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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.meltonstps.vic.edu.au or the Melton South Primary School Skoolbag App.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 26th February	Year 5/6 Summer sports—round 2
Monday 1st March	Preps commence full time school Grade 3-6 Virtual Assembly 2.45pm—3.10pm Students Only Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.45pm Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.30—3.30 After School Sports Program 3.30pm—4.30pm
Tuesday 2nd March	Breakfast Club commences
Wednesday 3rd March	PREP Students start FULLTIME Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.45pm
Thursday 4th March	Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am After School Sports Program 3.30pm—4.30pm
Friday 5th March	Year 5/6 Summer sports—round 3
Monday 8th March	Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 10th March	Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.45pm
Thursday 11th March	Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am After School Sports Program 3.30pm—4.30pm
Monday 22nd March	Grade Prep—2 Virtual Assembly 2.45pm—3.10pm Students Only Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.45pm After School Sports Program 3.30pm—4.30pm
Wednesday 24th March	Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.45pm
Thursday 25th March	Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am After School Sports Program 3.30pm—4.30pm
Friday 26th March	Last day to pay Year 5/6 Canberra Camp deposit Last day to pay for Grade 4 Swimming Program
Thursday 1st April	Last day of Term 1—Early Dismissal 2.15pm
Monday 19th April	First day of Term 2
Monday 27th April to Friday 7th May	Grade 4 Swimming Program



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

These rights apply to all the members of the Melton South Primary community. There has been several incidents over the last week where staff have been verbally abused by parents.

This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our school.

We are here to work in partnership with parents to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

NEW PORTABLES: I have been advised that we will be receiving another double storey portable. This will mean that our specialist teachers will have a room to teach in instead of travelling from room to room. I have not been told when the building will arrive.

GETTING TO KOW YOU INTERVIEWS: I am pleased we could go ahead with our interviews yesterday so parents could give teachers valuable information about their child. I hope you all took the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

GAGA PIT AND RUGBY OVAL AREA: It is pleasing to see so many students utilising the new GAGA PIT and the extended paly area on the back oval.

CAMPS: Just a reminder that all of our camps that didn't take place last year have been rescheduled for term 4 this year.

GRADE 1 and 2: Sunnystones Camp

GRADE 3 and 4: Kyneton Camp

GRADE 5 and 6: Canberra Camp

SWIMMING PROGRAM: A swimming program has been organised for the grade 4 students in April. It will be held at the Genesis pool.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS: Good luck to all the students who are representing our school today in Interschool Sport. We will have tennis, cricket and volleyball teams. I know they will all show excellent sportsmanship.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE:

The 2020 school year was an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community.

Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 last year learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities have made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time.

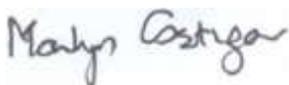
During Term 4, schools across Victoria focused on supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, in addition to assisting students to readjust to on-site learning. Teachers also focussed on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments.

We know that the remote learning experience was different for every student. While some students thrived, some students may not have engaged as fully with remote learning. For most of our students, regular high-quality teaching in 2021 will be enough to help them progress to the expected level of learning. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support in 2021.

[As you may be aware, in response to this, the Victorian Government is investing \\$250 million in the Tutor Learning Initiative to enable schools across Victoria to engage around 4,100 teachers as tutors in 2021 to support students who need extra assistance with their learning. Schools will determine how this initiative is best implemented for their students and will ensure that students will get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning or school activities.](#)

By engaging additional teachers to support children with intensive learning, classroom teachers will have greater capacity to ensure that all other students' achievement, engagement and wellbeing needs are met, so that all students receive the support they need in 2021.

Melton South Primary has been allocated funding for 5.1 fulltime tutors to cater for these students. Parents will also be advised over the next few weeks if their child is on this program.



Mrs Marilyn Costigan, Principal.

2021 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING PACKS

If you have not already done so, please pay the school level charges as soon as possible. Bulk order supplies are arranged by the school in order to reduce costs to families. So that your child starts the year with all items, please ensure you pay the school level parent payment charges of \$110 (prep students) and \$100 (grade 1 to 6 students) to the office as soon as possible. Due to Covid-19, it is essential that your child has their own essential items as they are unable to share. These charges also cover school diaries, lanyard, access to computer programs for literacy and numeracy, bulk class room supplies and Art supplies.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, we will be subsidising this fee by \$75.00. PLEASE NOTE that this subsidy is ONLY available this year.

