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

Tuesday 25th 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

Tuesday 25th March	**MPSSA Summer Lightning Cup**
	Parent's Review Feedback meeting 9.00am - 9.45am
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**
	Last day to pay for Fathering Project
Friday 28th March	**Grade 4 Excursion - MCG**
Monday 31st March	**Grade 6 Project Rockit Bullying prevention workshops**
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
Monday 21st April	**Easter Monday Public Holiday - School Closed**
Tuesday 22nd April	**First day back to school for 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

REVIEW: Today is day 3 of the school review process. Parents, staff and students have had the opportunity to meet with the reviewers and give them feedback about our school. Next Wednesday is the last day of the school review and that is where we develop our goals and targets for the next 4 years, our new Strategic Plan.

STAFF ABSENCES: When staff are absent we do our best to cover the grade with a Casual Relief teacher (CRT). Even though we have our local CRT's and use 4 external agencies, it is not always possible to get a replacement. In this case we need to split grades.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Tomorrow we will have our first School Council meeting for 2025. We will be electing officer bearers for the coming year. I will publish this information in the next newsletter.

FATHERING PROJECT: Don't forget to get your form and money in for our Fathering Project which is being held next Wednesday April the 2nd. The activities will be ball skills and pizza for dinner.

STUDENT ILLNESS

To ensure the health and well-being of our entire school community, we kindly request that you keep your child home if they are showing signs of illness, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious illness. Please wait 48 hours for when a child can return to school after being sick. This is per the Department of Education guidelines. It is also important to notify the school and provide a reason for their absence. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school on 9743 2922 or via email on melton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school healthy and safe.

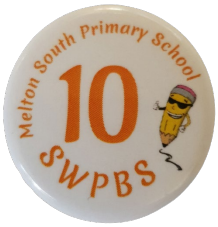
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	NAME	REASON FOR AWARD		NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
PA	Leyton	For being kind and considerate to her peers.	**3C**		
PB			**3D**	Rafi	For always having a positive attitude toward learning every day!
PC	Sinaf	For being a positive and enthusiastic learner and for being kind to others.	**3E**		
PD			**3F**		
PE	Oliver	For always displaying kindness to others.	**4A**	Jazmin Aaron Genoveva Agam	For her continued efforts in class completing her work to the best of her ability. Always being helpful within the classroom and helping others when they need it. For working hard across all learning areas and continuously expanding their knowledge in classroom discussions. For always being prepared during class activities.
PF			**4B**	Hunter Ibrahim	For his positive attitude and amazing writing this week! For his excellent attitude towards his learning and always putting in 100% effort.
1A	Sreenika	For using her new phonics learning to spell words in her writing.	**4C**	Eliana Gabriel	For being an active participant in class and trying her best everyday! For staying focused during writing.
1B	Abdurrauf Gabriel	For having a go and participating in phonic lessons. For working really hard in his writing.	**4D**	Aaima Nathan	For having an excellent attitude towards learning. For taking on feedback and showing growth mindset to improve his persuasive text.
1C	Ethan	For completing 25 reading nights! Well done.	**4E**	Ila	Her fantastic work in completing length activities!
1D	Ava	For always trying hard during learning time.	**5A**	Logan	His resilience under testing conditions and great map of 'Sponge Island'.
1E			**5B**	Elsa	For her amazing persuasive text on Littering should be banned.
1F	Mj	For growing his involvement in class discussions.	**5C**	Jaiden	For consistently following teacher instructions and classroom expectations. A great role model.
2A			**5D**		
2B			**5E**	Trinity	For consistently following MSPS school values and being an amazing role model to others in the classroom.

