



## 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

## Thursday October 12th 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Mini Athletics Prep & Grade 1

**Centenary GALA 10am-3pm**

Whole school assembly 2.30-3.00pm

Grade 4 Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion

Grade 3/4 Touch Rugby

Grade 2 Mini Athletics

Grade 1 Animal incursion

**REPORT WRITING DAY – student free**

**Melbourne Cup day – student free**

Grade 5 Melbourne excursion

Grade 3&4 T-20 Cricket

**DJERRIWARAH FESTIVAL (MSPS parade entry)**

**Session 1: Prep Orientation 9.15-10.45am**

Grade 3&4 Soccer

Whole school assembly 2.30-3.00pm

**CURRICULUM DAY – student free**

**Session 2: Prep Orientation 9.15-10.45am**

Whole school assembly 2.30-3.00pm

Grade 6 GRADUATION

**Session 3: Prep Orientation 9.15-10.45am**

**Grade 6 Orientation**

REPORTS open on COMPASS for parents/carers to access

**Last day of term 4 – Early dismissal 1.15pm**



Melton South Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri People as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn and play. We value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. We recognise the First People's connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Elders, both past, present and emerging.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# Everyone has the right to be **SAFE** Everyone has the right to be **RESPECTED** Everyone has the right to **LEARN**

**SUN SMART:** Melton South Primary is an accredited Sun Smart School. Students need to wear a navy broad brimmed hat at recess and lunch times and during their Physical Education sessions. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$12.

**GALA DAY:** Our Gala Day celebrating 100 years is being held on Saturday the 21st of October. Tickets are free however need to be pre-booked for planning purposes at <https://compasstix.com/e/z0tbdklupe>  
Please note that only assistant dogs will be permitted onto school premises.

**2024:** If you know your child/ren will not be attending Melton South Primary in 2024 please let us know at the office or email: [melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) This will assist us with planning for 2024.

**HOMEWORK:** After discussions at School Council about homework I asked my Student Voice group of students to develop a short survey to have student input on what they think about homework. The survey was for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. We had 197 students fill in the survey. I will present the data to the group to analyse.

**OPINION SURVEYS:** We have now received the results from the Staff, Parent and Student Opinion Surveys. We will use this data to inform our planning for 2024. Thank you to everyone who supported the school by completing this survey.

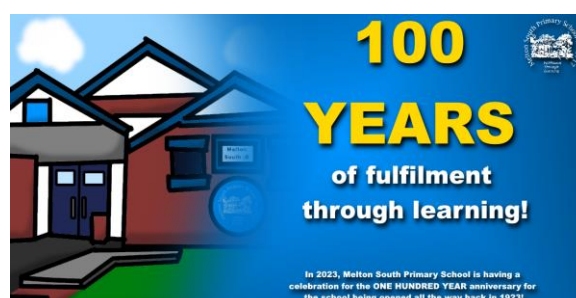
**GRADES 2024:** Teachers devote many hours to the development of grades, taking many factors into consideration. If you have any specific requests, please put them in writing to the Principal marked Confidential and hand in to the office by **Friday the 27th of October**. You may send an email to [melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) subject - Attention Principal. All requests will be given due consideration.

**BINAP PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The new school in Brookfield will be opening in 2024. It will be zoned as all government schools are in Melton. To find out if you are in the zone: Google Find my School and type in your address, select enrolment year and primary school. If you decide to enrol your child/ren at the new school please email me on [melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to assist us with planning for 2024. As your child/ren are already enrolled at Melton South Primary they can continue at our school if that is what you choose to do. If you do decide to enrol at Binap PS and you are not in our zone you won't be able to re-enrol at MSPS.

## CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Memorabilia is still available to order through Compass and will be on sale on Saturday, October 21st during the Gala Open Day. Tickets are free however need to be pre-booked for planning purposes at <https://compasstix.com/e/z0tbdklupe>

We look forward to celebrating our schools' incredible milestone with you this year



The volunteer Centenary Committee have been working tirelessly behind the scenes, to ensure we have a successful and triumphant 100th year celebration day.

We are currently expecting a large number of visitors on the day and are employing traffic management services and additional facilities to cater for our grand event.

