

# 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,

## **Father's Day**

We hope that all of our dads, grandfathers and significant males have a wonderful day on Sunday 6th September for Father's Day. We hope that all of our students will do their best to make a special meal, organise a fun activity and a home made gift for Dad this Father's Day.

## **Planning for 2021**

Planning for 2021 has now commenced. Apart from students in Grade 6, if you know that your children are not likely to be at Melton Primary in 2021, can you please notify the office so that we do not count them in our enrolment numbers and classes. If you have a Foundation student for 2021, please ensure that you enrol them now so that we can guarantee a position for them.

## **Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge - CLOSES Friday 18th September**

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes Friday 18th September so please ensure that you log all of the books that your child has read. Students who complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Congratulations to those students who have already completed the challenge.

## **Last Day Term 3**

Term 3 is quickly drawing to an end - (thank goodness, it has been a long one with remote learning). Students will finish the term on **Friday 18th September at 2:30pm**. Students will resume for term 4 on Monday 5th October.

## **Sunsmart**

Spring starts tomorrow, and the weather is starting to improve, as per our policy students and staff are required to wear their hats again in the yard.

# From the Principal's desk

## Dignity and Respect

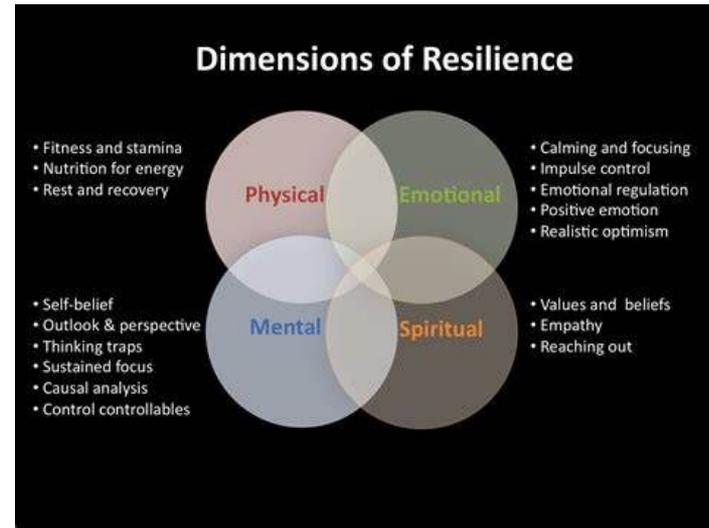
Over the last 3-4 weeks, staff have received an increasing number of complaints from parents who are struggling to motivate their children and complete the set work. There has also been an increase in families who can't cope and want their children to attend onsite. We are required to follow the DET guidelines for attendance. Our staff are understanding and will provide suggestions or adaptations to help your family get through this time. Unfortunately staff have also reported an increase in the amount of complaints that are aggressive, rude, disrespectful, threatening and involve swearing. Teachers and Education Support Staff are entitled to a safe work environment like all other professions. On the television and when walking at the supermarket, you see and hear advertisements about not being aggressive and threatening towards staff who work in hospitals, paramedics, firefighters and supermarkets. DET too have a dignity and respect statement, where all parties need to be respectful and treat each other with dignity. We understand that this is a stressful situation for all. Thank you to the members of the community who raise their concerns in a respectful manner and to those who may not have been respectful in their conversations and have reflected on this and apologised. We appreciate it.

## Building Resilience

Resilience is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and toughness. Being resilient is an essential element for all students. It is important that even during these tough times families model with their children how to build their physical, emotional, spiritual and mental resilience.

Encourage your child to not overthink negative comments, to focus on positive emotions, to believe in themselves, to control their impulses and be realistic about what is in their control.

Vanessa Harrison  
Principal



# 2021 Sibling Enrolments

Do you have a child starting Foundation in 2021?

Please pop past the office and collect an enrolment form to secure your child's enrolment at Melton Primary for 2021.

Our Foundation classes fill fast, so please act now. Orientation sessions have begun.

