Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 9th December, 2019

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

2020 structure

The teachers and leadership team have put in many hours to determine the grade structure and make up of classes for 2020. Listed further on in the newsletter is a list of all of the teachers and what their role will be in 2020.

Step up day

Grade 6 students will spend 10th December at their new Secondary School. We wish them all the best as the begin their journey to their new education location.

On 17th December students will participate in a step up morning to their 2020 grades with their 2020 teachers. Students from Foundation to Year 5 will spend time getting to know their teacher and their new classmates for 2020.

Meet your child's 2020 teacher afternoon

We ask all families to make time to bring a picnic afternoon tea on Thursday 19th December from 2:10pm to meet your child's 2020 teacher. Students will invite their parents into their new classrooms for 2020. A map of locations is provided further on.

2020 Book Boxes

Orders will now incur a delivery fee. We suggest that you do multiple orders on one login so that you only incur one delivery fee. If you do not have a debit credit card or credit card, you can go to the post office to purchase one. If you need assistance ordering your pack/s or you do not have access to the internet, one of our friendly office team are available every Friday morning from 8:30am-9:30am to assist you in the first aid room. If you are not available during this time, please contact the office to make a mutually agreeable time.

From the Principal's desk

Grade 2 Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion

Congratulations to majority of the Grade 2 students for your exceptional behaviour at the Ballarat Wildlife Park. Students' learnt about the habitat of animals, the needs of animals and the care of animals. Students were provided with a first hand experience of viewing the animals and their habitats. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers for your organisation and duty of care on the day.

School Concert

You're invited to attend our end of year concert at 5pm on Wednesday 18th December on the school oval. Students are only allowed to attend under the supervision of an adult. More details further on in the newsletter.

School Awards

This year we will again be presenting school awards on the night of the concert. We believe it is important to recognise our students for their efforts and excellence across a range of curriculum domains and students who show citizenship. A selection of students from Foundation to Year 6 will be presented with trophies throughout the concert.

House Captains

Year 5 students will present their speeches at 12:30pm on Monday 9th December, to apply for the House Captain. Families are invited to attend the House meetings and listen to the speeches. Acacia will be meeting in the gym, Blue Gums will be meeting on the shaded area near the tennis courts, Grevillea will be meeting in the shade cloth area near the library and Callistemon will be meeting in the BER. We encourage our students to be brave and put themselves forward for our leadership opportunities.

Reading

Congratulations to all of the students who reached our termly reading goals throughout the year. We encourage all of our students to keep reading over the holidays.

From the Principal's desk

School Captains

Well done to all of the students who applied for the position of school captain for 2020. Our students presented confident speeches reflecting upon their skills, talents and leadership. It was wonderful to see how they addressed the school agreed behaviours and how they will help to lead the school in 2020. A rigorous merit and equitable process was followed and the final decision, taking into account the student speeches, how they continually present themselves, attendance and the staff votes was a tough one. Congratulations Joshua Milosia, Ella McGregor, Lizzy Masinaamua and Oliver Waldie on your appointment to our 2020 School Captain Leadership positions. It was an extremely difficult choice as we had over 30 students apply. Thank you to everyone who was brave enough to put themselves forward and apply for the positions, we are really proud of you all.

Reports and all books

Reports will be available on Compass on Friday 13th December. Teachers will shortly be sending home all student books and materials. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a fairly empty school bag and a spare plastic bag so that they can place all of their belongings into it.

Thank you Parent/Friend Helpers

This year there have been numerous parents, grandparents and friends who have supported the teachers and curriculum programs that have operated throughout 2019. To all of the members of the Melton Helping Hands, we thank you for your contributions to fundraising throughout the year. We highly appreciate and value the support given by each and every person who has contributed and supported our school this year. We hope to see you at our afternoon tea on Thursday 12th Dec at 2:10pm in the staffroom.Thank you.

From the Principal's desk

Graduating Students

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all of our graduating and departing students all the best as they step into the next phase of their learning. Thank you for your commitment to your learning at Melton Primary School. We wish you all the best for your future endeavors and encourage you to make the most of all opportunities that come your way. Your graduation ceremony should be a wonderful evening. Enjoy every moment of it.

Students moving to a new location

To all of our students who are moving house and are moving to a new school we wish you all the best as you transition into a new location to continue your education journey.

