


# Melton Primary School Newsletter

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## NUMERACY TIPS






### MENTAL ARITHMETIC

Encourage children to do basic maths in their head.  
For example: Your bedtime is 9 O'clock. It's 7:30 now, how long 'til bed time?




### BUDGETING

Giving pocket money can be a very effective way to help children appreciate the value of money and to plan for future purchases.




### GET ONLINE

The BBC has excellent interactive videos & resources to get to grips with numbers, calculations, percentages, measuring, shapes and graphs.  
[www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/maths](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/maths)




### TOYS AND GAMES

Monopoly, Risk!, Yahtzee, Chess, Card games, Lego




### PROGRAMMING

Make cool computer games using Scratch!  
<http://scratch.mit.edu>




### ESTIMATION

Ask: How long will it take to... How far is it to... How much will I need to...




### SHOPPING

Using real daily events to practise numeracy skills is very important.  
Go Compare! Get your children to mentally calculate the difference in price between products. Bring 'size' and 'quality' into the discussions about what to purchase.



### PUZZLES

Wordsearches, Crosswords and Sudoku are great ways to encourage problem solving skills. Puzzles are great for journeys. Why not find puzzles and challenge each other?



### COMPUTER GAMES

Develop problem-solving skills and spatial awareness with age-appropriate games. Agree an acceptable "gaming time" limit! E.g.: "The Sims" – a modelling program that involves short-term and longer-term goals. Brain Training, Worms Armageddon strategy game, Rollercoaster Tycoon or similar)

Ways you can support with Numeracy acquisition at home!

# From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Naplan

Our families need to be proud, because you are sending your child/ren to one of the highest performing Government schools in the town! This year's Naplan results see **Melton Primary School out performing similar and network schools** in almost all dimensions.

Our **Grade 3 & 5 students** should hold their heads up high and should be exceptionally proud of their performance! #proudprincipal

All of **our staff** are to be commended for their teaching and efforts to improve student outcomes! #proudprincipal

**Our parents** who make sure that their child/ren are at school as often as possible (if they are not here, we can't teach them), for reading and completing sight words and spelling at home - we thank and applaud you for your support! #appreciativeprincipal

We know that there are some areas that we can continue to stretch and grow in and the staff will be working to raise our performance in these.

## Student Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

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. Unfortunately teachers have experienced students receiving messages during class on smart watches. If your child has a watch with this function then they should also hand it into the office.

MPS 2023 Naplan Results			
	Our School	Similar Schools	Network
Reading Grade 3	70%	59%	59%
Reading Grade 5	74%	70%	68%
Grade 3 Writing	82%	68%	68%
Grade 5 Writing	75%	66%	67%
Grade 3 Spelling	70%	51%	55%
Grade 5 Spelling	63%	61%	67%
Grade 3 Numeracy	67%	57%	55%
Grade 5 Numeracy	57%	57%	57%
Grade 3 Grammar and Punctuation	59%	44%	44%
Grade 5 Grammar and Punctuation	58%	55%	54%

# From the Principal's desk

## **100 Days of School**

Last week the Foundation students celebrated their first 100 days of school. The students looked sensational as they dressed as 100 years old or had on a celebration costume/top. The students participated in some great activities that involved the number 100. Thank you to the Foundation staff for your work in organising and hosting this event.

## **Foundation 2024**

Students enrolled in Foundation for 2024 have commenced their transition to school sessions. 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.

## **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.

## **Students should not be onsite prior to 8:15am unsupervised**

Teachers officially start at 8:18am with the first teacher on yard duty from 8:30am. Students should not be in the school yard prior to 8:15am unsupervised. Parents needing to have their child on site prior to 8:15am are required to utilise the Out of School Hours Care service. If students are on site prior to 8:15am unsupervised, parents will be contacted to collect them.

