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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

Friday 20th November	Grade 1 Dress Up day
	Prep Transition by appointment only
Monday 23rd November	Prep Transition by appointment only
Tuesday 24th November	Prep Transition by appointment only
Wednesday 25th November	**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**
Thursday 26th November	Prep Transition by appointment only
Friday 27th November	Prep Transition by appointment only
Monday 30th November	Second Fee Instalment due
	Book Club orders due
Friday 18th December	**Last day of school for 2020 Early dismissal—1.30pm**
Wednesday 30th December	Third Fee Instalment due
2021	
Wednesday 20th January	School fees due today
Thursday 28th January	**First day of Term 1 2021**
Saturday 30th January	Last day to pay fees by Instalments
Wednesday 3rd February	NO SCHOOL for Prep students
Wednesday 10th February	NO SCHOOL for Prep students
Wednesday 17th February	NO SCHOOL for Prep students
Wednesday 24th February	NO SCHOOL for Prep students
Monday 1st March	Preps commence full time school

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to the current stage 4 COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform Shop is still closed.

You can still order school uniform by the SKOOLBAG APP, over the phone or by email to **uniform@meltonsthps.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.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Due to changes in the COVID-19 restrictions, we are now allowed to conduct a School Photo day this year. The date has been booked for **Wednesday 25th November.** Miss Mendez has done a wonderful job liaising with the photo company, changing the dates many times.

SCHOOL HATS: Melton South Primary School is an accredited member of The Australian Cancer Foundation and therefore follows the required regulations in regard to SunSmart behaviour.
As part of our school's SunSmart Policy, all students and staff are required to wear school broad brimmed sunhats from 1st September through to April 30th next year. As a Sun Smart school we will be enforcing our **no hat, no play** rule. Students who do not have a hat will be sat in the shaded areas and observed by duty staff. Hats are available from the school office for $12.00 each.

UNIFORM POLICY: As we are heading into the last 5 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.

WATER BOTTLES: A reminder to all parents to make sure your child/ren bring a water bottle to school, especially with the hotter weather arriving. The bubble taps are still taped up so the students can only access water via the normal taps and they need a water bottle to do this. It is important that we all remain vigilant about being COVID safe.

MOBILE PHONES: School Council's policy on mobile phones states that students may bring their mobile phones to school if needed before and after school to communicate with family etc. If mobile phones are brought to school they must be signed in at the office on arrival and collected at the end of the school day. I am asking parents for your support in the enforcement of this policy.

GRADUATION: A note will go home shortly about Graduation for our grade 6 students. It will be different to other years due to COVID restrictions. It will be held at school and we are working hard to ensure that it is a special time for all of the year 6 students.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS: We are still organising end of year events to replace previous events that cannot be held due to current restrictions. This includes the whole school breakfast. If you have any ideas on how we can celebrate the end of the year within the COVID restrictions please email me at melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au When decisions are made we will advise families.

PARKING: Please take care at drop off and pick up times. We have over 1000 students to exit and even with staggered times it is still hectic. We have staff monitoring children at nine entrance /exit points. Melton Council and Police has advised me they are aware of cars parking illegally and other offences. They will continue to do regular patrols.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, bicylces, 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.

Marilyn Costigan

Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal.

SCHOOL PHOTO'S

Have your child's school memories captured forever!
Our School Photo day will be on **Wednesday 25th November.**
Photo order envelopes will be sent home with students on Monday.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE ON THE ENVEOPES IS THE PRE COVID DATE, 4TH MAY, DISREGARD THIS DATE, IT IS WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.

Also, if your child commenced at MSPS AFTER the 4th May, we are still waiting for their personalised envelopes to arrive. If they have not arrived by Monday, they WILL be here later in the week and distributed to the relevant students. Please DO NOT call the office saying you have not received your envelope.

Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
  ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE PHOTO DAY.
- You may pay online using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
  Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- Family photo envelopes will be available at the school office upon request from Monday.
  These photos will be taken during school time on photo day.
- DO NOT seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate this on the envelope with the names and grades of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should be wearing full school uniform.

There will be no class group taken this year, instead each child will have their individual photo taken and a class photo will be available with a compilation of the individual photos of children in that class.

