

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 22nd July, 2019

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,

Welcome back to term 3. We hope that all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. It has been great to talk to the students and hear about their adventures and relaxation during the July holiday period.

Student led conferences and reports

Thank you to all of our families who took the time to read their child/ren's report and attend the student led conferences at the end of term 2. If you require a hard copy of your child's report, please ensure that you notify your child's teacher and they will arrange a copy for you.

Foundation 2020

Students enrolled in Foundation for 2020 should have recently received notification of our transition days that commence this term. We encourage families who have not yet enrolled their child/ren in school for Foundation 2020 to do so as soon as possible so that they do not miss out on any transition sessions.

Curriculum Day - Friday 9th August

A friendly reminder that as advertised at the start of the year, Friday 9th August is a Curriculum Day and students are not required at school on this day. Please ensure that you make arrangements for your child/ren to be supervised on this day.

Crazy Hair Day

Junior School Council are hosting a Crazy Hair Day this Friday 26th July. Students are able to wear their hair in a crazy colour or style for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council.

From the Principal's desk

Athletics Carnival

Last term students in Grades 3-6 participated in our Athletics Carnival. Braving the overcast weather, the students gave it their all as they participated in a range of track and field events. It was wonderful to see sportsmanship, encouragement and genuine happiness for their competitors as some students received a ribbon for their position. Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts and attempts throughout the carnival. A special thank you to Mr Carty Cowling for all of his organisation and preparation of the Athletics carnival. Thank you to all of our staff for the support that they provided in organising, running and timing events. A special thank you to all of the parent helpers who assisted on the day. We appreciate your support. Congratulations to the students who will now go on to represent Melton Primary at the District Athletics carnival. We wish all of these students the best as they compete against students from all of the other Melton schools.

The students compete in age groups as they are required to for School Sport Victoria. The age groups are determined by what age a child is on 31st December that year. This means that students in Grade 3 will compete in the 8/9 age group as this is the lowest age group that School Sport Victoria operate.

Canberra Camp

Last week Grade 6 students braced an early morning start and boarded the bus which was headed up the Hume Hwy for our Nation's Capital. During the week the students had the opportunity to visit old and new Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport, the War Memorial, the Australian Mint, the High Court, the Electoral Office, Telstra Tower, Questacon and the National Museum of Australia. Our students had a sensational time and enjoyed learning about what our Nation's Capital has to offer. A special thank you to our staff, Mrs Sutherland, Mr McCabe, Mrs Collins, Mr Trewavis Jnr and Mrs Phelan who don't get paid any extra and have taken the week away from their own families to attend this camp. A huge thank you to Luke Bristow who attended this camp as a parent helper.

From the Principal's desk

Parent Opinion Survey - WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Approximately 30 percent of parents were invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday the 2nd of August, Melton Primary School will be participating in Jeans for Genes Day. We ask that all students come to school wearing their Jeans and bring along a gold coin donation. (Please note that this is not an out of uniform day. Students are still required to wear their school uniform tops). Jeans for Genes day is a fundraising campaign that had been established by the Children's Medical Research Institute in 1994 to fund research that helps to diagnose, understand and find cures or treatments for conditions affecting children, including genetic diseases, cancer and epilepsy.

Vanessa Harrison

Principal

Key Dates for Term 3, 2019

July

- 23rd Grade 2 Willows Historical Walk
- 26th Crazy Hair Day - Gold Coin Donation
- 29th Foundation 100 Days of School celebration
- 31st Grade 2 History Guest Speaker

August

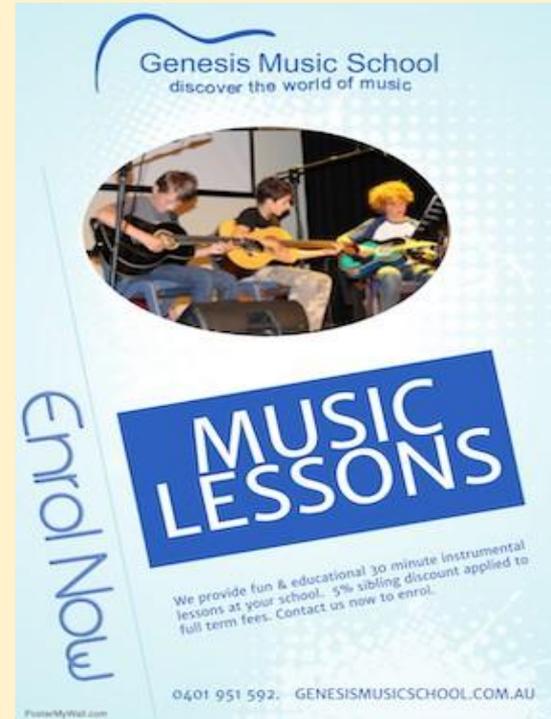
- 2nd Jeans for Genes Day - Gold Coin Donation
- 9th **Curriculum Day - No students at school**
- 12th District Athletics for selected students
- 13th District Athletics for selected students
- 16th Grade 5 Performing Arts Incursion
- 16th Grade 1 Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 19th - 23rd **Book Week**
- 26th - 28th Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ Camp to Phillip Island