2C	Avinoor	For being an active participant in class discussions and trying her best!	**5F**	Connor	For bringing three visitors to our Harmony Day picnic and making a beautiful 'Everybody Belongs' poster.
2D			**6A**	Hawo Sarah	Being a gracious host to her mother during our Harmony Day picnic. For her creative Harmony Day poster.
2E			**6B**	Zakiah Angel	For excellent progress she has done on her persuasive text. For the hard work she has put into her reading goal.
2F			**6C**	Emily R	For revising her persuasive text to ensure she included TEEL in each of her paragraphs.
3A			**6D**		
3B	Izma	For her continual dedication and hard work in class.	**6E**	Junior Hope	For his amazing poem for Harmony Day. For working hard on her reading goals and being able to record her evidence.
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)
	Zohar PA Sezal PA Marcey PA	Vihen 1A David 2C Audrey 2C	Muhammad 3D Jotham 3D Saranaite 3D Gureet 3D Caelyn 3D Bethsheba 3D Luke 3D Luna 3D Marla 3D NiNi 3D Charlotte 3D Alex 3E Isaac 3E Orlando 3E Catalya 3E Marlee 3E	Maryam 5C Alondra 5C Harrison 5C Tyler 5C Trinity 5E Robert 5E Akshara 5E Wyatt 5E

			Timothy 4D Khadeeja 4D	Zarah 5D

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**

Fabulous effort Lyana and Kiram 6A, Marshall, Jemma and Chase 6C.

Grade 4 MCG Excursion

On Friday the 28th of March the Grade 4 students will have their excursion to the MCG. Students are required to dress for the weather, full school uniform, this includes a wide brimmed hat and appropriate footwear, as walking will be required. They must bring water, their snack and lunch packed into a backpack.

Excursion to Animal Land for Grade 1

Dear Grade 1 Families,

In Term 2, Grade 1 students will be visiting Animal Land Farm in Diggers Rest to support the children with their learning in Investigations of natural, constructed and managed environments. On Wednesday, 21st May 2025 the grade 1 students will be heading off on our excursion to Animal Land. Please ensure to sign the parent consent form and pay the fees by the due date which isFriday 9th May 2025.

All students attending excursion are expected to come in full school uniform, wearing appropriate footwear for a farm environment and permitted to bring a coat/jacket in case of cold weather. We also ask that you please place your child's snack, lunch and drink bottle in their backpack clearly labelled with their name.

Our **bus will be departing at 9:10am** so please make sure your child arrives promptly to school so there is enough time to get ready for the day. If you have any further questions in regard to our excursion, please do not hesitate to come and see your child's classroom teacher.

With appreciation,

Grade One Teachers

Read the newsletter in these languages by scanning the QR code.

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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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

MELTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).
**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** ___/___/____

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MSPS Father Figures & Kids Ball Skills & Pizza

Who: Fathers, Father-Figures, Carers & MSPS Students

When: Wednesday 2nd April 2025 | Time: 5.30pm—7pm

Entry Fee: $5 Per Person (Includes Pizza)

the fathering project

Basketball AFL Soccer

Entry through the canteen gate, gate 2 (Morshead St), and gate 5 (gym carpark)

Tear off and return with payment by: Thursday 27 March 2025

Who will be attending?

Father-Figure Name: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Total Paid $ _____

Meal Choices (Included in Entry Fee)

Choose Your Pizza Preferences Below - 1 serving per person (3 pieces each)

Chicken Pizza *Halal (3 slices/serve) -Qty: _____ Gluten Free? Yes / No

Margherita Pizza *Halal & Vegetarian (3 slices/serve) -Qty: _____ Gluten Free? Yes / No

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MacKillop Family Services

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Engaging Melton Families

Engaging Melton Families is a service for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families with children who live in the Melton area

Would you like support with...?

- Dealing with the stress of everyday activities, parenting and family life
- Looking after yourself as a parent and carer
- Connecting or reconnecting with your community and culture
- Being a strong, proud parent

MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES

Melton Health and Community Services
195-209 Barries Road, Melton 3337
engagingmeltonfamilies@mackillop.org.au
(03) 8746 0500

MacKillop Family Services

Engaging Melton Families is a partnership program in the Brimbank Melton Child & Family Services Alliance

We can help you to...

- Understand your child's development
- Link in with local services, such as: early childhood services, NDIS, Centrelink, housing, mental health
- Connect with school, kinder, childcare
- Manage financial stress and access supports
- Develop healthy family routines and relationships

To have a yarn about how we can support you can...

- Give us a call
- Drop into our office
- Send us an email

We can meet you at your home, at a local community hub or somewhere else that's comfortable for you to catch up.

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