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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 13th May 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

Tuesday 13th May	**Last day to pay for Book Club**
Wednesday 14th May	**Breakfast Club 8.35am**
Thursday 15th May	**After School Sports Program 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Hockey**
Friday 16th May	**MPSSA Winter Sports Round 1**
	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 20th May	**Open Day 9-10am**
Wednesday 21st May	**Breakfast Club 8.35am**
	Grade 1 Animal Land excursion
	5/6 Girls AFL Day
Thursday 22nd May	**House Picnic**
Friday 23rd May	**MPSSA Winter Sports Round 2**
Monday 26th May	**Grade 2 Melbourne Museum Scienceworks excursion**
Tuesday 27th May	**Fathering Project - Forms must be returned by 5th May**
Wednesday 28th May	**Breakfast Club 8.35am**
Friday 30th May	**MPSSA Winter Lightning Cup**
	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 3rd June	**Grade 5 Scienceworks excursion**
Wednesday 4th June	**Breakfast Club 8.35am**
	Countdown to Prep 9.15am - 10.15am

Thursday 5th June	MPSSA 5/6 Soccer
Friday 6th June	Curriculum Day- Student Free Day
Monday 9th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 11th June	Breakfast Club 8.35am
Friday 13th June	Grade 3 Fairy Park excursion
	Whole School Assembly
Monday 16th to Friday 20th June	Refugee Week
Tuesday 17th June	Prep School Nurse visit
Wednesday 18th June	Breakfast Club 8.35am
	Countdown to Prep 9.15am - 10.15am
Monday 23rd June	Grade 5 Rockit Bullying Prevention incursion
Wednesday 25th June	Breakfast Club 8.35am
	Prep Fairy Tale day
Friday 27th June	Whole School Assembly
	Last day to lodge CSEF Applications
Wednesday 2nd July	Breakfast Club 8.35am
	Countdown to Prep 9.15am - 10.15am
Thursday 3rd July	NAIDOC Day celebrations
	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 4th July	Last day of Term 2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

TOOLERN WATERS PRIMARY SCHOOL: Yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting the new Principal of Toolern Waters, Samantha Fleming. Toolern Waters (interim name) is the new school at Weir Views which will be opening at the start of next year.
The school zones have changed and many families that attend Melton South Primary are now in the zone of the Toolern Waters.
To see if you are in the new school google Find My School. If you are in the new zone and are currently enrolled at Melton South you can stay at Melton South Primary School or you can opt to enrol at Toolern Waters.
We will be contacting all the families in the new zone over the next couple of weeks to see if their children will be staying at Melton South Primary School or whether they will be enrolling at the new school. Please note: students attending Toolern Waters for grade 6 will be zoned to Staughton College.
If you have any questions regarding this please email: melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

MOTHERS DAY STALL: Thanks to Wanda for organising the mother day stall last week. Also our parent volunteers who helped across both days.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: A big thank you to Adele Mowat and Sharleen Honey for their organisation of the school photos. To coordinate 970 individual photos, grade photos, sibling photos, 160 staff photos, and house captain etc is very challenging. To add to that we had staff and students arriving late due to an accident on the freeway, students in the cross country team and a cultural excursion.
Well done!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	NAME	REASON FOR AWARD		NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
PA	Yuvika	For always having enthusiasm towards learning!	**3C**		
PB			**3D**	Ni Ni	For her outstanding support as classroom assistant this term.
PC	Sinaf	For always being a kind and helpful member of class.	**3E**		
PD			**3F**		
PE	Benjamin	fantastic writing of a procedural text.	**4A**		
PF			**4B**	Riley	For his great attitude towards learning this week. Fantastic effort Riley.
1A			**4C**		
1B			**4D**		
1C			**4E**	Jai	For always displaying a positive attitude towards his learning and contributing to class discussions.
1D	Matthias	For being a great helper and always trying his best.	**5A**		
1E			**5B**	Jesse	For always having a positive attitude towards his learning.
1F	Jordan Taio	For developing her participation at school. For great effort and respect in all lessons.	**5C**	Ahmed F	Showed a growth mindset in writing and math work.
2A	Rayan	For working hard to improve the quality of his writing.	**5D**		
2B	Josiah	For always bringing a positive energy to class.	**5E**		
2C	Isabelle	For being a kind and helpful member of our class. Teamwork makes the dream work!	**5F**		
2D			**6A**		
2E	Micah	working cooperatively and supportively with a partner when undertaking maths games on Place Value	**6B**		

2F			**6C**		
3A			**6D**		
3B			**6E**	Victory	For showing a great understanding of dividing decimal numbers by using the powers of 10.
STEM	Xiaoran 3A	For always being respectful and being a great helper.	**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)
		Zayan 1F Taio 1F Kawhi 1F Mj 1F Lucas 1F Syonah 1F Brock 1F Mosiah 1F Korra 1F Aybel 1F Shanaya 1F Bentley 1F Amelia T 1F Luani 1F Charlotte 2C David 2C Lila 2C Audrey 2C Azaan 2E Melissa 2E Amilia 2E Raiden 2E Gurleen 2E Noah 2E Mary 2E Brook 2E	Marlee 3E Orlando 3E Peter 3E Isaac 3E	Alondra 5C Lanah 5C

