come at a later date.

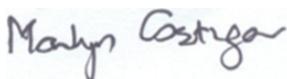
At this stage we have been informed that there are to be **no Assemblies**, Excursions, Incursions or Inter-school sports until further notice.

Students are to **bring a refillable drink bottle daily** as the bubble taps cannot be used during COVID-19.

STUDENT FREE DAY: Melton South Primary will be a **student free day on Monday, 13th of July**. This is the first day of Term 3. Students return to school on Tuesday 14th July.

SCHOOL OFFICE: **Please be advised that the school office is closed.** Should you need to talk to someone please call the school on 9743 2922 between 8.30am and 3.45pm or email to enrolments@meltonsthps.vic.edu.au

PARENT CONCERNS: If a parent has any concerns regarding an incident that happened in school please see the classroom teacher at the gate at drop off or pick up. Please do not approach other children or their parents.



Mrs Marilyn Costigan,
Principal.

FRENCH NEWSLETTER

Bon retour à MSPS grades 3, 4 and 5. We were very happy to see everyone back and adjusted well in French class. This week our students are starting a new topic on winter. We have started to use vocabulary such as froid/cold, un pull-over/ jumper, des gants/gloves and un bonnet en laine/ beanie.



In French, Grade 3 students were learning how to make statements, ask questions and collaborate in shared tasks such as building collections and swapping items.

Grades 4 and 5 have been working on the winter theme activity. They have used English-French cards to build a sentence, as well as practising and revising the pronunciation and grammar. Furthermore, our students have been practising new vowel sounds, such as ou (vous, jour), oi (toi, voiture), as well as observing differences in pronunciation of word endings shared with English such as -tion and -ent, for example, attention, situation, commencement and accident.



PREP 2021 ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for 2021. If you have a child turning 5 on or before the 30th April, 2021, please ensure you have returned your child's completed enrolment form.

Please call the school on 9743 2922 to check you are in our school and organise an enrolment pack.

This information allows us to commence planning for the coming year and it is vital that we establish student numbers for 2021 as early as possible.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform Shop is currently closed. You can still order school uniform by the Skoolbag App, over the phone or by email to uniform@meltonsths.vic.edu.au You can pay over the phone and arrange an appointment to pick up orders. Should you need to visit the Uniform Shop, please phone the school to make an appointment.

Appointments can be made on;

Monday 2.30pm to 3.45pm

Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.45pm

Thursday 8.30am to 9.00am

Please call 9743 2922 to make an appointment.



Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Nominations close on Friday 31st July 2020.

HARMONY DAY COMPETITION RESULTS

Last term, on Thursday 19th March, Melton South Primary School held a special event to celebrate the different cultures we have at our school. Many students participated in the poster competition by creating a visual representation of the importance of Harmony Day.

1A
1E
Layla Webb (2D)
Roxanne Kelsall (3D)
Talafaiva Apulu (3D)
Katherine Smith (4A)
Shay Alam (4A)
Sueellen Fuimaono (5B)
Jasmeet Mattu (6A)
Karise Esguerra (6B)
Akuol Bol (6D)



WHOLE SCHOOL RAINBOW

On Friday 26 June, the last day of Term 2, MSPS will be holding our whole school rainbow event.

We encourage families to send their children to school dressed in the colour of the rainbow assigned to their year level.

Prep - RED
Grade 1- ORANGE
Grade 2- YELLOW
Grade 3- GREEN
Grade 4- BLUE (LIGHT BLUE)
Grade 5- INDIGO (DARK BLUE)
Grade 6- VIOLET



Commencing Tuesday 9 June, Melton City Libraries will re-open with a limited service for borrowing books and DVDs through a new Click and Collect service. We will have a limit of 20 customers at a time, as per Government restrictions. Our hours will be 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 12pm to 4pm Saturday, and 1pm to 4pm Sunday, and access to the libraries will be limited to collecting reserved items only.

Please be advised of these restricted hours and services, **Melton City Libraries (Melton and Caroline Springs) will not be accessible for students as a meeting place before or after school.**

Following Government advice, we plan to commence normal operating hours at both branches from Monday 22 June, and will adjust the number of customers allowed onsite accordingly.

The safety of our staff and customers are our number one priority during this time, and we appreciate your cooperation with our adapted practices.

Kind regards,

Susie Prestney

Coordinator Library Activation and Engagement | Melton City Council

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melton.vic.gov.au/library

Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.



CommonwealthBank

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

Start Smart: these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework. **The Beanstalk:** offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

CANTEEN

The Canteen is now operating normal hours.

Students are able to order their lunch and purchase snacks during recess and lunch time.



2020 SCHOOL LEVEL PAYMENT PLANS

If you have organised a payment plan to pay your school level charges you must continue to make regular payments.

Due to COVID 19 students can no longer share books and stationery so it is essential that they have their own book packs.

We can still order book packs, please contact the office for more information on 9743 2922.

CANBERRA CAMP

We are now finalising refunds for the Canberra Camp.

If you have not previously responded to the school, your refund will be credited to your account. We will endeavour to make this refund as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions school photos have been rescheduled to Wednesday 14th October.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursion or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.



