

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 20th August, 2018

WE ARE MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE ACTIVE LEARNERS

- ✓ We will have a go and try our best.
- ✓ We reflect on our learning and seek to improve.
- ✓ We ask questions to clarify our understanding.
- ✓ We are persistent and determined to succeed.
- ✓ We are punctual and prepared.
- ✓ We take pride in our work.
- ✓ We listen attentively.
- ✓ We are resilient and use a range of strategies to solve problems.

WE RESPECT OTHERS

- ✓ We are polite.
- ✓ We are friendly, honest and caring.
- ✓ We are accepting and inclusive.
- ✓ We have self-control.
- ✓ We listen to others and use words that show respect.
- ✓ We follow rules and accept outcomes for our behaviour.
- ✓ We are grateful.

WE ARE SAFE

- ✓ We make safe choices.
- ✓ We listen and follow instructions.
- ✓ We are cyber safe.
- ✓ We walk within the classroom.
- ✓ We use equipment appropriately.
- ✓ We follow road safety rules.
- ✓ We are sun smart.

WE ARE SUPPORTIVE

- ✓ We are understanding and encourage others to do their best.
- ✓ We give feedback and positive reinforcement.
- ✓ We listen, collaborate and work well in teams.
- ✓ We aim to build positive relationships.
- ✓ We are sympathetic to the needs of others.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

District Athletics

Braving the wind a number of our students energetically represented MPS at the District Athletics. Two days of track and field events, saw several of our students successfully obtain a position of 1st, 2nd or 3rd for their events. Well done to all of the students who were awarded ribbons for their performance. Congratulations to our students who were the age group champion for their age group. Melton Primary won the school shield for being the overall champions for the 8th year in a row. Well done to all of our students, we are extremely proud of your efforts and performance. Thank you to Mr Carty Cowling, Mrs Vaccaro, Miss Morrissy, Mr Wheelahan and Mr Trewavis for your organisation and supervision on the days. Good luck to all of our students who will go onto represent our district at the divisional athletics on the 12th September.

Toilet Makeover

With bright colours, sensational quotes and some hard work, our toilets have had a makeover. Thank you to all of the parents who provided their time to participate in beautifying our toilets. We value and appreciate all of your support in helping to glamorize the environment for our students. A huge thank you to all of our staff who put in hours not only on the day, but in preparing the area for the enhancement. A special thank you to the members of our engagement committee who organised the quotes and the equipment for the day. Thank you for your understanding whilst the toilets have been closed. Together we have been able to achieve so much more. Thank you to everyone involved.

Grade 1 Disco

The music was pumping and the students were dancing as they participated in the Grade 1 Disco. Prizes were awarded and the kids had a sensational time. Thank you to all of the staff for their attendance and organisation for this wonderful night.

From the Principal's desk

Child Safe Standards

Everyone has the right to be safe and protected from abuse. At Melton Primary School we have an embedded organisational culture of child safety. If you suspect something, have questions or concerns in relation to any child, say something. We are able to provide support, assistance and help on what to do next. It is everyone's responsibility to protect children from abuse.

Smoking banned within 4 metres of entry to the school grounds

A friendly reminder that smoking is banned within 4 metres of the entry of any school ground. If you are a smoker, please ensure that you are more than 4 metres away from the school fence before you commence smoking.

Parent Opinion Survey 2018

A reminder that if you were randomly selected to participate in our parent opinion survey, it needs to be completed by 26th August. So far only 24 parents out of 170 parents have responded. For further information, please speak to the office or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

Family Portraits - this SATURDAY

We still have some vacancies for our Vision Portraits, family portraits that are scheduled for this Saturday. The family portraits will be taken in the gymnasium. It is not too late to book so please jump onto the following link to book your family portrait for just \$15.00 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/melton-primary-school-tickets-46056641655>

Secretary and Deputy Secretary's Visit

In the coming week, we will be hosting the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Education, along with Dr Mary Jean Gallagher at Melton Primary School. The purpose of their visit is to meet with Principals from the Melton area as well as visiting our classrooms.

From the Principal's desk

New sports equipment, basketball rings and goal posts.

Last week students were provided with new sports equipment to utilise in the yard, new basketball rings were installed near the sandpit and new football goal posts were installed on the oval. We hope that all of our students will respect this new equipment and enjoy playing with it. A special thank you to Mr Carty Cowling and Mrs Gilbert for coordinating this project.

Naplan results

In the next week we are scheduled to receive our Naplan results for the students in Years 3 & 5 who completed the assessment in May. As soon as possible we will ensure that the results are sent home to families.

