

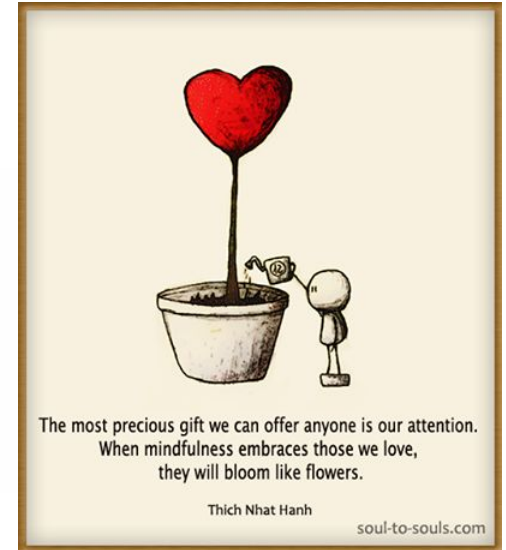
# Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 30th October 2023



# From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## 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. Shortly our staff will be asked to commence the process of determining student classes for 2024. This is a long process where many things are taken into consideration - academic ability, student behaviour, students with additional needs, friendship groups and wellbeing. Thank you to those families who provided requests for consideration by the due date, Friday 27th October. Your considerations will be viewed and examined, but there is no guarantee that your request will be approved. A great deal of time is spent ensuring that grades are created equally and fairly by and for all staff. It is therefore school policy that once grades have been formed, that lists are not altered without the approval of a Principal Class member of staff.

## Remembrance Day

On the 11th November at 11am, we encourage families to pause and remember or attend a Remembrance Day service and observe a minutes silence in memory of those who have fought in wars and represented Australia.

## Teacher's Day

Thank you to everyone who took the time last week on Teacher's Day to thank our staff for the amazing job that they do! I know that our staff were very appreciative.

## 2024 Book Boxes

School Council is covering the cost of all books and stationery that students will require in 2024. Please ensure that you take time to thank anyone that you know on School Council.

**Families are asked to ensure that they provide for their child/ren a school bag, drink bottle, pencil case, library bag and art smock for 2024. If families who wish to donate a box of tissues to the school, it would be greatly appreciated.**

# From the Principal's desk

## **Change of details**

It is vital that if you have changed your mobile phone number or address that you ensure that you notify the school of your change of details. It is the responsibility of all families to ensure that the school has current and up to date contact details for parents and emergency contacts. Please ensure that you inform the office of your current details.

## **Smoking**

A friendly reminder to all families that smoking on school sites and within 4 metres of the school boundary is prohibited. Our staff and students do not enjoy the smoke blown into the classroom windows and doors.

## **Curriculum Day and Public Holiday**

As previously advertised Monday 6th November is a Curriculum Day and Tuesday 7th November is a public holiday. Students are not required at school on either of these days.

## **Grade 2 Werribee Zoo**

Our Grade 2 students had a sensational time at the Werribee Zoo learning key information about the animals within our world and how we care for them. Our students are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour and being great ambassadors for our school. A special thank you to all of the staff who attended and supported this event.

## **Facilities**

As previously mentioned, we are updating our facilities! Improving the learning environment for our students is a key component to our school improvement journey. We thank you for your patience whilst we build better facilities. A special thanks to our Grade 6 students and staff and Performing Arts teachers for your flexibility in change your learning spaces for the remainder of the year. Thank you to all of our staff who supported the big move on Friday.

Vanessa Harrison  
Principal

# Key Dates for Term 4, 2023

## October

- 30th - 3rd November - Book Fair
- 30th Grade 2 Werribee Zoo Excursion

## November

- 1st Foundation First Aid incursion
- 2nd Grade 6 Biology incursion
- 6th Curriculum Day **Students not required at school**
- 7th Melbourne Cup Holiday - **No School**
- 8th Teeth on Wheels
- 9th Uniting Kinder Visit
- 10th 2024 Foundation Orientation
- 10th Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 11th Remembrance Day
- 12th Diwali
- 13th Grade 5 Health and Human Relations Incursion
- 13th Remembrance Day Walk - School Captains
- 15th Teeth on Wheels
- 17th Slushie & Showbag orders due
- 17th Out of uniform day - gold coin donation

## November

- 20th Grade 5 Health and Human Relations Incursion
- 21st Deadly Dreamin' Project Day - selected students
- 22nd Teacher Professional Practice Day **Students not required at school**
- 24th Grade 5 Maths Games Day
- 24th Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 27th Grade 5 Health and Human Relations Incursion
- 28th - 29th Grade 3 Camp
- 29th Teeth on Wheels

## December

- 1st Grade 1 Party Day
- 1st 3-6 House Fun Events
- 4th Concert USB/DVD orders close
- 6th Grade 6 Graduation Tabcorp Park
- 7th Kinder visit
- 8th F-2 Athletics Carnival
- 8th Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 11th Grade 6 End of Year Celebration Day
- 12th Grade 6 Orientation day to Secondary School



**Sensational Attendance**

# ATTENDANCE

**LAST FORTNIGHT**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

0D 1C 4B

**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  




Avoid a parking ticket by not parking on the nature strip opposite the school on Raleighs Road.

