

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 15th February, 2021

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,

Thank you for your support in settling students into the 2021 school year and transitioning them into their new year levels. The staff value and appreciate all the families that made the time to participate in the initial parent teacher meetings.

School Closures and Lockdowns

Please be aware that we do not find out prior to Dan Andrew's presentations if schools are to be closed. We learn it at the same time as you. Although the announcement was made Friday at 1pm, the Operating Guidelines from DET were emailed to Principals at 10pm on Sunday night. (Trust me I was asleep when they came through). We appreciate the parents who wait for communication from the school rather than calling and messaging as soon as announcements are made. We encourage all families to wait for announcements from the school and ensure that you are regularly checking Class Dojo and Compass for messages in relation to school closures and what this means for you.

Book boxes

By now all students should have bought their supply of stationery items to school.

School Council Update

Thank you to our members of School Council whose term of office (2018 - 2020) is now complete - Laura Rees, Justin Rees, Peta Brincat, Anoop Mitra, Ann Ward and Georgia Magnano. Please ensure that you complete the ballot paper that was sent home on Friday by 4pm Monday 22nd February.

Smoking

A reminder to all families that smoking on school sites and within 4 metres of the school boundary is prohibited. Our staff and students do not enjoy the smoke blown in by the wind into the classroom windows and doors. If you are a smoker, please ensure that you choose to smoke more than four metres away from the school boundary.

Clearway

A reminder to all families that the double gates on the Raleighs Road side of the school and the gates to the dump master must be kept clear at all times. If the school requires an ambulance on site, they enter via the gates at Raleigh's Road. Unfortunately cars have recently been spotted parking in this clearway. Please ensure that you do not park in front of the gates on Raleigh's Rd or in front of the dump master.

From the Principal's desk

Please don't approach kids in the yard

Please do not approach other students in the yard – students feel intimidated and unsafe when approached by a strange adult. If you see an incident or you have a concern with any child other than your own, please do not approach them, please notify the teacher on yard duty or your child's classroom teacher.

Please wait outside the gate for the end of day pick up

This is a friendly reminder to parents, that when picking up your children, please wait outside the gate if possible. If you choose to wait onsite, you MUST sign in at the office. As a school we know parent occupations and if there is a chance if any of our families are working in an industry where they may be close contacts to hotel quarantine occupants. We have system in place, so please utilise it and sign in. It isn't hard. Having more than one system increases the workload of our administration staff. I will continue to monitor parents signing in and if they don't individuals will be contacted with a warning notice or trespass notice.

Nights Reading - 35 Nights is the goal

How is your child tracking towards 35 nights reading? Remember that reading each day, including the weekend counts.

Student Attendance

After the first full week of school, I have received notification from the region of students who the Department is already concerned about with having too much time off school. Please be advised that I have discussed each person on the list with our attendance officer and will make contact with families of individuals who are deemed at risk and that the Department of Education is monitoring.

Vanessa Harrison

Principal

Key Dates for Term 1, 2021

February

- 19th School Photos
Gr 6 Interschool Sport - round 1
- 23rd Gr 6 Health and Human Relationships
- 24th Foundation students not required at school
- 26th Gr 6 Interschool Sport - round 2

School Photos Friday 19th February

Students are required to be in complete school uniform for the photos.



March

- 2nd Gr 6 Health and Human Relationships
- 5th Gr 6 Interschool Sport - round 3
- 8th **Labour Day Holiday - No School**
- 9th **Curriculum Day - No School**
- 10th Divisional Swimming Carnival for selected students
- 12th Gr 6 - Summer Lightning Cup
- 19th Bullying No Way Day
- 24th Divisional Tennis for selected students
- 30th Regional Swimming - selected students only
Local High Schools Information Evenings

April

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





ELITE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

PO Box 332 East Bentleigh VIC 3165 • 03 9570 9311 • www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au

Pop past the office if you need assistance paying

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Dear Parents,

<https://www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au/order/>

The official School Photos will be taken by Elite School Photography on Friday 19th February 2021

All orders are to be completed online, via the Elite School Photography website.

You can order your Child's School Photos by using the login code ESP202515 and follow the easy to use steps to order. Please ensure all relevant details are filled out correctly.

