

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 21st August, 2023

7 Ways to Help Your Child with Math!

1. Help your child learn math vocabulary!
2. Have children point out patterns they find!
3. Let your child help you cook. Cooking involves a lot of counting and measuring!
4. Give your child coins to practice counting!
5. Give your child story problems to try and solve. Have your child explain how they solved the problem!
6. Count your steps as you take a walk. Count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's!
7. Show your child that math is in our everyday lives!



Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

Family time is so important... Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Melton District Athletics Carnival

This week selected students will participate in the Melton District Athletics Carnival at Bridge Road. We wish all of our students well as they compete against other schools and we know that they will be great ambassadors for our school.

Thank you to Mr Gallagher and Mrs Ward for their organisation of this event.

Phillip Island Camp

Our Grade 4 students enjoyed the opportunity to go on School Camp last week at Phillip Island. They completed activities such as the giant swing, ropes course and the flying fox. They also had a fun night at A Maze'N Things and even saw the penguins at the Penguin Parade. A special thank you to all of the staff that organised and attended the camp, it is greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Cam Willey who was a parent helper on the camp. It is greatly appreciated that all of the adults who attend could provide this opportunity for our Grade 4 students.

Father's Day

Father's Day is approaching fast. Students will be able to purchase gifts from our Father's Day Stall on Thursday 31st August. Please ensure that they bring with them money and a bag to take their gift home in. If you are able to assist with the set up on Wednesday 30th August, please let Mrs Magnano know.

Planning for 2024

Planning for 2024 has now commenced. Apart from students in Grade 6, **if you know that your child/ren are not likely to be at Melton Primary in 2024**, can you **please notify the office** so that we do not count them in our enrolment numbers and classes. If you have a Foundation student for 2024, please ensure that you enrol them now so that we can guarantee a position for them.

From the Principal's desk

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge - CLOSES Friday 8th September

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes Friday 8th September so please ensure that you log all of the books that your child has read. Students who complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Congratulations to those students who have already completed the challenge.

Book Parade

The Book Parade is scheduled to take place this Friday 25th August. Parents are welcome to attend at 8:45am on the oval and cheer on the students as they parade their costumes.

35+ Nights Reading - Term 3 goal

Teachers will be shortly asking to see your child's nightly reading log as we prepare to write our term 3 reading ribbons.

2-6 Swimming Carnival

Students in Years 2-6 will participate in our annual swimming carnival on Friday 15th September. We encourage family members to come along and cheer on their child/ren. Good luck to everyone involved.

Sunsmart

Spring starts on 1st September, and the weather is starting to improve, as per our policy students and staff are required to wear their hats again in the yard.

Last Day Term 3

Term 3 is quickly drawing to an end. Students will finish the term on **Friday 15th September at 2:30pm**. Students will resume for term 4 on Monday 2nd October.

Vanessa Harrison

Principal

**Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Strachan
on the safe arrival of gorgeous Lottie.
Everyone is doing really well.**



**Congratulations to Ms Prenga & Mr
Cassar on the safe arrival of gorgeous
Charlie.
Everyone is doing really well.**



Key Dates for Term 3, 2023

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
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

September

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



We are Sun-Smart



Surf Hat - \$8



Wide Brim Hat - \$6

Melton Primary School is a Sun-Smart school. From the 1st of September all students are required to wear a school hat when outside.

Hats can be purchased from the office.



Bucket Hat - \$5





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.**

Sensational Attendance

ATTENDANCE

LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

0B 3C 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 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.

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31st August

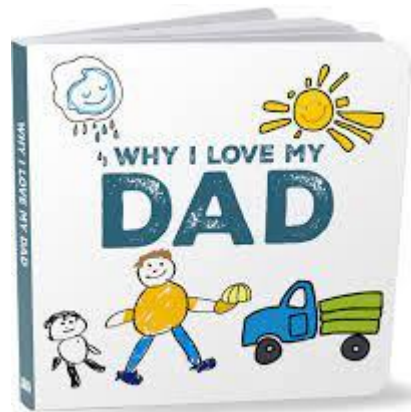
Purchase from our Father's Day Stall for Dad, Grandpa or a special male in your life.

