

Melton Primary School Newsletter

P: 9743 5335

E: melton.ps@education.vic.gov.au

W: <http://www.meltonps.vic.edu.au>

Tuesday 11th July, 2023

When **schools, families,**
and **community groups**
work together to support **learning,**
children tend to do
better in **school,**
stay in school longer,
and **like** school more.

– Anne Henderson
& Karen Mapp



KIDS
World

DON'T COMPARE your child to others.

There's no comparison
between the sun and the moon.
They shine when it's their time.



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.

Curriculum Day and Professional Practice Day

Please mark your calendar our upcoming Curriculum Day - **Friday 11th August**.

Welcome to MPS

This term we welcome **Kaitlyn Speranza** who will be teaching Performing Arts and **Mr Ben Gallagher** who will be teaching PE. Please make them feel welcome as they settle into Melton Primary.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

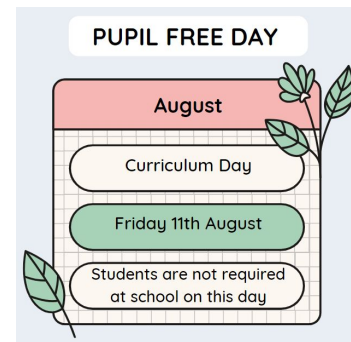
We encourage all of our families to read with their child/ren and log books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. The challenge closes on 8th September.

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.

Pie Drive Thank you

Thank you to all of our families that supported our Pie Drive at the end term 2. We appreciate all of your support. Thank you to the following parents who assisted with sorting out pies Luran Browne-Kerr, Karen Wicks, Megan Coulson and Nora Montgomery.



From the Principal's desk

Thank you to Mr Carty Cowling

A huge thank you to Mr Carty Cowling for his work at Melton Primary over the last 7 years and we wish him all the best for his new venture in teaching closer to home.

Thank you to Ms Prenga for her work at Melton Primary over the last few years. We wish her all the best as she heads off to prepare for the birth of her first child.

Western English Language School (WELS)

The WELS School (located on the other side of Paul Sadler) opened this week. This school is for newly arrived students who have little English. The students generally spend two terms at this school before attending their local Government school. The opening of the WELS Melton campus is a wonderful opportunity for students in Melton.

Key contacts should you or your family need support

Lifeline (Crisis Support) 13 11 14

Beyond Blue (Counselling and Support) 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline (Support for children and young people aged 5-25) 1800 55 1800

Child and Family Services (Connecting families to resources and support) 5337 3333

The Orange Door (Support for Family Violence) [Visit https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au](https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au)

Safe Steps (Support for women and children who are victims of family violence) 1800 015 188

MensLine Australia (Counselling service for men with family and/or relationship issues) 1300 78 99 78

Child Protection (For children and young people whose safety is at risk) 13 12 78