Staff moving onto a new location in 2020

Thank you to the following staff for their contributions to Melton Primary School throughout this year and previous years and we wish you all the best as you move to new roles for 2020 - Mrs Sara Sulava, Mrs Erin Lindner and Ms Alyssa Lim. Thank you to Mrs Angela Vaccaro who is retiring just after the commencement of the 2020 school 1 term. Thank you all for your dedication to teaching students and we wish you all the best.

2020 School Year

The first day of school for all students is Thursday 30th January, 2020. Foundation students finish at 11:40am - however selected students are given interview times for the English Online and Numeracy Online Assessment in the afternoon.
Friday 31st January – All students at school and Foundation students to finish at 11:40am – however selected students are given interview times for the English Online and Numeracy Online Assessment in the afternoon.

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End of Term Dismissal
School concludes for 2019 at 1:00pm on Friday 20th December. If you will not be available to pick your child up at this earlier dismissal time, we ask that you make alternative arrangements.

Thank you to the Staff
I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the year and I wish them a relaxing and restful holiday season. Our teachers and education support staff work diligently throughout the year to provide our students with a range of learning opportunities and experiences. They work above the hours that they are paid to provide learning experiences to improve our school. I really appreciate and value their commitment and support. We wish Mrs Vaccaro all the best as she retires and Mrs Sulava all the best as she takes on a position at another school. We thank them both for their contributions to Melton Primary School and for educating our students.

Merry Christmas
Take a wander through our classrooms to see our decorated door and windows to celebrate Christmas.

To the families of Melton Primary School on behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. To the students, make sure you have a relaxing break and do not give your parents too hard a time over the holidays. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. From the last day of term, our teachers will be switching off Class Dojo and Compass to enjoy a well earned rest, we will make contact again towards the end of January. Travel safe and enjoy time with your family.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 4, 2019

December

10th Grade 6 Orientation at selected Secondary School
10th Foundation 2020 Orientation morning
12th Christmas Dress Up Day
12th Parent Helpers Thank you tea 2:10pm
13th Junior Sports Day
16th Grade 1 & 2 Mick's Jump and Play Excursion
16th Grade 6 Graduation 5:00pm
17th Meet your 2020 Grade and teacher
18th Grade 2 Upcycle Excursion
18th **School Concert 5:00pm**
19th Meet your child's 2020 teacher 2:10pm
20th Last day of 2019, school finishes at 1:00pm

Key Dates for Term 1, 2020

January

28th School Office is open
29th School Office is open
30th All **students commence school, Foundation students finish at 11:40am.**
31st 11am Foundation Parent Information session. Foundation students finish at 11:40am

February

5th Foundation students not required at school
12th Foundation students not required at school
19th Foundation students not required at school
21st School Photos
21st Summer Sport Rd 1 - selected Grade 6 students
25th MPSSA District Swimming - selected students
26th Foundation students not required at school
28th Summer Sport Rd 2 - selected Grade 6 students

2020

Tuesday 28th January – staff commence, no students required at school

Wednesday 29th January – Curriculum Day, no students required at school

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Every Wednesday for the entire month of February Foundation students are not required to attend – however selected students are given interview times for the English Online and Numeracy Online Assessment on these days.

2020 Term Dates

Term 1: 28th & 29th January (teachers start)
Students commence on Thursday 30th Jan.
Term 1 concludes on Friday 27th March
Term 2: 14th April to 26th June
Term 3: 13th July to 18th September
Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

Public Holidays 2020

Monday 9th March - Labour Day
Friday 10th April - Good Friday
Monday 13th April - Easter Monday
Saturday 25th April - ANZAC Day
Monday 8th June - Queen's Birthday
TBA - AFL Grand Final Friday
Tuesday 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Holiday

