



## Melton South Primary School

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### OUR MISSION:

Melton South Primary School is a progressive community who lead the way.

Together we create motivated, respectful learners who achieve excellence.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

December 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

### Reports available via COMPASS

Last day of school – **Finishing at 1.15pm**

### All students begin school 2023

Preps attend Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of week 1 at 9.15am

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Everyone has the right to be SAFE

Everyone has the right to be RESPECTED

Everyone has the right to LEARN

**END OF TERM:** I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, families and staff a **Merry Xmas and Happy New Year**. Whatever your plans are, take the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. It has been a challenging year for many so take care and rest up. I am very proud of what we have achieved this year. It has been so good to have excursions, camps, Alpha Show, swimming program resume after the last few years. A special thank you to all our Wellbeing team members who have supported so many students, families and staff this year. We are fortunate to have Tina, Tonya, Megan, Susan and Sue on our staff.

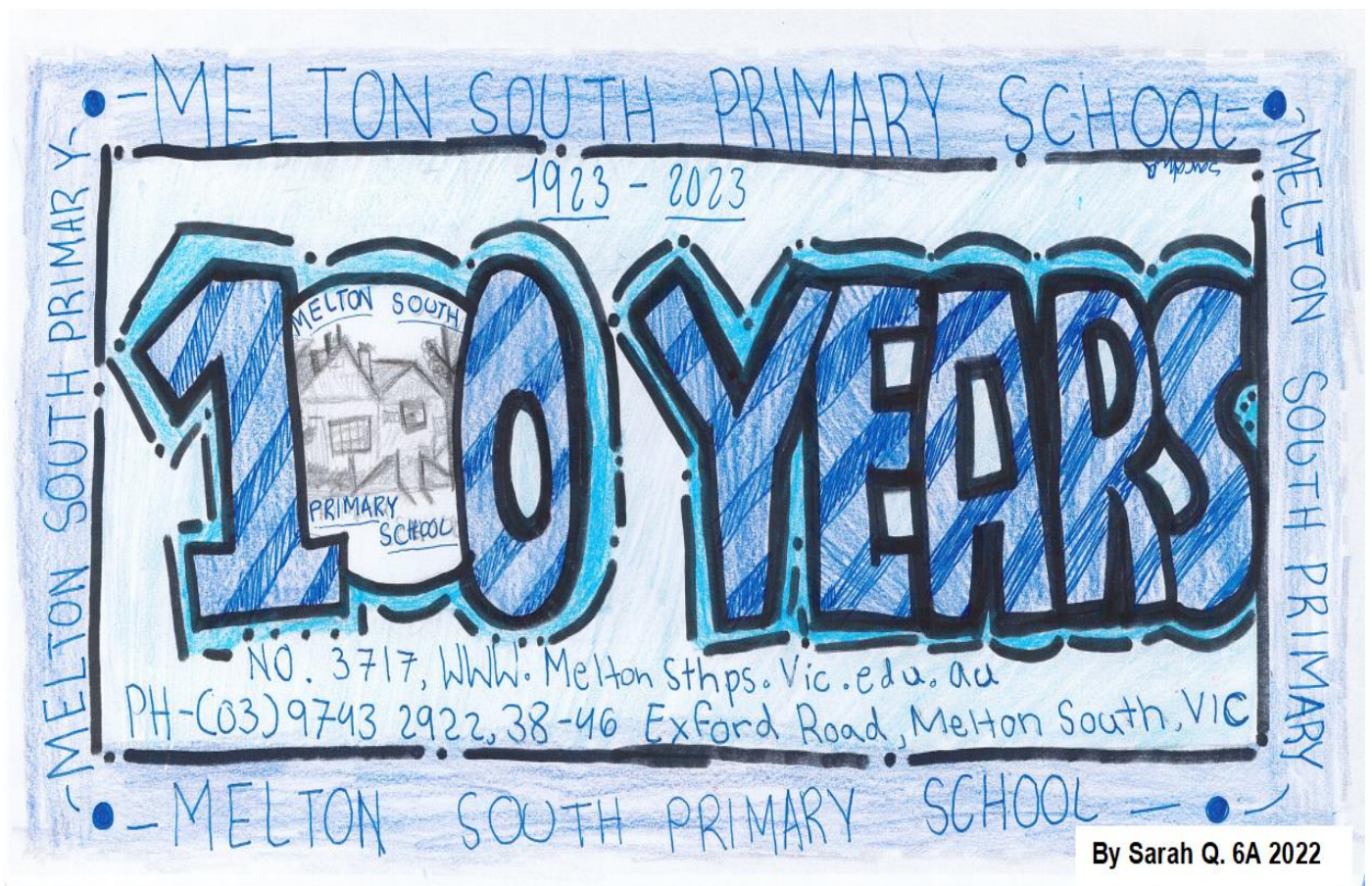
**TERM 1 2023:** All students will commence school on Tuesday the 31st of January. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the first week Preps will commence at 9:15am. **Teachers will be participating in two Curriculum Days commencing on Friday the 27th of January.**

**STAFFING:** We are still finalising staff for 2023. This week we have employed two Performing Arts teachers. This is a new specialist area for 2023, the others are Physical Education, French and STEAM.

**BOOK PACKS:** Book packs that have been ordered by the required date will be delivered to the school and delivered to the students' classrooms.

