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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

Tuesday 11th March 2025

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 12th March	**Breakfast Club**
Friday 14th March	**Last day to pay for Grade 4 Excursion**
Wednesday 19th March	**Last day to pay for Grade 5 Incursion**
	Breakfast Club
Thursday 20th March	**Cross Country**
Friday 21st March	**Harmony Day Picnic**
	Last day to pay for Book Club
Tuesday 25th March	**MPSSAA Summer Lightning Cup**
Wednesday 26th March	**Grade 5 Incursion - Mind and Body ??????**
	Breakfast Club
	School Council meeting and elections 5.30pm
Thursday 27th March	**Grade 1 Healthy and Engaged Learners Incursion**
Friday 28th March	**Grade 4 Excursion - MCG**
Wednesday 2nd April	**Grade 5 Incursion - Mind and Body ?????**
Wednesday 2nd April	**Fathering Project**
	Breakfast Club
Friday 4th April	**Silly Hat Parade**
	Last Day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.15pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

HOT WEATHER: We are in for a hot week, so please make sure your child brings their sunscreen, navy blue broad brimmed hat and water bottle to school.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to the parents who came to the school and met with their child's teacher to discuss any concerns instead of posting it on social media before we have the opportunity to deal with the concerns.

STUDENT VOICE GROUP: I have had over 30 grade 5/6 students apply to be on the Student Voice group. I will meet them weekly and they will have the opportunity to give me feedback on what's going well at MSPS and any ideas for improvement. All members of the Student Voice group will wear a purple star badge so other students in the school can approach them with any feedback for the Principal. We will have a new section in the newsletter "STUDENT VOICE" so the Melton South Primary School community can be informed about what our group is working on.

FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL: You will notice a change in the diary dates on the top page of the newsletter. This is a result from feedback from School Council members that they would find it easier if the weekly events were differentiated in some way.

STUDENTS WORK: One of the best parts of my job as Principal is having the chance to see students work when they are excelling in different parts of the curriculum or achieving something that was out of reach for them previously. People often say if you are called to the Principal's office you are in trouble but that is not always true.

RECREATION, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, FRIENDSHIP - REEF PROGRAM: Sixteen of our grade 6 students are participating in the REEF program along with some students from Exford Primary School. On a 3 day camp students will explore the local area of Queenscliff, participating in water activities, a ropes course, games and a range of group activities.

Reminder: We are hosting a Monty's Colour Fun Run on Wednesday 23rd April!

Fundraising to help support our school is easy! Simply create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and share to family and friends to receive donations. Receive a prize for your fundraising efforts by simply raising $10!

Our top fundraising classes so far are Prep F, 1C, Prep B, 2D and 5B.* Keep up the wonderful work MSPS!

*As at 9:00am 11/03/2025

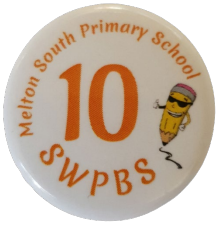
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

		NAME	REASON FOR AWARD		NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
PA		Ronith	For always showing a positive attitude towards learning.	**3C**	Hania	For her excellent attitude to learning.
PB				**3D**		
PC		Yusaf	For always trying his best with his work in class.	**3E**		
PD				**3F**		
PE				**4A**		
PF		Ellie	For always showing she is ready to learn and showing the school values.	**4B**	Charlie	Being an amazing helper with other students in our classroom.
1A		Baraka	For always listening to the teacher and trying his best in writing and maths.	**4C**		
1B		Ray	For developing a growth mindset by always having a go and trying his best.	**4D**	Kayan Piula	For showing teamwork during group activities For showing a growth mindset in maths and always trying her best.
1C		Dylan Smith	For having a growth mindset and doing best efforts in sounding out letters.	**4E**		
1D		Xiaoxing	For being a kind and helpful member of Grade 1D.	**5A**	Catherine	For her conscientious support of her classmates and completing class work to a high standard
1E				**5B**		
1F		Amelia V	For exceptional effort in all numeracy lessons.	**5C**	Asui	Consistently reading at home and bringing her diary in to school daily.
2A				**5D**		
2B		Isan	For continuous positive behaviour and hard work in the classroom	**5E**	Jayden	For his positive engagement with reading this term
2C		Indigo	For comforting a new Prep student and ensuring she had a friend to play with!	**5F**		
2D		Malaki	For demonstrating excellent efforts during his maths sessions.	**6A**	Yusuf Sarah	Excellent rounding off when working with decimals. Confidently defining Prime, Composite, Square and Triangular numbers.
2E				**6B**	Jorja Patrick	For her dedication to her maths work around square numbers. For his hard work in completing his writing piece.

