

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Young Children

- Read books and nursery rhymes aloud together
- Talk daily about home and community life
- Sing, draw, and tell stories

Older Children

- Play word games
- Discuss word meanings
- Point out interesting or unfamiliar words
- Ask questions before, during, and after reading

Adolescents

- Talk about learning and connect to school
- Offer a literacy rich environment
- Model reading and writing

Supporting Your Child's Literacy Development at Home

Take part in literacy experiences at home. Taking part can develop your child's reading ability, comprehension, and language skills. It could also improve your child's interest in reading, attitude towards reading, and focus.



Family Literacy

What is family literacy?

Family literacy refers to the ways families develop and use literacy skills: reading a book together at bedtime and during the day, playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for interesting sites.



Family literacy and school success

Research shows children who engage in early literacy activities at home are better prepared for school and have higher rates of success in school.



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

100 Days of School

Next week the Foundation students will be celebrating their first 100 days of school. We are super excited as there are some great activities organised for these students. Thank you to the Foundation staff for your work in organising and hosting this event.

Staff Changes

Mrs Sutherland is taking a well deserved break and will be on leave until the end of the term. Mrs Magnano will be replacing her as the Acting Assistant Principal. For all items that you normally speak with Mrs Sutherland about, you will be able to contact Mrs Magnano for instead.

Mrs Amanda MacDonald will be leaving us at the end of the week. We thank her for all of her work and dedication to our school School and we wish her and her family all the best as they move to a new area.

Principal's Day

Last Friday we celebrated Principal's Day. It is a rewarding yet challenging role at times. We love to work to the best of our abilities to provide structure, sensational learning opportunities and communication for our school community. I would like to thank Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Ward, our Assistant Principals for all of their work throughout the year. I would also like to thank Mrs Magnano who is currently Acting in the Assistant Principal role.

Foundation 2024

Students enrolled in Foundation for 2024 recently participated in their first scheduled transition session. If your child/ren were not enrolled or unable to make it, don't worry it is not too late. Please ensure your enrolment form is lodged at the office and we will contact you in relation to future transition sessions.

From the Principal's desk

35+ Nights Reading - Term 3 goal

This term our goal is that students log 35+ nights reading since the start of the term. Reading on the weekend and over holidays count! Help your child achieve this goal by ensuring they log their nights reading in their reading log or diary.

Student Mobile Phones

As per the school mobile phone policy, any child who brings a mobile phone to school must hand it into the office at the commencement of the school day.

Book Parade

Put on your thinking hats and start to prepare your child's Book Parade Costume for 2023. The Book Parades are scheduled to take place in the week of 21st - 25th August. Closer to the date, we will provide you with more information.

Smoking (including vaping) banned within 4 metres of entry to the school grounds

A friendly reminder that smoking is banned within 4 metres of the entry of any school ground. If you are a smoker, please ensure that you are more than 4 metres away from the school fence before you commence smoking.

Parking in front of the double gates in Raleigh's Road

A friendly reminder to please not park in front of the double gates in Raleigh's Road - before school, after school or during school times. This is clearly marked as a keep clear zone.

Parking in the disabled car park in Raleigh's Road

A friendly reminder to please ensure that you only park in the disabled car park if you have a valid disability permit. We provide this park for members of our community who need this adjustment. Like we make adjustments to curriculum programs, we also make adjustments to physical resources for our students.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 3, 2023

July

25th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students
28th - Grade 1 Sovereign Hill Excursion
28th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
31st - Grade 5 Immigration Museum

August

1st - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students
2nd - Grade 6 Graduation and missed sibling photos
4th - Foundation 100 Days of School celebration
8th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students
10th - 5/6 Basketball selected students
11th - Curriculum Day - No School for students
14th - 16th Grade 4 Phillip Island Camp
15th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students
17th - 3/4/ Basketball Tournament - selected students
18th - F-2 House Fun Event 2pm
18th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
18th - Grade 6 Parliament Incursion

August

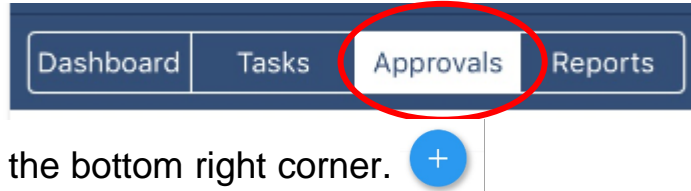
21st - 25th Book Week - more details to follow
21st - 2024 Foundation Orientation Session
22nd - 24th Adam Wallace Illustrator Visit
22nd - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students
23rd - MPSSA Athletics - selected students
29th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students
31st - Father's Day Stall (8:40-11:30am)

