

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 15th May, 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.

How families can be supportive at home:

1. Set a good example
2. Encourage curiosity and exploration
3. Be the enthusiastic learner role model
4. Foster healthy habits
5. Create a learning-friendly environment
6. Remove distractions
7. Encourage independence - be patient and let them do it
8. Take advantage of technology, but also have green time (time away from screens)
9. Set goals and track progress
10. Don't push too hard
11. Read to your child every night
12. Make the everyday a teachable moment



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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**.

Student Attendance

Thank you to each of our families for the work that you are doing in ensuring that your child/ren are at school as often as possible. We really appreciate you taking the time to provide notification of your child/ren's absence via Compass.

Education Support Day

On the 16th May we will be acknowledging our wonderful education support staff, these are the staff that are part of our team that work in the office, library, support in the classroom and support our students in our support and extension programs. Every day, education support staff work to keep our school running, support our students to learn and our teachers to teach. Thank you to our wonderful education support staff for your dedication and commitment to supporting our students and staff. On this day, I ask all families to say thank you to the education support staff at our school - we have a sensational education support team at MPS!



From the Principal's desk

Happy Mother's Day

We hope that all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and special women in our student's lives had a wonderful day on Sunday. Thank you for your contributions to the lives of our students. A special thank you to the wonderful members of the Helping Hands of Melton PS who arranged and ran the Mother's Day stall, we acknowledge Rennea, Michelle, Kate, Nora, Karen, Megan, Tiffany and Lauran for running the Mother's Day Stall. A special thank you to Mrs Sutherland for her organisation. We value and appreciate all of your work.

National Walk Safely to School Day

This Friday 19th May, is National Walk Safely to school day. On this day we encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. If you need to, part drive and part walk.



District Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the District Cross Country. With determination and will power, each of our students tried their best. Each and every student should be exceptionally proud of their efforts on the day. Well done to those students who will now go onto the Regional Cross Country. We wish you all the best. Thank you to Mr Carty Cowling, Mr Trewavis and Mrs Phelan for their organisation for the District Cross Country.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Not sure how to log books? Follow the step by step guide available further on in this newsletter.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2, 2023

May

- 15th - Grade 4 First Fleet & Early Settlement Incursion
- 16th - 2024 Foundation open afternoon/school tour
- 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 - 1:30pm
- 23rd - Last day of term 2, 2:30pm finish



**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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**JOIN MY
PIRATE DAY
CREW!**



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!



Help me
turn the tide
on childhood
brain cancer

Wednesday 17th May



PIRATEDAY

Sensational Attendance

ATTENDANCE

LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

4D 4A 6B

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



The background is a light pink color. It features two large, stylized pink flowers with dark pink outlines and stems. There are also two pink butterflies with dark pink outlines and wings. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

Thank you to Rennea,
Michelle, Kate, Nora, Karen,
Megan, Tiffany and Lauran for
running the Mother's Day Stall. We
appreciate your helping hands!

Thank you

We hope all of our Mums, Nans, Aunts and special
ladies had a wonderful day!

H A P P Y M O T H E R ' S D A Y

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

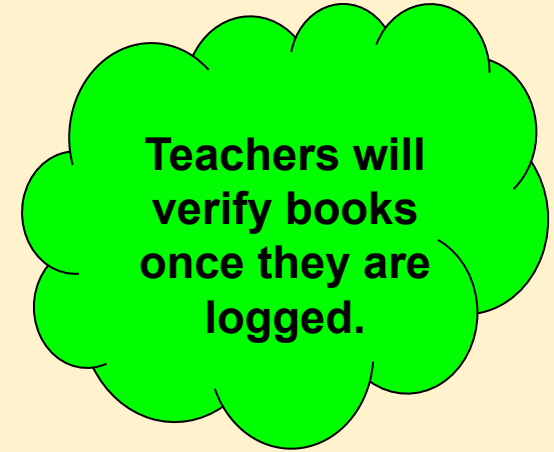
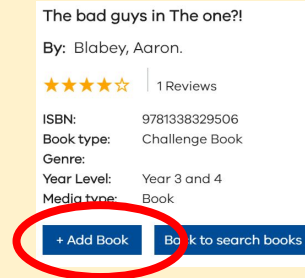
All Books ▼

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 asks 'How would you rate this book?' with a 5-star rating. Below that is a 'Write a review' section with a text area. At the bottom, there is a 'Mark favourite' checkbox. At the very bottom, there are two buttons: 'Close' and 'Finish book'. The 'Finish book' button is circled in red.

AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where: Melton Primary School

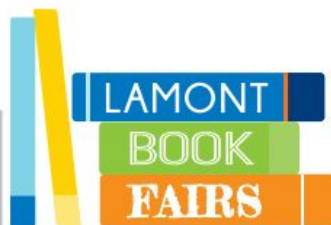
Library

Date: 22 - 26 May

Time: 3pm - 3:30 pm

Don't miss out!

Every purchase
supports our school!



www.lamontbooks.com.au

The link below is for ordering and paying online, the books can be pick up from the library the next day. The information below will also be on the back of the wish list.

<https://payments.lamontauthors.com.au/>

**PAYMENT INFORMATION
TO COMPLETE YOUR
PAYMENT PLEASE HEAD
TO OUR PAYMENT PORTAL**



ADVENTURE AWAITS!



To pay via credit card

VISIT <https://payments.lamontauthors.com.au/>

- Payments made through the online portal are for items to be purchased from a Lamont Book Fair at your school.
- If your school is currently accepting online payments for a Lamont Book Fair, you will find your school in the portal list. You will need to select your school from the list when making your payment.
- Once you have made payment you will receive a confirmation and a copy of your payment receipt by email.
- Your student will need to bring a copy of the payment receipt to school, and redeem it for items at the Lamont Book Fair. Make sure you redeem it before the Book Fair ends!

Thank you for supporting your school's Lamont Book Fair!

Lamont Book Fairs (ph) 03 8787 1700
www.lamontbooks.com.au



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MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PIE DRIVE



We have organised with **TONY'S PIES OF ESSENDON** to conduct a Pie Drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Thursday, 22nd of June**. All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make. Make your choice from the list below and return your order with the correct money or cheque by **Wednesday, 14th of June**.

We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

PRODUCT PER ½ DOZEN	QTY	PRICE PER ½ DOZEN	TOTAL	PRODUCT FAMILY SIZE.	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
Chunky Steak		\$36.00		Chunky Steak		\$15.00	
Steak & Mushroom		\$36.00		Steak & Mushroom		\$15.00	
Steak & Cheese		\$36.00		Steak & Cheese		\$15.00	
Chicken & Vegetable		\$36.00		Chicken & Vegetable		\$15.00	
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche		\$36.00		Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche		\$12.00	
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche		\$36.00		Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche		\$12.00	
Pasties		\$36.00		Pasties		\$15.00	
Sausage rolls		\$24.00		Apple Pie		\$11.00	
Party Pies		\$10.00		Blueberry & Apple Pie		\$11.00	
Spinach & Cheese Rolls		\$26.00					
Cauliflower & Cheese Rolls		\$26.00					
Lasagna Rolls		\$26.00					
Apple Pies		\$36.00					
Blueberry & Apple Pies		\$36.00					
SUB TOTALS							

TOTAL: \$.....

GROUP:.....

NAME:.....

PHONE:.....

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL"

FUNDRAISING



Order forms available at the school office.

TONY'S PIES



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

The Resilience Project – Parent and Carer video series

Throughout 2023, we will be working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and weekly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: **Gratitude**, **Empathy** & **Mindfulness**. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here:

Part 1: Meet Martin and learn about The Resilience Project <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

We will be in touch fortnightly to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.

For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).