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



R U OK Day

Just a friendly reminder that R U OKAY day is approaching soon.

Wear a splash of yellow: Thursday 14th of September Everyone is able to wear yellow to school. It is still full school uniform unless you are wearing a yellow top/ jumper. Otherwise, they can wear a touch of yellow.

No gold coin donation required



Start a conversation using these 4 steps





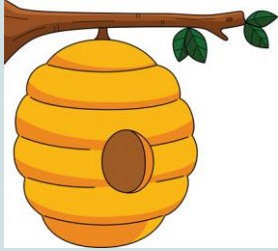
Foundation

Thank you to everyone that
helped us celebrate 100
days of school!



Reminder that Friday the 1st of
September is when Fairy Park payment
is due. No late payment will be accepted.



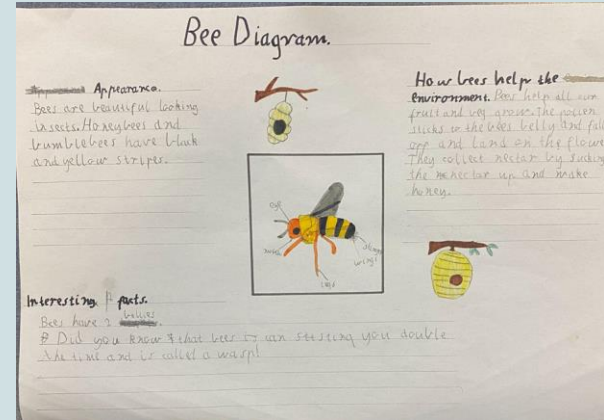
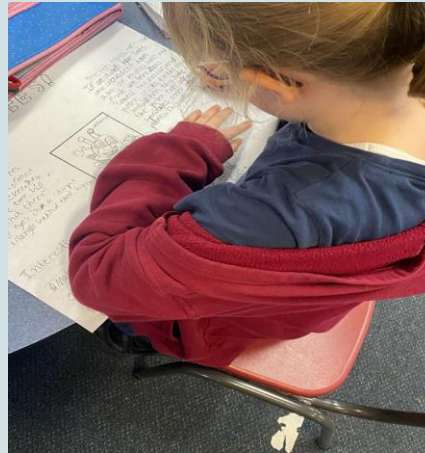
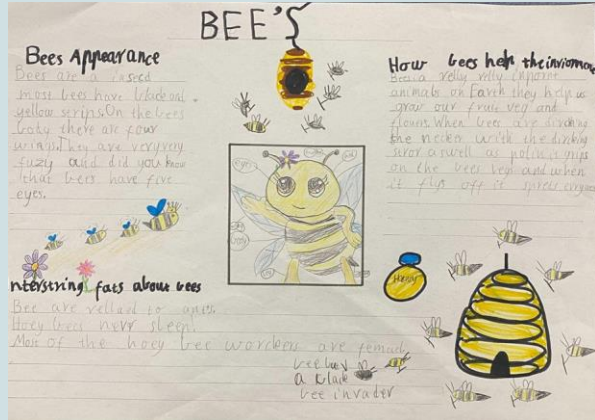
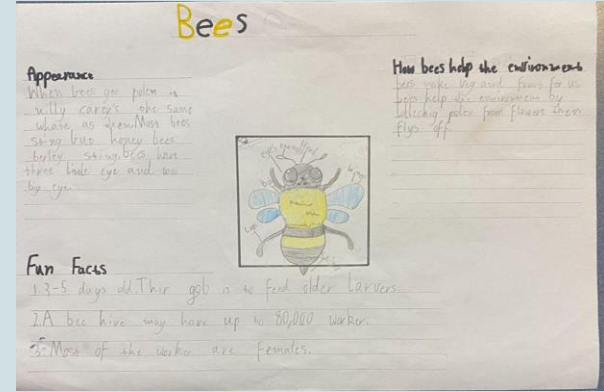


Grade 2

Information Reports

Talk about BEE utiful work!