Family Discount - If you have more than two children attending this School, please list all their First Names and all their Classes and select 2 as the quantity, for the Deluxe and Standard packs. Your third and subsequent Child will receive their packs free of charge, but you must list all your children's names though. This family discount will only apply to the Deluxe & Standard Packs.

If you have any queries regarding School Photos, please contact our friendly staff at ESP directly on (03) 9570 9311

**Full school
uniform
required on
school photo
day 19th
February.**

SIMPLE, SMART & SENSIBLY PRICED



Melton Minis



Melton Minis is a program run by Mrs Sutherland for any younger siblings of enrolled students at MPS.

No age is too young. We complete a different activity each week so it doesn't matter if you can't come every week.



Melton Minis will run on a Friday afternoon 2:00-2:50pm in the Art room.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Term 1 dates:

Fri: 12th-Feb, 26th Feb, 12th March, 26th March

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Year 2021)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Melton Primary School Council provides this calendar of events which outlines proposed activities and approximate costs for the 2021 school year. This is to help give you an overview of activities and be aware of approximate expenses for your child's schooling in 2021. This then allows you the opportunity to prepare for these expenses in advance. The listed costs are only approximates, they may change when actual bookings are made. It also includes some planned activities where there is no cost involved.

Please be aware that, if opportunities arise, there may be other activities and incidental expenses that may occur.

GRADE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Foundation			Western Water (free)
Grade 1			Community Walk and Picnic at Hannah Watts Park (no cost)
Grade 2			Micks Jump and Play \$10
Grade 3			Narara Incurson (Aboriginal culture) \$22
Grade 4			Camp Deposit \$40
Grade 5		Camp - \$50	
Grade 6			Team Building excursion \$20
Parents & Friends			Money Trail
Whole School Events		School Photos \$12-\$30 (depending on the package chosen)	Harmony Day- TBC
Physical Education		Swimming Sports (\$120 swimming program) Selected students district swimming \$12	Summer inter- school sports (Grade 6) \$6 per week x 3 weeks Selected students 5/6 Basketball \$12

GRADE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Foundation	Fairy Park Excursion \$30-\$5	Responsible Pets Incurson (free)	
Grade 1	Werrabee Zoo (\$30)		
Grade 2	Zoo Comes to You Incurson \$10		
Grade 3	Author visit \$15		
Grade 4	Police Station (Free)	Local Council Visit (Free)	
Grade 5	Incurson/ excursion \$30		
Grade 6			Incurson \$15
Parents & Friends		Mother's Day Stall	Pie Drive
Whole School Events		Guest Speaker, In house activities	Canteen- Winter lunch \$8
Physical Education		District cross country \$10 Selected 6s Winter sports \$6 per week x 3 weeks	Selected 6s Winter sports \$6 per week x 3 weeks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Year 2021)

GRADE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Foundation	Community Walk (free) Community visitors e.g firefighters, police, ambulance (free) 100 days of school celebration (free)	Farm Excursion 12th \$30	
Grade 1			Sovereign Hill Excursion \$38
Grade 2			Sleepover & Disco \$10
Grade 3	Melton Historical Walk (free)	Melbourne Museum- \$35	
Grade 4	Sharon Visit (Free)	Phillip Island camp \$330	
Grade 5	Excursion/Incurson \$30		Graduation tops Approx. \$40 polo's \$55 Jackets
Grade 6			Camp \$550
Parents & Friends		Picture Plates	Father's Day Stall
Whole School Events			
Physical Education		Basketball for selected 3/4 students \$12	District Athletics \$10 (selected students)

GRADE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Foundation			End of year activity (\$15) Tablets sports, Christmas concert and class party
Grade 1	Excursion/Incurson approx. \$35	Disco \$8	Class Party
Grade 2	Sovereign Hill \$40	Camp 2022 deposit \$50 Local Walks (Free)	
Grade 3		Bike Ed \$20 Camp 2021 deposit \$50	Lady Northcote Camp- \$200 End of year celebration \$10.
Grade 4			End of year Celebration \$20 Class party
Grade 5		Canberra Camp deposit \$80 Excursion/Incurson \$30	Class party
Grade 6			Graduation \$55
Parents & Friends	Bulbs	Family Portraits	Graduation Bears \$15
Whole School Events			
Physical Education		T20 Cricket (Grade 3/4) \$10 Rugby (Grade 5/6) \$10	

When can I meet with my child's teacher?