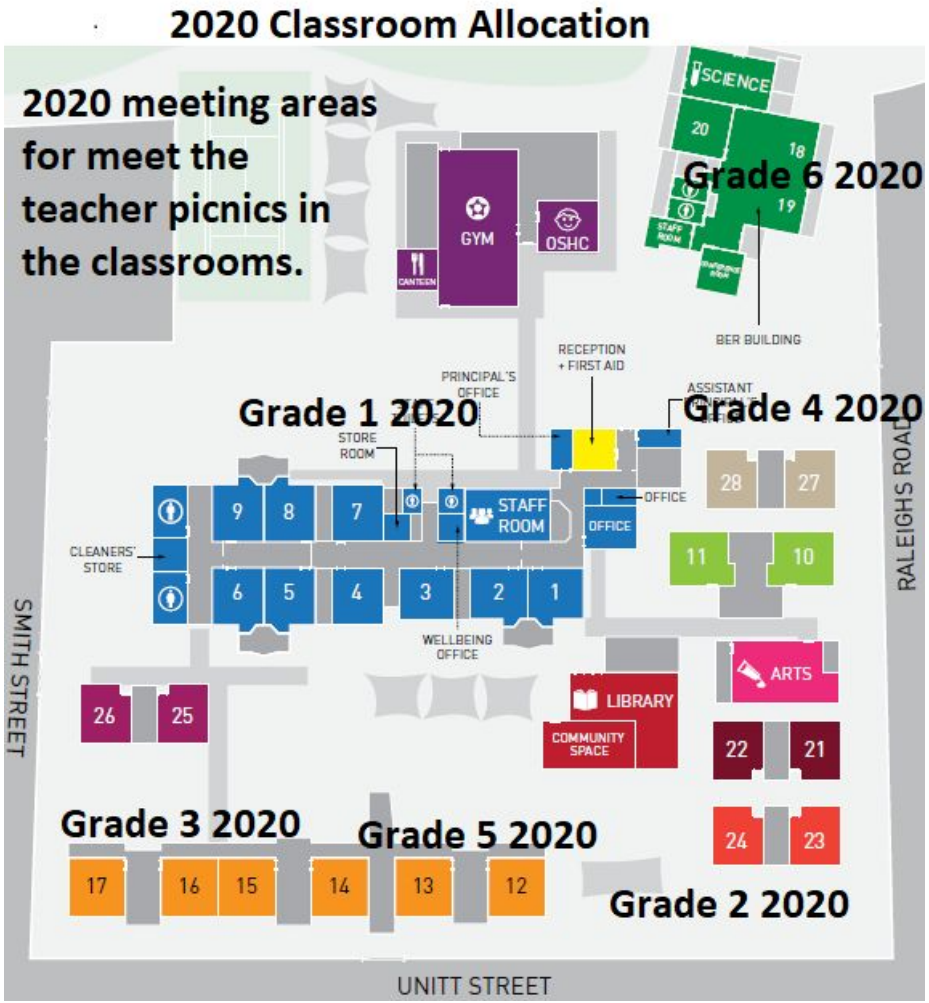
2020 teaching staff and their roles

Principal Class	Principal – Vanessa Harrison Assistant Principal – Emma Sutherland Assistant Principal – Melanie Gilbert
Leading Teachers	Community Engagement in Learning - Adriana Timpani Positive Climate for Learning - Karen Guest Excellence in Teaching and Learning – Numeracy - Ben Gallagher Excellence in Teaching and Learning – Literacy - Ann Ward
Learning Specialist	Ashleigh Gravatt - Building Instructional Practice Danny Roberts - Building Instructional Practice Georgia Magnano - Building Instructional Practice
Classroom Teachers	Foundation A - Tracy Brewis- Room 9 (Foundation Team Leader) Foundation B - Tarsh Dandy- Room 8 Foundation C - Emma Taylor - Room 5 Foundation D - Sheree Lucas- Room 6 Grade 1A - Kylie Reardon - Room 3 (Grade 1 Team Leader) Grade 1B - Brett Strachan - Room 4 Grade 1C - Lauren Meaney - Room 7 Grade 1D - Emma Smart - Room 2 Grade 2A - Tash Shirtcliffe - Room 22 (Grade 2 Team Leader) Grade 2B - Ashleigh Strods & Belinda Hamilton (1 day a week) - Room 21 Grade 2C - Chloe Stokes - Room 23 Grade 2D - Tammy Velden - Room 24