September

- 4th Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ Basketball Comp - selected students
- 12th Divisional Athletics for selected students
- 17th Girls AFL 9s for selected students
- 17th Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ Rugby for selected students

September

- 19th MPS Obstacool Run Fundraiser
- 20th Grades 2-6 Swimming Carnival
- 20th Last day of term 3, students finish at 2:30pm.



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The advertisement features a light blue background with a circular inset photo of three children playing instruments. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of blue and white colors.

Reading is my **SECRET POWER**



CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019



www.cbca.org.au

BOOK WEEK IS COMING.....

Melton Primary School will be celebrating Book Week in style during the week of the 19th - 23rd of August.

We will be having a parade and the exact date and time are to be confirmed.

As is done every year the Children's Book Council of Australia set a theme. This year it is "Reading is my SECRET POWER". This is merely a suggestion and as always any costume related to a book is welcomed.

[VICTORIAN] MATHS CHALLENGE!

1. Setting the scene

- What do you and your family already know about structural engineering?
- How do we make structures strong, stable and tall?
- Do the shapes we find in buildings matter?
- What can you learn from structures which are made from joining straight pieces together at different angles?

How tall can you make your tower?

Why take the Eureka Challenge?

This challenge encourages you and your family to think about **geometry** and about how different **shapes** create structure. Many structures are made from joining straight pieces together at different **angles**. By creating your own tower you and your family will learn about the **interaction between height, weight, and stability**.

Your challenge is to build a one metre paper tower that holds one kilogram or at least a shoe!



2. The Challenge

Build the tallest free standing tower you can.

1. **Gather your construction team.** You may want to involve a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or family friend.
2. **Collect as much paper as you like** (think about using old newspapers or junk-mail – no cardboard).
3. **Find some sticky tape, scissors and a tape measure** if you want to measure how tall your finished tower is.
4. **Clear some space**, take as much time as you like, and using the paper, sticky tape and scissors start building.
5. **Grab a camera to capture images or video of your tower.**
6. **Reflect:** what has building a tower taught you about the interaction between height, weight and stability?

Please have your entry into Mrs Harrison by 9am Friday the 6th of August, there will be one family prize winner

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures will be sent home as soon as they arrive.

DON'T FORGET!



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

5th August

 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP for Parents

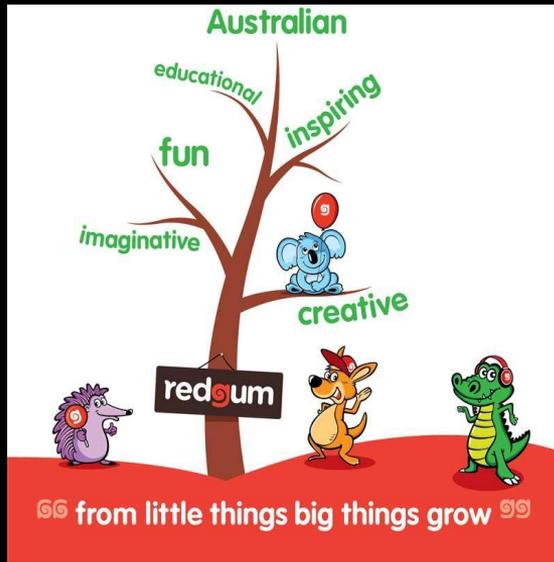
LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Please note we do not accept any cash payments for Book Club. Payments should be made through LOOP.



**Orders Due by
12th August**

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Email:

orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

Fax: (02) 9997 5850

Phone: (02) 8445 2355

Post: Reply Post 30, PO Box 935,
Mona Vale, NSW 1660

Short Story Competition

Stretch your writing muscles and you could share in almost \$3000 worth of prizes in the Melton City Libraries Short Story Competition!

