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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 20th 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

Wednesday 21st May	**Breakfast Club 8.35am**
	Grade 1 Animal Land excursion
	5/6 Girls AFL Day
Thursday 22nd May	**House Picnic**
	After School Sports Program 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 23rd May	**MPSSA Winter Sports Round 2**
Monday 26th May	**Grade 2 Melbourne Museum Scienceworks excursion**
Tuesday 27th May	**Fathering Project at Bunnings**
Wednesday 28th May	**Breakfast Club 8.35am**
Thursday 29th May	**After School Sports Program 3.30pm - 4.30pm**
Friday 30th May	**MPSSA Winter Sports Round 3**
	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**
	After School Sports Program 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 6th June	Curriculum Day- Student Free Day
Monday 9th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 11th June	Breakfast Club 8.35am
Thursday 12th June	After School Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm
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
Thursday 19th June	Last session of After School Sports Program 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 20th June	MPSSA Winter Lightning Cup
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

Friday 6th June

CURRICULUM DAY No School

Monday 9th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY School Clos

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

SAFETY: It has been brought to my attention that parents are meeting students on fence lines to pass them money to spend at the canteen etc. We have the fence lines out of bounds to protect students safety as a stranger may try to interact with them. If you need to give your child a message or contact them please do this through the office staff.

THURSDAY: I am looking forward to our very first House Picnic this Thursday. All students are assigned to a house on enrolment:

ARTHUR RED DAVIS BLUE CAHILL GREEN COCHRANE YELLOW

Students are encouraged to dress in their house colors on Thursday. This is an event for staff and students only. There will be some other house events planned throughout the year that parents may attend.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY: Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 only. The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

What are the benefits? Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and helps schools plan programs and activities to improve your child's engagement with school, their wellbeing and their learning. The survey data also helps the Department of Education understand how to improve student learning. More information has been sent out to parents of students in grades 4, 5 and 6 on COMPASS yesterday. If you do not want your child to participate in this survey please contact the school before next Monday the 26th of May. (melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

OUTSTANDING EFFORT: Congratulations to Avni Chand from Grade 4B who has been selected to represent Victoria at the 2025 51st Karate Australia National Karate Championships in Adelaide, SA. Well done and good luck at this event. If your child has achieved success like this in an out of school activity please let me know via the school email so we can celebrate their achievements. School email address: melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

SKATEBOARD COMPETITION: Ms Richards 5F - This email was received today: Thank you for entering our Skateboard Design Competition and CONGRATULATIONS, you are one of our lucky runners-up! 🎉 That means we will be sending you a Paint Marker Prize Pack, valued at over $100. Your students are very talented! We thought the addition of our logo was very sweet, and our judges particularly liked Detroit's design.

MELTON PRINCIPAL NETWORK MEETING: All Principals and Assistant Principals meet on a regular basis. In our meeting this week Sarah Richardson from the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) will be a guest speaker. We also have several Community of Practice groups which include Numeracy, Assistant Principals, Literacy, English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Disability Inclusion. Staff from Melton Schools are able to meet in these groups to upskill teachers, share resources and strategies to further meet the needs of our Melton students.

ILLNESS: As we encourage all students to attend school daily, if your child is ill the best place for them is at home. We are experiencing high staff absences due to illness and we aren't always able to get casual relief teachers from the various agencies. We replace absent teachers where possible but if we can't the grade will then be split to another grade. The students take work with them to complete in the grade they are allocated to.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

