

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 13th November, 2023



Works have commenced on the new entry to the office.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 children 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.

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.

Facilities

As you can see, works have commenced on the Grade 6 hub and the front entry. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we build better facilities for our students.

Teacher Professional Practice Day

Students are not required at school on 22nd November as the teachers have their professional practice day on this day.

Public Holidays and Curriculum Days

Please mark in your diaries that there is no school on the following days this term:

Wednesday 22nd November (teacher professional practice day) and **Wednesday 20th December** (curriculum day).

From the Principal's desk

Reading Goal for Term 4

Our nightly reading goal is **35 nights**, remember reading on weekends count! Keep track in your reader diary or diary.

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.

Congratulations Mrs Magnano

Mrs Magnano has been appointed as our Disability and Inclusion leader for 2024. This will mean that she will not be taking a class in 2024. She looks forward to taking on this role as our school transitions to this new model of supporting students.

Curriculum Day

Last week the staff participated in reading and writing moderation in order to assist them with their end of year reports. Staff also engaged in learning about the new Mathematics Curriculum that has just been released. A special thank you to Mrs Ward and Mr Wheelahan for all of their organisation of this day.

¾ Cricket

Our students who represented our school at the ¾ cricket tournament are to be congratulated on their achievements and their willingness to try their best. Our students were sensational ambassadors for our school. A special thanks to Mr Wheelahan and Mrs Quinlan for your organisation and support on this day.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 4, 2023

November

- 13th Grade 5 Health and Human Relations Incursion
- 13th Remembrance Day Walk - School Captains
- 15th Teeth on Wheels
- 16th $\frac{3}{4}$ Soccer selected students
- 17th Slushie & Showbag orders due
- 17th **Out of uniform day - gold coin donation**
- 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 $\frac{5}{6}$ 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



FRIDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER

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
- 12th Foundation 2024 Orientation Day
- 13th Christmas Dress Up Day
- 14th Grade 4 End of Year Celebration
- 14th Parent Helpers Thank you Afternoon Tea
- 15th Semester 2 Reports Available
- 15th Melton Show Attendance Reward Day
- 18th School Concert 4:30 pm
- 19th **Last day of school, students finish 1:00pm**
- 20th Curriculum Day - no students at school



Sensational Attendance

ATTENDANCE

LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

4B 4D 0B

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



Staff Professional Practice Day

As a part of the new industrial teachers agreement, all teachers are to receive a professional practice day each term of 2023. This day is designed to help support teacher workload by providing them with time to complete their work such as - corrections, assessments, reports and planning.

Due to the current teacher shortage, we are unable to get enough casual relief teachers to do this on an individual basis.

We will be holding a common teacher professional practice day on **Wednesday 22nd November**. Students will not be required at school on this day.

Thank you for understanding.

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 29th January - Testing/Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 30th January - Testing/Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 31st January - Grades 1-6 commence school
Foundation Testing/Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 1st February - Foundation commence school and finish at 11:40am

Friday 2nd February - Foundation students at school until 11:40 am

Monday 5th 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.

GRADE 1 - IT'S PARTY TIME

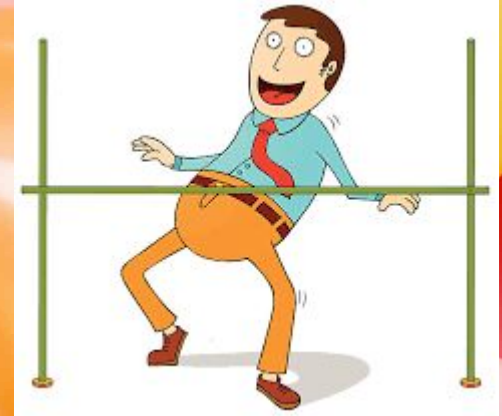
Our grade 1 end of year celebration is fast approaching and will be held on Friday the 1st of December. The day feature will all sorts of things, including...



A hot chip lunch! There will also be some other yummy snacks included through the day.



Loads of prizes throughout the day.



What's a party without party games!

Be sure to keep an eye on Dojo for important information. Payment is due Friday 24th November.

Grade 3

Camp Reminder!

Camp is coming up on the **28th of November!** We know the kids are looking forward to spending a night away from home, however please ensure that you have returned their **MEDICAL FORM** and **PAYMENT** by the **20th of November** (next Monday).

Need to know what to bring? A copy of the list below will also be sent home. However, to get prepared ahead of time please use the list below to start making arrangements!

BEDDING: *Lady Northcote provides a mattress only.*

Sleeping bag	
Pillow	
Fitted Sheet	

Accessories

Torch	
Towel & face washer	
Toothbrush	
Toothpaste	
Soap	
Brush/comb	
Sunscreen	
Refillable water bottle	
Garbage bag	
Favourite Teddy	

CLOTHING: *Prepare for both hot and cold conditions*

Runners (rubber soled walking shoes - must be closed toe)	
Thongs	
2 changes of long pants or jeans or tracksuit	
3 pairs of warm socks	
3 t-shirts	
2 warm jumpers	
2 or 3 changes of underwear	
Pyjamas	
WATERPROOF COAT	
Sunhat	
Woollen hat	
Shorts and a t-shirt (something that can get wet) and an extra towel	

The students will be staying for one night at the **Lady Northcote Camp**. Check out these pics of where we will be staying!