Take a look at some of these amazing information reports on bees. The students have been collecting information from lots of different sources and creating some fantastic information reports on bees. Their work has created a real 'buzz' around the school! We're impressed and so very proud. Way to go grade 2's





Phillip Island Camp - Grade 4



The Grade 4 students were fortunate enough to head off to Phillip Island Adventure Resort last week for a few days of fun in the sun. Our time there was jam-packed with new experiences and adventures. Students participated in a range of high thrill activities including Archery, The Giant Swing and the Flying Fox. They demonstrated awe inspiring teamwork and problem solving skills completing a number of Initiative challenges. Our night time excursions to the Penguin Parade and Amaze 'n' Things were highlights of our stay, and a fabulous time was had by all. The camp meals were pretty popular too! The Grade 4 team were incredibly proud of the growth mindset and school values shown by our wonderful students. They are to be commended for their behaviour and willingness to challenge themselves and overcome their fears. Thanks for the memories Grade 4's - you were **AMAZING!** Enjoy the pics to come.





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Grade 4 Phillip Island Camp



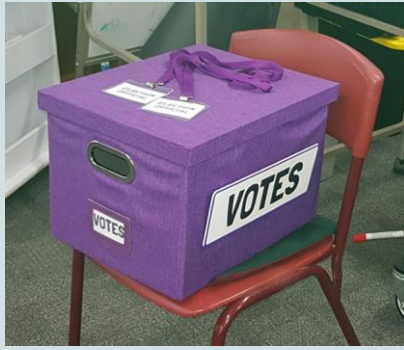
The Parliament Process Incursion was an informative, interactive, fun and engaging experience for the Grade 6 students who attended. It gave the students a great insight into democracy in Australia and its inner workings.

The students examined the democratic process in Australia. They revisited the roles of the three levels of government, and how the Australian Federal Parliament relates to the Westminster system.

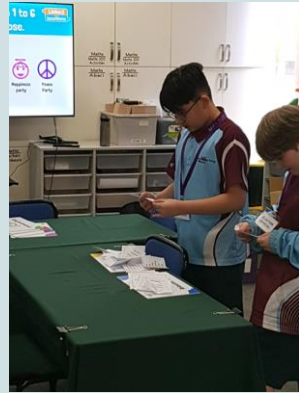
Grade 6

Students engaged in a federal election and learnt about preferential voting and absolute majorities. They participated in a Federal Parliament role play, with costumes and props, to demonstrate how bills become laws. They also formed political parties and added their own opinions to a parliamentary debate.





Election Officials



Vote counting



Left: Prime Minister
Right - Opposition
Leader

Speaker



Serjeant-at-Arms
and Mace

Waiting in line to vote

Auslan/Art



Printing, printing and more printing!

All year levels have enjoyed trying different types of printing techniques.

Grades 1&2 enjoyed printing with foil and markers. They also enjoyed printing with bubbles to make Pinwheels.



Grades 3 &4's looked at Koi fish in Asian Art and culture. They printed their own Koi fish foam prints.

Grades 5&6 looked at Mandala designs. They had a lot of fun designing their own foam block. They had to rotate their block a number of times to make a Mandala print. They came out amazing!

Make sure you come and have a look at the printing displays in the school corridors.



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.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS.



ROYAL

MELTON SHOW

GUEST STAR YOU!

GAMES
SHOWBAGS
SLUSHIES
ANIMALS
MUSIC
TATTOOS
PRIZES

ARE YOU READY TO HAVE SOME
FUN?!

FRIDAY 15
DECEMBER 2023

80%
ATTENDANCE

GET TICKET

MPS SCHOOL CONCERT

DECEMBER 18, 2023
4.30PM

GATES OPEN AT 4.15PM

More information coming soon...