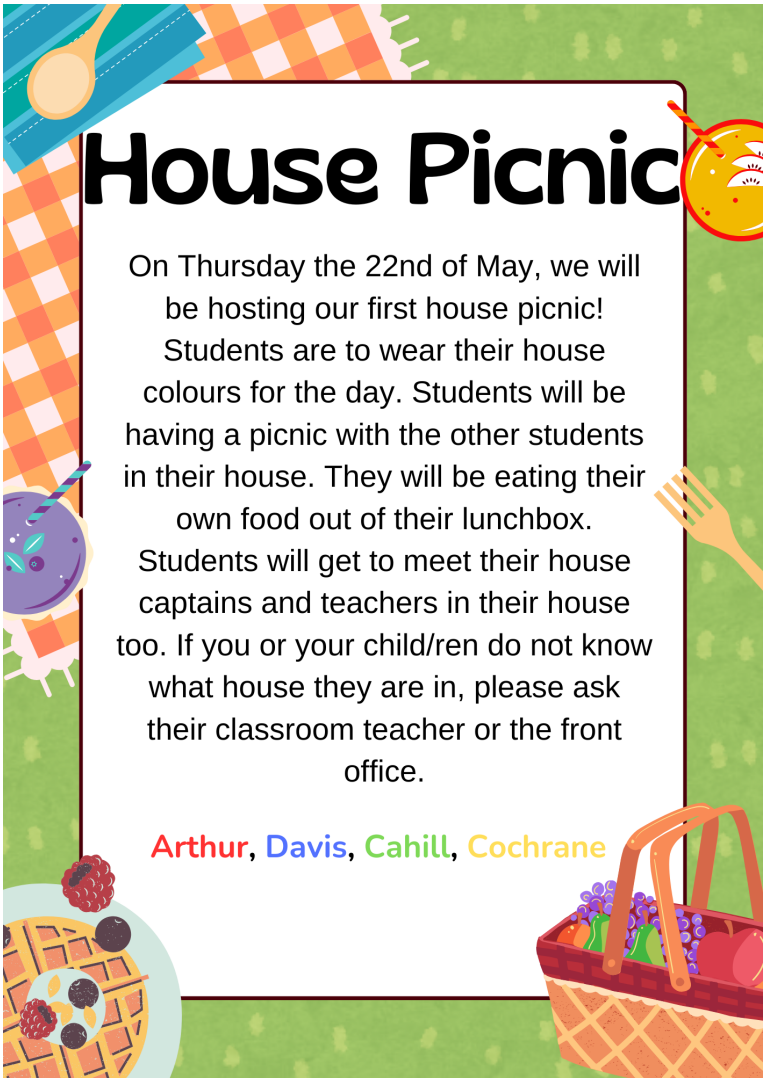
	NAME	REASON FOR AWARD		NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
PA	George	For working hard to correctly form the letters in his name. Go George!	**3C**		
PB	Alexis Gardenia	For working hard on using initial sounds to label her pictures in writing. For always having a go at forming her letters correctly in Phonics and for being a great helper in the classroom.	**3D**	Muhammad Caelyn	For always showing a positive attitude towards his learning and completing his work. For working hard to write an information text about MSPS and soccer.
PC	Esther	For always being a helpful member of class and for being kind to her classmates.	**3E**		
PD	Lucas Freddie	For working hard at starting his 'magic c' letters from the top. For the amazing progress in blending the sounds together when reading.	**3F**	Tekaai Elphins	For always showing a growth mindset when completing learning tasks. For showing school values of Respect during learning inside and outside the classroom.
PE	Dilroop Hakam	For fantastic commitment to her take home reading For developing his confidence when speaking to an audience.	**4A**		
PF	Ali Amara	For settling in with PF and always doing his best work. For working hard at blending her sounds to read words.	**4B**	Areeb Moo Nay	For always trying hard when completing tasks in the classroom. For being a great team member during group learning activities.
1A	Jaffa	For working hard to use his phonics knowledge to write some amazing sentences in writing.	**4C**		
1B			**4D**	Shayan June	For showing kindness and empathy towards others. For always showing respect and whole body listening during whole class discussions.
1C	Advay	For settling well into MSPS and showing school values.	**4E**	Aiko	For using a range of comprehension strategies to help her answer questions about the texts she reads.
1D	Zainab	For always listening during learning time and sharing her thoughts with the class.	**5A**	Andreea	For striving to improve her reading comprehension skills across the semester.
1E	Tiana	For her persistence and hard work using her phonics knowledge to spell unfamiliar words. Well done, Tiana!	**5B**	Marlee	Outstanding effort and sportsmanship in 5/6 sports.
1F	Mosiah	For applying his knowledge of phonics to his reading.	**5C**	Kuea	Showing a positive attitude towards school tasks and showing school values.
2A	Elijah	For his efforts to sound out words during writing activities.	**5D**	Aarambha	Showing gratitude and kindness towards his peers.