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 3, 2023

July

10th - No School - Parent Teacher Meetings

11th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students

14th - Melton Minis 2:05pm

17th - Grade 4 Skateboarding Incursion

18th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students

21st - 2024 Foundation Orientation Session

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

8th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students

10th - % 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

August

18th - F-2 House Fun Event 2pm

18th - Melton Minis 2:05pm

18th - Grade 6 Parliament Incursion

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

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



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!
9743 5335**



Melton Primary School

www.meltonps.vic.edu.au

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.**

Sensational Attendance

ATTENDANCE

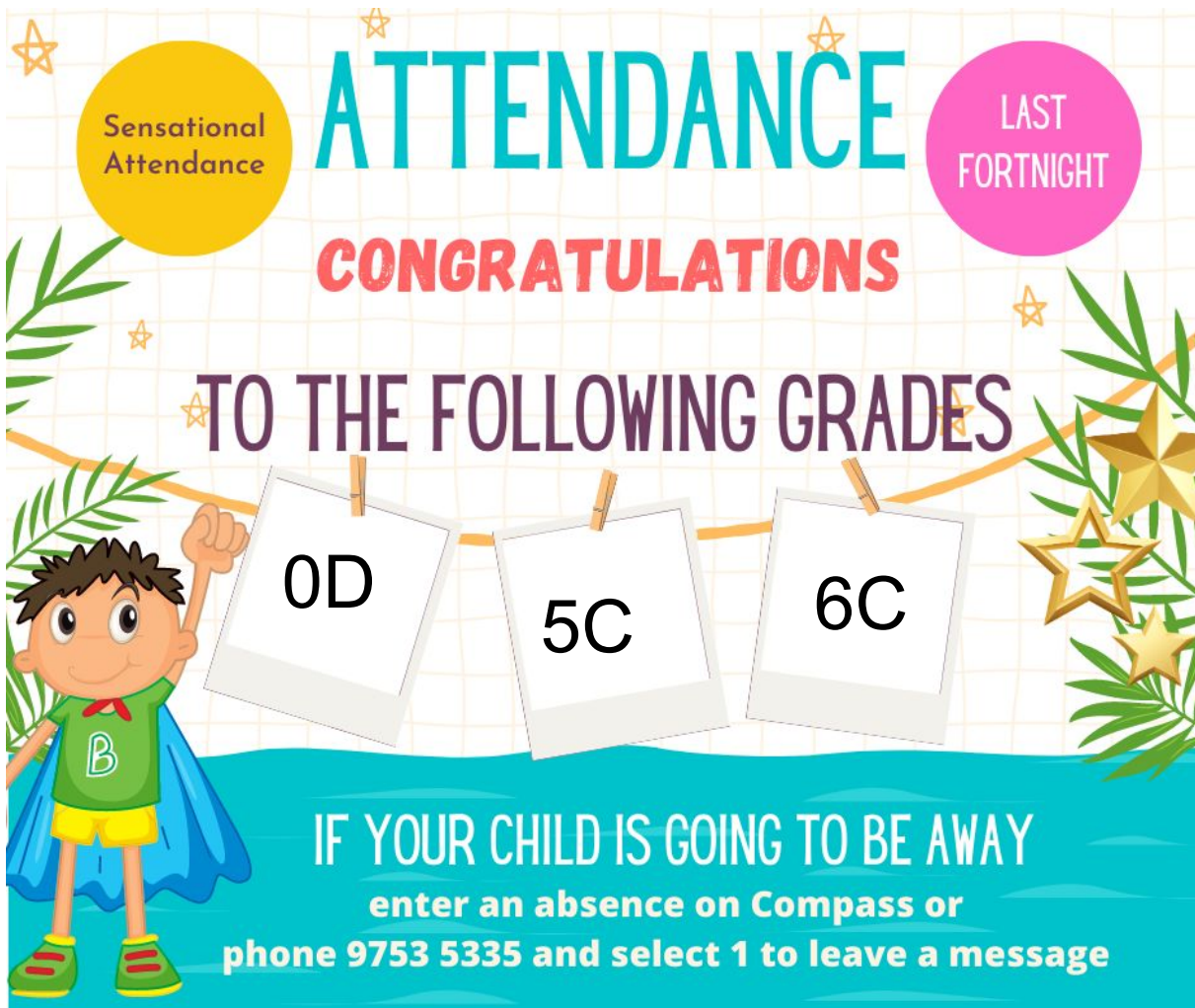
LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

0D 5C 6C

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

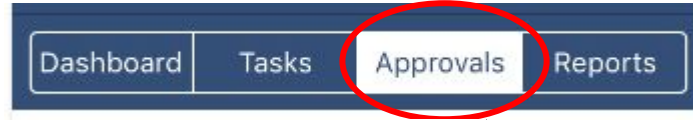
CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



Absence Category	Days
Satisfactory	9 or fewer days
Warning Signs	10 to 17 days
Chronic Absence	18 or more days

