

# Melton Primary School Newsletter

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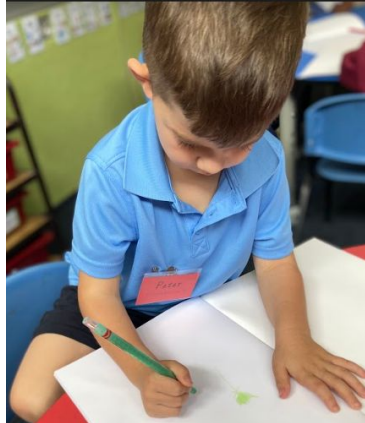
Monday 6th February 2023

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.

Photos - Amazing Active Learners in Foundation



# From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Welcome Our New Students

Welcome to the 2023 School Year, it is great to see all of our students returned refreshed ready for the new school year. We trust all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We would like to **welcome to Melton Primary School our new Foundation students and all new students from Grades 1 - 6**. We hope that all of the existing Melton PS families will introduce themselves and make the new families to Melton feel very welcome.

## Book Packs

All students should have come to school with their stationery packs. If you have not done so, please ensure you arrange for your child's stationery as soon as possible. To all of the families who had difficulty receiving your pack through WINC, we are sorry for your inconvenience. Please be advised that we will review our supplier and I have been in discussion with other schools about their suppliers and unfortunately some of them have fallen short in supply the goods on time.

## COVID

COVIDSafe measures have changed but all Victorian government schools are required to continue to implement important practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Schools must continue to take the important steps of ensuring air purifiers are in use, external ventilation is maximised, good personal hygiene is encouraged and face masks continue to be made available for staff, students and visitors who wish to wear them.

It is recommended that **rapid antigen tests (RATs)** are used by students and staff:

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild

If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19

If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

The Department of Health recommends that all Victorians should report their positive RAT result to the Department of Health [online](#), or by calling 1800 675 398.

Parents should report a positive result either through the COVID Test [portal](#) or by phone or written notification.

There is no longer a requirement for principals to inform the school community of a positive case associated with the school.

# From the Principal's desk

## **Staffing Update**

You may have seen or read recently in the media that schools in Melton are struggling with staffing their classrooms with teachers for the 2023 school year. I am pleased to advise that Melton Primary School is fortunate to have all of the teachers that we require for 2023.

### **We welcome to our school this year:**

Deb Barrie (STEM Teacher), Aime McClelland (Grade 2 Teacher), Samantha Forbes (Grade 2 Teacher), Rebecca Zapparoni (Grade 6 Teacher) and Melanie Knight (Education Support). All of their profiles were sent out last year via Class Dojo.

We welcome back to MPS Ashleigh Strods and Stephanie Wilson.

Please make all of these staff feel welcomed.

## **Tutor Program**

In response to the education challenges of 2021 2022 due to COVID 19, all schools are providing a tutor program designed for learning catch up and extension. A number of different programs operate throughout our school based on student learning needs.

To determine students who are participating in the programs, staff look at assessment results, work effort and student attendance. In order for the programs to be fluid and sequential it is imperative that students participating in these programs are at school as often as possible.

In 2023 we will be operating the following programs:

Literacy - MiniLit (catch up), LLI (catch up and extension)

Maths - tutor Numeracy (catch up and extension)

Students will participate in these programs for different periods of time. For some of these programs there is an expectation that students complete additional homework. It is vital that families work with the school to ensure that this is done.

If your child has been identified to commence one of these programs this term, you will be contacted shortly by the teacher. Thank you for working with us to catch up and extend students.

# From the Principal's desk

## **3 Days of Assessment and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all of our families for your support of our first 3 days of assessment and our parent teacher interviews. This enabled our teachers to have valuable 1:1 time with our students and the opportunity to get to know them.