We have another one set for the 14th of October.

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



# We are Sun-Smart



Surf Hat - \$8



Wide Brim Hat - \$6

Melton Primary School is a Sun-Smart school. From the 1st of September all students are required to wear a school hat when outside.

Hats can be purchased from the office.



Bucket Hat - \$5



# Key Dates for Term 3, 2020

## September

- 3rd Tracky Thursday - wear your tracky for the day
- 4th Family Fun Day - select your own tasks to complete
- 7th PJ Day for the whole school
- 7th - 11th Wellbeing Week
- 10th R U Ok Day
- 16th School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 18th Footy Dress Up Day
- 18th Design your 'Family Camping Adventure'
- 18th Last Day of Term 3

## Term 3 Holidays

18th September - 4th October

## October

- 5th Term 4 commences



On the dates listed below, teachers will not provide their normal lessons of remote learning.

### Friday 4th September - Family Fun Day

Students are provided with the opportunity to select from a provided list their own fun tasks to complete.

### 7th - 11th September - Wellbeing Week

Students will be provided with a collection of wellbeing tasks on their scheduled day to choose from:

Tuesday - Grade 4

Wednesday - Grade 1 & Grade 5

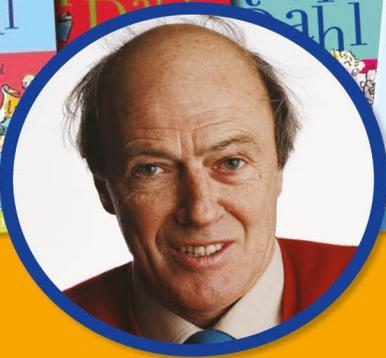
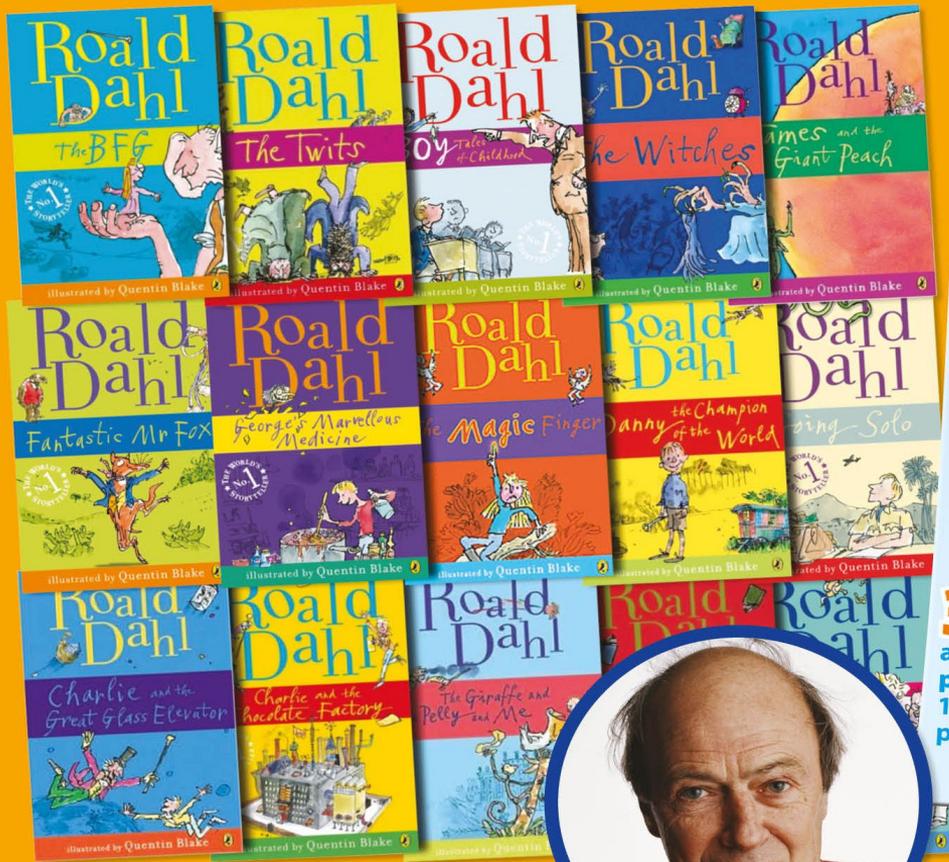
Thursday - Foundation & Grade 3