Foundation

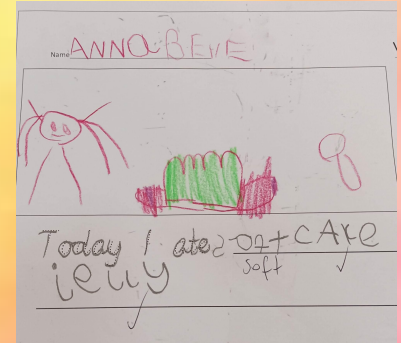
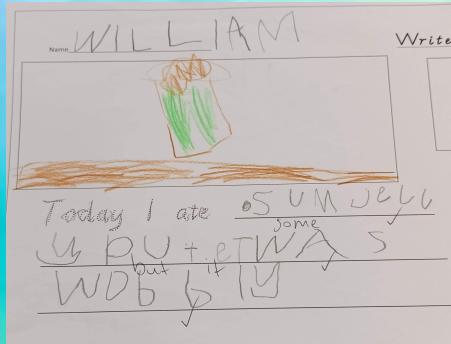


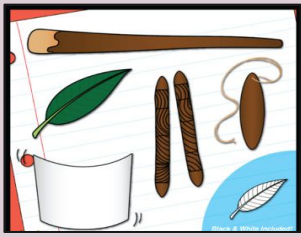
J is for jelly!

What a fun time we had with our letter 'j' language experience!

We explored our senses-
tasting, smelling and seeing
what we noticed about the
jelly.

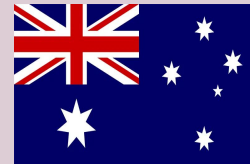
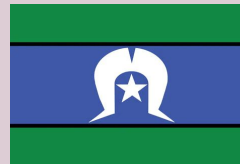
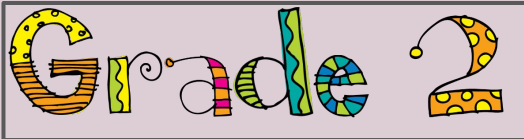
Once we got to taste, smell
and look at our wobbly jelly,
we practised writing about it.





For our History unit in Term 2, the students will participate in a local community walk to Hannah watts Park.

Students will walk to Hannah watts Park where they will be investigating First Nation land uses and Dreamtime Stories. Students will be exploring both Little Blind and Kororoit Creek to further their understanding of the natural environment, and how it connects to Indigenous Culture. This will link directly to our inquiry unit based around First Peoples.



Grade 4

What's happening in Term Two?

Reading - We're focusing on texts related to Anzac Day and WW1, hybrid texts, historical narratives, figurative language, summarising and inferring.

Inquiry - We take a good look at Australia's systems of government as well as the colonisation of Australia and changes that have occurred since 1788. Following up on our study of pre-colonial Australia in term 1.

Writing - We're writing persuasive texts to improve Melton and historical narratives about a key time in history.

Swimming every week to sharpen our skills.



In **Maths** we're going deep on Addition and subtraction using lots of strategies including vertical algorithms. We're studying time including AM and PM. We'll also be looking at chance and probability.





Grade 6



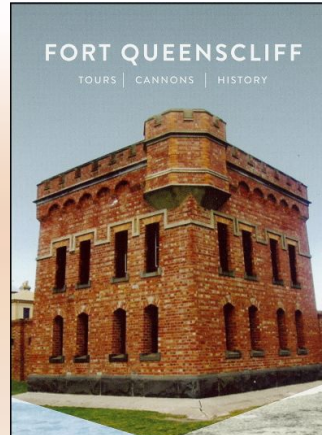
Please remember to fill in and return your child's medical and consent forms **as soon as possible**. Thank you

Camp Wyuna - Queenscliff 29th - 31st May

This year's grade 6 camp is fast approaching. It is going to be so much fun. We cannot wait!

Some of the things we are going to do are:

- Visit Fort Queenscliff
- Archery
- Natures pizza oven
- Beach challenge
- Beachcomb exploration
- Explore Queenscliff
- Campfire and marshmallows



Final payment can be made online via Compass or at the office.

Final payment due: 19th May

PERFORMING ARTS

This term in Performing Arts we are learning about Music!

Junior school is learning about beat, sound, percussion and singing!

Senior school is learning about music terminology, instruments and creating/playing music using notation!

We welcome Miss Ionita to the Performing Arts room!

