

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 20th February, 2023



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.

**Photos of our
supportive students**

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you

Thank you for your support in settling students into the 2023 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.

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.

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.

School Council

Thank you to our members of School Council whose term of office (2021 - 2022) is now complete - Laura Rees (School Council President), Justin Rees, Anna Vlahovic, Craig Byham and Sheree Lucas. We appreciate your support in leading our school community. Congratulations to Cameron Willey for being appointed School Council President and Tiffany Crossland for being appointed Vice President for 2023.

Staffing Update

We welcome to our staff our new Education Support member working in the classrooms, Kylie Fairbrother, please make her feel welcome.

From the Principal's desk

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.

Please wait outside for the end of day pick up

This is a friendly reminder to parents, that when picking up your children, please do not congregate outside doorways and in the corridor. We ask parents not to wait in the corridors as there is not enough room when students exit the classrooms and the corridors become over-crowded and a fire hazard in the event of an evacuation. We remind families to ensure that they are social distancing. Thank you for your support.

Privacy Collection Notice

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <http://meltonps.vic.edu.au/>. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 1, 2023

February

- 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

March

- 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

Teacher Professional Practice Days

Thursday 1st June
Wednesday 22nd November

Literacy

Take Home Readers - As part of our MPS homework policy, students should be reading each night. Students can log their night reading in the reading logs/diaries.

The target for the term is 35 nights of reading.

Questions to ask during reading:

1. What do you think the book is about?
2. What happened in the book?
3. What is something you liked in the book?

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READING STRATEGIES

LOOK

at the picture

CHUNK
the word

PREDICT

REREAD

the word

REREAD

the sentence

Read

AHEAD

LOOK at the

word ending

Look at the
beginning
letters.

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?



Spelling Folders - Students should have now received their spelling word folders. These are the words they will learn throughout the year as part of our Spelling Mastery Program.

Please get students to play spelling games or write them in sentences to practise their spelling. Keep an eye out for emails to know what lesson number your child is up to.

35 nights reading is the goal!

All students should have receive 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 23rd June

FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Foundation students will now commence their first full week of school on Monday the 27th February.

Their last Wednesday off school is Wednesday 22nd 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



Grade 1

The grade 1's are settling back into the school year wonderfully.



Reminders:

Please make sure blue reader bags come to school **each day**.
The teachers are already so impressed with how many students have moved up in their words.

Please stay up to date with reminders on ClassDojo and Compass. We have fun things like our Community Walk and Fun Run that require consent via Compass.



Welcome to Grade 3 in 2023!

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 8 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.

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.



MRS COWARD 3A
Room 15



MISS FRITZ 3B
Room 16



MISS PRENGA 3C
Room 17



MRS GEDDES ES
Room 17

Welcome to Grade 5!



Ms Hamilton
5A
Room 27



Ms Dandy
5B
Room 28



Mrs Magnano and Mrs Strods
5C
Room 10



Miss Guise
5D
Room 11

Just a few reminders:

- ❑ Students are encouraged to be reading each night. Students have a diary to record their nightly reading. Students should aim to read 35 nights in Term 1.
- ❑ Keep an eye out on Dojo and Compass for special events coming this term.
- ❑ Compass event that needs to be signed - Grade 5 Behaviour Management Plan.

Ms Sposato, Mrs Borg and Mr Hunt are our Educational Support workers.



Grade 5

Leadership at MPS begins early...

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

The selection process for the 2024 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.

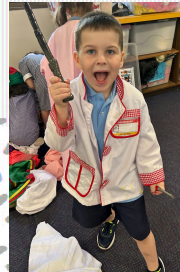
Staff will then vote and this information will be collected with the PE teacher and the Principal class. We will also look at the student's attendance, achievements, behaviour and efforts before a final decision will be made by a panel.



WELCOME BACK TO Performing Arts!



MEET THE
TEAM!



Foundation: What is Drama?

Grade 1: Story Telling

Grade 2: Improvisation

Grade 3: Dramatic Elements

Grade 4: Improvisation

Grade 5: Fractured Fairy Tale Script

Grade 6: Create a
Performance



Mental Health in Primary Schools

Welcome back everyone!!

I am so excited to once again be able to be our representative in the Mental Health in Primary Schools program! In my first year in the role last year I learnt a lot and I look forward to continuing that learning and promoting mental health and wellbeing throughout this year as well.

Hopefully by now everyone has settled into their new class and are finding that coming to school is enjoyable.

Unfortunately that isn't going to be the case for everyone. Last year, I was fortunate enough to be able to get a morning club up and running for those students who find coming to school difficult, have trouble separating from their families and also for those who just don't want to come.

