

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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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.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back

We hope that all of our families enjoyed a relaxing and wonderful holiday break shared together.

Regional Swimming Finals

Our students who represented Melton Primary at the Regional Swimming trials should be extremely proud of their achievements last term. Congratulations to all of the students who competed, Melton Primary is extremely proud of you!

Swimming Program Term 2 & 3

Our 2023 Swimming Program kicked off last week! I encourage all families to set a reminder in your phone to pack your child's bathers, towel etc. We hope that all of our students enjoy the swimming program. It is wonderful to hear the excitement and see the students eager to participate in this program. It is not too late to sign your child up if they wish to participate. If you are wishing to utilise your CSEF funds towards the cost of swimming, please ensure that you contact the office.

35 nights Reading is the goal for term 2

The aim for the term 2 goal is 35 nights reading. This allows for students who did not reach the term 1 goal to aim for the white ribbon, but for the students who did achieve the term 1 goal, they are now aiming for another 35 nights to achieve the green ribbon. We will be awarding prizes at the end of the year for our students who are the top night readers.

Staffing

We welcome to our Melton Primary School staff Fiona Ionita who will be in conducting performing arts lessons and covering some classes as needed. Please make her feel welcome!

Please be advised that Victoria is currently facing a teacher shortage and when staff are absent, there are times when we have been unable to find a replacement and unfortunately we have had to split classes. We thank you for your understanding with this matter.

From the Principal's desk

ANZAC Dawn Service

Our School Captains and our Student Representative Council (SRC) leaders are to be commended on the way they represented Melton Primary School at the Melton Dawn Service. Our leaders showed respect and acknowledged the contributions by all of our armed forces both past and present. A special thank you to Ms Zapparoni and Ms Timpani for your organisation and Mrs Geddes, Ms Allan, Mrs Blundell and Mrs Phelan for your contributions on the day.

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.

Foundation 2024 Information night

Do you know someone **starting school in 2024**? If so, please let them know about our 2024 Foundation Information Evening that is being held on **Tuesday 16th May from 4:00pm - 5:00pm**.

MPSSA Cross Country

Good luck to the students in age groups 10+ who have placed and been selected to represent our school at the District Cross Country on Tuesday 2nd May. Thank you to Mr CC for his coordination of this team and Mr Trewavis for attending on the day.

Save the Date for Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 10th July, which will be a student free day except for attendance at the interview.

From the Principal's desk

Molluscum Contagiosum and swimming

Molluscum contagiosum is a common skin infection caused by the molluscum contagiosum virus (MCV). The virus causes small, raised spots that can be spread by skin-to-skin contact, it can also be spread by students sharing baths or pools. Molluscum is painless but can be itchy. When the spots appear they look like pimples. Over time they become round, pink or pearl-coloured lumps with a hard core and often a dimple in the centre. The spots are usually very small, but they can be as large as two centimetres. Students with open sores or breaks from any cause should not go into swimming pools. If students with molluscum are participating in our school swimming program, they should:

- Cover all visible lesions with watertight bandages
- Dispose of all used bandages at home
- Not share towels, kick boards, other equipment, or toys

We ask that parents make your child's teacher aware if your child has this skin infection.

Students not participating in the Swimming Program

Non swimmers will be required to attend the swimming pool at their class' designated lesson time where they will sit poolside and complete a swimming booklet created to teach them about water safety and swimming.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started and you can log all of the books that your child has read this year. To find out how, instructions are further on in the newsletter. Your child's class teacher will have sent home your login details.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2, 2023

May

- 2nd - District Cross Country
- 5th - King's Coronation Dress Up
- 8th - 12th 3-6 Attitudes to School Survey conducted
- 11th - Mother's Day Stall
- 12th- Melton Minis
- 14th - Mother's Day
- 15th - Grade 4 First Fleet & Early Settlement Incursion
- 17th- Dress as a Pirate Day - Gold Coin Donation
- 18th - % Girls AFL
- 19th - F-2 House Fun Events
- 23rd - STEM Family Night 3:20pm - 4:20pm
- 24th - Simultaneous Story Time
- 25th - Divisional Cross Country - selected students
- 26th - Winter Lightning Premiership
- 26th - Melton Minis
- 29th - 31st - Grade 6 Camp Queenscliffe
- 31st - Foundation Animal Land Excursion
- 31st - Grade 3 Bike Education Excursion