## **Photo Privacy**

It is great that people want to share photos of their child/ren on social media like Facebook and Instagram, but it is vital that you seek permission from other parent's if you wish to share a photo/movie clip of other people's children. Please consider others and show courtesy by asking permission before you share. As a school we have sought publishing permission from each family so that we can publish photos and student work on our website, Facebook page and brochures.

## **Teachers are available from 8:30am**

Should you need to speak to your child's teacher before school, teachers are available from 8:30am. Prior to 8:30am, teachers are preparing for their day so I ask that you do not interrupt them, please contact the office who can pass a message onto your child's teacher.

## **Mutually Agreeable Appointment**

Please be advised that on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, the staff participate in meetings commencing at 3:20pm. If you need to see a teacher for an extended period of time, please make an appointment with them at a mutually agreeable time. If you are running late to pick your child up, please ensure that you contact the school so that we can inform your child. This often relieves any stress or anxiety that they may feel with you not being there at 3:00pm.

## **Students should not be onsite prior to 8:15am unsupervised**

Teachers officially start at 8:18am with the first teacher on yard duty from 8:30am. Students should not be in the school yard prior to 8:15am unsupervised. Parents needing to have their child on site prior to 8:15am are required to utilise the Out of School Hours Care service. If students are on site prior to 8:15am unsupervised, parents will be contacted to collect them.

# From the Principal's desk

## Attendance Officer

Ally Morrissey is our attendance officer. Each day she will make contact with families of students who are absent where the school has not been notified in relation to a reason for their absence. She will also work with families whose children have an excessive number of absences. **School attendance is important.** If your child/ren are not at school we are unable to teach them.

***In order for your child to be considered for our end of year awards, they must have above 85% attendance.***

***Students in Grade 6 must have above 80% attendance in order to receive an invitation to our Grade 6 Graduation.***

## How many days is regular attendance, below average attendance and poor attendance in a semester (over 2 terms)?

0-6 days - This is within the normal range. A child with this attendance is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning programs available to them.

7-10 days - This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Foundation and Year 10.

11 – 20 days – This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and a half years of schooling between Foundation and Year 10

## Late Arrival and Early Pick Up

If your child arrives late to school or needs to be collected before the end of the school day, we ask that you ensure that you come to the office where your child will be signed in or signed out using the Compass kiosk. It is vital that this is kept up to date, in the event of an emergency this is where we locate all of attendance information. **If you are in the school grounds for longer than 10 minutes we ask that you sign in using the Compass kiosk located in the foyer near the office.**

## Change of details

It is vital that if you have changed your mobile phone number or address that you ensure that you notify the school of your change of details. It is the **responsibility of all families to ensure that the school has current and up to date contact details for parents and emergency contacts.** Please ensure that you inform the office of your current details.

# From the Principal's desk

## School Assembly

Our School Captains will be hosting our whole school assembly three times a term. This will consist of two online and one face to face assembly. Parents are welcome to come into their child's classroom to view assembly when it is online and join us for our face to face celebration assembly. For our online assemblies, we will send out the electronic link to families via Class Dojo and Compass so that parents who are working can watch it at work.

## 40km Speed Limit Around Schools

A reminder that the speed limit around the school is 40 km per hour and that this is routinely monitored by the law enforcement throughout the year.

## Parking Around the School

Parking around the school can be an issue at the start of the day and at the end of the school day. A number of families were fined by the local council last year for parking on the grass area next to the gravel car park opposite the school on Raleigh's Road.. **We encourage our families to part drive and part walk. Park your car a couple of streets away and walk with your child to school. A defined carpark has been created behind the scout hall to provide additional parking.**

## Sunsmart

Until the end of April, all students are required to wear a school hat at recess and lunchtime. If your child has misplaced their hat and you wish to purchase a new one, please come to the office to do so.

## House Teams

Each student across the school is assigned to a house team. Melton Primary has four houses – Acacia, Grevillea, Blue Gums and Callistemon. Students are able to wear their sports team colour in the form of a plain t-shirt on the day in which their class has physical education. If you do not know which house your child is in, please see your child's classroom teacher.

