



## 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

Friday February 23rd 2024

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024  
Monday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024  
Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024  
Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024  
March 13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2024  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Gr5/6 Summer sports round 2  
Regional swimming  
District swimming  
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CURRICULUM DAY – student free day  
Fathering Program 5.30-6.45pm  
Divisional tennis  
Summer Lightning Cup  
LABOUR DAY – student free day  
NAPLAN Grade 3&5  
Harmony Day Family Picnic 12.30-1.15pm  
Hat parade  
Last day of term 1 - **Early dismissal 2.15pm**



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**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** School Council election process at 9am on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. Nomination forms will be available from the office, they will close on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. We have 6 parent vacancies. If we have more nominations than vacancies, we will proceed to the ballot process. There is a fact sheet available at the office outlining the role of School Council members.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Breakfast Club will be held every Wednesday morning in the gym.

### RESPECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Schools are positive places of learning and work where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy environment. Everyone in a school community plays a shared role in being respectful. When parents and carers behave aggressively towards staff or

members of the school community, it can have a significant impact on the physical and mental health, safety and wellbeing of the staff, students and other members of the school community who experience it.

When parents and carers engage in unacceptable behaviours against a staff member or another member of the school community, this can affect their health, safety and wellbeing.

Unacceptable behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- being violent or threatening violence of any kind, including physically intimidating behaviour such as aggressive hand gestures or invading another person's personal space
- speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via email, social media, or over the telephone
- sending demanding, rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
- discriminatory or derogatory comments
- the use of social media or public forums to make inappropriate or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.

At the Principal's discretion, unacceptable behaviour may be managed by:

- implementing specific communication protocols
- written warnings
- conditions of entry to school grounds or school activities
- exclusion from school grounds or attendance at school activities
- reports to Victoria Police
- legal action

Being a role model is the most powerful form of educating.

Marilyn Costigan  
Principal

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [[LINK](#)], describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic

Arabi

Dari

Gujarati

Mandarin

Somali

Sudanese

Turkish

Urdu

Vietnamese

### [NAPLAN Update for Year 3 & 5 Parents](#)

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and ends on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. Tests will be prioritised to be scheduled at the beginning of the 8 day testing window to allow opportunities for catch-up sessions for students who are absent on scheduled test days.

In advance of doing NAPLAN Online, the public demonstration site provides sample tests to assist students to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. Students will be accessing this site during school time as part of our preparation.

[NAP - Public demonstration site](#) (Click on the link)

If you have further questions, would like more information, or have concerns about your child's participation in NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to make contact with your child's classroom teacher.

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