

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,

School Council

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank all of the members of our School Council for their contributions, dedication and support throughout the year. We appreciate the time that the following School Council members put into making themselves available to attend meetings and providing improved outcomes and facilities for our students: Mrs Karen Green - School Council President, Mrs Laura Rees - Vice President, Mrs Peta Brincat, Mr Anoop Anoop, Mrs Sam Dransman, Mrs Tiffany Crossland, Mr Craig Byham, Mr Justin Rees, Mrs Lisa Pedersen - Co opted member, Mrs Ann Ward, Mrs Georgia Magnano, Mrs Emma Sutherland and Mrs Melanie Gilbert. The members of School Council has worked hard throughout the year to enhance the facilities, improve the educational standard for your children and supporting our remote learning journey.

2021 School Structure

We will operate the following specialist programs in 2021:

F-6 will participate in a year of The Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), 3-6 students will participate each week in 1 session of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics), F-6 will participate in a year of Physical Education and F-2 will participate in Auslan/Art. The classroom structures will consist of 4x Foundation classes, 4x Grade 1 classes, 4x Grade 2 classes, 4x Grade 3 classes, 3x Grade 4 classes, 4x Grade 5 classes, 3x Grade 6 classes. We are currently in the process of finalising staffing and allocating grades.

Curriculum Day

Please mark in your diaries that there is no school on the following day: **Friday 18th December** (curriculum day).

From the Principal's desk

Celebrating 150 Years on our current site

Unfortunately we have not been able to celebrate our 150 years on our present site as we had planned due to Covid-19. On Friday the 4th of December we will be hosting a dress up of the decades! Students are encouraged to come dressed in a fashion of their choice from 1870, the year MPS opened on the present site, to our current time! Think roaring twenties, swinging sixties, energetic eighties or anything in between. We love how creative everyone got with their DIY costumes for book week, and we strongly encourage you to use items from home to make your costumes.

At school, the students will engage in a variety of activities in the classrooms looking at how things have changed over the years. School Council plans to host a community celebration in 2021.

2020 School Concert

Our school concert will be virtual this year! Families will be encouraged to host their own viewing night at home. Students will perform their class dance, which will be filmed and then edited together with the rest of the school. School awards will be presented throughout the concert. Please ensure that you sign the consent form on Compass for your child to be included in the filming.

End of Term Dismissal

School concludes for 2020 at 1:00pm on Thursday 17th December. If you will not be available to pick your child up at this earlier dismissal time, we ask that you make alternative arrangements.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 4, 2020

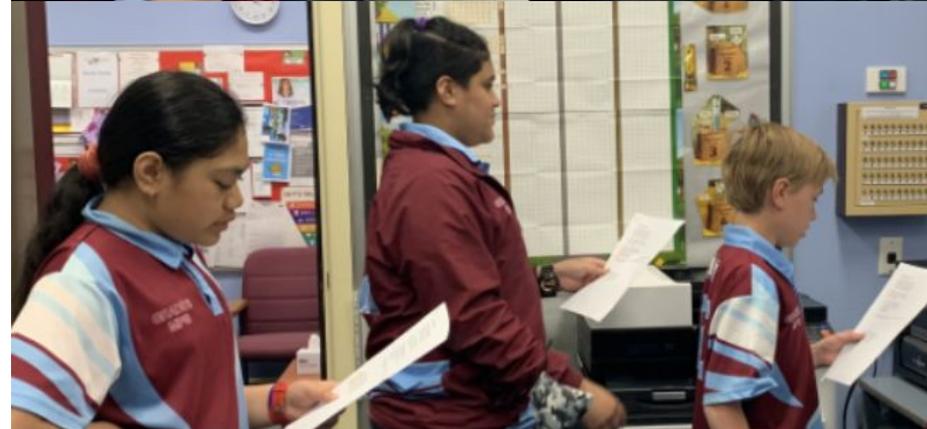
November

December

- 4th 150th Dress Up Day
- 11th Reports go out on Compass
- 14th Grade 6 Celebration Day at school
- 17th School finishes at 1:00pm
- 18th **Curriculum Day - No School**



Our school leaders performing our Remembrance Day service



2021

Wednesday 27th January - staff commence, no students required at school

Thursday 28th January - **All students** commence school. **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 29th 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.

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.

