



THURSDAY 15 JULY 2021

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

# ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDER

Wednesday 11th August

Friday 13th August

Wednesday 18th August

**Wednesday 25th August**

**Thursday 26th August**

Wednesday 25th—Friday 27th August

Tuesday 31st August

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 17th September

Monday 4th October

Payment due for Grade 2 Excursion to Melbourne Museum

Payment for Grade 3 Mad About Science incursion due

Last day for extended CSEF Applications

Grade 2 Excursion to Melbourne Museum

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

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Grade 3 Mad About Science incursion

Father's Day Stall Prep to G2 students

Father's Day Stall G3 to G6 students

Last day of term 3—school finishes at 2.15pm

Term 4 commences

## PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PICKING STUDENTS UP PRIOR TO DISMISSAL TIME UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY.**

As we are running a staggered timetable for students breaks it is very difficult 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)**

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**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Personal property is often brought to school by staff, students and visitors. DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and has no capacity to pay for loss or damage to such property. If your child brings a bike or scooter to school please send a lock so it can be secured in the bike shed.

**WELLBEING:** The [Mental Health Toolkit](#) has advice and resources to support student mental health and wellbeing. This includes advice on positive mental health promotion, curriculum support, how to identify and accept support as well as parent and student specific pages.

**ILLNESS:** Although we are focussing on improving attendance at Melton South Primary School if your child is sick, the best place for them is at home. All of the classrooms are heated but students will still need to bring a jumper or jacket for playtimes.

**SCHOOL OFFICE:** The school office is currently closed. If you need to come to the school please ring the door bell or call the school office on 9743 2922.

**PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL:** As the school is growing larger every week, we ask all parents and carers to be very cautious when dropping and picking students up, especially now with all the wet weather we are having. We are aware of the congestion in the streets and the car park around the school and ask that everyone obeys the road rules and is patient with others. Please note that the parking area at the back of the gym does not belong to the school.



**SCHOOL CROSSINGS:** It has been brought to my attention that some students are still not using the school crossings and putting themselves at risk running across the road. As there is so much traffic at the start and end of the school day we want to ensure our students are safe.

*Marilyn Costigan*

Mrs Marilyn Costigan,  
Principal



**HEAD LICE:** We have had quite a few reported cases of head lice in the school this week. Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases—they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. Head lice are common in school aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures.

What can you do? We seek your co-operation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform the school and advise when the treatment has started.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, the child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs. Melton South Primary School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

***For more information, please see attached flyer.***

### **GRADE 2 EXCURSION—MELBOURNE MUSEUM:**

On Wednesday 18th August the grade 2 students are going on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum. As part of their investigations unit "What a Pair" students will be attending the Dinosaur Walk exhibition to participate in a prehistoric walk of a land before time.



The buses will be departing school at 9.00am and returning before 3.15pm for a normal school day dismissal. Please pack your child's snack and lunch in separate plastic bags clearly labelled with the students name and class.

Students will need to bring a water bottle and will need to be in full school uniform and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Permission notes have been sent home with students and **MUST** be returned with payment of \$15 by **Wednesday 11th August**. No payments will be accepted after this date.

### **SUNNYSTONES CAMP Grades 1 and 2:**

This overnight camp has been reduced to \$160 from \$190.

If you have already paid for this camp in full you will receive a \$30 credit or refund.



### **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform Shop is **open by appointment only**.

If you would like to make an appointment please call the school office on 9743 2922 to arrange a time.



Appointments are available at the usual open times:

Monday 2.30pm to 3.45pm

Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.45pm

Thursday 8.30am to 9.00am

You can still order school uniform by:

Email to [uniform@meltonsthps.vic.edu.au](mailto:uniform@meltonsthps.vic.edu.au)

or over by calling the school office.

## PREP 2022 ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for 2022!

If you have a child turning 5 on or before the 30th April, 2022 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 2022 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 2022, please contact the office immediately.

**If you are a current family and your child will not be returning to Melton South Primary School in 2022 please advise the office.**



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

THE NEW DATES FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE:

**WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST AND THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST**

Individual student photo envelopes have been sent home with students—you will not receive new envelopes.

**Each student must present their own personalised envelope to the photographer ON PHOTO DAY.**

**Parents must order online or pay with the correct money on photo day in the sealed envelope.**

**NO CHANGE WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

- **FAMILY Photo's will be taken on Wednesday 25th August**, so please ensure you return your Family Photo envelope ON THIS DAY. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.
- **GRADUATION Photo's and SCHOOL GROUPS** (SWPBS representatives, Choir and JSC) will also be taken **on Wednesday 25th August**.
- **CLASS photos and INDIVIDUAL photos** will be taken on **Thursday 26th August**, so all envelopes will need to be returned ON THIS DAY.
- **HOUSE CAPTAIN photos** will be taken before school on **Thursday 26th August**, so all house captains need to be at school and go to the gym at 8:30am.



## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

To support schools through COVID-19 restrictions, the Department has extended the deadline for schools to submit Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications to **FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2021**.

**The CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.**

**Families with a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, as well as temporary foster parents, are eligible to apply.**

**There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.**

**The means-tested concession cards must be valid on either:**

- **the first day of Term 1 (Wednesday 27 January 2021)**
- **the first day of Term 2 (Monday 19 April 2021)**
- **the first day of Term 3 (Monday 12 July 2021)**



**BONJOUR TOUT LE MONDE. CONTENT DE TE REVOIR!**

Madame Spencer and Monsieur Chau were so happy to see everyone back in our French class this week. We would like to thank those students who have submitted their work during online learning. Your work was amazing and terrific! You are all great achievers. Keep up the good job and merci beaucoup!

This week, our junior Grade 2 students have been learning about the days of the week. We have learnt how to pronounce and order the days of the week, as well as practising some of our French greetings.

Next week, for the Olympics, all of us will be looking at different sports in French and learn how to say key words such as courez ( to run) and sautez (to jump), as well as listening to commands and instructions. Voila! Au revoir a tous!



**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
PF	Daisyla	Always showing MSPS values and being respectful to her peers.
PI	Savannah	Using her reading strategies to help decode unknown words.
1A	Abdul	Great home reading. He has read for 150 nights!
1A	Ridhaan	Showing a great understanding of simple sentences in his writing.
1D	Scarlett	Writing independently with confidence! Well done!
1D	Zephaniah	A great effort to hear and record sounds in his writing.

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

### What you need to know

#### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

#### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

#### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

**Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma** whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school.

They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

**Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms** such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

#### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



# Treating and controlling headlice

health

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

## Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

## Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

## Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

- Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
- Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.



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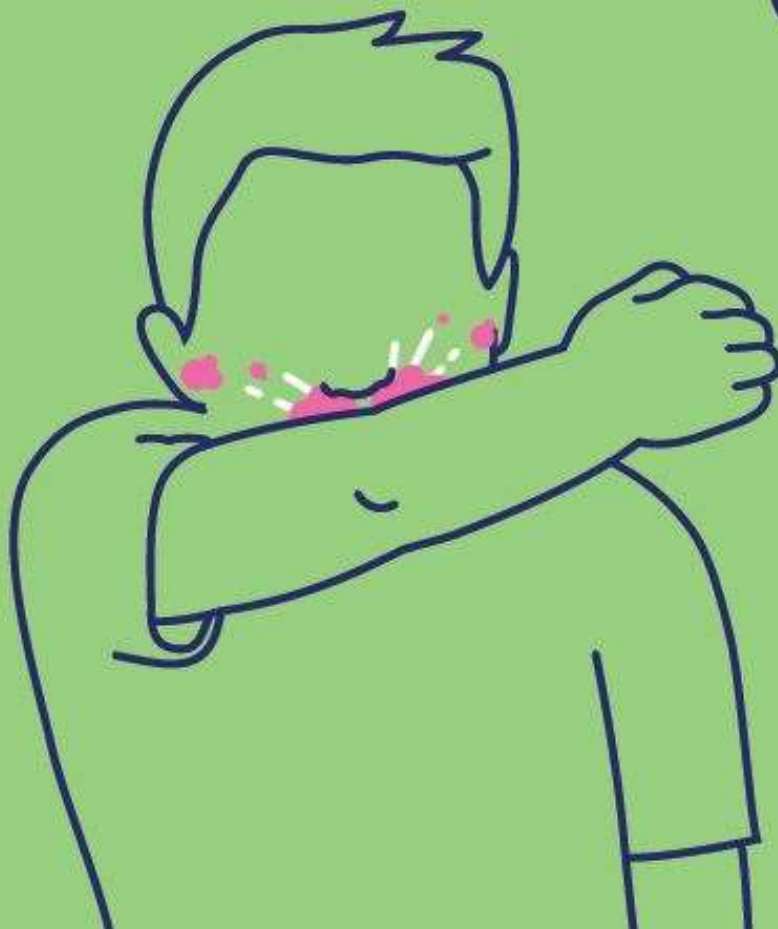
Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

# KEEP THAT COUGH UNDER COVER.

Always cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue and put the tissue in the bin straight away. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds afterwards.

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP  
THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.**

For more information about **Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



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