## Prevent Lost Property

To help us return any lost property, we ask that you clearly label your child's lunch box, school uniform, art smock and library bag. A lost property tub is located in the foyer of the office. This is where we place all unlabeled items. Each classroom also has their own lost property tub, so it is important that you check there also if your child loses an item.

# From the Principal's desk

## Compass App

We encourage all of our families to download the Melton Primary School Compass App. Via the Compass app you are able to notify the school of your child's absence, book parent teacher interviews, make payments, electronically sign permission forms and view your child's reports (some of these items you need to open the browser in order to complete). For further instructions on how to access the application, please contact the office for your individual login details.

**If you require assistance navigating Compass or help logging in, Mrs Ward is available and can be contacted via the office.**

## Private Music Lessons

Genesis Music will provide guitar, keyboard and vocal lessons for the students who have opted for them in 2023. If you are interested in your child participating in privately funded lessons please contact Genesis Music directly. **P:** 0421 426 674,  
**E:** info@genesismusicschool.com.au

## Homework

The MPS homework expectations are:

- \*Nightly reading
- \*MIOOW sight words practise
- \*Spelling words practise
- \*Practise of number chart or times tables chart relevant to child's point of learning
- \*Teams will provide a suitable project when needed.

## Headlice

We encourage all of our families to check their child's hair on a weekly basis. If live lice are found, students are not to come to school until they have been treated. If eggs are found, families will need to comb their child's hair, to ensure all eggs are removed. Already we have been notified of students who have had live lice.

## **3 Keys to your child's educational success**

- 1. Reading daily (share a book)**
- 2. Attending school daily**
- 3. Talk with your child (build their vocabulary)**

# From the Principal's desk

## Mobile Phones

The Department of Education Policy is that any students with a mobile phone are to hand it into the office at the start of the school. At the end of the day, students can collect their phone from the office. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in the classroom. If a student is found to have a mobile phone in the classroom, it will be retained and held in the office until a parent can come in and collect it.

## School Council

The Melton Primary School, School Council is made up of a range of staff, parents and community members who work together to set and work towards the key goals and targets of the school.

Thank you to the members of School Council whose term of office (2021-2022) concludes in March. **We appreciate the dedication and support of the following parents School Council President Laura Rees, Justin Rees, Anna Vlahovic and retiring member Craig Byham. We appreciate the dedication and support of staff members Sheree Lucas whose term concludes.** Please find further on in the newsletter a call for nominations for the School Council terms of office for 2023 & 2024.

## PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.



# From the Principal's desk

## PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers continued...

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

Vanessa Harrison  
Principal

# Key Dates for Term 1, 2023

## February

- 8th Foundation students not required at school
- 9th Breakfast Club Cooking Class - 3:10pm
- 10th Melton Minis 2pm
- 15th Foundation students not required at school
- 16th Breakfast Club Cooking Class - 3:10pm
- 17th School Photos** - Book your package online
- 22nd Foundation students not required at school
- 23rd Breakfast Club Cooking Class - 3:10pm
- 24th House fun event 2pm
- 24th Melton Minis 2pm
- 27th Teeth on Wheels
- 27th Rugby Blitz Incursion - selected classes
- 28th District Swimming Carnival - selected students

**Foundation students commence  
full time from March.**

## March

- 1st Teeth on Wheels
- 2nd Breakfast Club Cooking Class - 3:10pm
- 3rd Fun Run
- 3rd Teeth on Wheels
- 6th Teeth on Wheels
- 7th Divisional Swimming Carnival - selected kids
- 8th Teeth on Wheels
- 10th Teeth on Wheels
- 10th Gr6 Lightning Premiership
- 10th Melton Minis 2pm
- 13th Labour Day Holiday - No School**
- 15th - 27th Naplan Gr 3 & Gr 5**
- 24th F-6 Cross Country
- 24th Melton Minis 2pm
- 28th Regional swimming - selected students

## April

- 3rd - 4th Grade 5 Camp
- 6th - Last day of term 1, 2:30pm dismissal.

