

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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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,

Reports

This semester our student reports will not look the same as they have previously. Teachers will not provide a progression point. Reports will comprise of a blurb of what has been taught during the semester, a succinct comment about your child's learning achievement and a comment about their adjustment to remote and flexible learning.

Student led conferences

Families are reminded to book in for a student led conference. This will be your opportunity to discuss with your child and their teacher their performance, their report and future learning. Please note that the first preference is that student led conferences are completed remotely to protect everyone during the current conditions.

Tony's Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has returned their orders for our Pie Drive. A friendly reminder that orders are due by 17th June - THIS WEDNESDAY.

Mrs Meaney

Mrs Meaney has now commenced maternity leave and will be replaced by Mrs Oates and Mrs Jordan as the teacher of 1C for the remainder of the year. We wish Mrs Meaney all the best for the birth of her second child. We hope that all of our community will welcome back Mrs Oates and Mrs Jordan.

Contacting your child's teacher

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please do so through Class Dojo, Compass or by phoning the office.

From the Principal's desk

Mrs Walters

At the end of the term we will be farewelling Mrs Walters as she will be moving to Queensland. We thank her for her contributions to Melton Primary School and we wish her all the best for her new adventures in Queensland.

75+ Nights Reading

This term members of the Principal Class will be sending home certificates for students who have evidence in their reading diary or their school diary of reading 75+ nights since the start of the year.

Thank you

Term 2 has been a memorable term, with the unprecedented change to how teaching and learning was delivered. Thank you for your willingness to support, encourage and communicate during remote learning. We know it wasn't easy, it was new for all of us and together we got through it. Thank you to our students who applied themselves to their learning and gave it their best go. Thank you to the parents who juggled other family members and work during remote learning. Thank you to our teachers who provided high quality learning opportunities for our students. It was a new way of teaching, opportunity to grow professionally and a challenge to how you normally teach. It is a moment in history that we have all survived. WELL DONE!

Last day of term 2

Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm on Friday 26th June. Term 3 commences at 8:40am on Monday 13th July.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Accessing your child's semester report on Compass

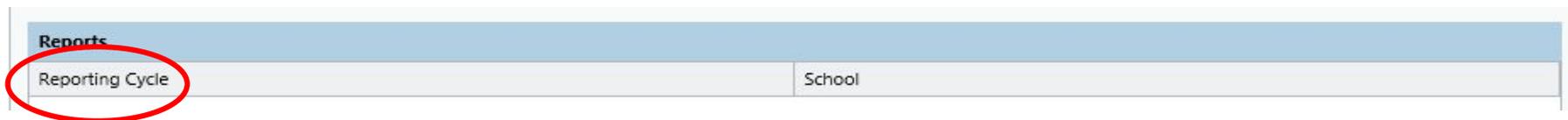
1. On your child's home page, (if you are using a mobile app, click on open in browser first) click on 



2. Click on the reports tab



3. When the reports go live (scheduled for the evening of 22nd June) you will be able to click on the Semester 1 2018 reporting cycle to download a pdf of your child's report.



A notification will be sent out via Compass and Dojo when the reports are live. If you require assistance accessing your child's report, please see your child's teacher or the office.



**Swimming will
commence next term.**

In order for your child to participate in our swimming program, please ensure that you have paid the required fee. If your payment is not received prior to the commencement of term 3, your child will not be able to participate. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Library

It's coming to the close of term once again, it would be greatly appreciated if all school books could please be returned.

Loss of books costs the Library thousands of dollars every year, so if you could please do a search around the house, under the beds, on top of the fridge and any other place they may be hiding!

If you are cleaning out your bookshelf please do think about donating any age appropriate books to our library.

Have a great break and remember to keep on reading!

Mrs Partridge

Key Dates for Term 2, 2020

June

22nd Parent Teacher Interviews 3:20pm - 4:20pm

23rd Parent Teacher Interviews 3:20pm - 4:20pm

24th Parent Teacher Interviews 3:20pm - 6:30pm

26th Term 2 finishes **2:30pm dismissal**



July

13th Term 3 commences at 8:40am

Students entering and exiting the school

If you drive your child to school, please continue to enter the school by your child's house gate or our drive thru drop off.

If you walk your child to school, you can now have your child enter by their closest gate. Please ensure you communicate this with them.