We offer two opportunities throughout the year to 'formally' meet with your child's teacher.

1. Meet the teacher (Week 3, Term 1) This is an opportunity to provide information to your child's teacher that will support your child while at school.
2. Parent/Teacher Interviews - these are held in the last week of term 2. This is an opportunity for you to discuss the academic progress of your child across all of the areas of the curriculum.

Although these formal opportunities are limited throughout the year, our staff are always available to meet with parents/carers as needed.

All staff are in their classrooms from 8.30am. If you have information that can be quickly transferred to the classroom teacher, this is a good time to do it. However if you have a matter that requires greater discussion, we encourage you to organise a time with the classroom teacher that is mutually convenient. Please keep in mind that our staff are required to attend meetings after school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Leadership at MPS begins early...

The teachers in grade 5 are already on the hunt..

The selection process for the 2022 School Captains is a merit based process as listed below:

All grade 5 students in term 4 will be invited to write and present a speech to the members of the Principal Class and their classroom teacher.

All MPS Staff will then vote from the students that presented.

- A short list of applicants will be made.
- Students will then take a member of the Principal Class on a tour of the school
- Students will then be individually interviewed.
- We will also look at the student's attendance, achievements, behaviour and efforts before a final decision will be made by a panel.

House Captains will run a little bit differently as the students will present to their peers, who will also have a vote. Staff will then vote and this information will be collected with the PE teacher and the Principal class. We will also look at the student's attendance, achievements, behaviour and efforts before a final decision will be made by a panel.



FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Foundation students will now commence their first full week of school on Monday the 1st of March.

Their last Wednesday off school is Wednesday 24th February.

Please note this may change if there are further school closures.

How you can support your child with learning at home

- Have a routine and set expectations.
- Make sure your child has a space to work in.
- Provide a level of supervision suitable to your child's stage of development and individual needs.
- Monitor communications from teachers and the school.
- Check in with your child often to help them manage and pace their work.
- Monitor how much time your child is spending online.
- Balance your child's work around your own working requirements



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS

In the Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners across Victoria, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach. The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers. The Victorian Government will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate teachers and principals and equip them with the right knowledge and skills for a modern classroom. To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our teachers too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our teaching workforce.

WHAT are the professional practice days?

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, teachers will receive one day per term when they are out of the classroom to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and Learning. **At this stage professional practice days will only occur in term 1 & 2.**

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD

Your child's teacher will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. Your child will directly benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

On these days, an alternate teacher will be provided with the learning plan for the day and be well equipped to assist your child with their learning needs.

We are scheduling the professional practice days ahead of time so there is minimal impact to students and, where possible, there is consistency in teaching.

If you would like more information on the professional practice days and when they are planned, please contact your School Principal.



Announcements

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) is a dental benefits program for eligible children aged 2–17 years that provides up to \$1,000 in benefits over two years to the child for basic dental services.

A child is eligible if they are aged 2–17 years, are eligible for Medicare and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other relevant Australian Government payments, including:

Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment Special Benefit, Carer Payment, Double Orphan Pension, Veteran's Children Education Scheme, if the child is 16 or over Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (if the child is 16 or over).

Eligible families receive a letter to confirm eligibility from the Commonwealth Department of Human Services.

Benefits cover a range of dental services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canal treatments and extractions.

Benefits will not be available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and will not be paid for any dental services provided in a hospital operating theatre or oral surgery environment.

For more information visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>

Announcement

Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF) \$\$\$\$

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. There are two categories that must be met 1. Eligibility and 2. Be of school age and attend a Victorian School. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Victorian Government Prep students (in 2021) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for uniform support through State Schools Relief. To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government Victorian primary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Families who received CSEF funds in 2020 do not need to apply again unless your circumstances have changed or you have moved schools. **New students to Melton Primary must apply.** Application forms are available from the office. **Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by 1st April 2021**, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. If you have not yet received a form and believe that you are eligible for this benefit, please contact the office.



EARLY BIRD READING

If you are short of time or having trouble reading each night...come along to Early Bird Reading in the STEAM room from 8:20 each morning where you can read your reader or practise your M100W words with some of our senior students.