# Term Dates

- Term 1 - 30th January -  
6th April
- Term 2 - 24th April -  
23rd June
- Term 3 - 10th July -  
15th September
- Term 4 - 2nd October -  
20th December



# Curriculum Days

- Term 2 - Tuesday the 13th June
- Term 3 - Friday 11th August
- Term 4 - Monday 6th November  
Wednesday 20th December

**TBC - 2 teacher professional practice days.**

## Breakfast Club

The Melton Primary School breakfast club operates **every morning** in the STEM (Science) room at the end of the BER building. Breakfast Club commences at **8:20am**. Breakfast is FREE with the students having access to Weetbix, Cheerios, canned fruit and on special occasions toast and milo.



## Working with Children check

If you are wanting to volunteer at Melton Primary School it is essential that you have a current **Working With Children Check**. Please provide a copy of this to the office. If you need assistance obtaining a WWCC please come into the office for support. Applications can be processed online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>

No one will be allowed to work in classrooms or volunteer on excursions unless they have a current working with children check.



# From the Principal's desk

## School Council

Calls for nominations for School Council.

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category - members are co opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

# From the Principal's desk

## School Council Notice of an Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Melton Primary School.

Nomination forms **may be obtained from the school office** and **must be lodged by 4:00pm on Monday 13th February 2023.**

The ballot will close at 4:00pm on 27th February 2023.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025.	<b>4 in total</b> 3 vacancies for 2 year term (2023 and 2024 school years) 1 vacancy for 1 year term (2023 school year)
DET Employee Member		1
Community Member		2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Vanessa Harrison - Principal



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## MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

The official School Photos will be taken by Elite School Photography on Friday 17th February 2023.

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

You can order your 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 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. 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

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# SCHOOL PHOTOS

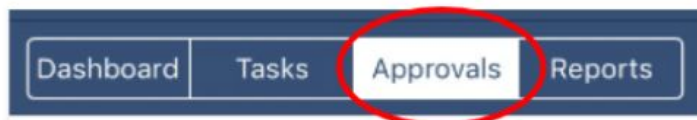


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# Reporting your child absent on the Compass app

1. Click on HOME
2. Click on YOUR CHILD
3. Click on APPROVALS



4. Click on the + symbol in the bottom right corner.



5. Complete the screen that appears

5.1 Select a reason for your child's absence.



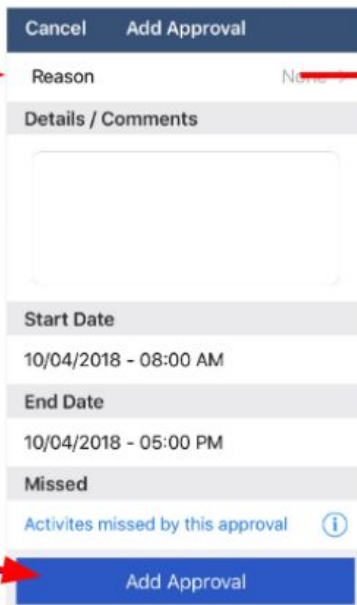
5.2 Add further details



5.3 Add in the start and end dates that your child will be absent.



5.4 Click Add Approval



None

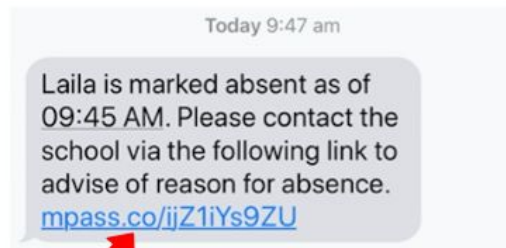




# Responding to the absence text message from Compass

New department guidelines require the school to contact the parents/carers of all students marked as not present on the first day of an absence. All parents/carers will receive a text message at 9.45am on the first day of the absence with a link that will allow you to provide consent for the absence directly through Compass. Please refer to the process below:

**Step 1:** click on the link in the text message that you receive.



**Step 2:** enter the reason for the absence and any details that are necessary.

A screenshot of the Compass app form for recording an absence. The form is titled "Mrs Ann WARD & Mr Warren WARD". It includes fields for "Absent Child" (Laila WARD), "Reason" (Illness/Medical), "Details / Comments" (Doctors appointment), "Start Date" (10 Oct 2018 at 8:00 am), and "End Date" (10 Oct 2018 at 5:00 pm). At the bottom, there is a "Done" button and a list of reasons: Illness/Medical, Dentist, Bereavement, and Truancy.

**Step 3:** click add approval. The details will be updated in Compass.

A screenshot of the Compass app form showing the "Add Approval" button. The form is titled "Laila WARD". It includes fields for "Reason" (Illness/Medical), "Details / Comments" (Doctors appointment), "Start Date" (10 Oct 2018 at 8:00 am), and "End Date" (10 Oct 2018 at 5:00 pm). At the bottom, there is a "Missed" section and a blue "Add Approval" button.

# Student Attendance tips for parents!

- \* Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- \* Remember that every day counts
- \* There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- \* Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- \* Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- \* Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- \* Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

# 35 nights reading is the goal!

All students should have received their take home readers this week.

Our goal is for every child in the school to read 35+ nights during term !! Reading each night and on weekends counts!

It is simple, listen to your child read, sign their reading diary/school diary and that is one night completed! Repeat 34 more times during the term and your child will receive a merit ribbon from the members of our Principal Class team!



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

**Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students

## **HOW TO APPLY**

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, **you do not need to complete an application form this year** unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

**Applications should be lodged as soon as possible, with schools accepting them until 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

## Staying safe from mosquitoes

Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

**The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.**

In line with community health advice , families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active
- limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

## Further information

- A [handy guide](#) to help protect you and your family from mosquito-borne disease
- Better Health Channel [information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases](#).

## Meet the 2023 Foundation Staff



Mrs Morgan  
Room 5  
Foundation A



Mrs Thomas  
Room 6  
Foundation B



Mrs Shirtcliffe  
Room 8  
Foundation D



Mrs Stokes  
Room 9  
Foundation C



Miss Colson and Mrs  
Papaemmanouil are our  
Educational Support  
workers

# Foundation



## *A big welcome to all of our 2023 Foundation students!*

Shortly we will be sending home 'Magic M100W Words'. These are the most frequent words the students will encounter in their home readers. Practising these words nightly should help set up your child for success.

Our home reading program will start shortly too. The school expects that students read each night and merit awards from the Principal are awarded each term. We will be sending home strategies for your child to practise at home.

## REMINDERS...

- For the month of February there is **no school** for Foundation students on **Wednesdays**.
- Please make sure you have **booked in for assessment** with your child's teacher via Compass. If you are having difficulty with the Compass app you can get some assistance at the office.
- **Stay connected** with us... Make sure you are connected to **Class Dojo**. This is where we post photos of the students and their work and **share important reminders**. You can also see how many dojo points your child has and they can even customise their monster avatar!
- If you have your resource pack at home, please send **all** items to school.





# Meet the grade 2 team for 2023

Welcome back for another fantastic year at Melton Primary! There's so much to look forward to this year, and the teachers are super excited to be back in action. Take a look at the new grade 2 team below and some important information to remember moving forward.



## Nightly Reading

Your child will begin their nightly reading which needs to be marked off in their yellow book. Also keep working on those M100W as regular testing will commence this week.



*If you still have stationary to bring in please do so. Pencil cases are also a great option heading into grade 2*



Mr McCabe



Miss Lucas



Mrs Forbes



Miss McClelland

## Class Dojo

Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for all the important information and dates for Term 1.