2020 teaching staff and their roles

Classroom Teachers	Grade 3A - Khryxette Jerez - Room 17 (Grade 3 Team Leader) Grade 3B - Emma Prenga - Room 16 Grade 3C - Kerry Coward- Room 15 Grade 3D - Mari Jankulovska - Room 14 Grade 4A - Kylie Morrissy - Room 27 (Grade 4 Team Leader) Grade 4B - Stephanie Wilson - Room 28 Grade 4C - Liz Collins - Room 11 Grade 4D - Danny Roberts - Room 10 Grade 5A - Kelly Allan - Room 13 (Grade 5 Team Leader) Grade 5B - Brian Wheelahan - Room 12 Grade 5C - Georgia Magnano - Room 1 Grade 6A - Cam McCabe - Room 19 Grade 6B - Serrena Walters - Room 18 Grade 6C - Terri Morgan - Room 20
Specialist Teachers	Physical Education - Augustine Carty-Cowling & Lauren Brown Dance/Drama/Music - Adriana Timpani, Lauren Brown & Kate Barta STEAM - Lauren Brown Auslan/Art - Kate Barta Craig Trewavis - Swimming Coach Dianne Tempany - Professional Practice Release Teacher Aaron Rasmanis - Professional Practice Release Teacher

From the Principal's desk



Meet your child's 2020 teacher
Thursday 19th Dec
at 2:10pm

Class	Room	Name
0A	9	Tracy Brewis
0B	8	Tarsh Dandy
0C	5	Emma Taylor
0D	6	Sheree Lucas
1A	3	Kylie Reardon
1B	4	Brett Strachan
1C	7	Lauren Meaney
1D	2	Emma Smart
2A	22	Tash Shirtcliffe
2B	21	Ashleigh Strodds
2C	23	Chloe Stokes
2D	24	Tammy Velden

Class	Room	Name
3A	17	Khryxette Jerez
3B	16	Emma Prenga
3C	15	Kerry Coward
3D	14	Mari Jankulovska
4A	27	Kylie Morrissy
4B	28	Stephanie Wilson
4C	11	Liz Collins
4D	10	Daniel Roberts
5A	13	Kelly Allan
5B	12	Brian Wheelahan
5C	1	Georgia Magnano
6A	19	Cam McCabe
6B	18	Serrena Walters
6C	20	Terri Morgan

Summer Writing Challenge

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Make a bucket list of things you want to do this summer. Date:	Write your life story. Date:	Go for a walk. Write five sentences about the walk you went on. Date:	Write a scary story. Date:	Write a letter to your friend or family. Date:
Write about the last week of school. Date:	Write a description of a garden using 5 senses. Date:	Write what you did on a rainy day. Date:	Write about the worst holiday of your life. Date:	Write swimming instructions for your younger sibling. Date:
Write a poem about summer. Date:	Write about a new exotic fruit you tasted this summer. Date:	Write about a picnic. Date:	Write about your favourite water game or activity. Date:	Write a recipe of your favourite food. Date:
Write a book review of your favourite book Date:	Write about your favourite children's book author. Date:	Write about a magic lamp you found in the woods. Date:	Write a summer song. Date:	Write in your playhouse Date:
Write a hilarious poem. Date:	Write about a favourite character you read in the book. Date:	Write a shopping list for your parents. Date:	Write about your favourite sport. Date:	Write a mystery story. Date:
Write a new ending for a book you read today. Date:	Write five interesting facts about summer. Date:	Write about the beach you went this summer. Date:	Write under the stars. Date:	Write what you want to achieve in your new class. Date:

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 9th Aug~~
~~Fri 23rd August~~
~~Fri 20th Sep (1:30-2:30PM)~~
~~Fri 18th Oct~~
~~Fri 1st Nov~~
~~Fri 15th Nov~~
~~Fri 29th Nov~~
Fri 13th Dec

Save the date

School concert 18th Dec 5:00pm
(on the oval)

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

2019 SCHOOL DVD ORDER FORM

This year Encore Videography will be taping our school concert to create some wonderful DVD's.

The MPS Annual School Concert will be held on Wednesday the 18th of December at 5pm out on the school oval.

The DVD's will be available for collection at the beginning of Term One 2020 due to the concert being during the last week of school.

Please return your order form and payment to the office by **Monday the 9th of December**. Unfortunately any orders beyond this date will not be accepted.

NAME OF ELDEST STUDENT:_____

GRADE:_____

The school DVD cost is $15. How many would you like to purchase?