2F		Crystal Piper	For demonstrating excellent efforts during her independent reading sessions. For her positive attitude in class and being ready to learn each day.	**6C**	Sera	For persisting and showing a positive growth mindset with prime, composite, square and triangular numbers in maths.
3A		Dallas	For showing kindness to his peers.	**6D**		
3B		Ricky Corbin	For his continual efforts and hard work to show his whole body listening. For working hard to achieve his reading goal.	**6E**	TJ	For his positive attitude in class and showing a positive growth mindset in all lessons.
STEAM				**P.E.**		
P.A.				**LOTE**		

SWPBS BADGE EARNERS

Each day, MSPS students work their way up the **SWPBS 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.

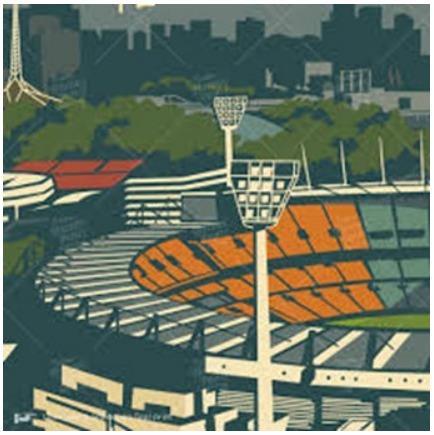
	Name, Grade Prep	Name, Grade 1&2	Name, Grade (3&4)	Name, Grade (5&6)
		Antley 1A Jessica 1A Logan 1A Noah 1A Brock 1F Zayn 1F Billy 2C Noah-Jaxson 2C Soleil 2C Jai 2B	Corbin 3B Hunter 4B Ella 4B	AHmed F 5C Lanah 5C Abu 5C Sarah 6A Suad 6A Tyrese 6E Glory 6E Jack 6E Immanuel 6E Jayden 6E Preetika 6E
			Arvie 4D Franklyn 4B Ngun 4B Akesa 4B	Nigel 6A Zaima 6A Eric 6A Tamara 6A Rosalie 6A Hurraim 6A Layla 6A Diamond 6A Kiram 6A N-P 6A Aswad 6A Isabel 6A

In order to achieve a **peer leader badge**, the grade 6 students must complete a minimum of 35 days of home reading each term, and fulfil at least 3 of the following requirements, set out in the table below.

5 weeks' worth of homework tasks (total of 10 tasks)	**Full school uniform according to the MSPS school policy**	**Student of the Week award**	**Consistently following the school values in the classroom**	**Consistently following the school values in the school yard**	**95% or above attendance**	**Negotiated with the teacher**

Congratulations to the awesome students in 6A: Suad, Bree, Yusuf, Zaima, Rico, Nigel, Diamond, Eric, Rosalie, Hemant and Fatiha.

EXCURSIONS



GRADE 4 EXCURSION - MCG

On **Friday 28th March**, the Grade 4 students have the opportunity to attend an excursion to the Melbourne Cricket Ground. During this excursion the students will be visiting the Australian Sports Museum as well as engaging in a tour of the MCG.

Payment must be made by Friday 14th March 2025.
No late payments can be accepted.

If you wish to use **State School Saving Bonus** funds to pay for this event, please indicate this on the paper copy of the consent form and return this form to the Office.

GRADE 5 MIND and BODY INCURSION

This inspiring program demonstrates how calm and stillness can boost both attention and mental clarity. In this program, students will follow along with breathing techniques, relaxation activities, and basic poses to improve emotional regulation, concentration, strength, coordination, and flexibility.

The program features a variety of activities, allowing students to explore what works best for them while trying new things. It also emphasizes recognising emotions, building healthy relationships, and promoting overall wellbeing.

Payment must be made by Wednesday 19th March 2025.
No late payments can be accepted.

If you wish to use **State Saving Bonus** funds to pay for this event, please indicate this on the paper copy of the consent form and return to the Office.