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

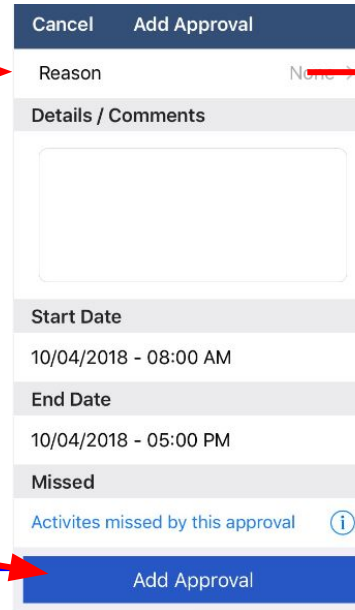


5.1 Select a reason for your child's absence.

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



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

Enter Book Name, author, series or ISBN

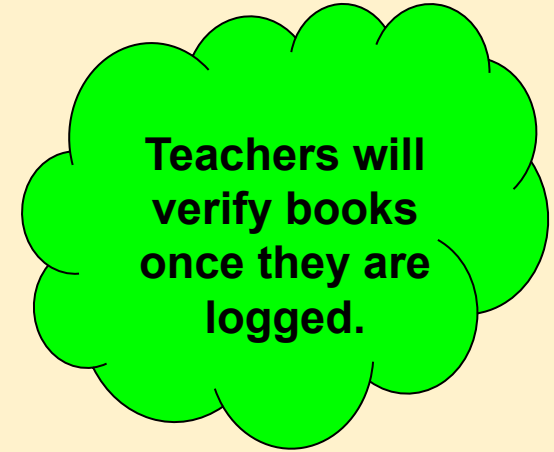
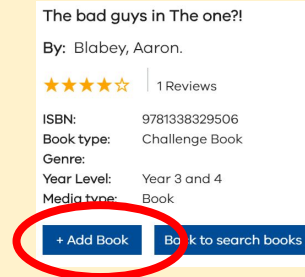
All Books ▼

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.



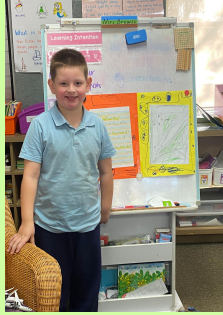
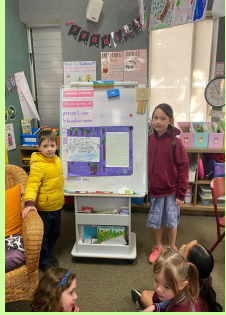
7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



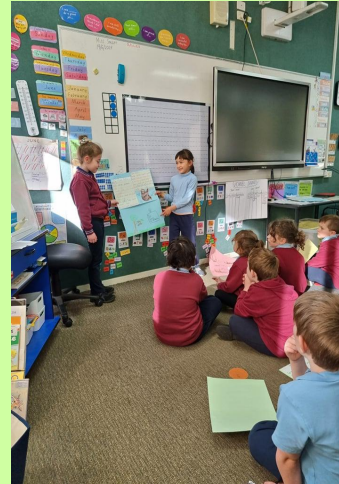
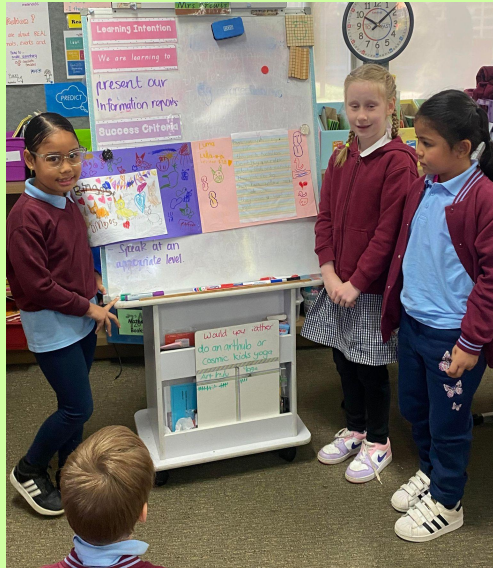
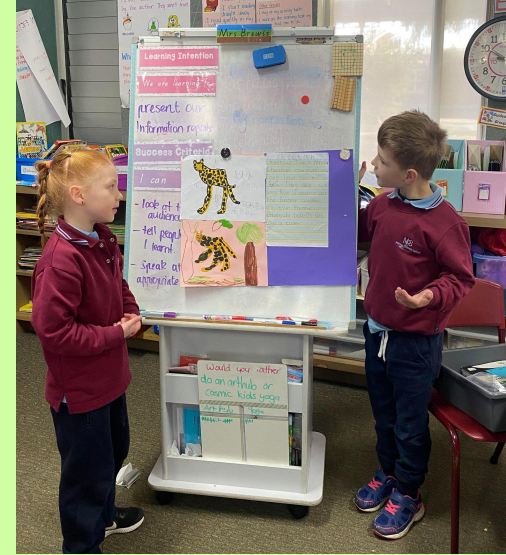
8. You are then able to rate the book (even write a review if you really want to) and then click finish book.