LOOK
at the picture

CHUNK
the word

PREDICT

REREAD
the word

REREAD
the sentence

Read
AHEAD >>>

LOOK *at the*
word ending.

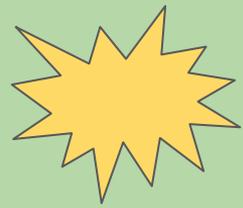
Look **a** **t** **t** **h**
e **g** **i** **n** **n** **i** **n** **g**
l **e** **t** **t** **e** **r** **s**.

STRETCH
out the word.

r e a d i n g
r e a d i n g
r e a d i n g
r e a d i n g

What would
make **sense**
here?





Attendance



Congratulations to the following Grades for their ongoing fantastic attendance for 28th Jan-12th Feb:

Foundation B

1D

3A

It is extremely important if your child is going to be away you enter their absence via the Compass app or telephone 9753 5335, select option 1, and leave a message.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDUCATION

YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL. YOU CAN HELP BY:



Ensuring children get a good night's sleep and get ready for school in the morning



Getting children to school every day



Asking questions to find what your child likes about school

Talking about going to school every day and how it helps children reach their dreams.



Talking about how school can be fun



EVERY DAY THEY MISS ADDS UP!



Attendance

Now that we are back for 2021 learning a routine is very important for your children. Here are some tips to help you and your child get a great start to the day!

1. *Early to bed, ready to rise. When your child gets enough sleep, they are more likely to wake up cheerful, energetic and ready to learn at school. ...*
2. *Be prepared. ...*
3. *Keep it simple. ...*
4. *Make a plan.*

Helping Hands

Are you able to spare a hand?

Melton Primary is looking for some 'helping hands' to assist with various school fundraising events.

You do not have to be able to commit to every scheduled event, we are grateful for any time you can spare.

We are holding a meeting (to share possible fundraising ideas and get to know each other) on Thursday 25th of Feb at 2:10pm in the STEAM room.

We would love to see everyone there.

Mrs Sutherland



Grade 1

YAY! Welcome to grade 1!

We are loving having everyone back!

We have settled like champions to our new classrooms and new routines.

All the grade 1 teachers are very proud!

Here are a few reminders to help you start the year on the right foot...



Practise your M100W words every night!

Mrs Paolucci - 1C



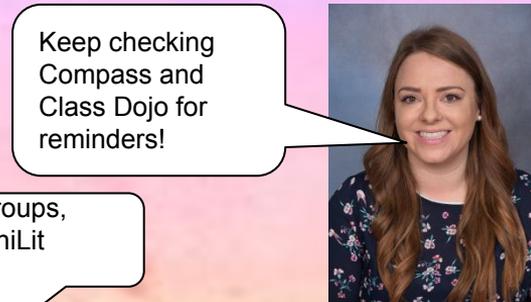
Don't forget to get your yellow reading diary signed!

Mr Strachan - 1D



Read every night and talk about what happened in the book!

Miss Lucas - 1A



Keep checking Compass and Class Dojo for reminders!

Miss Taylor - 1B

If you are in our MiniLit groups, don't forget to do your MiniLit homework!

Don't forget to work on your Spelling Mastery words!



Ms Bec



Mrs McIntosh - MiniLit



Mrs Bowden - MiniLit

Welcome to Grade 3 in 2021!

Wow! What a wonderful start to the year it has been! The Grade 3 students have really been working hard along with their teachers to complete our first 7 days of school. During this time we established our classroom agreements, set up our classroom libraries, and learned what literacy and numeracy lessons will look like in Grade 3. The children have really enjoyed getting to know all of their friends again and their Grade 3 teachers. Some photographs of the students participating in the first 7 days of school have been included here for you:

Reminders:

- *Keep up with home reading each night and document when your child reads, using their home reading diary.
- *Practise students' spelling words with them using the Spelling Mastery folders which were sent home.
- *Remember to have a look back at our welcome note for what we will be working on this term.