Father's Day Stall

A friendly reminder that the Father's Day stall is scheduled for Thursday 30th August. Please remember to send some money along with your child so that they can purchase from the stall.

Book Parade

Put on your thinking hats and start to prepare your child's Book Parade Costume for 2018. The Book Parades are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd August with F-2 at 8:45am and 3-6 at 9:30am. We hope to see every support this event.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 3

August

- 22nd F - 2 Book Parade 8:45am
- 22nd 3-6 Book Parade 9:30am
- 23rd Find Your Treasure Afternoon for Book Week
- 25th Family Portraits for families that signed up
- 30th Father's Day Stall
- 31st Melton Minis



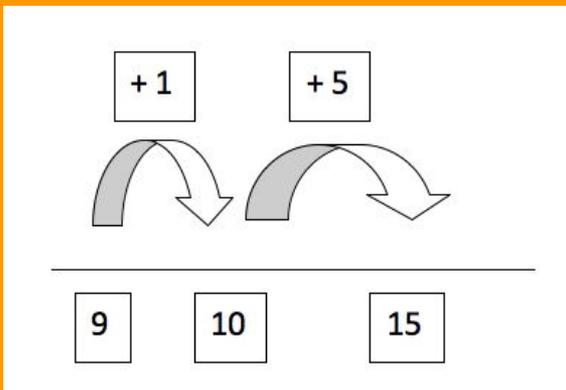
September

- 4th 2019 Foundation Orientation Session
- 7th Grade 2 Sleepover
- 10th - 14th Planning Week
- 11th Grade 1 Toys Over Time Incursion
- 12th Divisional Athletics for selected students
- 14th Melton Minis
- 17th CD Recording for the Senior School
- 18th CD Recording for the Senior School
- 19th CD Recording for the Senior School
- 19th School Council 6:30pm
- 20th F-2 Athletics Day
- 21st 2-6 Swimming Carnival
- 21st Last Day Term 3 Students finish at 2:30pm**



Numeracy @ MPS

You probably "bridge through 10" without even realising it when you're adding up numbers in your head. We explain how this method will be presented to your child in the classroom and how you can help them practise at home.

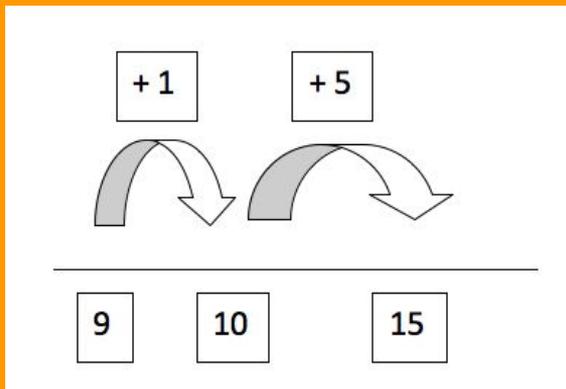


'Bridging through ten' is a method that many people use (possibly without realising it) to add numbers mentally.

For example:

$$9 + 6 =$$

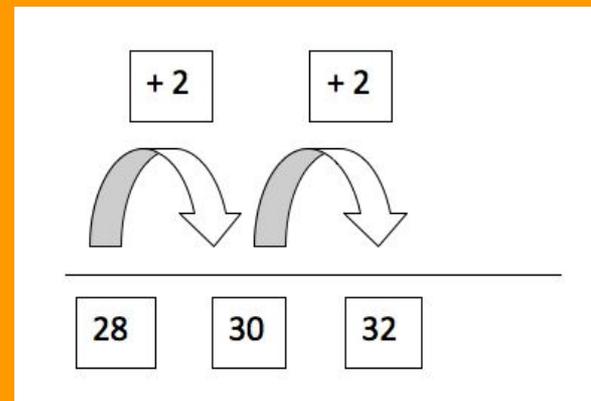
To add these numbers mentally, we can take 1 from the 6 to take the 9 up to 10, and then add the remaining 5 to get the answer, 15:



The bridging through 10 mental maths strategy can also be used to add a one-digit number to a two-digit number, for example:

$$28 + 4 =$$

Here, we take 2 from the 4 to take the 28 up to 30, then add the other 2 to get the answer, 32:



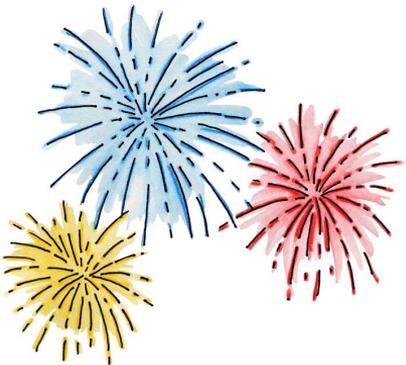
Student Banking Program!