Until further notice parents are to wait at the gates for their children.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance Awards Term 1

Grades 3-6

GOLD

Zac - 5C

Isabelle 4B

SILVER

Justin - 6B

Fynn - 3D

BRONZE

Dean - 5B

Courtney - 3C



Foundation

In Foundation we have been learning about ordinal numbers. We have been identifying the ordinal position of a person in a line. Here is some of our amazing work...



Grade 2

We have now been back onsite for 3 weeks and we are loving it!

It has been fantastic to catch up with the students and see how much they have grown in many ways.

We are settled back in and have been learning some new and interesting things.

Today (Monday 15th June) is our term 3 planning day. Students will have all of their specialist for the week today while we prepare for term 3.

Literacy

We have been learning all about explanation texts. We know that they are a type of nonfiction text that tells us HOW or WHY things happen.

We have looked at their purpose and features. We have had a go at writing our own explanation for how a pencil sharpener works. This week we will have a go at writing another explanation about a different classroom object.

Numeracy

We have been using our knowledge of 'facts to 10' to help us solve addition and subtraction problems of varying difficulty. For the next 2 weeks, we will be completing a project, combining all of our topics from term 2.

JUDY BLUME
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

TALES OF A
**FOURTH
GRADE
NOTHING**

It's funny' - Shane 4A

**I can't wait to find out
what's going to happen'
- Ashanti 4B**

Do you think it was right for Peter's mother to blame him for the accident?

If she didn't mean it yes because she just needed someone to blame but if she did it and she did mean it then no way.

Even though he didn't do it if your going to blame someone for something that is out of their control at least fact check it first. **Jackson B**

Grade 4- Tales of a Fourth Grade

Nothing

Our Grade 4 students have been focusing on the hilarious book 'Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing' in reading. The students have been utilising a range of strategies such as predicting, inferring character traits and feelings, summarising and analysing language during the unit. Have a look at some of Grade 4's fabulous work.



IS Fudge a Good Brother?

YES

My second reason is because when Fudge is naughty he gives Peter a chance to be a good role model. My evidence is if you read the chapter, Fudge didn't open his mouth for the doctor so Peter came in and showed him how to behave and open his mouth.

NO

Do you think Fudge is a good brother? Well I think NOT and this is why...He is annoying because he doesn't eat his food at dinner. For example, he goes on the floor and says "NO EAT" and makes a mess in the kitchen.

- 4B

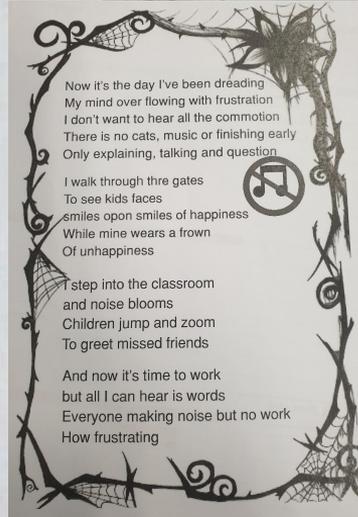
Grade 6

Students share their thoughts about being back at school

I feel like a weight has been lifted off me because school is easier and I missed my friends.
Ella 6A

It is easier being at school because Mum had a baby and my younger brother to help. It's easier to have a teacher and I missed my friends.
Troy 6A

I like being back at school to see my friends and I like getting help from the teachers and I am learning more. I missed my friends and working in a group.
Leah 6B



Poem by Kira B 6C

I feel mixed emotions about being back at school. I stayed inside a lot but now I can be active. I missed my friends.
Mitchell 6C

It was fun being online because I could finish work in 2 hours and school is longer. I missed being with my friends.
Thomas 6B

I feel good about being back at school because I get to see my friends and have a routine. I missed my friends and getting help from the teachers.
Ruby-Lea 6C

Physical Education

Reminders:

Hand sanitising before we start P.E and touch any equipment, as well as sanitising after we finish the session.



Students are encouraged to bring their own drink bottles to P.E, as the drink taps are currently out of order.



Inter-school sport updates:

Currently the advice from School Sport Victoria (SSV) is that no inter-school sport can take place in Term 2. Although I am optimistic that some inter-school sporting events will take place at some point in Term 3.

Please stay tuned for further updates.





JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020



MONDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days

8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did

15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today

22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today

TUESDAY

2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond

9 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen

16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment

23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them)

WEDNESDAY

3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend

24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life

THURSDAY

4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others

11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today

18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it

FRIDAY

5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing

12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together

19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for

26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from

SATURDAY

6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small

13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around

20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it

27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

SUNDAY

7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out)

14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today

21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food

28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them



"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