2021 Term Dates

- Term 1:** 27th January (teachers start)
Students commence on Thursday 28th Jan.
Term 1 concludes on Thursday 1st April
- Term 2:** 19th April to 25th June
- Term 3:** 12th July to 17th September
- Term 4:** 4th October to 17th December

Public Holidays 2021

- Monday 8th March - Labour Day
Friday 2nd April - Good Friday
Monday 5th April - Easter Monday
Monday 14th June - Queen's Birthday
TBA - AFL Grand Final Friday
Tuesday 2nd November - Melbourne Cup Holiday

Key Dates for Term 1, 2021

January

- 27th School Office is open
- 28th All **students commence school, Foundation students finish at 11:40am.**
- 29th Foundation students finish at 11:40am

February

- 3rd Foundation students not required at school
- 10th Foundation students not required at school
- 17th Foundation students not required at school
- 19th School Photos
- 24th Foundation students not required at school

March

- 8th Labour Day Holiday - No School
- 9th Curriculum Day - No School
- 19th Bullying No Way Day

April

- 1st Last day of term 1, 2:30pm dismissal.



Bucket Hat - \$5



Wide Brim Hat - \$6

A reminder that all students are required to wear a hat when outside. If your child has lost their hat, you can purchase a new one from our school office.

School Banking program.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a banking prize Week 6;
Lucy 4C and Taylah 2A



Congratulations to our School Banking savers!

Congratulations to our School Banking students who have earned 10 Dollarmites tokens. They are now eligible to redeem these tokens for an exclusive School Banking reward item!

Eligible students can redeem for a reward by bringing their completed rewards slip to school, along with their 10 tokens, on **Thursday**

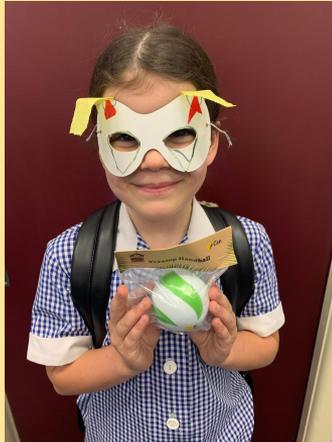
Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every **THURSDAY!**

Congratulations to Sienna N, Trinity B, Hunter C, Ashlyn E, Cooper W, Charlotte C, Declan R-P, Chloe S and Matilda C for receiving a **BRONZE Saver Award!**



School Banking program.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a banking prize
Week 7;
Zachary 5C,
Trinity 3C,
Sophia 2D, Max
2B, Tegan 1D
and Thea 0B



Last School Banking day for
2020 will be Thursday
December 10th

Last day for Prize orders for
2020 will be Thursday
December 3rd



reminder to order your child's 2021 book lists

Melton Primary School, Melton, VIC
8 Unitt Street, Melton, 3337



2021 Requirements List for Year

Please order online at wincschools.com.au

At Winc we want your child to have a strong start to the new school year, which is why we have worked with your school to make Back to School hassle free.

Ordering made simple.

We've made it quick and easy to order your child's new year requirements. Simply visit wincschools.com.au and follow these four steps.

1. Search for your school, Melton Primary School, Melton, VIC and enter your school access key if required.
2. Complete the student's details and select Year
3. Review your requirements list and make changes if required.
4. Proceed to checkout.

Please note: some list items have been denoted by your school as a prerequisite for the subject or year.

Please note: For home deliveries only, if you have more than one student at the same school, please repeat the above steps.

Once completed, an order confirmation will be sent to your email address.

Please note: Any technology items you order may be sent separately.

Deadlines and delivery information.

Home delivery:

Delivery Fees:

Free Delivery: for orders placed on or before 1st December 2020;

\$12.95 delivery: for orders placed after 1st December 2020.

Orders Placed:

On or before 31st December 2020 will be delivered before the start of Term 1 2021.

Please Note: For orders placed after 31st December 2020, we cannot guarantee delivery prior to Term 1.

Australia Post

Orders are delivered via Australia Post's eParcel service. As soon as your order is dispatched an email will be sent to let you know the Australia Post tracking ID Number. Your order can be tracked at auspost.com.au.

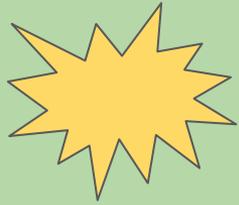
Note: PO Box addresses are not accepted by Australia Post.

Payment methods accepted

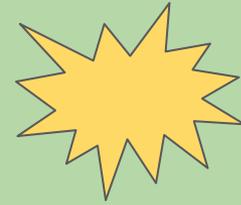


Have a question?