If you have elected to pay via instalments, please ensure you are making regular payments.

Unless you have made arrangements with one of our leadership team, your child will not receive the book pack until the charges have been paid in full.



Unsold book packs will be returned to our supplier next week.

Thank you to all families who have finalised their payments.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The Uniform Shop is only open on the days and times listed below.

You can still order school uniform by placing an order over the phone or by email to uniform@meltonsthps.vic.edu.au

Should you need to visit the Uniform Shop, opening time are;

- **Monday 2.30pm to 3.45pm**
- **Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.45pm**
- **Thursday 8.30am to 9.00am**



CANBERRA CAMP 2021—Grade 5 & 6 Students Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October 2021

As you may be aware, unfortunately the 2020 Canberra Camp was unable to go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions, because of this we have rescheduled the camp to this year!



Notes were sent home last week with expression of interest in the form of a \$150 deposit from families now to estimate potential numbers of students that will be attending this camp.

The cost of this camp will be determined by the number of students that will be attending.

We would like to finalise the numbers as soon as possible in order to calculate the exact cost of the camp.

From previous Canberra camps, we anticipate that the cost will be approximately \$650, subtracting the Government PACER rebate of \$30 per student, this will reduce the total cost to \$620. This cost is dependent on at least 100 students attending the camp and may change slightly according to the number of students attending.

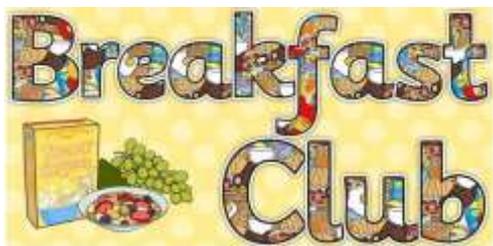
To assist in paying for the camp, a payment plan will be available when numbers are finalised to those who wish to take advantage of this. CSEF can also be used to contribute to payments.

DEPOSITS MUST BE PAID BY Friday 26th March 2021.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Students Breakfast Club 'Grab and Go Menu' is starting next Tuesday 2nd of March.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from **8.30-8.55am** will be serving fruit cups, mini milk, cereal in cups and fresh fruits in our School Gym Foyer.



PREP INTERVIEWS

A reminder to parents & guardians of our Prep students commence school FULL TIME from Monday 1st March 2021.

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. 2021 CSEF application forms are available from the school office. Please ensure that forms are fully and correctly completed in legible writing, incomplete applications may not be processed. You also need to present your current Health Care Card to the office for photocopying.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 1st March in the gym foyer from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.



PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY

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

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

Recess 11.00am—11.30am
Lunch 1.30pm— 2.15pm (eat at 1.15pm)

Year 3-6

Recess 10.00am—10.30am
Lunch 12.30pm—1.15pm (eat at 1.15pm)

FRENCH NEWSLETTER:

Bonjour tout le monde,

This week our students have been learning how to count in 10's, as well as building a sentence using a range of vocabulary choices. We also learnt how say our age such as **Quel age as tu? J'ai.....ans**. Next week, we will be moving on to the topic colours and learning more about the history of the French flag.

Au revoir!



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Grade 3—6 students who have received awards.

These awards are made to students in recognition of achievement.