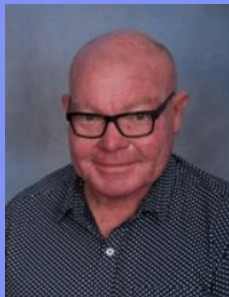


We can't wait to get the year  
underway and get to know everyone!  
Meet the Grade 4 teachers!

# Grade 4



Mrs Reardon  
4A  
Room 2



Mr Kay  
4B  
Room 1

## HOME READING:

As part of your child's weekly homework, they will be required to read each night.

[35 Nights is the Reading Goal.](#)

It is expected that your child will bring their reading diary to school with them each day as these will be checked on a regular basis.



ClassDojo

*Make sure that you keep an eye on Class Dojo for regular updates and reminders for what is happening throughout the term.*

Mrs McMahon  
4C  
Room 3



Mr Trewavis  
4D  
Room 4



*Dates to remember for Term 1:*

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24th House fun event 2pm  
28th District Swimming Carnival - selected students

## March

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7th Divisional Swimming Carnival - selected kids  
13th Labour Day Holiday - No School  
24th F-6 Cross Country

## April

6th - Last day of term 1, 2:30pm dismissal.





Miss Allan  
Rm 22  
6A



Mrs Zapparoni  
Rm 21  
6B



Mrs Partridge  
Rm 23  
6C



Miss Crossley



Mrs McDonald

Welcome back to another school year at Melton Primary, and for all of you, your child's final year of primary school. We are very excited for the upcoming year and we look forward to working with your child.

The students have been focusing on the first 7 days of school. This has involved setting up the classroom ready for the year ahead, setting up workbooks and revising the Agreed Behaviours and classroom expectations. The grade 6 students are to be congratulated for a great start to the year.

## Grade 6



### Classroom Library Sort



### Lightning Premiership

The grade 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Lightning Premiership. We will have tryouts in the next few weeks for cricket, tennis and volleyball. When teams are selected the students will play in a round robin tournament later in the term.

### *TAKE HOME READING:*

As part of your child's weekly homework, they will be required to read each night. The students will use their diary as a reading log. This will need to be signed by a parent at least 4 times a week. 35 Nights is the Reading Goal.

It is expected that your child will bring their diary to school with them each day as they will be using them in the classroom.

## FOUNDATION



We are learning about how daily and seasonal changes affect everyday life.

## GRADE 1



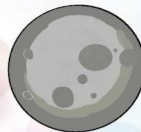
We are learning that living things have a variety of features and live in different places where their needs are met.

## GRADE 2



We are learning about how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves.

## GRADE 3



We are learning about how Earth's rotation on it's axis Causes regular changes including night and day.

# STEM

This term in STEM...

## GRADE 4

We are learning about how Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity.

## MEET THE STEM TEACHERS



MRS JORDAN



MS BARRIE

## GRADE 5



We are learning about how Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around the sun.

## GRADE 6

We are learning that Sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth's Surface.

# 2023 teaching staff and their roles

Principal Class	Principal – Vanessa Harrison Assistant Principal – Emma Sutherland Assistant Principal – Ann Ward
Leading Teachers	Positive Climate for Learning - Karen Guest Excellence in Teaching and Learning – Numeracy - Brian Wheelahan
Learning Specialist	Georgia Magnano - Building Instructional Practice Sheree Lucas - Building Instructional Practice Ashleigh Strods - Building Instructional Practice Adriana Timpani - Building Instructional Practice
Classroom Teachers	<p>Foundation A - Terri Morgan - Room 5 (Foundation Team Leader)  Foundation B - Tiffany Thomas - Room 6  Foundation C - Chloe Stokes - Room 9  Foundation D - Tash Shirtcliffe - Room 8</p> <p>Grade 1A - Emma Smart - Room 12 (Grade 1 Team Leader)  Grade 1B - Tracy Brewis- Room 13  Grade 1C - Brett Strachan - Room 14</p> <p>Grade 2A - Cam McCabe - Room 18 (Grade 2 Team Leader)  Grade 2B - Aime McClelland - Room 19  Grade 2C - Sheree Lucas &amp; Sam Forbes - Room 20</p>