Well done to the following students who have been awarded with a Silver banking certificate, **Jackson** from 2A, **Thomas** from FA and **Riley** from 3A. These students have banked over 20 times!!

If you are interested in being apart of our student banking program, please come see the office.



Congratulation **Levi** from 3A for receiving a banking prize.

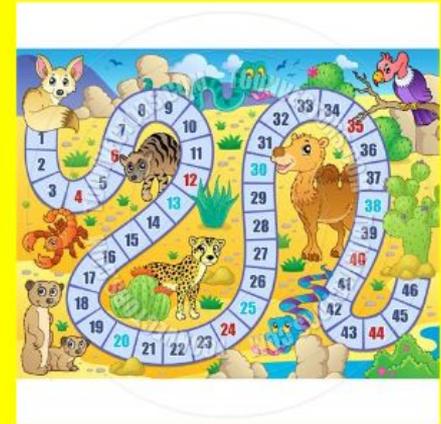
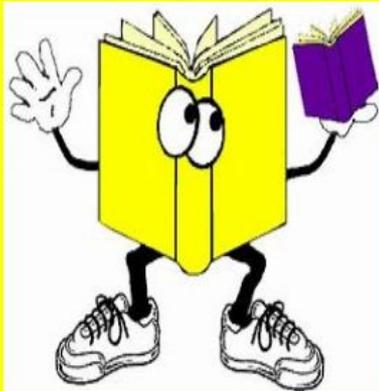


Attendance



A REMINDER TO PARENTS

If your child is going to be absent from school it is a requirement that you notify the school on the day of each and every absence. Please telephone our absence line, 9743 5335 and select option 1 to leave a message, otherwise you can chat to our office ladies or use our Compass app. Please remember that all absences need to be **explained** for your child to be eligible for our end of month rewards or our end of term major prize draws. Our fantastic prizes last term included skateboards, vouchers, baskets of goodies, games, soccer balls and nets, books and so much more.



News from the Attendance Desk



On Time, All Day, Every Day

ATTENDANCE COUNTS



If your child is going to be away you can enter an absence via the Absence Hotline on 9743 5335 then press 1 to report an absence.

Attendance Awards

1A, 3C, 4D & OB



Well done to the following classes for making the greatest improvement to their overall classroom attendance. Keep up the great work!!

4C, For continued whole class excellent attendance!! WAY TO GO YOU ROCK!



Keep Tuned!

Date: October 10th & 11th

Multicultural Day Celebration coming up



What to expect: Students will be encouraged to dress in their traditional cultural costumes.

There will be opportunities to listen to music and learn dances from different cultures around the world.

Parents and families will be encouraged to come along and join the fun. There will be a coffee cart and donuts on the 11th of October.





2018/19 JUNIOR
THOROUGHBREDS MUVJBL
TRYOUTS
SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Melton Indoor Recreation Centre – 159 Coburns Rd, Melton

GIRLS

UNDER 18'S 9.00AM – 10.30AM
UNDER 16'S 10.30AM – 12.00PM
UNDER 14'S 12.00PM – 1.30PM
UNDER 12'S 1.30PM – 3.00PM

BOYS

UNDER 18'S 9.00AM – 10.30AM
UNDER 16'S 10.30AM – 12.00PM
UNDER 14'S 12.00PM – 1.30PM
UNDER 12'S 1.30PM – 3.00PM

The Victorian Junior Championship League serves as a benchmark for excellence in competition and is the premier competition for junior teams nominated by affiliated associations.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019
JUNIOR THOROUGHBREDS
MUVJBL TRYOUTS NOW OPEN
HEAD TO WWW.MELTONBASKETBALL.COM.AU

WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU



PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL
POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS



24TH
AUG

MELTON FOOTY FEVER

BLUE LIGHT
DISCO

6-8PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$5 ENTRY

THE GAP ON GRAHAM 5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON

CONTACT STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU OR THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM
CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN | NO BACK PACKS | NO PASSOUTS



MELTON BLUE LIGHT
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AVAILABLE BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU/CONDITIONS_OF_ENTRY



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The Grade 1 Disco

The Grade 1 students had a wonderful time dancing the night away at our disco on Friday night. After some great games and a delicious dinner of potato cakes and chips, we got down to some brilliant beats with our Super Star DJ from Moby Disc. The students looked amazing in their best disco outfits and a fantastic time was had by all. We would like to say a very big "thank you" to all the teachers and volunteers who helped out on the night. Some pictures have been included for your enjoyment.



Year 1



Congratulations to our Grade 1 students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Remember there is still time to log more books before the end of the challenge on Friday 7th September.