It has come to our attention that some families have recently been fined by the Council for parking on the nature strip on the opposite side of the road to the boom gate on Raleighs Rd. Notices have been received by mail.

# 2024

2024 will commence with 2 days (1-6), 3 days (F) of individual student testing and parent teacher meetings. All families will be expected to book an appointment for their preferred date and time.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Testing/Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** - Testing/Parent Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Grades 1-6 commence school

Foundation Testing/Parent Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** - Foundation commence school and finish at 11:40am

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - Foundation students at school until 11:40am

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Foundation students start full days

Every Wednesday for the entire month of February Foundation students are not required to attend - however selected students are given interview times for the English Online and Numeracy Online Assessment on these days.



# Foundation

We have been exploring our community for our Inquiry this term.



Thanks to Nic from the Police for visiting us in her cool car. You may have heard the siren... More importantly, we learned about how Police help in the community and to call 000 if we have an emergency.



We enjoyed a community walk to check out all of our local services including Australia Post where we posted letters to our friends. We will also learn CPR and how to put on bandages thanks to Steve from St John Ambulance this week.



We also had a visit from the Melton Fire Brigade. We learned how to be safe around fires and the importance of having a fire plan.





## Grade 2

In Grade 2 we have been revisiting our numbers. We have been learning to say, expand and make 3 digit numbers.





Grade 4

On Thursday the 14th of December, the Grade 4 students will be celebrating another successful year by going to Xplosions Bowling!

We'll walk over, have a game, then come back and enjoy the summer sun with some ice cream and games. How good is that!?





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADE 6

2nd Nov - STEM incursion

3rd Nov - payment for graduation due

24th Nov - payment due for end of year activities

6th Dec - Graduation night

11th Dec - end of year activities

12th Dec - Orientation Day for public secondary students

## Grade 6

We relocated our 3 classrooms and have commenced learning and having fun!

Our students are to be congratulated on how well they assisted with the move!

**THE BIG MOVE!**



# Auslan Art



After reading the dreamtime story 'Tiddalik The Frog', our Foundation students enjoyed using paper mache to create their very own Tiddalik inspired frog!



Our grade 1/2 students have been learning about the artist Janet Bolton. They have been creating inspired collages with fabric and paper.



Year 3/4 students have been learning the skill of creating a pinch pot with clay. They then turned their pinch pots into some gorgeous sail boats!