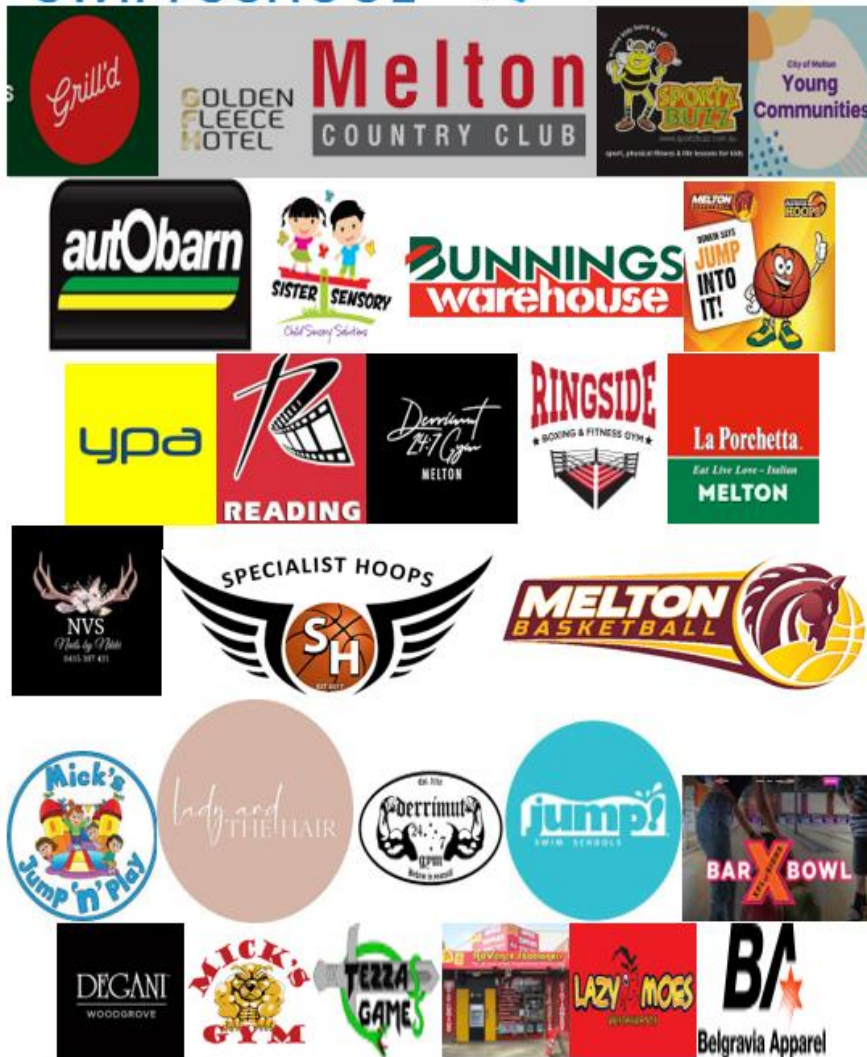
We would like to warmly thank the following companies for their donations of goods and services for our raffle.

Prizes for our several raffles include:

- \$200+ BBQ grill and accessories from Bunnings **VALUE \$200+**
- a term swimming tuition from Melton Swim school **VALUE \$225+**
- a Month membership to Jump Swim school in Opalia **VALUE \$125+**
- many meal vouchers to assorted eateries in Melton **VALUE \$100**
- a fishing pack **VALUE \$125+**
- Ballroom Dancing classe Voucher **VALUE \$100+**
- hairstyle, cut, blow wave and beauty products from Lady and the Hair. **VALUE \$200+**

**AND MUCH MORE!**

**MELTON SWIM SCHOOL** SHOOTING • HORTING • FISHING • CAMPING  
**MY MATES OUTDOORS**



## Grade 4 Reminder

**Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion - Wednesday 25th October.**

The Grade 4 students and staff are very excited about our upcoming excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park. We have had an amazing response to our call out for parent helpers. Thank you to all who have offered to volunteer their time on the day.