2B	Lyla	For always attempting classwork with a positive attitude.	**5E**	Quedessa	For always being a great role model and putting her best effort into her learning tasks.
2C	Elijah	For his amazing work on his transport project! Great job!	**5F**		
2D	Fawad	For always being respectful and putting his best effort into his learning tasks.	**6A**	Hurraim Yuvi	For her detailed introduction on her information report about ice skating. For his informative piece of writing about basketball.
2E	Sara	Seeking to understand and asking for help or clarification from the teacher when needed. Well done, Sara!	**6B**	Japleen	For her dedication to improving her writing by adding complex sentences throughout.
2F	Sarhid Ben	For writing an excellent recount of his weekend! Achieving your reading goal of retelling the important events. Well done!	**6C**	Emily M	For including a range of sentence types within her information text.
3A			**6D**		
3B	Said Austin	For his helpful contributions in the classroom. For always being a positive role model in the classroom.	**6E**		
STEM	Zaide C (4C)	Using creative skills in his design thinking when completing his plan.	**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)
		1A- Jessica 1A- Cyra 1A- Sahibjot 1A- Logan 2E- Micah 2E- Asiya 2E- Kayson 2E- Jack	Clive 4D	5C Hannah 5C Tyler 5C Zayne 5C Harrison 5C Boyoris
			Nathan 4D	5C Abu



A reminder that this Thursday 22nd of May will be our first House Picnic!

We are very excited for our first event and cannot wait to see everyone in their house colours.

This House Picnic is for staff and students only.

We are aiming to have more events later in the year to which parents will be invited.

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**

Grade 1 Animal Land Excursion- Wednesday 21st May!

The Grade 1 students are off to Animal Land, Diggers Rest

tomorrow Wednesday the 21st of May 2025.

Students must bring their snacks, lunch, and water bottle in a small backpack. We encourage students to bring water, fresh fruit and healthy snacks. Animal Land requests that children be encouraged to bring rubbish free lunches and take any rubbish home.

Students should wear school uniform, especially a jumper as the maximum temperature is expected to be only 15 degrees. We encourage students to also bring a beanie and jacket to keep warm. As the farm can get muddy- if you have gumboots it is strongly suggested to wear those on the day.

We will be leaving 9:05am sharp so please make sure all students are on time to school as we can't hold the buses for late students. We will be arriving back between 2:30pm and 3pm at the latest. We look forward to a fun-filled day!

FIRST AID

We have had a confirmed case of Ringworm in the Grade 2 area, please keep an eye out for signs and symptoms. Your child will need to be kept at home until treatment has started and when returning to school the sores need to be covered. Please notify the school if your child is infected.

This is also a timely reminder to make sure all contact numbers, including emergencies are up to date, so you can be contacted if your child is unwell.

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2026 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Forms are available from Reception.

Applications close 25th July.