Grade 1 Healthy and Engaged Learners

Dear Parents/Carers,

To celebrate the completion of our 'Healthy and Engaged Learners Unit' of Investigations and the end of Term 1, the Grade 1 team will be running a Healthy and Engaged incursion on **Thursday March 27th**. Students will rotate through a variety of interactive activities run by the Grade 1 teachers.

Students are also encouraged to **dress up** on the day as their favourite fruit such as a yellow shirt for a banana or a red shirt for an apple. Your child will need to bring their usual snacks and lunch as well as their school hat.

We are also asking for $2 to put towards our healthy food purchases. This money can be given to your child's classroom teacher before Friday 21st March.

Please let your classroom teacher know if your child has any dietary concerns or requirements as they will be consuming healthy food during the day.

If you have any questions regarding this incursion, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you,

Grade 1 Teachers.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 2 DUE: 21/3/25

How to order on LOOP.

Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/loop

1. **If you are new to Book Club, follow the wizard to set up your profile.**
2. **Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class.**
3. **Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)**
4. **Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue.**
5. **Make payment via credit card.**

BREAKFAST CLUB HAPPENING EVERY WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Club enables students at school to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, allowing them to engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities that school offers.

It is held from 8.35am - 8.50am in the school gym area entering through gate 5 & 6.

Please note that we encourage all students to eat breakfast before school. This program is to supplement families that may not be in the position to provide breakfast on that day.

Food provided will include, SPC diced fruit cups, toast with margarine and vegemite, full cream milk and fruits (apple/pears/oranges).

Please notify staff of any food allergies on the day. Parents can accompany younger students if required, but please note food is provided for school students only.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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 seekers 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 $154.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for CSEF for your child at Melton South Primary 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.

Application forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before your new application can be entered.

Applications close on 27 June 2025 and NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED after this date.

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- Lifeline- **13 11 14**
- Beyond Blue **- 1300 22 46 36**
- Kids Helpline - **1800 55 1800**
- Mens Line - **1300 78 99 78**
- Care in Mind- **1300 096 269**

These services offer not just phone support but web chats and text services.

Resources to assist with paying bills

Reach out to your water provider as soon as possible to discuss your situation. They are required to help, which may include:

- Flexible Payment Plans: Arrangements tailored to your financial situation.
- Payment Extensions: Additional time to pay outstanding amounts.
- Waiving or Suspending Interest: In certain circumstances, interest on overdue amounts may be waived or suspended.
- Referrals to Assistance Programs: Guidance on accessing government-funded assistance programs, such as the Utility Relief Grant Scheme.
- Advice on Reducing Water Usage: Tips and resources to help lower your water consumption and bills.

Managing your bills and prevent further financial stress:

- esc.vic.gov.au

Utility Relief Grant Scheme:
This Victorian Government program provides financial assistance to low-income households facing unexpected hardship in paying their water bills. Eligibility is based on specific criteria, and applications can be made through your water provider.

- services.dffh.vic.gov.au

Concessions and Benefits:
If you hold a concession card, you may be eligible for additional concessions on your utility bills. The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing offers various concessions and benefits to assist low-income Victorians during financial hardship.

- services.dffh.vic.gov.au

Financial Counselling Services:
Free financial counselling is available through organisations like the National Debt Helpline. Financial counsellors can help you understand your financial situation, negotiate with service providers, and explore options such as payment plans or accessing emergency relief.

- ndh.org.au

Emergency Relief Services:
Community organizations provide emergency relief, which may include assistance with utility bills, food parcels, and other essentials. You can find your closest service by using the Ask Izzy search tool or contacting organisations like the Salvation Army (13 72 58) or St Vincent de Paul Society (13 18 12).

- ndh.org.au

Government Assistance Programs:
Centrelink offers various payments and services for individuals and families in financial hardship. You may be eligible for crisis payments, advance payments, or other forms of support.

- moneysmart.gov.au

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Parent & Carer Hub

When supporting your children's mental health, we know the best outcomes happen when we **work together** and **practise**.

Head over to our **Parent & Carer Hub** to learn more about the **evidence-based strategies** being taught in the classroom, so you can enhance their impact at home. You'll find activities you can practice to support your family's wellbeing.

Click here or scan this QR code to learn more about our **Parent & Carer Hub**.

To learn more about The Resilience project, head to:

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