June

- 1st - No School - Teacher Professional Practice Day**
- 2nd - Grade 1 Ceres Excursion
- 6th - Grade 5 MCG Sports Museum Excursion
- 9th - Melton Minis
- 12th - No School - King's Birthday Holiday**
- 13th - No School - Curriculum Day**
- 14th - Pie Drive Orders due
- 15th - Regional Cross Country - selected students
- 15th - % Soccer Tournament - selected students
- 16th - 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- 21st - Whole school in person assembly
- 22nd - Pie Drive collection day
- 23rd - Melton Minis
- 23rd - Last day of term 2, 2:30pm finish



Welcome to the World

Leon Jerez

Congratulations to
Mrs & Mr Jerez on
the safe arrival of
gorgeous Leon.
Mother and son
are both well.



Do you have a child who is school age for 2024? Are they School Ready?

'School readiness' is a measure of the knowledge, skills and behaviours that enable children to participate and succeed in school. Parents sometimes think that school readiness means being able to read, write and do basic maths before starting school. But this isn't the case! School readiness is about the development of the whole child – their social and emotional skills, physical skills, communication skills and cognitive skills. Children cannot thrive at school if they haven't developed the skills to manage things like getting along with other children, following instructions, and communicating their needs.

Research shows that children who start school when developmentally ready to learn tend to do better in school – and it sets them up for further success later in life.

School Readiness TIP #1

Try to arrange playdates with other children starting at the same school. This gives your little one the chance to develop their social skills - and give them the confidence that they will have a friend to talk to when they start school.

**MELTON
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

FOUNDATION 2024 OPEN NIGHT

**4:00PM TUES
16TH
MAY**



**SCHOOL
TOUR**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MELTON PRIMARY 97435335

2024 ENROLMENT NOW OPEN

for Foundation 2024!

Do you have a child starting school in 2024?

**Collect an enrolment form from the office, or
call to have one sent home.**

Secure your child's enrolment at Melton PS.

Act now as classes fill fast.

Transition activities begin term 3.

**Secure
your
enrolment**

**Chat with us today!
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Swimming Protocols

Students are enjoying their weekly swimming lessons. Many parents/carers are attending these sessions and assisting students.

Please note: Mothers will only be allowed into the female change rooms and fathers will only be allowed into the male change rooms.

Therefore any mother who wishes to assist her son change will need to use the separate change room which is also used for the disabled or utilise the main pool deck.

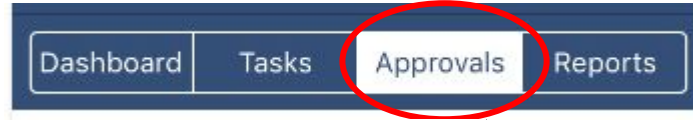
Similarly any father who wishes to assist his daughter change will also need to use that separate change room or utilise the main pool deck.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.



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

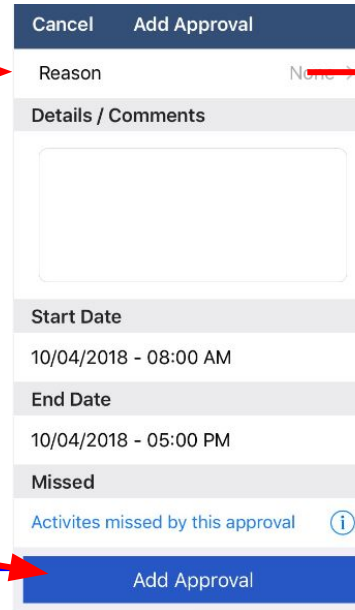


5.1 Select a reason for your child's absence.

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





A celebratory banner for attendance. It features a yellow circle with 'Sensational Attendance', a pink circle with 'LAST FORTNIGHT', and large text reading 'ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES'. Below this, three blank photo frames hang on a string. A cartoon boy in a green shirt with a 'B' and a blue cape stands on the left. The background is a light grid with stars and greenery. A blue wavy band at the bottom contains instructions for reporting absences.

Sensational Attendance

ATTENDANCE

LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY
enter an absence on Compass or
phone 9753 5335 and select 1 to leave a message

**WHEN DO ABSENCES
BECOME AN ISSUE?**



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



School 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 us 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 our school attendance officer or wellbeing coordinator if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing.

Our school wants to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Mother's Day Stall

We will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall in the resource room at the back of the Library on **Thursday 11th of May**. There will be a variety of items to purchase for Mums, Nans, Grandma, Aunts or other loved ones at home. Items range from \$1-\$10.