A reminder that consent and payment for the excursion is **due soon (Thursday 19th October)**. Payments can be made through the Compass portal, by returning notes to your child's classroom teacher or at the office. CSEF may be used for those eligible.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	NAME	REASON FOR AWARD		NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
<b>PC</b>	Crystal	For showing persistence with her reading and writing this term!	<b>3F</b>	Detroit	For showing diligence when reading, and being able to explain your reading goal.
<b>PE</b>	Akbar	Working hard at solving addition problems using a range of strategies.	<b>3G</b>	Faith	For working well in a small group to make the biggest number!
<b>PF</b>	Kaylee	For writing a fantastic narrative about a T-rex.	<b>4A</b>	Zoe	For showing a growth mindset during mathematics lesson improper fractions.
<b>1A</b>	Said	For focusing and producing great work in investigations.	<b>4C</b>	Ariah	For her excellent improvement in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the fantastic work!
<b>1C</b>	Ariah	For showing a growth mindset in memorising her pink star words from the High Frequency word chart.	<b>4D</b>	Mohid	A fantastic effort creating a poster to show his understanding of the Oxygen cycle.
<b>1D</b>	Lucas	For his writing and modelling of the 'teen' numbers.	<b>5A</b>	Latisha	Maintaining a positive attitude to all learning areas.
<b>1E</b>	Cooper	For adding impressive verbs in his writing. Well done!	<b>5B</b>	Amora	For working hard to understand the partitioning strategy to solve division problems.
<b>1F</b>	Neihana Ayesha	Settling in well at MSPS and following our school routines. For working hard to write detailed narratives.	<b>5C</b>	Jaskaran	For using partitioning to solve division problems.
<b>2A</b>	Ali Caden	Great work using a growth mindset during maths lessons.	<b>5D</b>	Lillie	Her excellent community poster on Kirrip House.
<b>2B</b>	Geo Reid	For finding the total value of simple collections of Australian notes and coins. For his amazing work ethic and growth mindset when completing work tasks.	<b>5E</b>	Levi	For showing the value of understanding, tolerance and inclusion.
<b>2C</b>	Nityansh	For creating a magnificent replication of the butterfly life cycle.	<b>5F</b>	Luke	For presenting an excellent comic strip.
<b>2D</b>	June	For her incredible work ethic and positive growth mindset when completing work tasks.	<b>6A</b>	Ryan	His determined and positive outlook to learning.
<b>2E</b>	Amelia	For her outstanding effort during our Money unit during Mathematics.	<b>6B</b>	Clarisse	For excellent handwriting.
<b>2F</b>	Jye	For making a great model of a butterfly's life cycle.	<b>6E</b>	Ariam Archimedes	For using different strategies when converting percentages into decimals. For using different strategies when converting percentages into decimals.
<b>PArts</b>	Kayden 3C Abu 3C	For innovative choreography in Performing Arts.	<b>STEAM</b>	Sienna PF	Outstanding work making an algorithm.
<b>PE</b>	Indi 1A	For listening to teacher feedback to improve her long jump. Well done Indi!	<b>LOTE</b>	Taylah 3D	For making a wonderful Mona Lisa French art work.

# SWPBS BADGE EARNERS

Each day, MSPS students work their way up the learning ladder through following our school values, showing Respect, Kindness, and striving to do their best every day. When they reach the top, they are recorded with an Outstanding day on their token acknowledgement chart. When a student reaches a significant milestone of Outstanding days, they earn a badge, here is where we celebrate students who have worked hard to achieve their milestone badges.

	Name, Grade (P,1)	Name, Grade (2,3,4)	Name, Grade (5,6)
		Fateh 2F	
		Sadie 2D	
		Noah 2D Arjun 2D Tyren 2D Eliza 2D Aaron 2D Tekai 1D	

Book Club Issue 7 orders are due in by  
Friday 20th of October.

You can order using the [LOOP ordering system](#).

NO PAYMENTS to school, online ordering only.



# What are the students currently learning?

## **Prep: Investigation Unit – Author Study Aaron Blabey**

**Students will learn...** about Aaron Blabey and his work. They will learn how to respond to the books written by Aaron Blabey, focusing on the themes and characters. They will learn about the author's life and how it impacts on his work.