Please contact the office IMMEDIATELY to lodge your application.

Compass Parent Portal

REPORTS will be sent home to parents via Compass after 24th June.

The school has sent families' information on how to access the Compass Parent Portal.

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date information about our school. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and allow you to enter an explanation for absence or lateness.
- Update your family contact information

In the near future we hope to also send the school newsletter via the Compass News Feed and your student semester report.

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. To be ready for the change please download the app to your device, search 'Compass School Manager' in the applicable app store.

Log in information

Every family will receive a separate login to our school's Compass site in an introductory email.

Please ensure the school has your active email address as many we have on file are not working. If your email address is not current please email your current email address to enrolments@meltonsthps.vic.edu.au as this is the way we will send out your log in to Compass.

BOOK CLUB

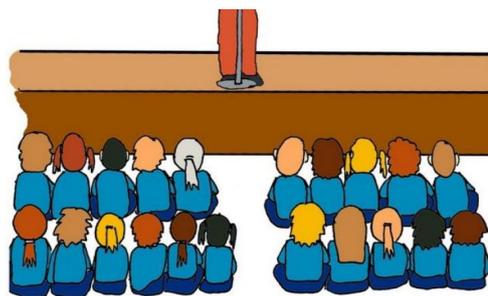
Book Club order forms have been sent home with students. Please return all orders with payment by Monday the 15th June 2020.

For your information, parents can order and pay for their book club orders online.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Due to the Coronavirus, we will not be holding assembly until further notice.



Whole School Learning Intentions

Term 2 - Week 9

LI- Learning Intention

SC- Success Criteria

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
PREP	LI: Good Readers are able to retell the orientation of a story. SC: I can identify the who, where and when.	LI: Good writers write simple sentences about an event. SC: I can write a sentence about what happened in a story. I can use a capital letter at the start. I can use a full stop at the end of my sentence.	LI: Good Mathematicians understand that a pattern is a repeated sequence. SC: I know that a pattern repeats. I can make my own pattern.
1	LI: Good Readers are able to use comprehension strategies to make meaning of a text. SC: I can infer using prior knowledge and text clues. I can infer a character's emotions.	LI: Good writers are able to plan a narrative using a graphic organiser. SC: I can write my character's name. I can describe my setting. I can write a problem for my character. I can show how my character fixes my problem.	LI: Good Mathematicians show their knowledge of number using materials. SC: I can make ten. I can group my numbers in tens and ones.
2	LI: Good readers understand that they use comprehension strategies to understand the text. SC: I can summarise the text using the somebody, wanted, but, so then strategy.	LI: Good writers understand how to respond to a text. SC: I can respond to my text using the ' somebody, wanted, but, so, then' summarising strategy.	LI: Good mathematicians understand that numbers are made up of hundreds, tens and ones. SC: I can rename numbers using hundreds, tens and ones. I can explain the value of the digits.
3	LI: Good readers understand the importance and structure of the reading block. SC: I can explain what happens in the reading block. I can show what it looks like, sounds like and feels like.	LI: Good writers understand how to brainstorm their ideas. SC: I can list my ideas in a t-chart about the positives and challenges of remote learning.	LI: Good mathematicians solve addition and subtraction problems. SC: I can use POLYA's problem solving process to solve worded problems.
4	LI: Good readers understand the importance of Independent reading. SC: I can follow the expectations for Independent reading.	LI: Good writers can reflect on their experiences and record how they feel grateful for them. SC: I can use my gratitude journal to record events where I felt grateful.	LI: Good mathematicians can create and order numbers by using their knowledge about place value. SC: I can use my knowledge about place value to create, say and order numbers.
5	LI: Good readers use their independent reading time to improve their reading skills. SC: I can follow the Reading lesson routine and expectations.	LI: Good writers use details to engage their audience. SC: I can use the 5 senses to show/ not tell what is happening in my text.	LI: Good mathematicians understand and solve worded problems. SC: I can read a question carefully to understand the problem asked. I can clarify unknown words. I can use varying strategies to solve a problem. I can work collaboratively reflect on how I reached my answer.
6	LI: Good readers understand the expectations we have for our reading hour. SC: I can check my book box for a range of reading materials. I can choose a just right book. I can check the expectations and strategy for my reading goal.	LI: Good writers reflect about their learning to provide insight into an experience. SC: I can record the important details from the story. I can record some personal responses they have following the story.	LI: Good mathematicians can record their thinking to show their metacognition when solving problems. SC: I can work towards a goal to which the solution is not immediately evident. I can select a strategy to successfully solve a problem.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Prep-Grade 6 Entry & Exit Points from Tuesday June 9th 2020

In accordance with DET Directives parents/carers are NOT permitted on school grounds until further notice.

If you have more than one child at MSPS please enter through your youngest child's allocated gate.
Older siblings will be sent to their youngest sibling's room prior to dismissal. That way you can collect your family from 1 gate.

	DROP OFF	PICK UP
GRADE 2, 6 & 5	8:45-8:55am	2:55pm
GRADE 1 & 4	8:55-9:05am	3:05pm
PREP & Grade 3	9:05-9:15am	3:15pm