This can be very difficult for all of those involved with a child who is struggling.

Morning club, better known as Magnificent Mornings aims to help with this, whilst providing what we hope can be a positive experience to assist with the transition from home to school each morning.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the suitability of Magnificent Mornings for your child. The earlier we can intervene and make the experiences positive, the better.

Tammy Jordan
Mental Health in Primary
Schools





If you haven't received your fundraising form please pop past the office to collect one. Don't forget to log in to Compass to provide consent.

Come to school in a white t shirt and some old bottoms that can get a little messy!

Sunglasses and sweatbands will be provided!

12:30-12:45 - Grade 6

12:45-1:00 - Grade 4

1:00-1:15 - Grade 3

1:15- 1:30 - Grade 5

2:00- 2:15 - Grade 2

2:15-2:30 - Grade 1

2:30-2:45 - Foundation & Melton Minis

2:45: Whole School viewing of the Teacher Slime

Friday 3rd of March on the school oval.

Families are welcome to attend and watch their children.

Please sign in at the table on the oval.



**WIN A JB HI-FI \$10,000
SHOPPING SPREE**

**JB
HI-FI**

**THE HIGHEST
FUNDRAISER FROM
OUR SCHOOL WILL GO
INTO A DRAW TO WIN!**



Fun-Raise With MONTY THE MONSTER

COLLECT COINS



SHARE IN 1200,000 OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS. COLLECT MONTY COINS ONLINE AND RECEIVE FREE PRIZE CREDITS

BACKPACK



THE HIGHEST FUNDRAISING STUDENT IN EACH CLASS WILL GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A MONTY BACKPACK

HOLOGRAM STICKER



CREATE AN ONLINE PROFILE PAGE WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE FUNDRAISING START DATE TO RECEIVE A MONTY HOLOGRAM STICKER

SCENTED GEL PENS



COLLECT ALL ONLINE VIRTUAL BADGES AND RECEIVE A PACK OF MONTY GLITTER GEL PENS

MINI PLUSH




RAISE 1200 OR MORE ONLINE AND RECEIVE A MINI MONTY SCENTED PLUSH

HIGHEST FUNDRAISER




THE HIGHEST FUNDRAISING STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A 30CM MONTY PLUSH AND CHAMPIONS MEDALLION



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 2:05-2:55 pm in room 7.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Term 1 dates:

Fri: 10th Feb, 24th Feb, 3rd March
(fun run 2:30pm on the oval) 17th March, 31st March

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Year 2023)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Melton Primary School Council provides this calendar of events which outlines proposed activities and approximate costs for the 2023 school year. This is to help give you an overview of activities and be aware of approximate expenses for your child's schooling in 2023. 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, Geography -Tue 28th March
Grade 2			Micks Jump and Play \$10
Grade 3			Bike Ed \$20
Grade 4			You Yangs \$30
Grade 5			Camp \$50
Grade 6			Camp deposit \$50
Parents & Friends			
Whole School Events		School Photos \$12-\$30 (depending on the package chosen)	Fun Run 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		Mothers Day Farm Excursion \$36.50	
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3		Camp 2023 deposit \$50 Bike Ed \$25	
Grade 4	Camp Deposit \$40		
Grade 5	Incursion/excursion \$30		
Grade 6		Camp \$550	Incursion - Market Manoeuvres \$20
Parents & Friends		Mother's Day Stall	Pic Drive
Whole School Events		Guest Speaker, In house activities	Canteen- Winter lunch \$6
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

Planning
for the
year
ahead



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Year 2022)

GRADE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Foundation		Fairy Tale Fiasco \$7.50 100 days of school celebration (free)	Fairy Park Excursion (\$30) Fathers Day
Grade 1		Sovereign Hill \$60	
Grade 2			Sleepover & Disco \$15
Grade 3		Melbourne Museum- \$35	
Grade 4	Local Council Visit (Free)	Phillip Island camp \$330	Koorie History Visit (Free)
Grade 5	Excursion/Incursion \$30	Grade 6 tops Approx. \$50 polo's \$80 Jumpers	Excursion/Incursion \$30
Grade 6			
Parents & Friends		Cookie Dough	Father's Day Stall
Whole School Events			Canteen- Football day lunch \$6
Physical Education		Basketball for selected 3/4 students \$12	District Athletics \$10 (selected students,)

GRADE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Foundation	Community Walk (free) Community visitors e.g firefighters, police, ambulance (free)		End of year activity (\$15) Tabloid sports, Christmas concert and class party
Grade 1	Community walk no cost	Disco \$8	
Grade 2		Local Walks (Free)	Werribee Zoo \$40
Grade 3		Lady Northcote Camp- \$200	End of year celebration \$10.
Grade 4			End of year Celebration Class party
Grade 5	Grade 6 Camp deposit \$80		Class party
Grade 6			End of Year Fun Day \$25 Graduation \$60
Parents & Friends			Graduation Bears \$15
Whole School Events			School concert- DVD \$15
Physical Education		T20 Cricket (Grade 3/4) \$10 Rugby (Grade 5/6) \$10	

Note: all sporting events are for selected students only

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 23rd of Feb at 2:15pm.** We will be meeting in Room 7

We would love to see everyone there.