If you are able to assist with the stall- set up Wed 10th of May from 1:30pm or 8:30-12:30pm on Thursday 11th of May please let the office or Mrs Sutherland know

8 steps to logging books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx>

1. Click on log in for

School coordinator or student

2. Click on VPRC and insert your child's log in details.

VPRC login

For Government, Catholic, Independent and Home based readers

3. Click on your child's drop down menu from your child's dashboard located in the top left corner



4. From the drop down menu, click on search books



Search Books

5. Enter the title and author, click search. Then locate the book from the list and click the title.

Search for books

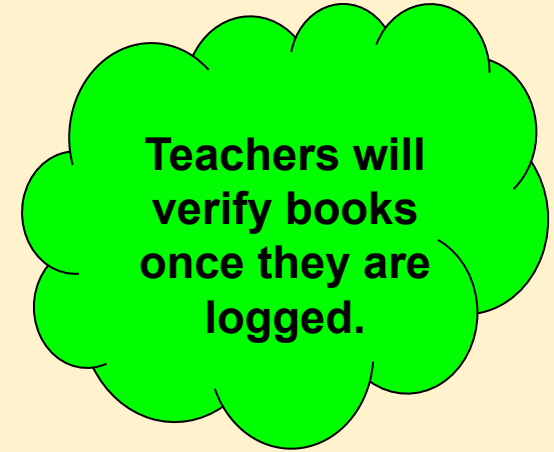
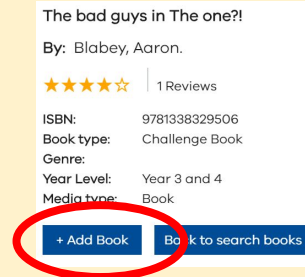
All Books ▼

Clear All

Search

8 steps to logging books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

6. Details of the book will then appear and click add book.



7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



8. You are then able to rate the book (even write a review if you really want to) and then click finish book.

A screenshot of the book rating and review interface. It starts with the question 'How would you rate this book?' followed by a 5-star rating. Below this is a section for 'Write a review' with a large text area. At the bottom left, there is a 'Mark favourite' checkbox. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Close' and 'Finish book'. The 'Finish book' button is circled in red.

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



Come and join us for STEM night on **Tuesday the 23rd of May, 3:15-4:15.** There will be a range of family friendly activities run by our staff at Melton Primary School. There is a chance to win a shopping voucher per year level so come along and join in the fun.

**JOIN MY
PIRATE DAY
CREW!**



**THE KIDS'
CANCER
PROJECT**



PIRATEDAY

Funds raised through Pirate Day go toward childhood brain cancer research through The Kids' Cancer Project. Help us turn the tide on childhood cancer this Pirate Day.

SRC PIRATE DAY!

Bring some treasure (a gold coin donation) and wear your best pirate outfit!



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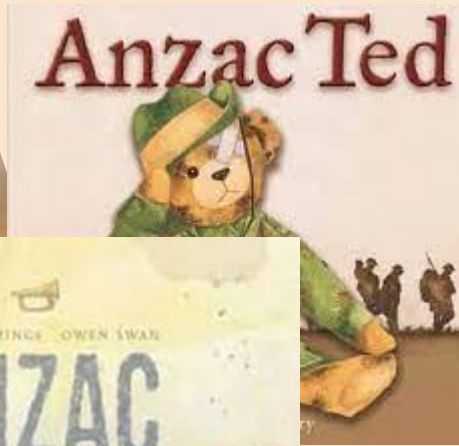


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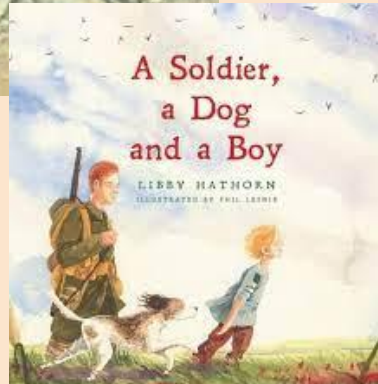
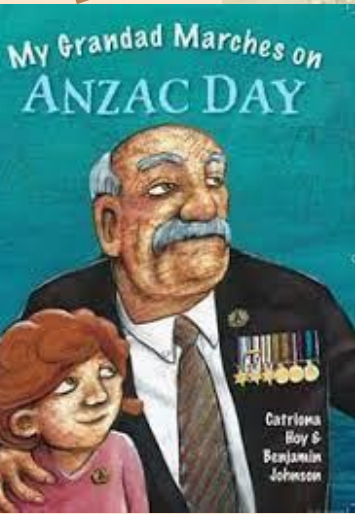
ANZAC Day- April 25th

Our school was represented at the dawn service at the Melton Shire, where our school captains and SRC members presented a wreath.