September

3rd - Father's Day
6th - Grade 6 Transition Workshop
7th - R U Ok? Day
8th - Foundation Fairy Park Excursion
13th - Football Dress Up Day
14th - 2024 Foundation Orientation Session
15th - 2-6 Swimming Carnival
15th - Melton Minis 1:30pm
15th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish

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 screenshot of the 'Add Approval' form in the Compass app. The form has a dark blue header with 'Cancel' and 'Add Approval' buttons. Below the header, there are several sections: 'Reason' with a dropdown menu showing 'None'; 'Details / Comments' with a text input area; 'Start Date' with a date and time picker showing '10/04/2018 - 08:00 AM'; 'End Date' with a date and time picker showing '10/04/2018 - 05:00 PM'; and 'Missed' with a section for 'Activites missed by this approval' and an information icon. At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled 'Add Approval'. Red arrows point from the instructions to the 'Reason' dropdown, the 'Details / Comments' text area, the 'Start Date' and 'End Date' pickers, and the 'Add Approval' button.A screenshot of the 'Add Approval' reason selection screen in the Compass app. The screen has a dark blue header with a back arrow and 'Add Approval' text. Below the header, there is a list of reasons: 'Illness/Medical', 'Dentist', 'Bereavement', 'Truancy', 'Parent Choice', 'Family Holiday', and 'Religious/Cultural Observance'. A red arrow points from the 'Reason' dropdown in the previous screen to this list.



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.



**Chat with us today!
9743 5335**

**Secure
your
enrolment**

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Foundation 2024
Transition sessions
commence **THIS**
term!

Key Dates:

21st July, 1st
Foundation 2024
Transition Session

21st August, 2nd
Foundation 2024
Transition Session

14th September, 3rd
Foundation 2024
Transition Session

**Do you know
someone with a
child due to
start primary
school in 2024?**

**Encourage
them to enrol at
Melton Primary
School.**

**Ask them to
complete an
enrolment
expression of
interest form
even if they are
out of our zone.**

ATTENDANCE

Sensational Attendance

LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

FA 6A 3C

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



Foundation

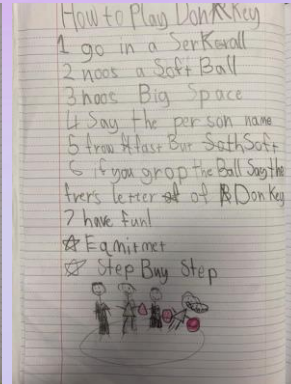
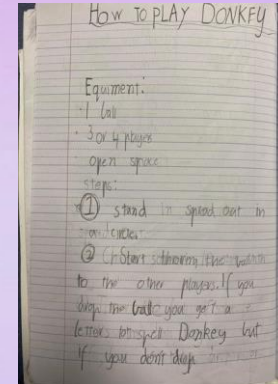
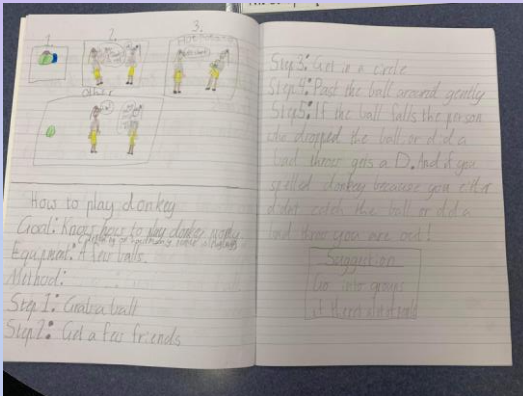
The Foundation students enjoy their buddy sessions. Our buddies help us with our M100W words and home readers as well as other fun activities.

Buddies



Grade 2

The grade 2s have been busy learning all about procedural texts. They had to learn to play a new game and then write the steps needed to play, ready to teach someone else.





Grade 4



It is almost time for **Phillip Island Camp!** Just a friendly reminder that final payments are due by **Friday 28th July.**

When packing your belongings, make sure your items are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.



Third time's a charm

There was plenty of fun in the sun as the grade 4's headed out to pick up some neat tips and tricks at our Skateboarding incursion.



Grade 6

What are the responsibilities of representatives?

This term we are learning about government and democracy. We were lucky enough to have a video conference with someone from the Parliamentary Education Office to discuss the function and significance of Australia's democratic system of government.