Grade 3

Meet The grade 3 Team



Mrs
Coward



Mr Roberts



Ms
Velden



Mrs
Reardon



Ms
Hamilton



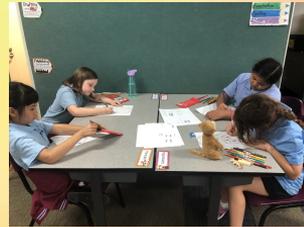
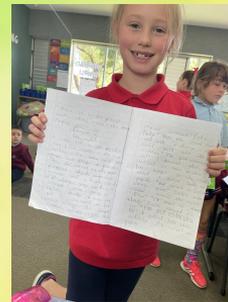
Mrs
Borg



Ms
Colson



Mrs
McDonald



Meet the grade 5 teaching team

Grade 5



*Miss Morrissy 5A
Something you might not know about her: she lived in Alabama and played College Basketball there.*



*Mrs Magnano - 5C
Something you might not know about her: that she is training to run a marathon.*

We are very excited for our Grade 5 camping experience this term. This will be a great opportunity for students and staff to create lasting memories and to enjoy the camping experience within the safety of the schools confines.

*Miss Prenga 5B
Something you might not know about her: she enjoys cooking and doing crosswords*



*Mrs Plevnik 5D
Something you might not know about her: she used to compete nationally in 3 Day Eventing (Equestrian).*



*Mrs Quinlan
Something you might not know about her: she has 32 nieces and nephews and 37 great nieces and nephews.*



*Miss Hamilton
Something you might not know about her: her favourite place to visit is the beach and she loves gardening.*



*Mrs Papaemmanouil
Something you might not know about her: she enjoys the country-side and doing arts and crafts.*



*Miss Stanley
Something you might not know about her: she used to run cross country in school.*

Performing Arts

FOUNDATION

This term Foundation students will be exploring the world of Dance, Drama and Music. We will be dancing, singing, playing, creating and having lots of fun!

GRADE 1

This term Grade One students will be exploring the world Drama. We will be looking at what it means to be another character, how to use our body and voice, how we story-tell and how we perform to an audience.

GRADE 2

This term Grade Two students will be exploring the world Drama. We will be looking at what it means to be another character and how we can bring words to a performance by using a poem or story.

GRADE 3

This term Grade Three students will be exploring the world Drama. We will be looking at what Drama looks like in different places around the world. We will also be learning about some of the Dramatic Elements.

GRADE 4

This term Grade Four students will be exploring the world Drama. We will be looking at the script reading process and how to turn scripts into live performances that engage and entertain an audience.

GRADE 5

This term Grade Five students will be exploring the world Drama. We will be looking developing characters and relationships in performances. We are also looking at how to put together live entertainment.

GRADE 6

This term Grade Six students will be exploring the world Drama. We will be looking at different conventions of Drama and how we can tackle bigger issues with performance.

Please note classes 3B and 5B will be learning Music this term with Miss Timpani and will be doing Drama next term with Mrs Barta.

This term Mrs Barta will teach Foundation C, 2D, 3C and 5D for Performing Arts. Miss Brown will be teaching 2A.

WE LOVE LOCAL!

MUSIC LESSONS – CHILDREN (AGES 8+) & ADULTS

ACOUSTIC GUITAR – BEGINNERS

Come along and see how enjoyable it can be to learn to play the acoustic guitar. Bring your own guitar. Your tutor has 20+ years live and recording experience, and is a ARIA-nominated signed recording artist.

Monday 8 Feb – 29 March OR
(no class 8 March)
Friday 12 February – 26 March
30-minute lessons from 4:00pm
Call Centre for available times

\$85.00 or
\$80.00 Con
7 Sessions

KEYBOARD – BEGINNERS

Discover how enjoyable it is to learn to play the keyboard. Bring your own keyboard. Your tutor has 20+ years live and recording experience, and is a ARIA-nominated signed recording artist.

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KID'S AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

KID'S ART (AGES 8–12 YEARS)

Children will have fun whilst developing their skills in drawing and painting in an engaging and creative environment. Everything is included.

Tuesday 9 February – 30 March OR
Wednesday 10 February – 31 March
4:00 – 6:00pm

\$85.00 or
\$80.00 Con
8 Sessions

KIDZ IN THE KITCHEN (AGES 8–12 YEARS)

Designed to give children the hands-on skills and knowledge to create dishes from many different cultures, as well as vegetarian. There will be a session on cooking for those with an allergy such as gluten, dairy or egg and how to substitute for those ingredients. Children will be taught how to recognise different vegetables and herbs from our Community Garden and how to include these in everyday cooking. Everything is provided, including an apron and hat. Proudly supported by the Melton City Council and Tabcorp Park. Places are strictly limited.