1= $15 ☐ 2= $30 ☐ 3= $45 ☐ 4=$60 ☐

School Banking program.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a banking prize Week 8;
Jackson 3D and Taylah 1D

Congratulations to **Archer 3A, Cooper 3D, Breanna 2C and Addison 1C** for receiving a **GOLD** Saver Award.
Congratulations to **Samia 0B** for receiving a **SILVER** Saver Award

School Banking program.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a banking prize Week 9;
Lucas 6C, Thomas 1D and Max 1D

WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING STUDENT BANKERS FOR THIS YEAR!!!!

CLASS
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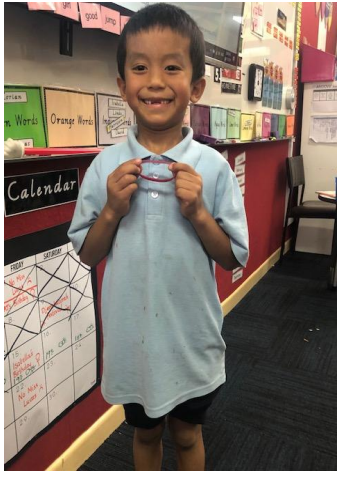

Calendar

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following Grade for their ongoing fantastic attendance for 22nd November - 6th December:

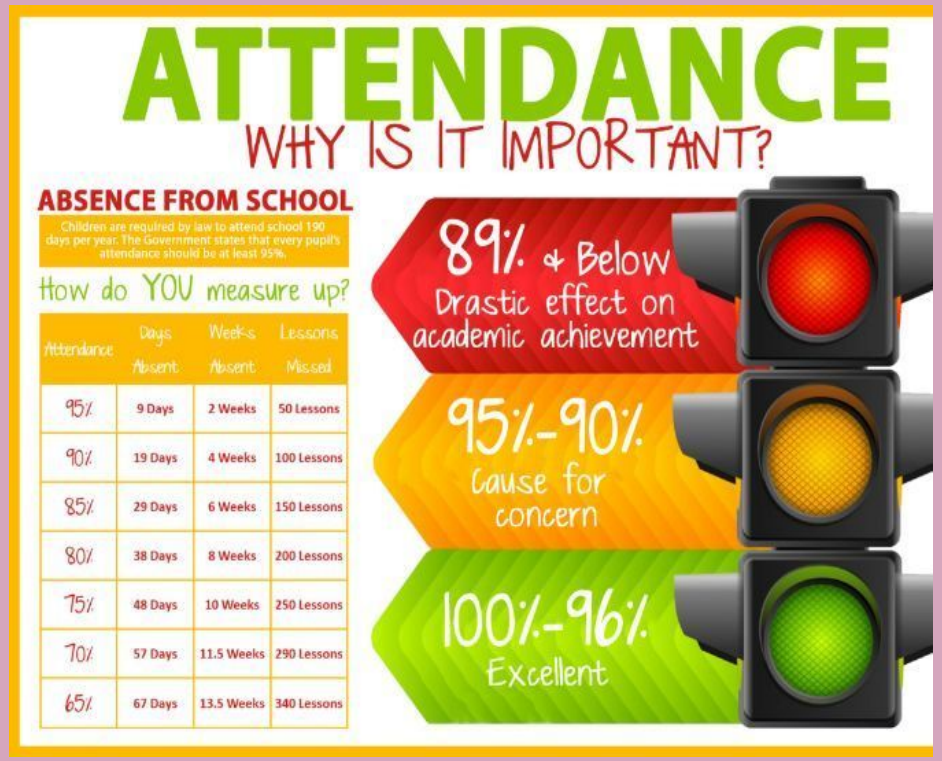
1C **1D** **Foundation D**

Congratulations to the most improved Grade's for their attendance for 22nd November - 6th December:

3C **1A**

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.

Attendance



MPS Tips on improving your child's attendance!

Tip 1: Help your child understand why going to school everyday matters. Discuss what they're missing out on and how showing up to school every day is an important skill that will help them become successful in life. It will help them keep a job and learn what they need to know and be able to do to realize their hopes and dreams.

Tip 2: Create attendance goals with your child and track their progress in a notebook or calendar. Also, you can try giving them small rewards for not missing school, the school can work with you to arrange these.

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Melton Primary School

AGREED BEHAVIOURS

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.

What does this look like at Melton Primary School?

In Class:

- Listen to the ideas and opinions of others.
- Celebrate and encourage our classmates achievements and efforts.
- Be flexible when working in teams and give everyone a chance to contribute, take turns.