For assistance with your order, returns and refunds and delivery information, or for a general enquiry, please visit wincschools.com.au/helpcentre



Attendance



Congratulations to the following Grades for their ongoing fantastic attendance for
9th November - 20th November:

Foundation A

Foundation C

1C

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: Set good examples and enforce rules. Speak well of the school and school support staff.

Tip 2: Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of a headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

12 STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- 
CLEAN OUT AND ORGANIZE BACKPACK THE NIGHT BEFORE
- 
FINISH HOMEWORK THE NIGHT BEFORE
- 
SET OUT CLOTHES BEFORE BED
- 
PUT SHOES IN THE SAME SPOT EVERY NIGHT
- 
TAKE A BATH THE NIGHT BEFORE
- 
GET YOUR TOOTH BRUSH READY FOR MORNING
- 
HAVE A BREAKFAST CHOICE IN MIND THE NIGHT BEFORE
- 
GO TO BED ON TIME
- 
WAKE UP A FEW MINUTES EARLY
- 
START THE DAY WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- 
LIMIT SCREEN TIME IN THE MORNING
- 
MAKE A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES

Grade 1

A horse galloped on the long, light green grass with its long ears and horse shoes.

One dark night, with its whiskers in the air, a cat walked through the city.

One dark night, a cat walked with its whiskers, ears and paws through the city.

A dog ran fast in the garden with its fluffy fur.

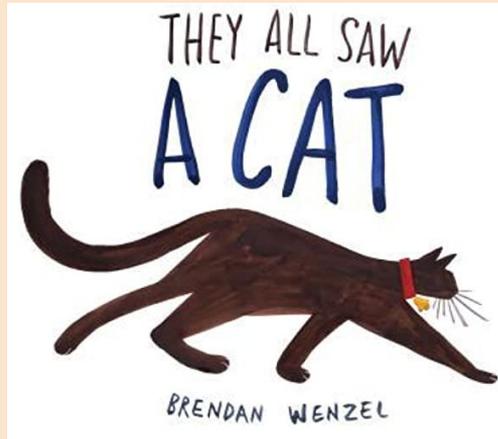
The baby penguin moved slowly on the frozen ice with its small, webbed feet.

A gorilla escaped from the zoo with its strong arms and big nose.

The snake slithered around the long grass with his teeth and scales.

Through the city, one dark night walked a cat with its whiskers in the air..

In writing our students have been learning to write like the authors of our favourite books. To do this we have innovated sentences, changing them and making them our own.



The sentence we innovated:
'A cat walked through the world with its whiskers, ears and paws'

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

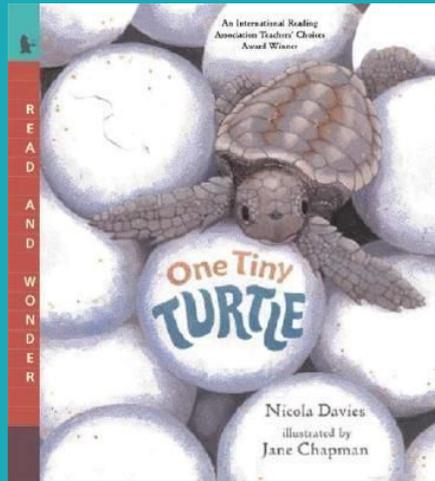
LITERACY

We have been revisiting what we know about fiction and non-fiction texts.

This week we have been learning about hybrid texts - a single text that creatively weaves together narrative and informational text. We have read the story of 'One Tiny Turtle' and learnt about sea turtles.

We have had a go at writing our own hybrid text using our animal information report from week 6.

Grade 2



NUMERACY

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about multiplication and division, including the link between them.

We have revisited what we know about quarter past and quarter to time, fractions involving halves, quarter and eighths, the language of chance (impossible, unlikely, even chance, likely and certain) and place value. In the coming week we will be revising 2D and 3D shapes.

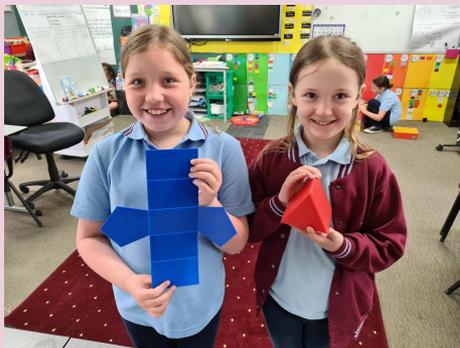
The Grade 3 students have settled back into school amazingly! They are producing some quality work across all subject areas. Check it out!