Monday 8 February – 29 March
(no class 8 March) OR
Wednesday 10 Feb – 31 March
(no class 10 March)
4:00 – 6:00pm

FREE
7 Sessions

HOMEWORK CLUB – FREE

A free after-school homework club for **primary school** children facilitated by Kruch Foundation. Bring your books & pencils. Contact April on 0422 404 748 – bookings are essential as there are limited places.

Thursday
4 February – 1 April
4:00 – 6:00pm

FREE

Check out some of the fabulous programs and events happening at the Melton South Community Centre. Head to their website for more information and other programs available.

Holi Festival at Eynesbury

Next date: Sunday, 28 March 2021 | 01:00 PM to 07:00 PM

Celebrate the festival of colour on Sunday 28 March, 1pm - 7pm.

There'll be Bollywood dance performances, food stalls, cricket on the big screen, DJ and live entertainment.

Come on down!



Dream Big Festival

Next date: Sunday, 28 February 2021 | 03:00 PM to 08:30 PM

Join us at the Dream Big Festival 2021 for a range of free activities from 3pm including arts, sport, marketplace, food, live music and performances.

This is a family friendly event with free entry and activities for all ages.

There will be lots to see and do, so come along with the family for a fun day in the Mt Carberry Reserve in Melton South, we look forward to seeing you there!

Eynesbury Market

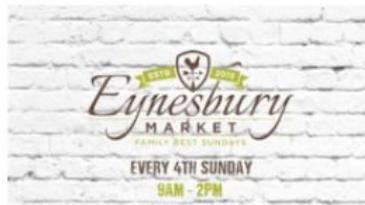
Next date: Sunday, 28 February 2021 | 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM

Come along and enjoy the relaxed surroundings of Eynesbury Market. We have a wide range of stalls from farmers, produce growers, fruit, jams, sauces, cakes, breads and moving along to our artisan craft stalls and food vendors.

What a wonderful way to spend a relaxed family Sunday!

Free parking is available in the car park located at Homestead Golf Club, and along the road, the large paddocks just past the market site are also available for parking.

Eynesbury is a dog friendly market. Please ensure your dogs are on a lead and you pick up any parcels left.



Spot's Birthday Party

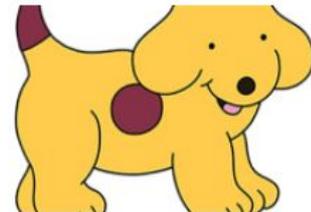
Next date: Saturday, 27 February 2021 | 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

In 2020, our favourite lovable puppy turned 40 but couldn't celebrate his birthday, so join us in 2021 for a special birthday celebration of this wonderful book character.

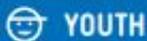
Please bring a picnic rug or cushions.

Ages 3-7.

[Bookings essential](#)



Head to the Melton City Council website for more information on programs, events and activities!



RECORDING STUDIO MUSIC PROGRAM

Wednesdays • 3.30pm – 6pm
Melton Library

If you love music and want to record songs, make beats, or write music whilst hanging out with friends, then join us, and gain practical experience in music making. Ages 12-25.

GIRL CHAT

Tuesdays • 4pm-5pm
Caroline Springs Library

Wednesdays • 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Melton Library

Girl Chat is a platform for girls to build confidence and leadership skills whilst networking via peer-to-peer mentoring. Girls will gain practical experience to plan and run weekly meetings. Ages 14-25.



CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

Sundays • 1pm – 2pm
Caroline Springs Library

Thursdays • 5pm – 6pm
Melton Library

Do you have a story in you that needs to be set free? Join us and learn the tools you'll need to create imaginative worlds, colourful characters and stories that leap off the page! With fun writing exercises and helpful hints, we'll get you on the way to writing a book of your very own. Ages 7-14.



SPOT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday 27 February • 10.30am
Grass area behind Caroline Springs Library, Cnr Lake Street & The Parade

In 2020, our favourite lovable puppy turned 40 but couldn't celebrate his birthday, so join us in 2021 for a special birthday celebration of this wonderful book character. Please bring a picnic bag or cushions. Ages 3-7.



AFTER SCHOOLIGANS!