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Capturing School Moments

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REFUNDS FOR CAMPS & SWIMMING

Refunds for the grade 1/2 Sunnystones camp, grade 3/4 Campaspe camp & grade 4 Swimming Program have now been completed.

If we do not receive instruction from you regarding your refund, it will be credited back in to your account.

If you paid with CSEF, this will automatically be credited back to your account, you do not need to complete any forms.

GRADE 1 DRESS UP DAY

To celebrate the end of our Investigation Unit, Past and Present, the grade 1 students will be having a dress up day on Friday 20th November.

Children can come dressed in clothes from the Swinging 60's to the Groovy 80's and many more….

We look forward to seeing your fantastic costume!

Grade 1 Teachers.

BOOK CLUB:

Issue 8 Book Club has been distributed to students.

Orders are due back by **Monday 30th November.**

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING PACKS 2021

Information regarding the 2021 Essential Student Learning packs and Fee Schedule have been sent home with students.

***Due to the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, we will be subsidising this fee by $75.00.**
We are requesting parents to pay only $100 for grades 1-6 and $110 for grade Prep. Fees must be paid in full by Wednesday 20th January 2021.

This COVID-19 Subsidy will only be available in 2021.
Financial support will be available for families with a range of options for payment plans.

Payment Plan: Pay by as many instalments, which suits your budget. This can be $5, $10, $20, every week or fortnight until paid in full. We encourage you to commence progressive payments early.

Pay by Instalments: Instalment Plan 1 – Pay by 4 instalments of $25.00. First payment due by 30th October 2020,
Second payment due by 30th November 2020.
Third payment due by 30th December 2020 and last payment due by 30th January 2021.
Grade Prep students will need to pay an extra $10 for the Library bag.

Financial statements with BPay details have been emailed home to all families. If you DID NOT receive this email, please contact the school office to ensure your email address is correct.

PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY

Please refrain from picking students up prior to dismissal time unless it is an emergency.

Due to COVID-19, we are running a staggered timetable for students breaks, which often makes it impossible to locate a child when they are out in the playground.
If it is unavoidable and you do need to collect your child for an appointment etc. send a note to the child's class teacher so they are aware and can organise for your child to be waiting at the office for you.

Prep—2		**Year 3-6**	
Recess	**11.00am—11.30am**	**Recess**	**10.00am—10.30am**
Lunch	**1.30pm— 2.15pm (eat at 1.15pm)**	**Lunch**	**12.30pm—1.15pm (eat at 1.15pm)**

PREP 2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now being finalised 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 along with the relevant documents.

We have commenced planning for next year and it is vital that we establish student numbers for 2021 as early as possible.
Some of our students have indicated that they may have a sibling starting school next year.
If you are a current family and have
another child commencing school in 2021, please contact the office immediately.

CANTEEN

The Canteen is now operating normal hours.
Students are able to order their lunch and purchase snacks during recess and lunch time.