Information Reports

This term the Grade One students have begun studying information reports. We have been building on our research and note-taking skills as well as developing our knowledge of sub-headings and facts. This week we have been working on writing reports about animals.

REMINDERS:

*A payment of \$11 and consent for our Toys Over Time incursion is due on Tuesday 4th September.

*Home reading books need to be returned to school each day.



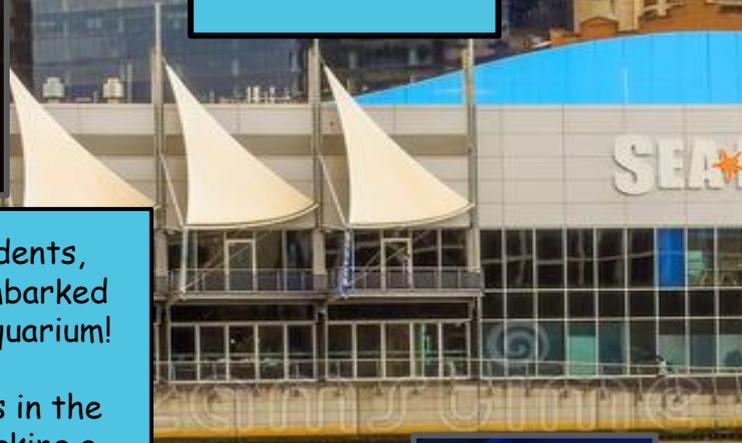
Year 3



During week 4, the grade 3 team, students, some amazing parents, and Mr Pos, embarked on a trip to the Melbourne SeaLife Aquarium!

We had a great time seeing the sights in the city, from the Exhibition Centre, to taking a quick detour to check out the Pollywood Side. The real fun begun once we got to the Aquarium. Students had the chance to learn about a range of animals and experience a 4D cinema.

The students can't wait to research some of the marnie animals they saw on the day, and the grade 3 team can't wait to see what they discover!



Grade 5



Immigration Museum

Our students enjoyed a beautiful day in the city! We spent time in the Immigration Museum discovering the various immigrant groups that have travelled to Australia for a better life. We spent time on Sandridge Bridge collecting facts about the countries where many of our friends and family members are from. We then took a stroll down Chinatown... taking in the sounds and delicious smells of the foods cooking in the kitchens! We are very grateful for the country we live in and how migrants across time have contributed to the way we live now!

Multicultural Open Afternoon

*Please join us in Week 7, Thursday 30th from 2-3pm!
The Grade 5s will be celebrating cultural diversity and sharing what they have learnt so far in Inquiry!
We encourage all students and families to come dressed in traditional clothes and bring a plate/dish unique to your cultural background!
Join us for a fun creative activity as well!
Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or dietary requirements the school is not aware of already.
Don't forget to sign in at the office when you arrive. All food must come with a list of ingredients.



2018 Melton Minis

See you in the Art room at 2:00pm

Melton Mini's was a huge success in 2017 and so we are looking forward to running it again this year!

Melton Primary School is inviting Melton Mini's to come and participate in some group activities throughout the year.

These activities will include storytelling, art and craft, puppets, music and more!

WHO IS A MELTON MINI?

A MELTON MINI IS A YOUNGER SIBLING OF AN MPS STUDENT THAT HAS NOT YET STARTED SCHOOL! THAT'S RIGHT, KIDS OF ANY AGE THAT ARE YET TO START SCHOOL!



TERM 3

~~FRIDAY JULY 20TH~~ FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST
FRIDAY AUGUST 3RD FRIDAY SEP 14TH
FRIDAY AUGUST 17TH



Congratulations



100 Dojo points

badge



YES
YES
YES
WELL
DONE

you did it!

MPS HELPING HANDS NEED YOUR HELP

MPS Fathers Day Stall
Thurs 30th August
Can you lend a hand?



WED
AUG
29TH

Help set up
the Fathers
Day Stall
1:00-3:00pm

THURS
AUG
30TH

Help out at
the stall for as
much time as
you can.
8:30-12:30pm

Performing Arts room

Melton City Council

Parenting Program



123 Magic and Emotion Coaching - A three-session program for parents/carers

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviors
- Choosing your strategy, the three choice model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behavior

WHEN: Thursdays, August 23rd, 30th & September 6th

TIME: 10am to 12pm

WHERE: Durvegan Cottage, 3A Reserve Road (Corner of Nixon St), Melton 3337

COST: Free

RSVP: Joanne @ Melton City Council Family Services
joanneha@melton.vic.gov.au P: 9747 7200

Neha @ Children and Parenting Support service

neha.chugh@aus.salvationarmy.org M: 0475 976 072

BOOK
EARLY!