GRADE	STUDENT	REASON FOR AWARD
3A	Dontay	For his commitment to all learning tasks and being an active participant during whole class discussions.
3C	Loklan	For his fantastic information report on Cars.
3F	Ghazala	For her great participation during class discussions and her positive attitude towards learning tasks.
3G	Manha	For being an enthusiastic student who always puts in her best effort with every task.
3H	Josh	For his willingness to participate in discussions to share his learning.
4A	Nina	For being an enthusiastic student who always puts in her best effort to complete her writing work.
4C	Kyan	For being an enthusiastic and hardworking student in all areas of his schooling.
4D	Paul	For showing perseverance and resilience in maths.
4E	Chester	For following instructions and contributing positively in class.
5A	Shaj	For always thinking of others and consistently upholding the school values.
5B	Francisco	For his empathy and consideration for classmates and acting without hesitation.
5D	Matua	For making new students feel welcome and helping others without being asked.
5E	Rilee	For consistently following our school values and classroom expectations to a high standard.
5F	Shaira	For her commitment to home reading and starting the year off with great effort.
6B	Grace	For commitment and maturity towards everything we have done as a team.
6C	Aiden Hargundeeep	For demonstrating the classroom expectation of caring for our space. For demonstrating the classroom expectation of kindness.
6D	Jayden Briley	For always demonstrating a positive attitude to his learning. For displaying exemplary behaviour during our Shaun Tan excursion.
6E	Anna William	For her excellent dedication to her home reading and matrix. Well done on receiving the first Peer Leadership badge. For continuously upholding the school values throughout the week.

Whole School Learning Intentions

Term 1- Week 5
LI- Learning Intention
SC- Success Criteria

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
PREP	LI: Good readers use reading goals so that they become better readers. SC: I know what my reading goal is and I can use it to help me read.	LI: Good writers write sentences that make sense so that they and others can understand what is written. SC: I can match the words to their matching spot in the sentence. I can write a sentence. I can write/create a sentence that makes sense.	LI: Good mathematicians match numerals and quantities to 5. SC: I can match each numeral with the correct amount of ducks in order from numbers 1-5.
1	LI: Good readers infer characters' feelings using evidence from the text. SC: I can use text and picture clues to infer characters' feelings.	LI: Good writers write information texts to inform the reader. SC: I can explain the purpose of an information text. I can write facts about a chosen topic.	LI: Good mathematicians recognise numbers in different ways. SC: I can show the same number in different ways.
2	LI: Good readers understand there are different types of sentences. SC: I can distinguish between the different types of sentences. I can distinguish between simple and compound sentences.	LI: Good writers publish their work so their audience can read it. SC: I can write neatly on my dotted thirds. I can copy the edits made to my work.	LI: Good mathematicians understand numbers to 1000. SC: I can read, write, make and order numbers to at least 1000.
3	LI: Good readers understand how noun groups provide details about a character's appearance. SC: I can identify the noun in a sentence. I can discuss the noun groups the author has used to describe the character's appearance.	LI: Good writers understand the writing process. SC: I can revise and edit my writing. I can add Diagrams and Labels to help engage my audience.	LI: Good mathematicians interpret data to show their understanding SC: I can look at a data display and make observations.
4	LI: Good readers understand the structure of a narrative. SC: I can understand that a narrative has an orientation, complication and solution.	LI: Good writers can publish their writing pieces. SC: I can publish my writing to go on the writing wall.	LI: Good mathematicians can expand numbers to show the value of any given digit. SC: I can expand a number to identify the values of each digit. I can create a poster that shows the place values of my number.
5	LI: Good readers use prior knowledge and text clues to make predictions about a text. SC: I can use pictures, the title, the blurb and other text clues to form my prediction. I can justify my prediction with supporting evidence	LI: Good writers think about their audience when drafting and revising their text. SC: I can state the audience of my text. I can revise my writing to improve fluency.	LI: Good mathematicians can compare and order decimals. SC: I can identify the value the number holds.
6	LI: Good readers understand that reading fluency is the ability to read accurately, smoothly and with expression. SC: I can use the components of fluency when role playing. I can read aloud with expression.	LI: Good writers use vocabulary to express shades of meaning. SC: I can use verbs and adverbs to express shades of meaning in a sentence. I can communicate precise emotions through verb and adverb selection.	LI: Good mathematicians show their understanding of place value through renaming. SC: I can make a 3 or 4 digit number using M.A.B. I can rename 3 or 4 for digit numbers by using place value.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP?

We use our school App to communicate directly to parents and inform you of what is happening around our school.

If you have not downloaded our App, it is imperative you do so NOW.

Our newsletter will be published on the App every Thursday and we do not send home hard copies with students. There will be printed copies available from the office on Thursday afternoons.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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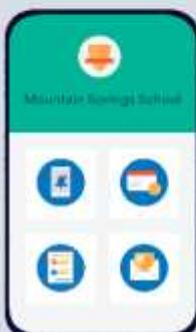
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