Vanessa Harrison  
Principal

# Key Dates for Term 3, 2023

## August

8th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students  
8th - Jeans for Genes Day - gold coin donation  
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  
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  
25th - Book Week Parade  
29th - Canine Dog Assisted Therapy - selected students  
31st - Father's Day Stall (8:40-11:30am)

## September

3rd - Father's Day  
5th - 6th Grade 2 Sleepover  
6th - Grade 6 Transition Workshop  
7th - R U Ok? Day  
8th - Foundation Fairy Park Excursion  
8th - Grade 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion  
13th - Football Dress Up Day  
14th - 2024 Foundation Orientation Session  
15th - 2-6 Swimming Carnival  
15th - Melton Minis 1:30pm  
15th - Progress Reports to parents  
15th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish



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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Archer, 8  
Cystic Fibrosis



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# 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!  
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**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.**

**Sensational Attendance**

# ATTENDANCE

**LAST FORTNIGHT**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

0B 4B 4D

**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



# 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](http://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.**

## 5B Authors

Beautiful Work from Grade 5 A&B fractured fairy tales published and displayed in the Library



## 5A Authors



# \$3 FOOTY DAY LUNCH SPECIAL!

Footy Day will be held on **Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September**. Orders close on the Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 18<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST!

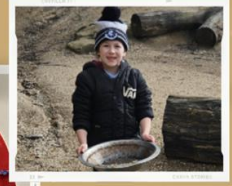
THERE WILL ALSO BE LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES FOR  
STUDENTS.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

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## Grade 1 Sovereign Hill 2023



The grade 1 students had a great day learning all about what life was like in the past.

## Sovereign Hill

We had the opportunity to explore a variety of items from the past.

Q-Do you know what this item was used for?



A- It was a hot water bottle to put in your bed to keep you warm!

We learnt some games that children in the past would have played; such as marbles, knuckles, peg dolls and quoites.



# Grade 3

## Melbourne Museum - Upcoming Excursion

This term we have started learning about non-fiction texts.

While exploring different text types and information in class... the Grade 3 teachers thought it would be a great idea to take the Grade 3s to the Melbourne Museum to enhance their knowledge further by visiting different exhibitions including:

- Dynamic Earth
- Dinosaur Walk
- Bugs Alive
- Forest Gallery
- Milarri Garden



Friday 8th of September 2023

Payment due Friday 1st of September

## Take home readers

Friendly reminder to ensure your children are completing their nightly reading and bringing in their readers daily to be checked.



On behalf of Mrs. Coward,  
Miss. Fritz and Miss. Ionita...

Keep up the AMAZING  
reading Grade 3s!

# Year 5 Excursion to Melbourne Immigration Museum & Sandridge Bridge

On Monday 31st July, the Year 5 students went to the Immigration Museum and Sandridge Bridge to further develop our knowledge about the immigration that has occurred in Victoria. We explored the reasons why people immigrate, learnt about the journeys of the immigrants and learnt about the number of immigrants from countries around the world!

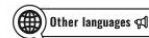


# Physical Education

## BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN SCHOOLS

- Mental health
- School attendance
- Memory and concentration
- Classroom behavior
- Academic achievement

## Eynesbury Heritage Trail Junior Parkrun



Add to Calendar



### Event Snapshot

#### Cost

Free

#### Contact

Melissa Ellis

[eynesburyheritagetrailjuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:eynesburyheritagetrailjuniors@parkrun.com)

### Related Information

[Eynesbury Junior Park Run website](#)

Next date: Sunday, 13 August 2023 | 08:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Junior Parkrun is the name, but you don't have to run or be a runner to get involved in this free weekly 2km event that takes place at 8am every Sunday morning in the Eynesbury forest and is open to 4 to 14-year-olds.

Similar to regular parkrun events, they are held in areas of traffic-free open space and are supervised by a team of volunteers who all hold current Working With Childrens Checks.



A regular parkrun barcode will work at parkrun junior and vice-versa, but you must be within age to take part.

Whilst more competitive children can use junior parkruns to test themselves against their own time, and against others, participation should ultimately be for fun, and we urge all parents/guardians/volunteers not to put children under undue pressure to perform.

Equally we don't mind if you drop out.

You can always come back and try again another day.

## Why not get your child/ren involved in a Parkrun?

# Father's Day Stall

## Thursday 31st August

Purchase from our Father's Day Stall for Dad, Grandpa or a special male in your life.

Prices for our range of fantastic gifts are from \$1.00 - \$8.00.

To purchase from the stall, students will need to bring their money in a named envelope on this day along with a bag to carry their purchased items in.

**Are you able to assist with setting up the stall on Wednesday 30th August from 1:30pm or are you able to assist on sale day on 31st August between 8:30am - 12noon?**

**If so please let Mrs Magnano know**