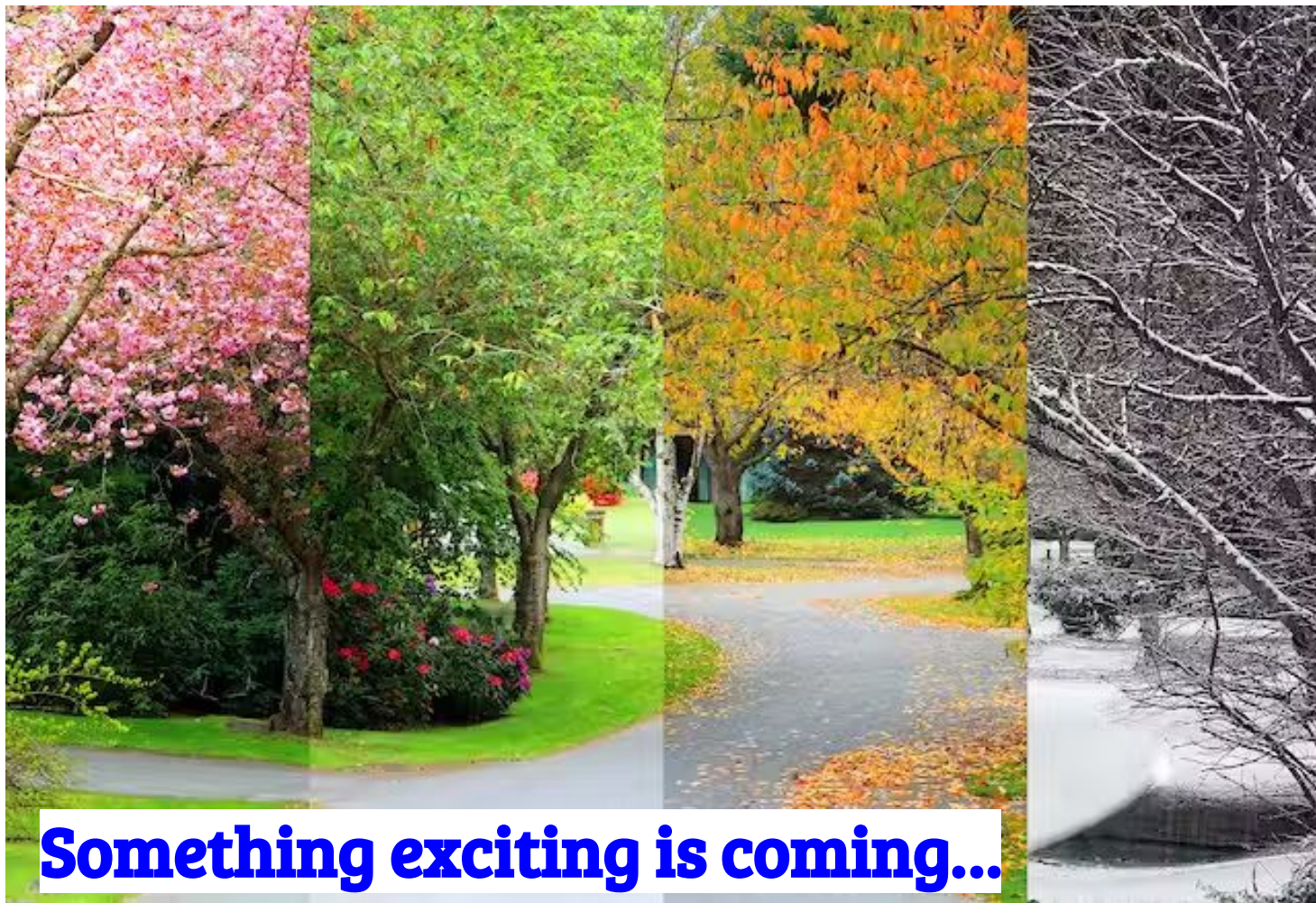
How to support your child's Performing Arts learning at home:

Listen to music and discuss what you can hear.
What instruments can you hear? Do the dynamic (soft/loud) change throughout? If there are lyrics, what story are they telling?

Can you identify the beat in the song? Clap along if you can. Try not to clap to the words, but find the underlying beat.

Body percussion- create songs using your body through clapping, jumping, stomping, clicking, etc

Karaoke! No explanation needed.



Something exciting is coming...

*Rain, hail,
wind or
sun...
make sure
your
pencils are
sharpened
and ready
for some
fun!*