Whole School Learning Intentions

Term 4 - Week 6

LI- Learning Intention

SC- Success Criteria

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
PREP	LI: Good readers understand texts have characters and events. SC: I can identify the characters in the text. I can identify the events in order from the text.	LI: Good writers organise their ideas. SC: I can use a graphic organiser to plan my writing. I can use a graphic organiser to identify characters.	LI: Good mathematicians know ordinal numbers. SC: I can order numbers from 1st to 20th using objects.
1	LI: Good readers retell stories to show their understanding of a text SC: I can identify the main events I can retell some key details.	LI: Good writers write simple sentences about the past and the present. SC: I can compare toys from the past to the present. I can use the correct pronoun in my sentence.	LI: Good mathematicians recognise Australian coins' value does not relate to size. SC: I can order Australian coins from their smallest to largest value.
2	LI: Good readers understand that authors write for different purposes. SC:I can explain why an author writes an information text. I can explain why an author writes a fiction text.	LI: Good writers are able to write for a purpose. SC: I can write a narrative. I can include characters, setting and problem and solution.	LI: Good mathematicians are able to identify a half. SC: I can divide a whole into two equal parts. I can find half of different shapes. I know a half is two equal parts.
3	LI: Good readers understand the purpose and structure of an explanation text. SC I can identify the structure of an explanation text, including the Identifying statement.	LI: Good writers draft their writing for their targeted audience. SC: I can re-read my writing, use my graphic organiser, draft a problem for my story and include strong saying verbs.	LI: Good mathematicians are able to order numbers to build their understanding of the place value system. SC: I can use my knowledge of the place value system to place numbers in ascending order.
4	LI: Good readers know how writers make interesting book covers to draw in the reader. SC: I know the features of a book cover and how they create interest in the reader. I can create a book cover for the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.	LI: Good writers can understand the purpose of a writer's notebook. SC: I can discuss the purpose of a writer's notebook and begin to create an interest page.	LI: Good mathematicians can create a data display. SC: I can choose an appropriate data display to represent given data. I can make a graph to represent the data.
5	LI: Good readers use 'right there' information to ask and answer questions of the text. SC: I can identify a 'right there' question. I can answer 'right there' questions. I can ask 'right there' questions.	LI: Good writers use their own voice to express their ideas. SC: I can communicate emotions and moods through words and actions. I can experiment with communicating emotion and mood in my writing.	LI: Good mathematicians choose efficient strategies to measure volume. SC: I can select an appropriate multiplication strategy. I can multiply length, by width, by height. I can write my answer using the correct unit.
6	LI: Good readers analyse two texts to come up with an interesting comparative analysis. SC: I can choose two texts of interest to analyse, and present my findings to a small group of my peers.	LI: Good writers use complex and COMPOUND sentences in their writing. SC: I can identify independent clauses. I can identify dependent clauses. I can identify conjunctions. I can understand that compound sentences require two independent clauses.	LI: Good mathematicians explore efficient methods to multiply numbers together SC: I can draw a rectangle to represent the area. I can partition the number to show my proportional reasoning. I can multiply and add my partitioned values.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards.
These awards are made to students in recognition of achievement.

GRADE	STUDENT	REASON FOR AWARD
PC	Ali	For doing an excellent job in showing our school values.
PD	Samardeep	For working hard to record the sounds he hears when writing.
PE	Aaravdeep	For working hard on his reading goal. Well done!
	Ewad	For always doing his best when completing all tasks. Well done!
PG	Naomi	For her dedication to her reading this year.
PH	Braxton	For his excellent effort to improve his writing.
	Micky	For working hard to order numbers from 1st to 10th.
PI	James	For using great reading strategies.
	Ivy	For always showing kindness to her peers.
	Ruby	For making text to self connections when reading.
1A	Leo	For settling into his new school at Melton South Primary School.
1C	Zun	For her excellent simple sentences about the past and present.
1D	Yuvi	For always doing his best when completing all tasks. Well done!
1F	Skylar	For taking great pride in her handwriting.
2A	Daniel	For his amazing efforts in creating arrays in Maths.
2C	Victoria	For creating equations to describe an array.
2D	Renata	For writing an excellent story independently.
2F	Japjeet	For working hard in reading, writing and maths!
3C	Feleti	For doing a fantastic job in finding angles around the classroom.
3E	Gazi	For using powerful descriptive language in his science fiction narrative.
3F	Ja Seng	For showing great respect and communal responsibility in the classroom.
4A	Taylah-Jade	For showing great understanding during the length lesson!
	Madilyn	For creating a detailed 'My Interest Page' in your Writer's Notebook!
4B	Tyler	For using his skills with a ruler to create an excellent robot design in mathematics.
4D	Melinda	For writing an excellent summary of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.
4E	JaeJae	For showing fantastic growth in your reading.
5A	Michael	For using a range of multiplication strategies to solve problems.
5B	Benjamin	For taking responsibility in his learning.
5C	Honey	For being a great mathematician and using the Lattice method to solve multiplication problems.
5D	Laurence	For sharing and including others during collaborative lessons.
5E	Issac	For experimenting with voice in his writing!
6A	Reannon	For following editing guidelines when finalising her narrative.
Art	TJ	For an outstanding effort in Art.
Design/ Tech	Jayden K 1B	For excellent recall of information facts.
P.E.	Helena PD	For sharing with others how to be successful when overarm throwing.
Wellbeing	Aiden 3B	For sharing great ideas in whole class discussions.