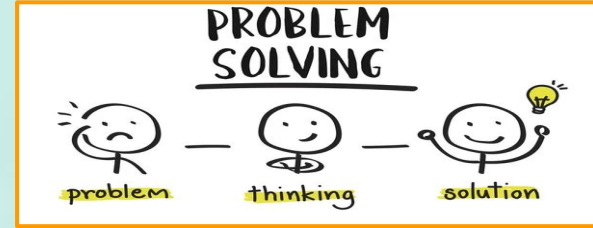
Grade 5



As our students get ready to move to Year 6, we have been working hard on writing speeches to apply for various leadership positions in our school such as School Captain, House Captains, STEM leaders, SRC and many more.

It's been incredibly important to that students identified the strengths that they display and possess and describe how these are able to support their desired role!

We wish all those applying for a leadership position the best of luck!



Over the past few weeks, students have been exploring the use of problem-solving strategies to help them solve a range of open-ended questions (where there are many different answers!)

Students have worked hard on trialling the use of different strategies, comparing their efficiency/effectiveness as well as explaining their process for solving the problem.

Have a go at the following problems at home!

Two numbers are added to make 356.
What could these numbers be?

There are 12 vehicles in the carpark. How many wheels might there be?

PE

Our PE focus for term 4

Foundation and Grade 1: Active play (team games).

Grade 2 and 3:
Team games with a focus on sportsmanship.

Grade 4, 5 and 6:
Invasion games.

Check out some snaps we have taken along the way of the different games and activities our MPS students have participated in ...





AGREED BEHAVIOUR SUPERHEROES

Showcasing our wonderful grade 3 and 4 students ...



MJ demonstrates all of our agreed behaviours but his specialty is being supportive towards all of his classmates.



Mason not only shows all the agreed but he also reminds his peers how they can show the agreed behaviours too.



Elijah always encourages his classmates, even at break times! He loves to show his kindness through making things for his friends.



Samia shows all of our Melton Primary School behaviours each and every day! Keep up the great work!



Charlotte is determined to succeed in all she does. She is an active listener, takes pride in her work and strives to improve.



Scarlett is consistently supportive and helpful to all of the staff and students at MPS! What a champ!.

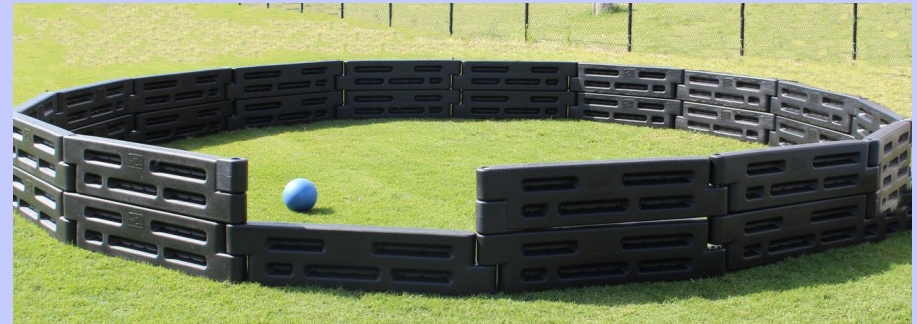


FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

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**



Remaining term 4
dates:

Friday 24th
November

Friday 8th of
December



Foundation 2024 orientation session



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

**Tuesday 12th of December at
9:00am in the Gymnasium**

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

F-2 JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Our F-2 House Athletics Carnival is happening on Friday 8th of December !

Approx. start and finish times for year levels, please note these are subject to changes.

Foundation 9am start – 10am finish.

Grade 2's 11am start – 12pm finish.

Grade 1's 12.30pm start – 1.30pm finish.

Students and families are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours.

(*If you are unsure of your child/children's house, please check with their classroom teacher)

Please be aware this is a fun carnival for students to experience a range of modified athletic events, it is not a competition where awards and results are given.

Parents can attend, however they must sign in at the tables near the tennis courts.



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:

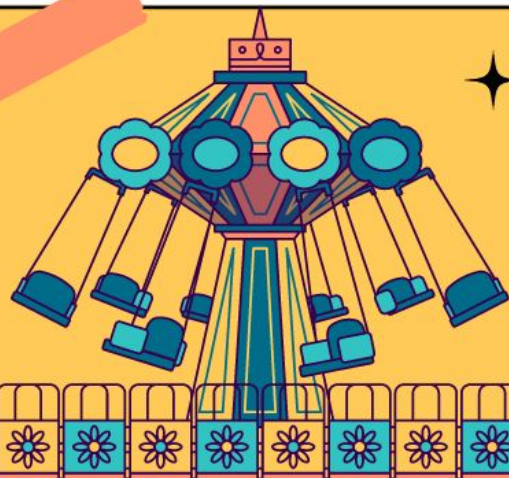
**Friday 1st
December 2023**

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 18th 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 4th 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 STEAM room via Raleighs Road.

No tickets required. See you there!

Book Club Issue 8

Is now open. It's full of books to spark **magic** and **joy** in students so they read more for fun, including

- Christmas and Holiday Gift Ideas
- Hot New Releases
- Over 350 Summer Reading Ideas
- Big Savings on Packs
- \$3 Value Books, and much, much more!

Book Club

Did you know you can tag your Book Club order as a surprise gift? Your order will be delivered to school and marked accordingly for you to collect.



GIFT ORDER

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