How are laws made through Parliament?



We could ask questions.

We made up our own electorates.



How is the government kept accountable?

How is the government formed?

Performing Arts



Check out these photos of our MPS students showing our agreed behaviours.

Agreed Behaviours

Following instructions to keep ourselves and others safe.



Taking pride in our work.



2023 Book Week

We invite all parents, carers and grandparents to our
2023 Whole School Book Week Parade!

When: Friday 25th August

When: 8:45am

Where: MPS Oval



CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK®

19 to 25 AUGUST

#CBCA2023



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA

READ
GROW
Inspire

**There is a plan B
weather permitting

ADAM WALLACE

LAMONT
Authors



On 22nd-24th August Adam will be visiting our school to talk to students about reading and writing. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn even more about the practices of professional authors and how they write the interesting and engaging stories we love.

Students have the opportunity to pre-purchase books!
To order go to: www.lamontauthors.com.au and select
"Buy our Author's Books".

All orders must be completed by 8th August to receive the books to be signed during Adam's visit.

MPS Writing Competition

We welcome all students at MPS to join our first ever **MPS Writing Competition**.

Prompt/Theme: Seasons

Genre/Text Type: Your choice (story, poem, song, persuasive, and so on)

Be creative with your: ideas, word choice and structure

Just remember, stick to the theme of seasons.

Seasons



Prizes to
be won!

There are 4 different awards students can win prizes for:

- **Wonderful Writer - Best All Around**
- **Cool Creator - Most Creative Idea**
- **Powerful Presenter - Neatest/Best Presented**
- **Go Getter - Someone who did their best**

There will be winners in each of the following areas of the school: Foundation, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4 and Grades 5-6.

The winners and prizes will be announced in Book week (week 7).

Entries can be handed into our MPS Library by Friday 4th August.

\$3 FOOTY DAY LUNCH SPECIAL!

Footy Day will be held on **Wednesday the 13th of September**. Orders close on the Friday the 18th of August. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Please fill in this form and return it to the office with payment.



NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

LUNCH

Each lunch order will include one sausage with bread.

There will also be sauce available.

CHOOSE ONE 250ML DRINK

Water Apple Pop Top Blackcurrant Pop Top

MPS FOOTY DAY

WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR AFL/NRL TEAM COLOURS! THERE IS NO COST TO DRESS UP.

WE WELCOME PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR FOOTY PARADE AT 9AM ON THE OVAL. PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

FOOTY DAY LUNCH ORDERS DUE TO THE OFFICE BY
THE 18TH OF AUGUST!

THERE WILL ALSO BE LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES FOR
STUDENTS.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

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You may remember the fun of being able to swap your uniform for jeans when you were at school, but Jeans for Genes Day is about much more than denim.

Did you know that 1 in 20 children face a birth defect or genetic disease?

1 in 20 is more than one in every classroom on average! Maybe you know someone who has had cancer or struggles with cystic fibrosis, autism, or one of the other 6000 genetic disorders? You can help by raising money for research this Jeans for Genes Day.

All money raised through Jeans for Genes goes directly to Children's Medical Research Institute and the ground-breaking research being done right here in Australia.

Join us on
Tuesday the 8th of August
to raise funds for Jeans for Genes Day.

Wear your favourite denim for a gold coin donation- think jeans, jackets, overalls, etc!

We will also be selling iron on badges for \$5. Take these home and iron them onto your favourite piece of clothing. These are not for school uniform.

**RAISE MONEY.
FIND CURES.
JEAN-IUS.**

Teddy, 2
Neurodevelopmental
Disorder



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**RAISE MONEY.
FIND CURES.
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Archer, 8
Cystic Fibrosis



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PREVIOUS PARTS:

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

Part 2 - Gratitude: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

Part 3 - Empathy: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

Part 5: Summary

In the final part of [The Resilience Project's](#) digital series, Martin shares an important message about creating environments where our kids can ask for help.

65% of adolescents do not seek help for mental illness.

In this presentation, Martin shares a personal experience about a traumatic event that happened to him as a child. He explains how he overcame adversity and built resilience by asking for support, particularly from his family.

Note: This video contains a story of sexual abuse that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).

View Part 5 of the series here:

Part 5 - Summary: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

Thank you for participating in this Parent and Carer Digital Program series.

You can re-watch the videos and access activities and resources anytime via the [Parent & Carer Hub](#).

You can also stay up to date with The Resilience Project news and events by [signing up to their Newsletter](#).