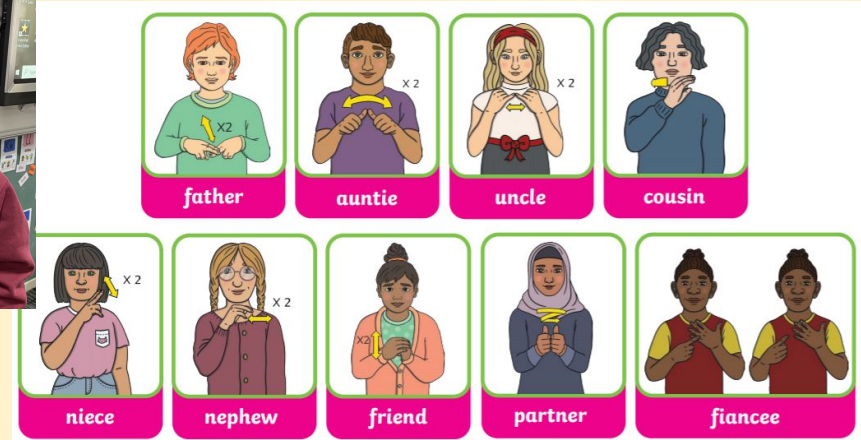
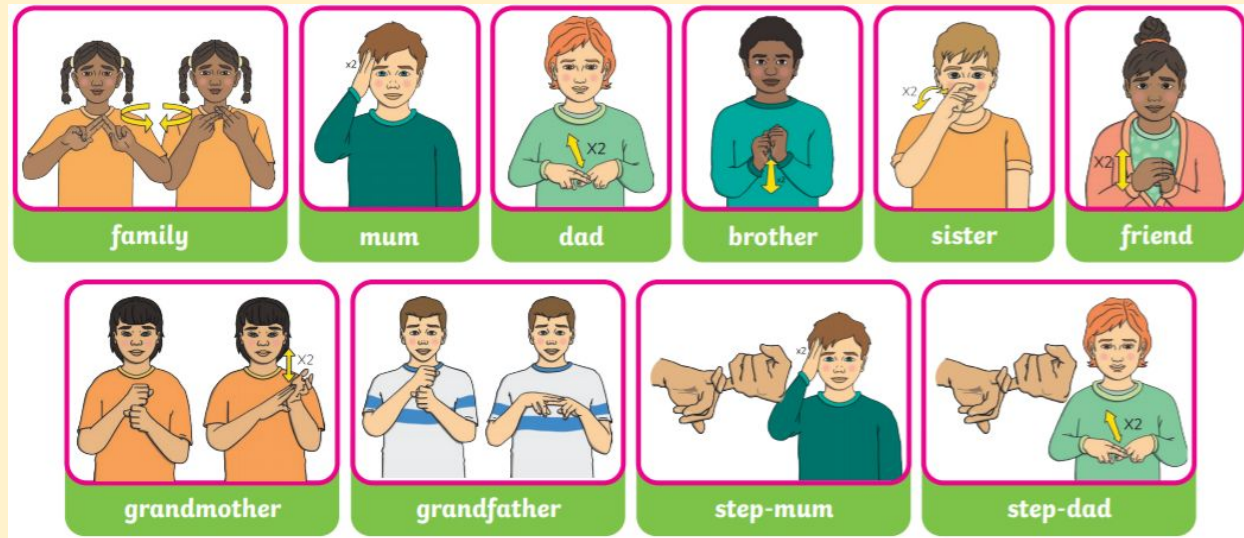
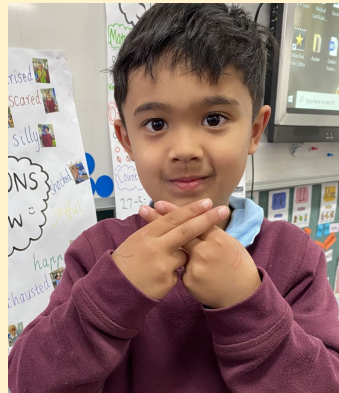
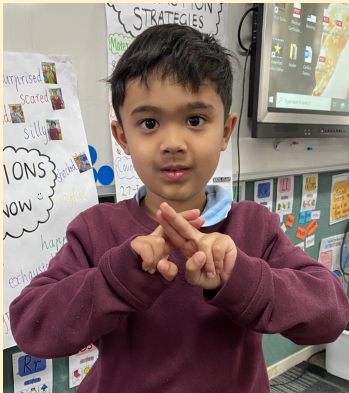


Our grade 5/6 students have been working on designing their very own clay totem poles depicting Aboriginal inspired art and dreamtime stories. Here are some photos that we have taken along the way!



# Auslan Art

Our students at MPS have been learning how to sign family signs! Here are some of the signs for you to practice at home! Can you tell what signs these students are demonstrating?







# AGREED BEHAVIOUR SUPERHEROES

Showcasing our wonderful grade 1 and 2 students ...



Mia consistently demonstrates all of our MPS agreed behaviours. She especially loves to take on challenges in her own learning. Well done!



Zara is an outstanding member of 2A! She always completes her work to a high standard and enjoys helping other students each and every day!



What a natural leader Cruz is! He is friendly, honest and caring towards all people and encourages others to do their best. How amazing is that?!



This little legend shows all of the agreed behaviours every single day! Jeremy is respectful and speaks kindly to everyone. He loves to help his peers by reading their learning goals together.



Harry is a superstar at giving absolutely everything, 100% of his effort! He is super kind and never leaves anyone out. Thanks Harry!

## Gratitude

*Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!*

### Whole Family Activity:

#### Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

- As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:
  - Something that makes you happy
  - Something you love to smell
  - Something you enjoy looking at
  - Something that is your favourite colour
  - Something you like in nature
  - Something that is useful for you
- Each member of the family uses the list, and has to find as many things as they can.
- You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.
- After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

### Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.

## Empathy

*Working on empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we show empathy or we do something kind for someone else our brain releases oxytocin. This leads to increasing our self-esteem/confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.*

### Whole Family Activity:

#### Neighbourhood Kindness Challenge

As a family, choose an act of kindness from the list below that you would like to do for a neighbour or family friend. Each family member can select one to commit to, or you can choose to do one together.