Friday - Grade 2 & Grade 6

### Friday 18th September - School Camp

All students will plan a 'Family Camping Adventure' on this day which they can do on the holidays.

# Did you know?



## 3 FAST FACTS

Read on for some fab facts about this amazing man...

- 1** Roald wrote 17 fictional kids' books and three books of poetry, as well as short stories, film scripts and a play. He died in 1990, aged 74.
- 2** His books contain over 250 invented words — such as 'gloriumptious' (meaning glorious and scrumptious), and the wonderful 'whizzpopping' (farting!), which both appear in *The BFG*.
- 3** Roald Dahl wrote most of his works in his garden shed, and always used pencils and yellow lined paper! His books have sold over 100 million copies and have been published in 50 different languages.

# 2021 Foundation 'remote' orientation session

Thank you to all the families who participated in our second orientation session. The students enjoyed a variety of activities. Students are looking forward to having an orientation session at school.

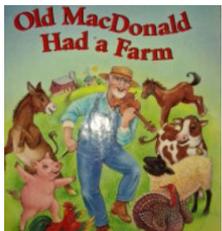


Our focus was  
'Who has more.'

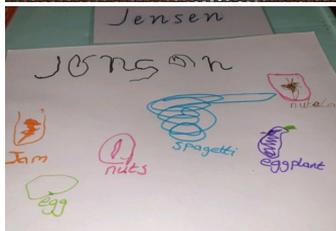


We have been busy at home too, just like our big brothers and sisters

# Melton Minis



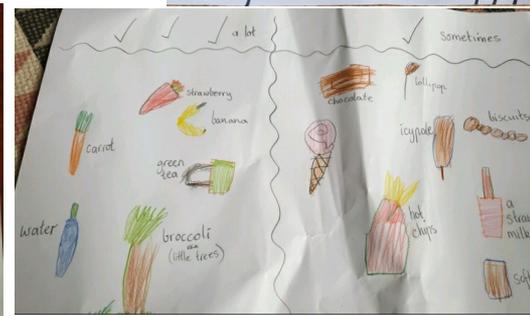
We hunted in our books to find animals and food



We looked at the sounds in our names



We looked at healthy and unhealthy foods



**We recently celebrated 100 days of learning.**

# Foundation

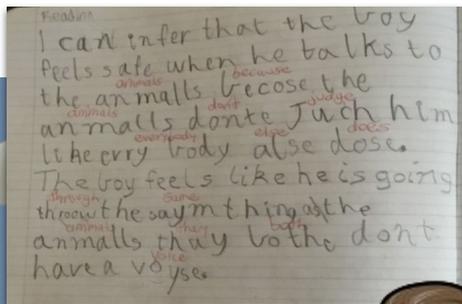
**We made a crown, ate 100 Cheerios and did 100 exercises.**

**We dressed up as if we were 100 years old.**

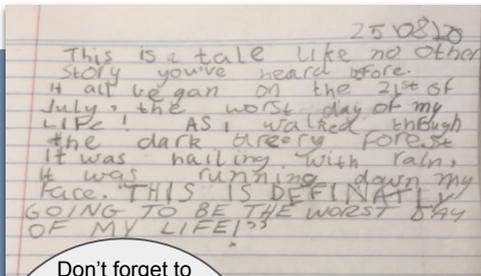


# To Infinity and Beyond in Grade 2

We have had a wild ride as we delve into books and learn to use a range of comprehension strategies as we read them. Take a look at this awesome work showing some inferences that were made.