Grade 3

Maths:

In maths we have been working on measurement and looking at using formal units to find the mass of an item. We have also been working with 3D nets and creating some of our own.



Writing:

In writing we have been practising skills including punctuation and using descriptive language to show not tell in our narrative pieces. We have looked at ways to add more detail to the problem and resolution in our stories

Term 4 Reminders

Bring a drink bottle and hat to school each day.

Continue to read and fill in your green diaries. This term we are aiming for 175+ nights.

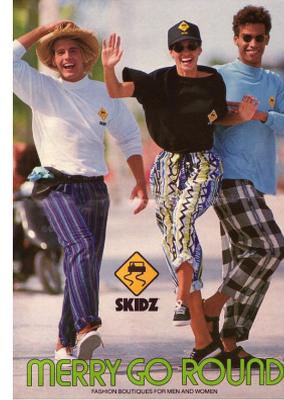
Friday 4th December- 150 Years Celebration
Dress up for the decades

MPS 150 YEAR CELEBRATION!

As 2020 has thrown many curveballs our way, we have had to make some changes to our original plans for celebrating Melton Primary Schools 150 year anniversary.

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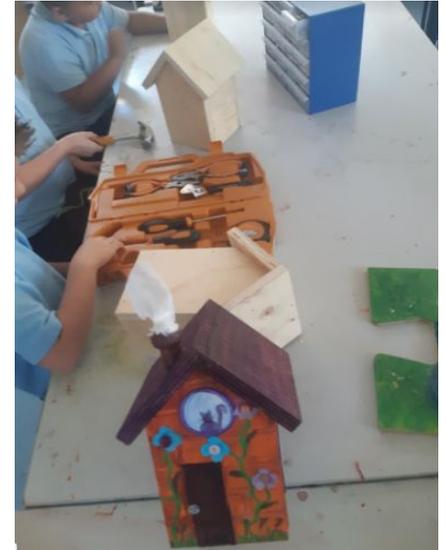
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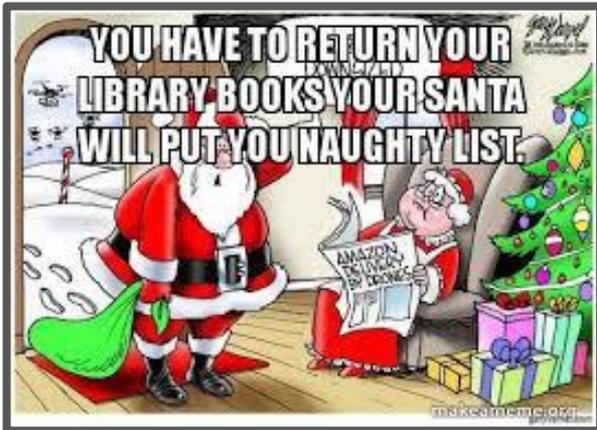
Auslan/Art Art with Heart

Yeah... our
turn to be
in the art
room

Some of the grade 5/6's have been enjoying some time in the art room with Mrs Barta and Cilla (art with Heart facilitator). They have made hand puppets, personal memory jars, all about me paintings and now making wooden houses. Skills- sewing, woodwork, fine motor skills and experimenting with materials



Wow the year has flown and although we haven't been able to borrow for a while there are still lots of Library books outstanding. Please check everywhere and send books back to the library.



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

30th November

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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



If your Book Club order is a gift, please tick **Gift Order** when placing your order or send Mrs Partridge a message and she can ensure the items remain unseen.



One to One

PARENTING SUPPORT

WHAT WE CAN HELP WITH

- BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMNT
- TRANSITIONING
- ROUTINES
- COMMUNICATION
- SELF-CARE
- HEALTHY EATING
- EMOTION COACHING
- MEN AS FATHERS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12 AND ARE NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH CHILD PROTECTION
- LIVE IN WERRIBEE, WYNDHAM VALE, HOPPERS CROSSING, LAVERTON, MANOR LAKES, LITTLE RIVER, MELTON, MELTON SOUTH, MELTON WEST, WILLIAMS LANDING, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, BROOKFIELD, COBBLEBANK, STRATHULLOH, WEIR VIEWS, EXFORD, EYNESBURY OR PARWAN

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