# 2023 teaching staff and their roles

## Classroom Teachers

Grade 3A - Kerry Coward - Room 15 (Grade 3 Team Leader)  
Grade 3B - Ava Fritz - Room 16  
Grade 3C - Emma Prenga - Room 17

Grade 4A - Kylie Reardon - Room 2 (Grade 4 Team Leader)  
Grade 4B - Andrew Kay - Room 1  
Grade 4C - Cathie McMahon - Room 3  
Grade 4D - Jordan Trewavis - Room 4

Grade 5A - Belinda Hamilton - Room 27 (Grade 5 Team Leader)  
Grade 5B - Tarsh Dandy - Room 19  
Grade 5C - Georgia Magnano & Ashleigh Strods - Room 10  
Grade 5D - Erin Guise Room 11

Grade 6A - Kelly Allan - Room 22 (Grade 6 Team Leader)  
Grade 6B - Bec Zapparoni - Room 21  
Grade 6C - Melissa Partridge - Room 23



## Specialist Teachers

Physical Education - Augustine Carty-Cowling & Jaynay Oates  
STEM - Jessica Jordan & Debbie Barrie  
Performing Arts - Adriana Timpani & Khryxette Jerez  
Auslan/Art - Gabby Guban & Jaynay Oates  
Mental Health and Wellbeing- Tamara Velden  
Tutor - Stephanie Wilson



# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM COOKING CLASSES

**Want to learn new cooking skills and nutrition knowledge in a fun and engaging environment?**

We are delighted to offer your family the opportunity to participate in the School Breakfast Clubs Cooking Classes program.

This program will bring families together to learn life-long healthy eating habits and gain cooking experience to build confidence in the kitchen and beyond.

The program aims to provide a hands-on environment, where families will cook and enjoy a meal together during each session.

This free program is fully funded by the Department of Education and Training.

Sessions will be run after school, one day per week for four weeks during school term. They will be delivered by a trained Foodbank Victoria Facilitator, and will include take-home recipes and weekly food hampers!

**Whether you're looking to eat healthier food, learn new recipes or build skills in the kitchen, this program is for you!**

**LOCATION:**

Melton Primary

**DATE:**

Thursday 9th February 2023

**TIME:**

3.10 - 5.10 pm

**DURATION:**

4 weeks

**BENEFITS:**

Delicious food!  
Weekly food hampers!

**COST:**

FREE

**TO REGISTER CONTACT:**

Emma Sutherland via Dojo or  
melton.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Book packs can now be purchased online

**wincschools.com.au**



1. Search for Melton Primary School, Melton, VIC
2. Complete the student's details and select their year level
3. Proceed to checkout. 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.

Deadlines and delivery information. Home delivery:  
Delivery Fees: Free Delivery: for orders placed on or before 20th December 2022 \$9.95 delivery: for orders placed after 20th December 2022.



Ever thought of giving Cricket a go? Contact Cricket Star Academy who have classes at MPS 3 times a week, to find out how your student can join in the fun!! Click the link for more details



## Our Purpose

Our purpose is to "Create a Movement of Change for Tomorrow's Grassroots Leaders". We do this through the following three principles:

**LEARN** – children learn the skills of sport within a professional and safe environment through our various sport academies. Skills learned in sport are skills for life. These include team work, honesty, commitment and resilience.

**LEAD** – we lead the way through our community hero's, business partners, ambassadors and multi-award winning program and systems.

**GROW** – through our programs, students grow and develop into good human beings!

<https://sportstaracademy.com/cricket/about>

## **Instrumental Lessons at School**



### **Learn to play an Instrument :**

Develop co-ordination, enhance listening skills and improve self-esteem.  
Music changes lives!



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