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.

GRADE 1 - NON-FICTION POSTERS



The grade 1 students have worked hard planning, researching, drafting, publishing and presenting posters on an animal of their choice. Great work everyone!



IMPORTANT
Our Sovereign Hill excursion payment is due on the 21st of July. Check Compass or ask your classroom teacher for more information.

Grade 3

This term we will be focussing on the following concepts:

Maths - Multiplication and Division

Reading - Non Fiction texts

Writing - Information Reports

Inquiry - History

REMINDERS

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.

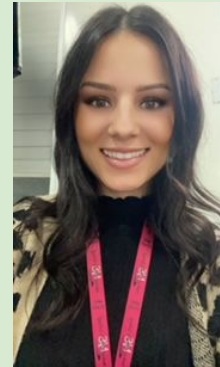
Swimming Just a friendly reminder that swimming is continuing this term, so please don't forget your bathers, towel etc.

Welcome back to Term 3 and we hope that everyone has had enjoyable School Holidays. Thanks to everyone who took part in parent teacher interviews.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ms Prenga is preparing to leave Melton Primary at the end of this week and is really excited and looking forward to the pending arrival of her first child!

Although everyone will be sad not to have her as their teacher for the remainder of the year, we are pleased to announce Ms Fiona Ionita will be 3C's classroom teacher from 11th July. Please make Ms Ionita welcome to 3C!



Reading

Throughout this term the students will be completing a text study on the book 'Boy Overboard'. Students will be discussing character relationships, positive and negative impact on character behaviour, symbolism and character change over time.

Writing

Students will begin the term exploring explanation texts where they will investigate how and why something works. They will then be looking at realistic fiction where they will be creating stories based on realistic characters, problems and solutions. They will then end the term by using technology to design and make a book trailer based on a book we have read in class.

This term in Grade 5...

Maths

In maths students will focus on fractions and decimals. Please continue to practise multiplication facts with your child at home as this will help support their work with these topics.

Students will also be focusing on the topic shape where they will look at transformations, nets and enlargements.

Reminders

- Our excursion to the Immigration Museum is on the 31st of July. This excursion is an important part of our inquiry unit this term on immigration.
- Swimming continues this term. Please ensure your child comes prepared with their swimming gear on their allocated day.

Foundation

We are learning that living things have basic needs, including food and water

This term in...

STEM

Grade 1

We are learning that everyday materials can be physically changed in lots of different ways

Grade 2

We are learning how a push or a pull affects how an object moves or changes shape

Grade 3

We are learning that living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things

We will also be working on some design, technology and engineering projects throughout the term so look out for some photos throughout the term on CLASSDojo!

Grade 4

We are learning that different living things have different life cycles and depend on each other and the environment to survive.

Grade 5

We are learning that light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.

Grade 6

We are learning that changes to materials can be reversible, including melting, freezing, evaporating or irreversible including, burning and rusting.

HAVE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE GREAT WORK IN STEM LAST TERM





Footy day!

Save the date...

Wednesday 13th September

8.50am on the oval

Parents to sign in on the tennis courts

Students come dressed in their favourite teams colours

Prizes, music, a parade as well as a sausage sizzle are all planned for the day.

Details to come...



GENESIS MUSIC SCHOOL

MUSIC LESSONS

Want to learn how to play
an instrument? Sign up now!

**CALL 0421 426 674
FOR ENQUIRIES**

**ENROL
GENESISMUSICSCHOOL.COM.AU**

Learn at your own pace and improve your skills
in playing various instruments under the
guidance of our expert musicians.

Helping

Your Child to Write



Learning to write begins with scribbling and drawing. This is an important first step and should be encouraged. The next step is to encourage your child to write letter-like shapes, before moving on to practise writing the alphabet – both capitals and lower-case letters. After this, encourage your child to write sentences containing short words.