Don't be fooled by known fairy tale characters and the stories they tell. We have been innovating on these stories and writing the tales from different perspectives and changing the plots. Take a look at this awesome story introduction!



We decided it was time to learn about time and we became experts at making and reading a range of o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past times. We are now taking the chance to cover probability! Look at this fine work completed by one of our mathematicians.



Join us every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for our Google Hangouts.

Don't forget to aim for 115 nights of reading! Log it into your yellow book too.

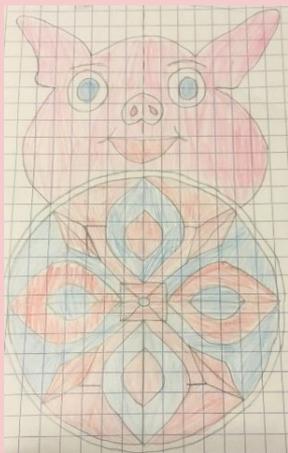
Stay tuned for your Guided Reading sessions.

Check out our cool virtual classrooms.

Take brain breaks if you are feeling tired.

## Grade 4

We have been learning about symmetry in maths. We created these beautiful mandalas using rotational symmetry.



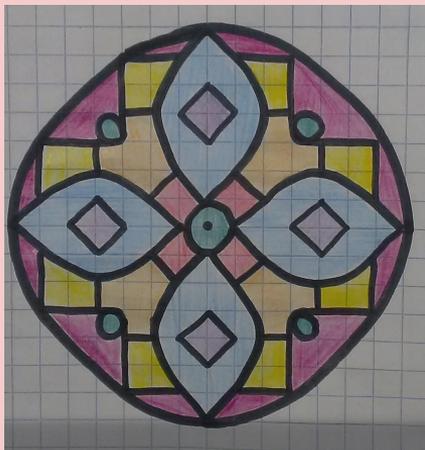
Connor 4D



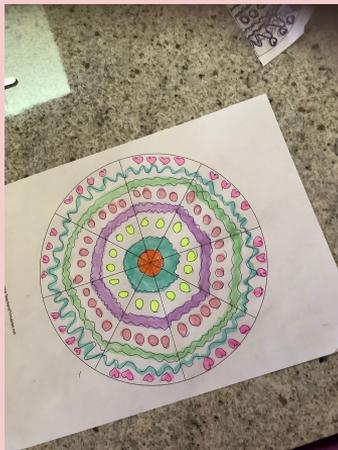
Stevie-Jai 4D



Emma M 4A



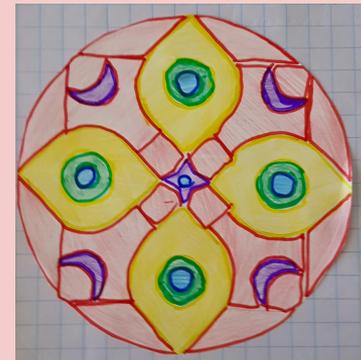
Summer 4C



Amelia 4B



Emily 4B



Mia-Rose 4C

**DAD**

A son's  
first Hero.  
A daughter's  
first Love.

## GIFT IDEA DO'S AND DON'TS

TRUST ME I'M A DAD, SO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO MY LIST.

### DO'S

- BREAKFAST IN BED
- TOOLS
- FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE
- A BIG HUG!

### DON'TS

- SOCKS AND JOCKS
- TIE
- BOILED LOLLIES
- FIGHT WITH SIBLINGS

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The grade 6 team would like to wish all of the wonderful dads out there a fantastic Father's Day! In what has been a remarkable year for mostly the wrong reasons, it's nice to celebrate all of our hard working and caring dads. They shield us from pain and pick us up when we fall, but even they need an arm around them sometimes. In a year filled with pain and sorrow, let's stand strong together and give our dads a giant hug this Father's Day, and say thanks!