Don't miss out!



If you haven't already booked your place for your family photo fundraising session, you still have a few more days. Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place.

Family and Kids Photo Fundraiser
CLICK [HERE](#) TO BOOK ONLINE

\$15

Your photoshoot
will be held at your
School or Kinder.

100% of your
booking fee is
fundraised for your
School or Kinder.

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Failure! What a genius idea!



EDUCATION/LEARNING by Michael Grose

A leading Victorian independent school is actively encouraging its students to fail, which is an absolutely genius idea.

As reported in *The Age* (28th August 2017), Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School is holding Failure Week to teach students that making mistakes is a crucial part of learning.

Teachers are sharing their personal stories of failure and students from prep to Year 12 are learning challenging activities such as abstract painting, juggling, reciting poetry and dancing. At the end of the week they'll be displaying their new skills in front of each other with the emphasis being on stuff ups rather than perfection.

I suspect for many students making errors, stuffing up and struggling to get things right will feel uncomfortable. But that's the whole point.

Kids need to fail more if they are to succeed

Traditionally, schools and, in recent years, parents have excelled at celebrating student success. "Top marks", "Dux of the school" and "Perfect score!" are the types of aspirations that teachers and parents have for kids.

But to many students academic success means "Don't stuff it up!", "No mistakes please!" and "You've got to get it right!"

It's been widely reported that Australian kids are anxious, perfectionistic and risk averse. They just don't feel comfortable with failure. And who could blame them? We've hidden failure and disappointment from them for far too long. In recent years there's been a common perception that failure damages people. Unfortunately, this is to the detriment of young people's future success.

Failure is an integral part of learning anything significant, challenging or worthwhile. Resilient learners realise that they don't always get things right the first or even second time but with effort and practice they will master skills, find solutions and gain the knowledge they need to succeed.

As reported in *The Age*, failure, if handled properly, provides kids with the feedback they need to help them achieve excellence. Yes, kids need positive feedback too but only when it's deserved. When we tell a child everything is wonderful when, in fact, his work is mediocre at best, we give him a false sense of achievement.

Failure takes bravery

I've long been a fan of encouragement. What I mean by that is parents and teachers focusing their comments on the processes (effort, contribution, improvement) of what kids do rather than the outcomes. Encouragement places the locus of control onto the child, which is essential for resilience. That doesn't mean that we avoid giving a child feedback if their work or behaviour isn't up to scratch. By all means, we should inform kids when they need to lift their game, but this feedback needs to be provided respectfully and with sensitivity if we want it to be taken on board. The real strength of encouragement is hidden in its French derivative, the verb *courir*: 'to give heart'. Encouraging teachers and parents to somehow find a way to give their kids the courage to be imperfect. It takes a brave soul to make a mistake sometimes, particularly when others may be watching.

Failure needs a *supportive* environment

It's all very well to encourage kids to have a go but they won't stretch themselves unless mistakes are truly accepted by the people that matter to them. A child won't speak up in class when he's unsure of the answer if he knows his classmates will laugh at his errors. Similarly, if kids are to take more learning and social risks they need to know that mistakes and stuff ups won't be thrown back in their faces at home by parents or siblings.

Five simple ways to encourage kids to fail and celebrate errors

1. Model failure: Next time you break a plate when emptying the dishwasher, avoid negative language ("What a klutz!") or catastrophising ("This is the worst thing ever!"). It's a plate. Stuff happens.
2. Tell stories of failure: We tend to be nostalgic of the past and tell kids of the good stuff when we talk about our childhoods. But kids love to hear the warts'n'all stories of the difficulties you faced and stuff-ups you made as a kid. It makes you more human and also gives them permission to do the same.
3. Encourage them: Develop a vocabulary around effort, improvement, contribution and enjoyment. Be your child's cheerleader but don't avoid giving feedback when necessary.
4. Tell and show kids how to improve: Feedback is always best when it has a teaching focus. So next time you pick up a child on their poor schoolwork or untidy bedroom, make sure you remind them how to do it right.
5. Provide the time to fail and get it right: Modern teachers and parents are time poor. Crowded curricula and busy lifestyles make us less tolerant of failure. But as anyone who has taught a young child to do up his or her shoelaces will know, some things can't be rushed. Time and patience can be your best assets when helping kids to handle learning challenges.



Failure doesn't sit comfortably with many of us, but it's an essential element to success. The idea of a school setting aside a week to encourage their students to fail more may challenge our perceptions of the education process. But it's a very timely, very smart idea that should be adopted and adapted by schools and families everywhere.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.