## **Grade 1: Investigation Unit – Living Things Adapt**

**Students will learn...** that living things (plant/animals) adapt in order to survive. These adaptations may include features, behaviours, diet, habitat.

## **Grade 2: Investigation Unit – Our Place in Time**

**Students will learn...** about the geography and history of their local area. They will become familiar with the purpose and use of globes and maps to identify a hierarchy of locations and the connections people have to them. Students will learn about their local area and the special connection that the Aboriginal community has to it. They will learn about the people and places of historical interest in the local community and the significance of particular sites today.

## **Grade 3: Investigation Unit – Spinning Out**

**Students will learn...** about the Earth, the Moon and the Sun. They will learn about the relative sizes and movements of these 'heavenly bodies'. Students will learn about the rotation and revolution of the Earth. They will investigate sundials and how they work.

## **Grade 4: Investigation Unit – Australia's Place in the World: Sustainability**

**Students will explore...** conservation and sustainability issues in Australia and around the World. They will investigate the role of vegetation around the world and the impact of habitat destruction due to land clearing and mining. Students will also investigate how humans can make a difference to the environment by reducing, recycling and reusing materials.

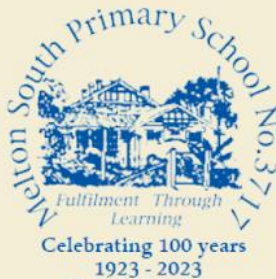
## **Grade 5: Investigation Unit – Civics and Citizenship**

**Students will explore...** the Nine Values for Australian Schools and the values and attitudes expected of an Australian citizen. They will understand the process to become an Australian citizen and the rights and responsibilities of that citizenship. The students will investigate how people with shared beliefs and values work together for the benefit of the community. They will understand the concept of being a global citizen through the investigation of a global issue and the Australian government and other governments responses to that issue.

## **Grade 6: Investigation Unit – What a Disaster!**

**Students will learn...** how environmental characteristics such as climate and landforms influence the human characteristics of places, and how human actions influence the environmental characteristics of places. They will relate this to how some climates produce hazards such as bushfires and floods that threaten the safety of places and gain an understanding of the application of the principles of prevention, mitigation and preparedness as ways of reducing the effects of these hazards. The students will explore how decisions and actions influence the way spaces within places are organised and managed. They will be able to explain the types of natural disasters and how they are managed around the world, with those that occur in Australia. The students will identify the purpose and usefulness of information gained from primary and secondary sources such as fieldwork, maps, plans, photographs, satellite images, statistical sources and reports.

MELTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Melton South Primary School No. 3711  
Fulfillment Through Learning  
Celebrating 100 years  
1923 - 2023

# Centenary Gala Day!

FEATURING

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES, MAZE & PETTING ZOO  
FOOD TRUCKS & DEVONSHIRE TEA  
PHOTOBOARDS, VIDEO & PHOTO DISPLAYS  
OFFICIAL CEREMONY & TIME CAPSULE  
AT 12PM & MORE!

38 - 46 EXFORD ROAD,  
MELTON SOUTH 3338

GATES OPEN

**10AM**

GATES CLOSE

**3PM**

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BOOK  
ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://COMPASSTIX.COM](https://compasstix.com)



**FREE ENTRY | 21 OCTOBER 2023**

# How to talk to your children about conflict and war

*Tips to support and comfort your children.*

When conflict or war makes the headlines, it can cause feelings such as fear, sadness, anger and anxiety wherever you live.

The conflict in Israel at the moment is dominating news headlines and children can be exposed via tv, social media, verbal conversations etc.

*Children always look to their parents for a sense of safety and security – even more so in times of crisis.*

The article links below will help you on how to approach the conversation with your child and how to provide the support and comfort they need.

[Tip Sheet Helping Kids Cope Media Coverage War Traumatic Events \(mediasmarts.ca\)](https://www.mediasmarts.ca/Tip-Sheet-Helping-Kids-Cope-Media-Coverage-War-Traumatic-Events)

[How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#)



## How to talk to your children about conflict and war

8 tips to support and comfort your children

[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)

***Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800***

***Lifeline: 131114***

***Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636***