# Auslan/Art

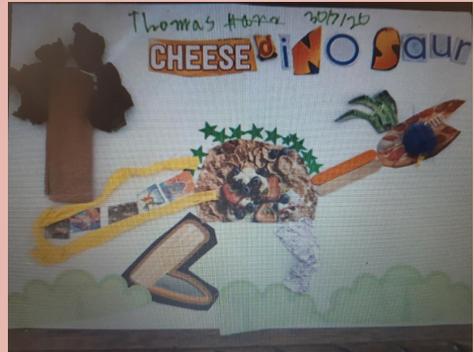
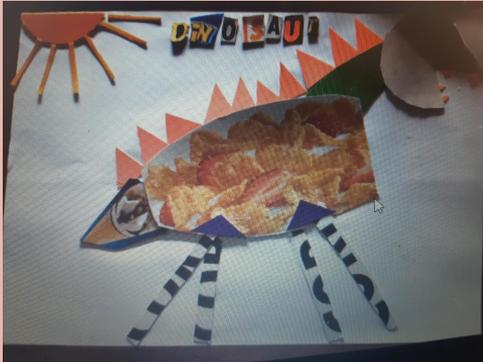
Check this website out for great drawing tasks the whole family can do together! <https://www.artforkidshub.com/>



## TROLL ART



Congratulations to:  
Charlotte W, Spencer A,  
Cooper H, Elijah M and  
Saffron H  
for winning prizes in the  
Bacchus Marsh Platypus  
Alliance Poster Competition



If you have created a poster for the 2020 Western Water Poster Competition please find entry details here:

<https://www.westernwater.com.au/files/assets/public/documents/education/poster-competition-information-and-entry-form.pdf>

Entries close September 11

## DINOSAUR ART

# Virtual Tours

Stuck at home with nowhere to go? That's okay we got you covered. Why don't you take a trip to the Virtual World?

Check out these links below:

## ANIMALS:

### Virtual Tour of Melbourne Zoos

<https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>

### Introducing Phillip Island Nature Parks Live Penguin TV

<https://www.penguins.org.au/virtual/live-penguin-tv/>

### Sydney Aquarium

<https://www.sydneyaquarium.com.au/explore/virtual-aquarium/>

## TRAVEL:

### The Great Wall of China

<https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>

### Yosemite National Park

<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

### The Hidden World of National Parks

<https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service>

## MUSEUMS:

### The Louvre

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne?s=na&me&dir=a&nrppage=15>

### Melbourne Museum

<https://museums victoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/at-home/virtual-tours/>



SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Choose to be kind to others (and yourself) all this month	2 Send a positive message to someone you can't be with	3 Treat everyone you interact with as though they are a friend	4 Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply	5 Spend time wishing for other people to be free from suffering	6 Smile and be friendly, even when 'physical distancing'	7 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why
8 Give unused items, clothes, food or money to help a local charity	9 Water some flowers or plants in a public park or outdoor space	10 Contact a friend to let them know you're thinking of them	11 Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible	12 Share an encouraging news story to inspire others	13 If someone annoys you, be kind. Imagine how they are feeling	14 Try to bring a smile to as many people as possible today
15 Cook your favourite food for someone who will appreciate it	16 No plans day! Be kind to yourself so you can be kinder to others	17 Make a thoughtful gift as a surprise for someone	18 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about	19 Check in with someone who may be lonely or feeling anxious	20 Look for the good side in everyone you meet today	21 Tell someone about a book or article you found helpful
22 Today do something to make life easier for someone else	23 Turn your phone off and give people your full attention	24 Take time to forgive someone who hurt you in the past	25 Give your time and energy to help someone in difficulty	26 Find a way to 'pay it forward' or support a good cause	27 Notice when someone is down and try to brighten their day	28 Start friendly conversations with people you don't know
29 Plan a future project or gathering for your local community	30 Today do something to be kind to nature and our planet	31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today	 <p>In a world where you can be anything, be kind. Every act of kindness makes a difference.</p> 			

**Why not take the challenge and see how many you can cross off this month!**

**We have circled our favourites!**