Mondays • 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Melton Library

Tuesdays • 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Caroline Springs Library

Something different to do every week - art, craft, games, literary or STEM related activities. Suitable for ages 5+. Carers are required to stay with their children to assist them, when needed, during library activities. During school term only.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

guidelines, places are limited and **bookings are essential**. Bookings for all sessions open weekly on Friday afternoons. To meet COVID restrictions all participants over the age of twelve months need to make a booking.

BABY BOUNCE

Ages 0-12 months



Baby Bounce is an interactive program that introduces your baby to the sounds, rhythm and movement of language. Babies love songs and rhymes and delight in watching and listening to you sing. Sharing a love of reading, rhymes, singing and talking with your baby is one of the best things you can do to give your baby a head start in life and at school.

Tuesdays • 10am
Caroline Springs Library

Fridays • 10am • Melton Library

TODDLER TIME

Ages 1-3 years



Toddler time has been specifically designed to engage toddlers in all areas of childhood development through singing, stories, movement, literacy, language and play. Toddlers have many opportunities to participate or be an active listener throughout the program in a safe, positive and inclusive environment.

Thursdays • 10am
Melton Library

Fridays • 10am
Caroline Springs Library

STORYTIME

Ages 3-5 years



Preschool-aged kids are curious about everything. Storytime is a great way to introduce children to the wonderful world of books. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes and an introduction to AUSLAN. All programs are designed for parents to participate with their children.

Wednesdays • 10am
Melton Library

Thursdays • 10am
Caroline Springs Library

EARLY YEARS ONLINE

For the month of February you can join your favourite children's programs via Zoom. Missed out on a face to face session? Tune in for some great stories and songs that will make you jiggle, wiggle and giggle.

BABY BOUNCE ONLINE

Wednesdays • 1.30pm

15 minute session, book to receive Zoom invite and ensure you have a current library membership.

STORYTIME ONLINE

Wednesdays • 2pm

Book to receive Zoom invite and ensure you have a current library membership.

Head to the Melton Library website for more information on programs, events and activities!



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

Location:

Mantra Melbourne (Tabcorp Park)

2 Ferris Road

Melton South, VIC 3338

Morning tea and a light lunch provided

Melton South, VIC

Tuesday 16th March, 2021

9.15am - 3.00pm



Interpreters available



To register, visit positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call: 1300 881 971

Headlice

We have recently had a couple of reported cases of Headlice to the Office. We advise that all families please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

How to conquer HEAD LICE in 6 easy steps

- Hitting them strong and hitting them hard**
There are a number of strong chemical products on the market. These seem to appeal and revolt parents in equal numbers. While some don't like the idea of strong chemicals in such close contact with their child's skin, others find it reassuring for the very same reason - if there's chemicals involved, they must be doing a thorough job.
- Going the touchy-feely route**
Also available are natural products based on essential oils and pyrethrin, which smell a lot better than the chemical-based products. Because these products aren't as strong as the chemical-based ones, they usually need to be left in the hair longer to take effect.
- Cooking up some homebrew**
Like all good homebrew recipes, everyone has a different one that they swear by. Mostly though, they are made up of things that you could find in the kitchen or bathroom. Almost all are bulked out with thick conditioner. Popular recipes usually include: tea-tree oil, eucalyptus oil, vinegar, olive oil, orange oil, lavender oil.
- Using hair spray/ hair gel**
During an infestation of nits, spray your child's hair with hairspray, or comb through hair gel to make it more difficult for the lice to attach to their hair shafts.
- Trying the white conditioner treatment**
Regular combing is the key to keeping lice under control. Apply a thick, white conditioner (it makes it easier to see the nits and lice against white) and using a nit comb, section the hair and carefully comb, wiping each comb-full of conditioner, nits and lice onto a paper towel. Keep combing until you can't see any more eggs or lice in the conditioner. Repeat after seven days.
- Applying vinegar**
Thoroughly douse your child's hair with vinegar and leave for 15 minutes to allow the vinegar to kill the lice. Apply the white conditioner treatment.

kidspot



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021



MONDAY

1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

TUESDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

WEDNESDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you

17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

THURSDAY

4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

FRIDAY

5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful

26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

SATURDAY

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

SUNDAY

7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you

21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain



"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february

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