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THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

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 or the Melton South Primary School Skoolbag App.

DATES TO REMEMBER ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDER

TOMORROW FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM 4 SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.15PM

DATES FOR 2022

Friday 28th January	OFFICE HOURS	OPEN	9.30am—12.30pm
		CLOSED	12.30pm—2.00pm
		OPEN	2.00pm—3.30pm
Monday 31st January	OFFICE HOURS	OPEN	9.30am—3.45pm
Tuesday 1st February			Term 1 commences for all students
Wednesday 2nd February			No school for Prep students
Wednesday 9th February			No school for Prep students
Wednesday 16th February			No school for Prep students
Wednesday 23rd February			No school for Prep students
Monday 28th February			Preps commence full time school



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

COVID: What a challenging year this has been for us all. I really want to say a big thank you to parents and carers who supported their children during remote learning. You all did an amazing job! We had 14 positive COVID cases during this term. One grade missed out on school photos due to being in isolation. We have taken grade photos and a class photo which we will send home to students.

I wish all students, families and staff a happy and safe holiday break. Also would like to wish the students from Melton South Primary commencing at the new Strathtulloh Primary School next year all the best.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE: We have been advised that the Tutoring Program will continue in 2022. We will use our assessment data to decide which students will be on this program.

VARIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY: On Tuesday we hosted a Variety Christmas Party at Melton South Primary. Over 120 students were involved in the activities provided by OHC representatives and then presents were given out. Chanel 9 was in attendance to film the event and there was a live cross to 3AW.

SWPBS Award: Congratulations to Zach Gonzala for winning the SWPBS award at Graduation last week.

Preps /Grade 1/ Grade 2 Mini Athletics Days: A big thank you to Mr Demarchi, Mr Hildebrand and Miss Flefil for organising the Athletics days. I opened the school email and a parent informed me that her daughter came home yesterday and said the athletics day 'was the best day of grade 2!!!'

REPORTS: Semester 2 reports were uploaded on compass yesterday.

GRADE 6 FAREWELL PARADE: The grade 6 students farewell will commence at 1.05pm starting around our school oval and then proceeding to the rugby oval behind the school. Parents can watch their children from the fence line and the **grade 6 students** will be dismissed from the rugby oval. All other year levels will be dismissed from their normal gates.

SCHOOL PHOTO'S: Photo's were sent home with students on Tuesday. If you did not receive your photos or have a problem with your order please contact the photo company, MSP Photography Ballarat on 5333 5577.

Do not contact the school office.

OSH CLUB: Melton South Primary School now have our own OSH club catering for before and after school care. If you interested these are the contact details:

Phone: 0498 230 065

melton.south@oshclub.com.au

<https://www.oshclub.com.au>

Marilyn Costigan

Mrs Marilyn Costigan,
Principal.



2022 BOOK PACKS

This year Melton South Primary School is switching to an **online only** ordering system for Book Packs with our stationery supplier Paperchase Office National.

Please place your order online no later than 12th January 2022 to guarantee free delivery to the school before the start of Term 1.

Orders placed after the cut off date may incur a \$5 late fee, and are not guaranteed to be delivered before the start of Term 1 2022.

Parents can contact the school office for assistance to place the book list order if they do not have any access to the internet at home.

Online Ordering Procedure

1. Go to <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au>

2. ENTER THIS SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: **BTSMELTSPS**

School code must be entered. Searching for school will not work

3. Click 'Create Order', Enter students first and last name, choose year level from the drop-down list and follow the prompts to place your order.

Please check your E-mail for order receipt.



GRADE 6 CANBERRA CAMP 2022

An email was sent home to all parents and guardians of 2022 grade 6 students who have paid the \$150 Canberra camp deposit. This was to confirm that your child has secured a place on the camp. As this is only 12 weeks away, it is important to begin making payments—full payment must be finalised by Friday 18th February. CSEF can also be used to contribute to payments. Notes have been sent home with students with a suggested payment schedule you

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is now closed.

It will reopen on Monday 31st January from 9.30am to 3.45pm.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions/ incursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a **valid** means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

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

NEW APPLICANTS should complete the attached application form and return to the school office with a copy of your valid concession card.

If you applied for CSEF at MELTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, you do not need to complete an application form UNLESS there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application for if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, **or new siblings commencing next year.**

An Application Form is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



COMPASS LOGIN: Parents and carers are asked to login to compass. Once you have logged in you will be able to report your child's absence, access school reports and order school photos.

If you do not have your login details please send an email to: enrolments@meltonsthps.vic.edu.au with your name and your child's name. We will then email you back your username and temporary password and instructions on how to login to Compass.



CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open tomorrow for counter sales at recess only.

Due to the early dismissal there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS, please ensure you send your child with their lunch.



French Newsletter

Bonjour tout le monde,

C'est fini! We have just come to the end of a wonderful Term in French.

This week, our Junior and Senior year levels have been learning about Christmas celebration in France. We have been using the Linguascope app to memorise new words, play the noughts and crosses game, as well as practise our French pronunciation. From the Joyeux Noel topic, our students have recognised important words for Christmas such as le Pere Noel, le renne, le sapin, les cadeaux, le bonhomme de neige, les lutins, la boule, la chaussette, l'étoile and le traineau.

The children absolutely loved the Linguascope Live games. They have been playing the Bingo and Dragon games just so they can win against their classmates. It's super fun!



Recently 5C and 6E classes have received their Pen Pal Christmas cards from their correspondence schools in Sete, South of France and Paris. They have been reading and sharing seasonal greetings with their friends. Our students would like to give a big thank to Maitre (Sir) Mustapha and Maitresse (Miss) Valerie for their time and effort in creating this wonderful Pen Pal project. It was a great experience.

From our French Team we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We cannot wait to see all our students again in 2022. Salut a tous!

2022 French Language Program and other languages for students (P- 12)

Dear MSPS parents,

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) offers **face-to-face**, as well as **distance** classes in Melbourne, Geelong and regional areas. Most classes operate on a Saturday, from 9am to 12.20pm. Some weeknight classes operate after school hours, except for school and public holidays or long weekend. The centre classes have 41 campuses around Victoria with 50 languages on offer. All students who are Australian citizens or who have residency status must complete an online Enrolment on the VSL website. Please visit www.vsl.vic.edu.au for enrolment dates and request enrolment.

If you have any questions please contact the enrolment office on (03 9474 0500). They will be able to give advice on the most appropriate study options for your child at your school or the enrolment criteria.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Melton South Primary School

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School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent under a temporary care order* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards OR be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.