In the Yard:

- Include others and encourage them to join in your game.
- Modify your game so that more people can join in the fun.
- Have rules that everyone understands and encourage others to be a good sport.
- Be a problem solver and consider others' feelings.

Grade 1- Werribee Zoo!

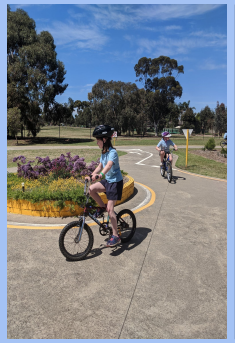
We had a fabulous time at the Werribee Zoo excursion!
We got to see so many different animals living in a replica of their natural habitat.
We went on a very cool safari tour and as well as seeing giraffes, rhinos, camels and hippos, we were super lucky to see the baby zebra who stuck very close to its mum!
Just gorgeous!
Everybody had a fantastic day and we wished we could have stayed forever because there was so much to see and do!

Grade 3

Bike Education Excursion

The Grade 3 students participated in a fun bike education session.
Whilst we were there, students had the chance to experience road safety rules whilst riding bikes.

Students had a fantastic day and learned how to ride a bike safely on the road



REMINDER:

Join us on Thursday 12th December 2019 for a Christmas/End of Year celebration!

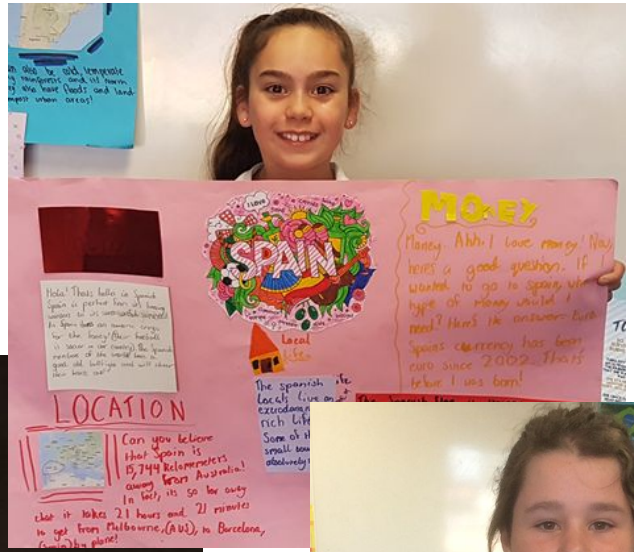
Where: Your child's classroom
When: Session 4 (12:30 - 1:30pm)
What: A series of Christmas crafts

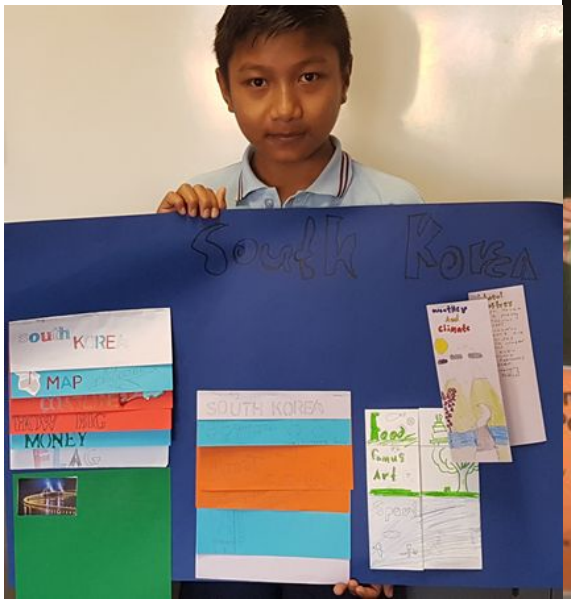
Concert

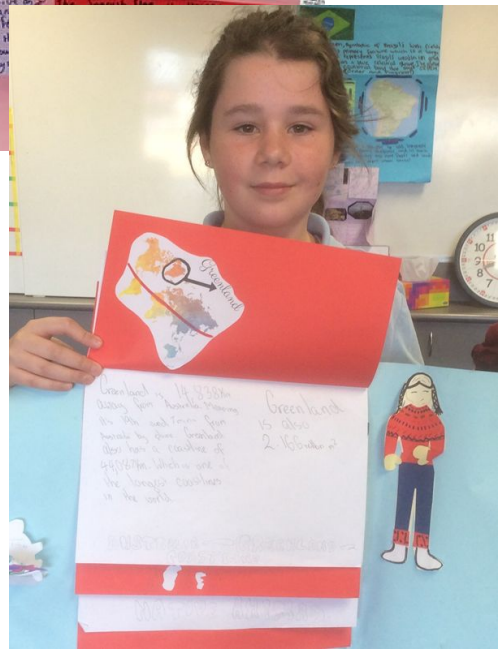
As our annual school concert is fast approaching and practise is well underway. Students have been enjoying learning dance moves ready for the special night.