Mrs Sutherland



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



- 1. 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.


- 2. 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.


- 3. 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.


- 5. 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.


- 6. 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.



4. 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.



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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0421 426 674.**



MELTON SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

Term 1 2023 - PROGRAM OF CLASSES

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:30AM – 4:30PM



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MUSIC LESSONS – ADULTS & CHILDREN (AGES 8+)

ACOUSTIC GUITAR – BEGINNERS

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

Monday 6 February – 3 April
(no class 13 March) OR
Friday 10 February – 31 March
30-minute lessons from 4:00pm
Call Centre for available times

\$95.00 or
\$90.00 Con
8 Sessions

KEYBOARD – BEGINNERS

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

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KID'S AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

LITTLE MASTERCHEFS (AGES 8–12 YEARS)

A hands-on cooking program designed to teach children how to identify and select healthy ingredients to make delicious meals for themselves and their family. Everything is provided including chef's hats and aprons.
These classes are proudly funded by Lendlease, Atherstone. Places are strictly limited.

Monday
6 February – 3 April
4:15 – 6:15pm
(no class 13 March)

\$10.00
8 Sessions

HOMEWORK CLUB

If our tutor is available we will be holding this free after-school homework club for **primary school** children.
Contact the Centre for further details.

FREE

After Schooligans!

Join your favourite children's librarians for some after school fun. We'll be doing something different every week. From arts and craft, to quizzes and games, reading or STEM activities, there's something for everyone in this fun and interactive program.

After Schooligans is perfect for primary school-aged children aged 5 to 12.

Please note, parents or carers are required to stay with their children during the session.

Sessions run during school terms only.

Wednesdays • 3.45pm to 4.30pm • Melton Library

Mondays • 3.45pm to 4.30pm • Caroline Springs Library

Creative writing for kids

Do you have a story in you that needs to be set free? Join us online 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.

Fun for ages 7 to 14.

Wednesdays • 4pm to 4.50pm • Online via Zoom

Please be sure to read our [online event safety](#) information before making a booking.



Want to prepare
your kids for a
healthier future?

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Is your child...

- 🌱 Aged 7-13 years old?
- 🌱 Above a healthy weight?
- 🌱 In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

Better Health Program is a **free**, 10-week, online program for children and families.

There are weekly online sessions, **free** resources, including a fitness tracker, and weekly coaching calls. These are with a qualified health coach who gives you professional advice and helps keep you on track!



Sign up today!

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📱 @betterhealthprogram



Participants receive
great freebies and
a reward at the end!

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Better Health Program is an online healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. In 2022, the program is **free for eligible Victorian families** as part of a large research project with Monash University.

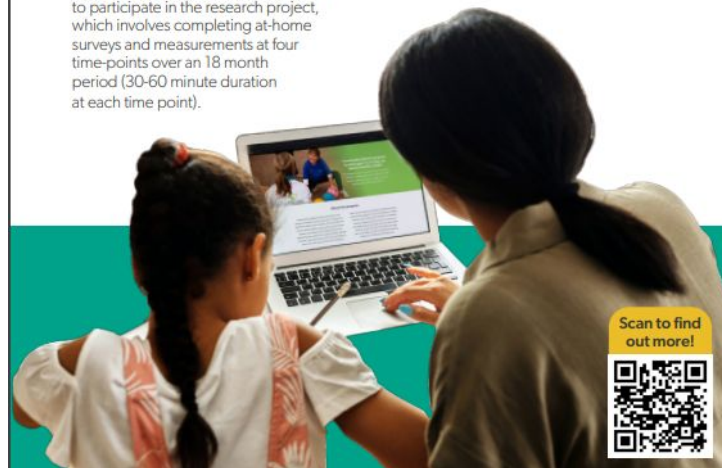
Sign up today!

📄 www.betterhealthprogram.org

☎ 1300 822 953

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To join the program, families must agree to participate in the research project, which involves completing at-home surveys and measurements at four time-points over an 18 month period (30-60 minute duration at each time point).



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out more!