**2023 Centenary:** It is going to be a year of fun and celebrations. We look forward to meeting with past students, families and staff throughout the year at various events we have planned.

**REPORTS:** You can access your child/children's **Semester 2 reports on COMPASS TODAY.**



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

GRP-2	NAME	REASON FOR AWARD	GR3-6	NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
PA	Indi	Displaying kindness, care and sensitivity towards others.	3B	Failauga (Una)	His positive attitude to learning and for trying his best.
PB	Octavia	Fantastic understanding of stories presented in song lyrics.	4B	Indie	For an excellent effort when working on her reading goal of summarising.
				Kaiden	For consistently displaying the values of our school.
PC	Ricky	Respecting other people's belongings	4C	Jasper	For his writing the poem Cricket.
				Jennifer	For assisting the grade 2 students in making Christmas tree cards.
PF	Cadey	For making excellent patterns during maths.	5A	Liam	For his incredible hard work to improve his reading.
				Junior	For being a consistent role model and following our school values.
1C	Ella Cooper	For showing significant improvement in her writing skills. Well done Ella!	6A	Shaira	For her wise and emotive poetry.
1D	Mehak	For being such a caring and helpful student this year.	6B	6B	Excellent behaviour at Graduation and Orientation Day.
PE	Amosa Prep F	For displaying an excellent two-handed striking technique.	6C	Vaoina	For being a consistent role model and following our school values.
LOTE	Yvonne 1D	For her active contribution and being a great role model this year in the French class. Bravo!	6D	Karma	For her great use of growth mindset in learning a new skill.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Resources

Over the term break many people in our community may find they experience issues that require some support. Family get-togethers can be very stressful at times as well as joyful. Here is a list of resources that are available if you need them.

External services and resources that can support staff, students and families include:

[Safe Steps](#) (1800 015 188) – provides 24-hour statewide family violence support

[1800 RESPECT](#) (1800 737 732) – provides 24-hour sexual assault and family violence information, counselling and support

[The Orange Door](#) – supports families experiencing family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children

[Kids Helpline](#) (1800 551 800) – provides 24-hour counselling for young people aged 5 to 25

[What's OK At Home?](#) – a website for children and young people aged 10 to 17

[headspace](#) – provides access to counselling services for Victorian government secondary school students.

### Support for members of diverse communities includes:

[Djirra](#) (1800 105 303) – offers phone and face-to-face legal, emotional and cultural support from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, for Aboriginal people experiencing family violence

[InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence](#) (1800 755 988) – offers specialist family violence support from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, for migrant and refugee women

[Rainbow Door](#) (1800 729 367) – free service by text, phone and email from 10 am to 5 pm daily, for LGBTIQ+ people and allies

[No to Violence](#) (1300 766 491) – works with and helps men who use family violence

[WIRE \(Women's Information and Referral Exchange\)](#) (1300 134 130) – free support, referrals and information by phone, web chat and email, from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, for all Victorian women, non-binary and gender-diverse people.

### Grade 3/4 Camp - Campaspe Downs

The grade 3 and 4 students were given an opportunity to attend school camp at Campaspe Downs from 30th November to 1st December 2022. School camp has many benefits in providing outdoor education to students. It gives them the opportunity to make new friends, foster independence, build confidence and have fun! Here are a few pictures to show some of what we got up to, and the fun that we had.



Team Building Challenge



Roasting marshmallows



Low ropes

Low ropes



Canoeing



Team Building Challenge



Team Building Challenge



Canoeing



Aero Ball



Aero Ball



Laser Tag



Laser Tag



Team building



Team building



Possum Glider



Canoeing



Campfire



Laser Tag



Low ropes course

# French

Bonjour tout le monde,

We have just come to the end of a wonderful term in French! Our grade 3/4 students have been learning how to say what foods they like and dislike, describe the colour of an object, and ask politely for something. Whereas grade 5/6's, our students have been learning about time travelling. We have been saying numbers larger than 100, matching the subject and verb in a sentence, recognising when someone is saying the date, as well as giving the year about historical events that happened in France. Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students have enjoyed learning French songs and sharing how they are feeling. They have also been learning how to say animal names and are looking forward to getting a class pet next year. Will we get un chien, un chat, une tortue?? We will have to wait and see.

For the last couple of weeks in the French club, our students have had a great time working on the miniature classroom. We used recycled materials such as cardboard, shoe boxes and plastic bags to make a fabulous French room. Our students were very imaginative, creative and thoughtful about their design. In addition to the project, we have also worked on the Monet's garden. Our students have recreated the water lily pond artwork by using different crayon colours, as well as saying them in French. Bravo a tous! Bien fait!



**The Victorian School of Languages (VSL)** is a government school with a strong history of commitment to the provision of language programs for students in Years 1 to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in their mainstream schools. The school's language program is delivered through face-to-face teaching in language Centres across Victoria and through Distance Education mode. The school had its beginnings in 1935 when it started Saturday classes at MacRobertson Girls' High School for pupils who desired to learn modern languages. The first classes offered were in Italian and Japanese. Currently the VSL offers over 40 languages around Victoria to 13,000 students in face-to-face classes and 1400 students in distance education. If you wish to enrol your child in 2023 please contact +03 9474 0500 or visit <https://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/>

We wish all our students and families a 'Joyeux Noel et nouvel an'