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	**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**

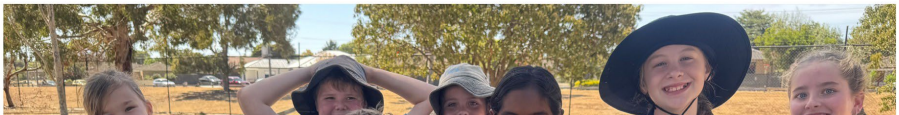
SPORT NEWS

SWIMMING TEAM

This year we had a super swimming team go on to represent our Melton South Primary School. These super swimmers put in the best swims of their careers. Thank you to ALL swimmers who went along and represented Melton South Primary School to the highest, you were ALL amazing.

<u>Results from the swimming:</u>

- Emily M 3rd place in Backstroke
- Jai L 3rd place in Butterfly
- Gabriela M 3rd place in Butterfly



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

On Thursday 8th May our District Cross Country team went along to Masons Lane to represent Melton South, and did they represent? They all put in an amazing effort. For most it was their first time doing such a big event and for some it was their second and third time competing but everyone had their own nerves to contend with.

The day was exceptional and made it a great spectacle to enjoy from cheering the runners on as they started to cheering at the end as the runners passed the finish line. We had 6 students progress through to the next stage as they all finished in the top ten places, so this means they will be representing both MSPS and Melton Primary School Sporting Association 2 at the Division Cross country coming up on 28th May at Masons Lane.

Good luck to everyone who progressed and well done to all who attended.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all the amazing parents and grandparents who generously gave their time to help at our Mother's Day Stall last week. Your support and enthusiasm made the event a great success, and we truly appreciate your help in creating a special experience for our students.

House Picnic

On Thursday the 22nd of May, we will be hosting our first house picnic! Students are to wear their house colours for the day. Students will be having a picnic with the other students in their house. They will be eating their own food out of their lunchbox. Students will get to meet their house captains and teachers in their house too. If you or your child/ren do not know what house they are in, please ask their classroom teacher or the front office.

Arthur, Davis, Cahill, Cochrane

How to Help Your Child
♥ Handle Unkind Behavior ♥

When your child faces unkind behavior from others, it can be a deeply distressing experience. As a parent, your response can greatly influence how your child copes with these situations and learns from them.

One effective strategy is to teach your child to look at the situation with empathy and understanding.

Encouraging Perspective-Taking:

Listen Attentively:

Start by giving your child your full attention. Listen to their account of the incident without interrupting, which shows that you take their concerns seriously.

Ask Insightful Questions:

After they have shared their story, guide them to think about the situation from the other person's perspective. A key question you can ask is: "What do you think this might tell us about the other kid?"

Explore Possible Reasons:

Encourage your child to think about reasons why someone might behave in a hurtful way. For instance, the other child might be dealing with personal issues, such as family problems or feeling left out. Discuss these possibilities with your child to help them understand that often, unkind behavior reflects the other person's struggles, not a flaw in your child.

Teach Empathy and Understanding:

Use this as an opportunity to discuss empathy. Understanding others' feelings and situations can help us respond more compassionately and less defensively.

Developing Resilience:

Reinforce the idea that recognizing the personal challenges others face can be a way to protect ourselves from being hurt by their actions. It's like having an emotional shield that builds our ability to empathize and forgive.

By not taking the unkind behavior personally, your child can better manage challenging peer situations while maintaining their self-esteem. Keep in mind that if your child is experiencing bullying or continued patterns of unkind behavior from others, you may need to step in and be more involved in finding a long-term solution.

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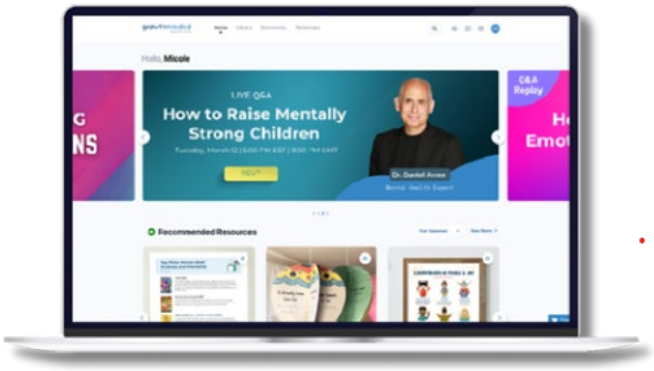

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Explore activities, posters, and crafts **tailored for each age group.**

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Get 1:1 **personalized support** from your certified parenting coach. Join our live group **coaching sessions** led by one of our coaches.

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-Sarah N.

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS & 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 or print the one attached to this newsletter.

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.