****Students must be enrolled to attend Countdown to Prep sessions****

Learning Knows No Bounds

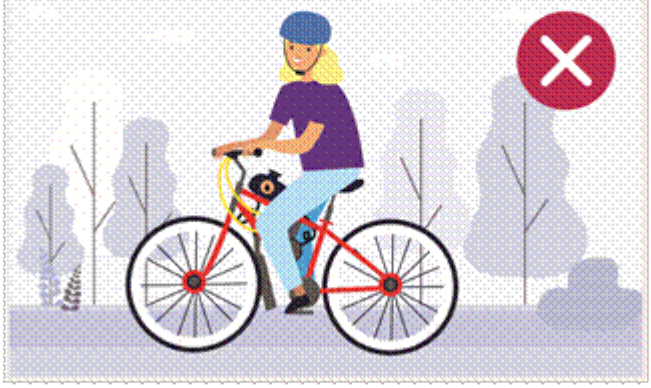
Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.

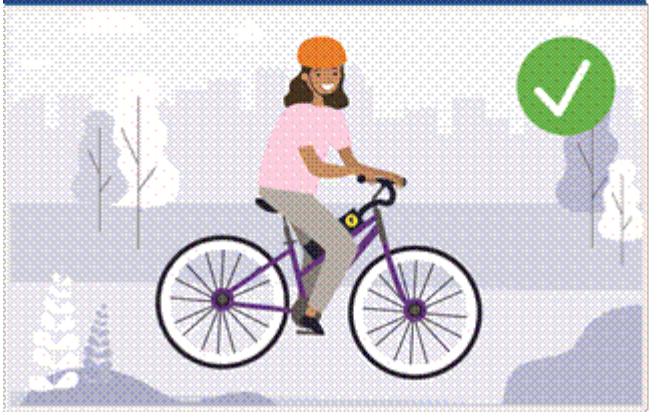


MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.

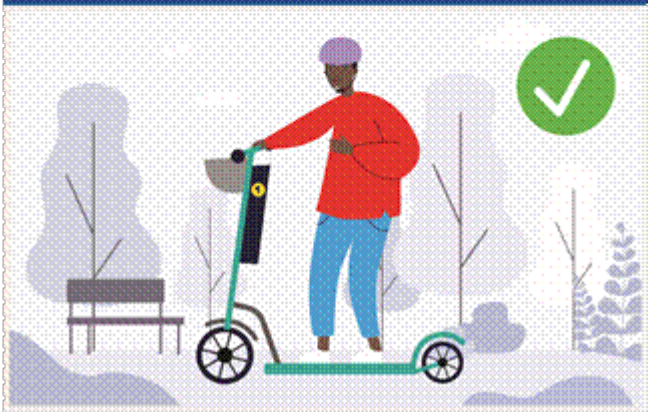
E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit **police.vic.gov.au/road-safety**

Read the newsletter in these languages by scanning the QR code.		
- Arabic - Bengali - Hindi - Burmese - Thai - Tagalog - Punjabi	Interpreter	- Telugu - Swahili - Vietnamese - Tamil - Tigrinya - Urdu - Chinese

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.

https://genwest.org.au/news-and-events/young-african-womens-program/

- Mental and sexual health
- Wellbeing and healthy relationships
- Employment opportunities, including resume writing tips and connections with local youth mentoring career pathways programs.

Over 4 weeks, our aim is to empower young African women to make informed decisions about their sexual health, wellbeing and connection to the community.

The program will have activities such as fitness classes with Ultimate Female Fitness, trivia with prizes, free goodies and more! Food will also be provided.

This program is free of cost.

ipc Health

Early Help Family Service provides information and support to Families with children aged 0-12 about any stage of their child's development. For Families who live in Brimbank and Melton areas, no Child Protection involvement, or other Family Services programs. Parents and Caregivers need to provide consent to be referred or they can self-refer.

We offer;

· A holistic, strengths based approach focusing on diverse areas of support identified by the family

· Parenting support

· Support with children's behaviour

· Information about Child Development

· Connection to Community groups and programs

· Collaboration with other services like Maternal and Child Health Nurse, Schools, Family Violence Specialist workers (post crisis), Brotherhood of St Laurence NDIS

· Support in the home, or at another location suitable to the family and worker.

· Interpreters

· Consultation about referrals and supports for families.

It is a short term service. It is a Free service.