- Cook them something delicious like a cake, hotbread, or cookies.
- Write a note to put in their letter box thanking them for being a great neighbour or friend.
- Design them a Thank You card.
- Pick or buy some flowers to deliver to them.
- Choose a little plant from your garden to give them.
- Make them a gift from things around your house.
- Offer to do a job for them, like wash their car or water their garden.
- Offer to take their pets for a walk.
- Invite them over for afternoon tea.
- Invite them on a walk.
- Recommend one of your favourite books to borrow and read.
- Ask them if they need anything from the shops next time you buy groceries.
- Say hello next time you see them, and ask them how their day is going.
- Feel free to do more than one and spread the kindness even further!
- Report back to each other in one week and share how your acts of kindness were received, and how doing them made you feel.

### Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.

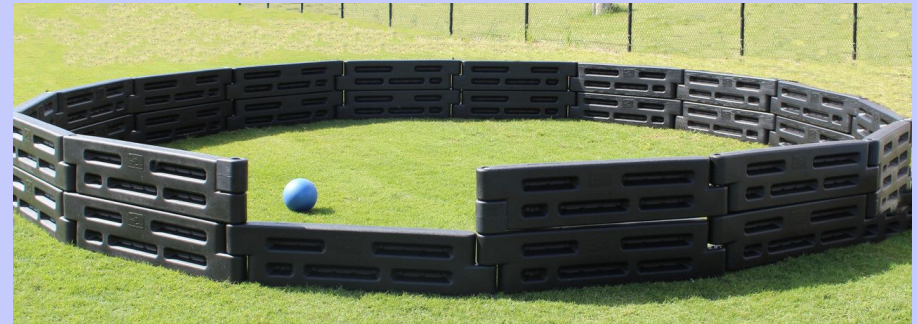


# FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

The SRC invite you to join our free dress day for a gold coin donation!

We are raising money for a Gaga Pit for our school.

Please no open toe shoes or spaghetti/singlet straps.





**Melton  
Minis**

**Room 7**

story  
time

activities

**2:00pm**

**All younger  
siblings invited**



Term 4 dates:

Friday 10th of  
November

Friday 24th  
November

Friday 8th of  
December



# **Foundation 2024 orientation session**

**We look forward to the students  
participating in their next  
orientation session on:**

**Friday 10th of November**

**Group B- 9:00-10:00**

**Group A- 10:20-11:20**



**If you haven't enrolled yet, it's not too late**



# WISHING TREE

**Melton Primary School 2023**

We are once again looking for donations of gifts for our wishing tree. Gifts can be dropped off at the office up until 1st December.

Please ensure gifts are unwrapped and placed in a bag with your family name on it. We will wrap the gift and put a sticker on it.



# *Christmas Dress Up Day* *Wednesday 13th* *December*

*We will also be holding our  
live assembly at 8:50am,  
everyone is welcome to attend.*





# It's Competition time...

## MPS Concert DVD Cover



Get your design skills ready. We are looking for a DVD Design for the 2023 MPS School Concert. Your design must include: the year: 2023 and the heading: Melton Primary School



Make sure your entries are handed in to the office by:

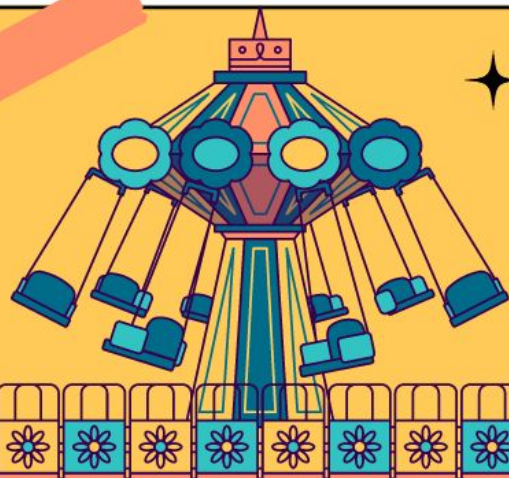
**Friday 1st  
December 2023**

Please make the design A4 size.

# 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



# MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 18  
4.30PM**



**GATES OPEN 4.15PM  
CONCERT ON THE OVAL  
END TIME: 6PM**

**FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE  
BYO PICNIC RUGS/CAMP CHAIRS**

## MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023 SCHOOL CONCERT ORDER FORM

The MPS Annual School Concert will be held on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 4.30pm out on the school oval. Encore Videography will be taping our concert again.

These will be available for collection at the beginning of Term One 2024.  
Please return your order form and payment to the office by Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

No late orders will be accepted..

NAME OF ELDEST STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose if you'd like to order a DVD or USB

**DVD**

**\$15 EACH**

☐

# of DVD's

**USB**

**\$22 EACH**

☐

# of USB's



Orders via  
Compass  
this year!

Please enter through either the Church Street oval entrance or through the gates between the pool and STEM room via Raleighs Road.

**No tickets required. See you there!**