Grade 5- Geography Unit

The grade 5 students have been learning about geographical and cultural features of countries around the world. Have a look at the projects they have produced about a country of their choice.

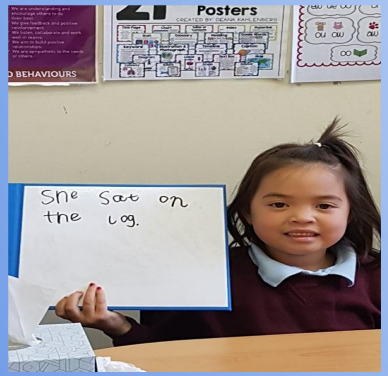


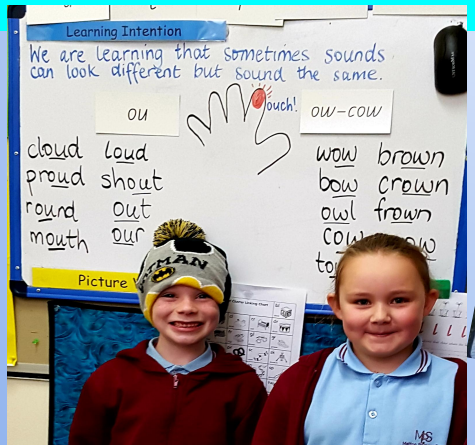


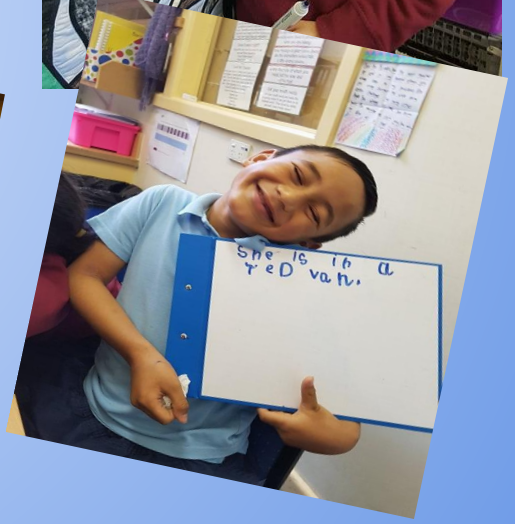


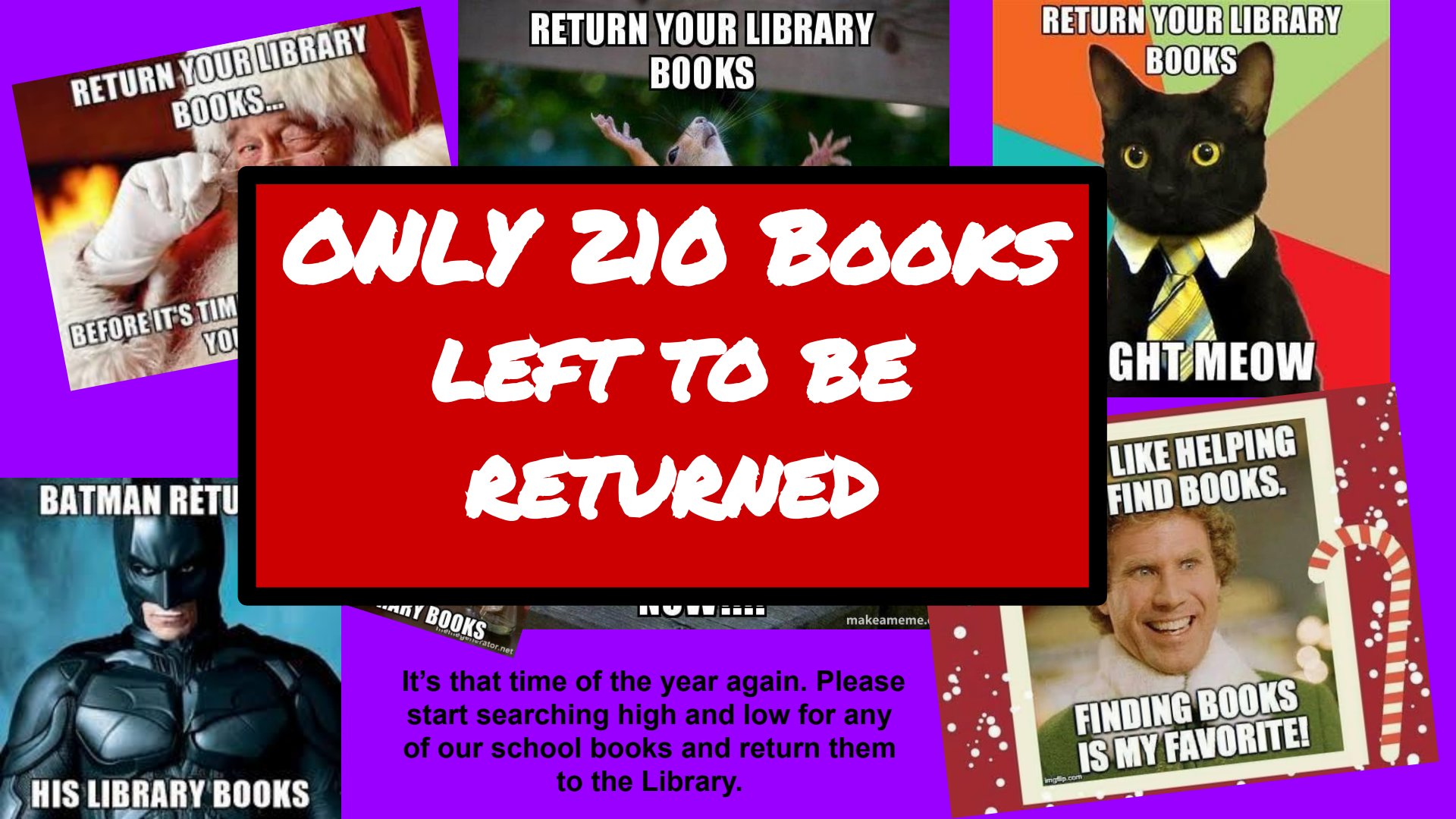
Mini Lit Term 4

Term 4, has been very exciting in Mini Lit as some of our wonderful Foundation students have joined our gorgeous grade 1 students on the MiniLit program. They have been working very hard learning about new sounds and blends, and how these sounds go together to make new words for them to read. Mrs Bowden and Mrs McIntosh have had so much fun teaching you all . We hope all our students old and new have a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.









It's that time of the year again. Please start searching high and low for any of our school books and return them to the Library.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
JANUARY 2020