The Short Story competition is a great opportunity for all budding writers of all ages to showcase their talent and have their work read by popular authors.

Entries can be submitted in any medium: print, illustration, video, verse, voice or combinations of any of the above. Entries should be no more than 3000 words for adults, 1500 words for junior and teen, or for other story formats, something that takes no more than 5 minutes to experience.

The competition will award the first, second and third prize entries in Junior, Teenage and Adult sections.

See Mrs Partridge in the Library for entry forms!



ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

SHORT *Story* COMPETITION

Entries can be submitted in any medium: print, illustration, video, verse, voice or combinations of any of the above. Entries should be no more than 3000 words for adults, 1500 words for junior and teen or, for other story formats, something that takes no more than 5 minutes to experience. Prizes will be given to schools in the municipality with the most entries in each category.

KEY DATES:
OPEN - 15 JULY 2019
CLOSE - 19 AUGUST 2019
FINALISTS NOTIFIED - 7 OCTOBER 2019
PRESENTATION NIGHT - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

JUNIOR A SECTION (Prep - Year 3)*

1st prize	\$300
2nd prize	\$200
3rd prize	\$100

JUNIOR B SECTION (Year 4 - Year 6)*

1st prize	\$300
2nd prize	\$200
3rd prize	\$100

TEENAGE SECTION (Year 7 - Year 12)*

1st prize	\$300
2nd prize	\$200
3rd prize	\$100

ADULT SECTION (18years+)*

1st prize	\$750
2nd prize	\$500
3rd prize	\$250

FORMS

Entry forms can be downloaded from Council's website: melton.vic.gov.au/shortstory or pick up an entry form in person.

See addresses below.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY

Online melton.vic.gov.au/shortstory

Email shortstory@melton.vic.gov.au

Post Short Story Competition
Melton City Council
PO Box 21, Melton, 3337

In Person **Melton Civic Centre**
232 High Street, Melton

Melton Library and Learning Hub
31 McKenzie Street, Melton

Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub
193 Caroline Springs Boulevard
Caroline Springs

*Best first time entry and highly commended prizes will also be awarded in each category.

In case of two winners in any category the first and second prize will be added together and divided equally between the two winners and there will be a third prize.

Please read the Conditions of Entry before submitting your story. Finalists will be announced on Monday 7 October 2019 and presented with their prizes at a special ceremony at

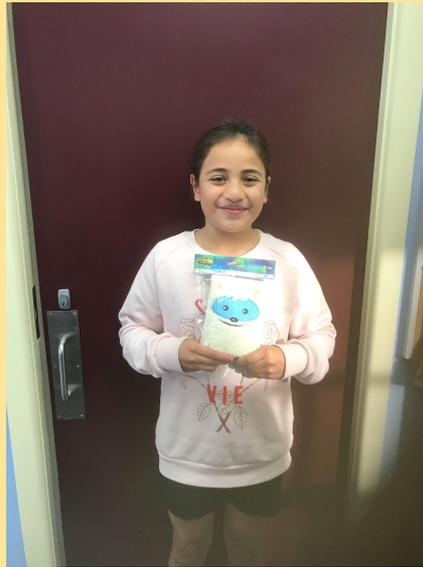
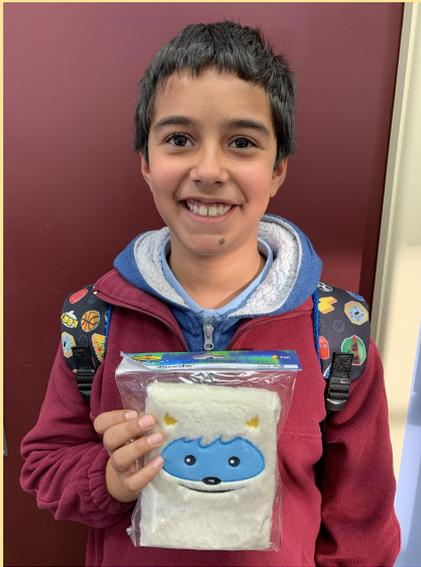
Melton Library and Learning Hub,
31 McKenzie Street on Friday 25 October 2019.

If you have additional queries please call Melton Library or Caroline Springs Library on 9747 5300.



School Banking program.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a banking prize;
Alexander 4C, Florence 3A, Ashlyn 2A and Delaney 0B



Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Silver Banking Certificate;
Thomas 1D

School Banking program.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a banking prize;
Chalsie 5C, Levi 4C, Charlotte 2C, Thomas 1D



Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Silver Banking Certificate;
Adel 4C and Mason 1C

The Junior SRC are holding a



On Friday 26th July

Gold Coin Donation required.