There are a range of excellent picture story books available to discuss ANZAC Day with your child/ren.



<https://online.fliphtml5.com/wmgra/zqom/> (online version to read)



ANZAC BISCUITS

1 cup plain flour

1 cup sugar (brown or raw)

1 cup rolled oats

1 cup coconut

125g butter

3 tablespoons golden syrup

1/2 teaspoon bi-carb soda in 1 tablespoon boiling water

Melt butter and syrup in saucepan. Add soda/water and watch the volcano effect! Mix dry ingredients in a bowl. Pour butter/soda mixture over and mix well. Place spoonfuls on a tray and cook at 160c until golden. Leave to cool on tray.



ANZAC DAY
Let's We Forget

ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET





SOMETHING



BIG

*More clues to come,
stayed tuned 👁️
Get your
imagination ready*



IS COMING SOON!



GRADE 1 - INQUIRY WALK



The grade 1 students enjoyed exploring the difference between natural and constructed features of an environment. We also discussed natural features that are managed, and how they are looked after.



Grade 3

REMINDER - BIKE ED EXCURSION

**SLOW
DOWN**

The Grade 3's have been learning about rules and laws in this terms Inquiry unit! To practise recognising these examples in real life through road signs, students will be heading to the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre on the 31st of May.

Payments are due by the 24th of May, so please get payments into the office or through Compass by then!





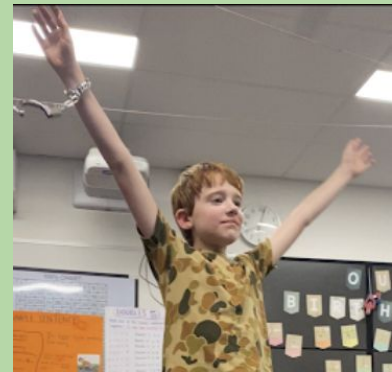
Grade 5

On the last week of Term, Grade 5 experienced their first sleepover at school. Everyone was very excited! On the first day we tried our hand at building shelters, making damper, building and riding a billy cart along with an easy rider. In the afternoon we set up our tents for the night ahead and made them our 'Home-Sweet-Home' for night. After a delicious BBQ dinner we were treated to a show that would give Australia's Got Talent a run for their money! Boy do we have some amazing talent in our cohort!

Day two brought more beautiful weather, a stroll to Mick's Jump and Play followed by fish and chips at Hannah Watts Park and finally back to school for a movie, afternoon tea and a well deserved rest.



Grade 5 Continued



Science Technology Engineering Mathematics



The foundation students had an excellent start to STEM! They worked cooperatively on tasks creating seasonal fashion from news paper. While learning about the seasons they working on their engineering skills constructing sand castles with roads, decorations and some even had moats.



MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL'S AGREED BEHAVIOURS

Do you have a friend in the classroom or out in the yard that is always showing the agreed behaviours? If you do, it is time to show them some gratitude and to tell them how thankful you are! Come and find Mrs Oates in room 7 on a Tuesday or a Wednesday and let me know who you know that is doing an exceptional job so we can share their awesomeness!

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 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 **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 **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.



Webinar: Promoting mental fitness in your child

Thanks to the generous support of the Barr Family Foundation, Smiling Mind is extending an exclusive invitation to parents and carers of students at our Victorian partner schools to join us in a webinar next month to help support children's mental fitness and social and emotional learning at home.

Date/Time: Wednesday 24th May 2023 at
12:00pm AEST

Registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cTbtO-zCTl6m-sTfunBPiA

Attitudes to School Survey

Students in grade 4 to 6 will shortly be participating in the Attitudes to School Survey. ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the Department to administer the online collection of the Attitudes to School Survey.

The online survey will be conducted onsite at schools and will run from Monday 8th May 2023 to Friday 12th May 2023.

The survey provides an overall picture of how students view their school and learning, as well as their health and wellbeing.

It gives principals data to support their students' wellbeing, engagement, school improvement and planning.