STAY ACTIVE, GET CREATIVE, DANCE AND MORE WITH US THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Melton City Council's Community Activity & Learning Centres are celebrating summer with a variety of free and low cost activities across the municipality throughout the January 2020 school holidays.

BOOK YOUR SPACE VIA OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US FOR ASSISTANCE.

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ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME & COST
THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2020			
School Holiday Scavenger Hunt	Explore Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre while searching for clues, tackling challenges and solving riddles.	**Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House** 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill	Free 11am – 3pm (drop in any time)
TUESDAY 14 JANURY 2020			
Hip Hop Workshop for Kids	Learn hip hop dance moves and put it all together to family friendly catchy beats. Suitable for children aged 8-12 years.	**Banchory Community Centre** 17 Banchory Ave, Hillside	Free 11am – 12pm

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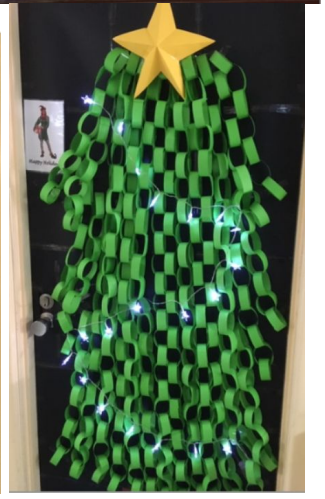
Christmas Doors at Melton Primary School