Wear your hair in crazy colours or styles.

All proceeds are
being donated to the
Cancer Council
Australia.

Coloured hair must be
sprayed at home.

2019 Melton Minis

2pm @ The Art Room

Melton Minis was a huge success in 2018 and so we are looking forward to running it again this year! Melton Primary School is inviting Melton Minis 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 AND TERM 4

Fri 26th July
Fri 16th Aug
Fri 30th Aug
Fri 20th Sep

FRI 18TH OCT
FRI 1ST NOV
FRI 15TH NOV
FRI 29TH NOV
FRI 13TH DEC





Attendance

Congratulations to the following Grades for their ongoing fantastic attendance for 7th -28th June :

1D

1E

Congratulations to the most improved Grade's for their attendance for:
7th - 28th June

Foundation D

3A

5B

A reminder if your child is going to be away you can enter an absence via the Compass app or telephone 9753 5335, select option 1, and leave a message.

Foundation

During Term 3, the Foundation students are learning about our local community. We started the term with a walk around Melton to visit places such as the Vet, Firestation, Police station, Ambulance and library.



Grade 2

Welcome back to a wonderful term 3. We hope that the children are just as excited as we are for this very busy and fantastic time. This term our focus for inquiry is on 'History', specifically significant people and places in Melton's history. To kick off this wonderful inquiry we began with our Melton Heritage Walk which took place last Tuesday 16th July. Here are some photographs of our absolutely outstanding day!



Reminders

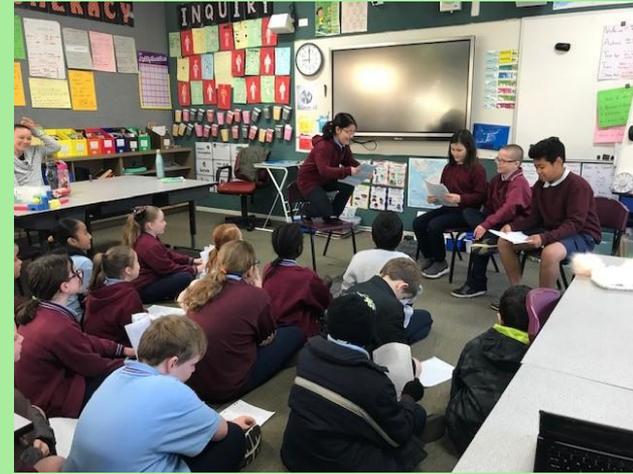
*Our excursion to The Willows Historic Park is this **Tuesday 23rd July**. Please make sure you have provided permission for your child to attend this event on Compass.

*Continue to read with your child each night and log books on the Premier's Reading Challenge.

*Crazy hair day is this Friday 26th July. A gold coin donation is required.

Grade 4

In the last week of term 2 our students put on fantastic performances of their favourite scenes from 'Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing'.



After intense rehearsal the students demonstrated character voice and tone, great use of props, expression filled reading and an understanding of the story and its mood. Thanks to all the parents were able to be apart of the student's presentations



Students went on virtual reality tours using the VR goggles at school.

Grade 6 News

What will we be learning?

Reading

Students will be learning how to navigate through a variety of non-fiction text.

Writing

Students will be learning how to identify and use the 6+1 Writing Traits.

Inquiry

Students will be learning about the Australian Government and Democracy.

Reminders

In preparation for graduation:

- All students who didn't attend MPS in prep need to provide their teacher with a photo of them in their prep year or as close as possible ASAP. This will be scanned and returned to the student as it is needed for the Graduation DVD.

Homework:

ALL students are expected to:

- Read for 20 min, four times a week.
- Complete a times tables maths grid once per week as well as talk homework once a fortnight.

What have we been up to in Canberra?

Term 3 began with our students loading onto the bus for our Canberra Camp on our first day back at school.



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT IN STEAM IN TERM 3

GRADE 3

We have started to learn about how objects change by adding heat and by cooling them. We will then be learning how heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another.



GRADE 4

We have started to learn about the different properties of materials. We will then be learning how forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance.



GRADE 5

We have started to plan and design using the design process our paper roller coasters. We will then be learning how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.



GRADE 6

We have started to plan and design using the design process our paper roller coasters. We will then be learning how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity.

