

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 18th December, 2023





From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

2024 structure

The teachers and leadership team have put in many hours to determine the grade structure and make up of classes for 2024. Listed further on in the newsletter is a list of all of the teachers and what their role will be in 2024.

Reading

Congratulations to all of the students who reached our termly reading goals throughout the year. We encourage all of our students to keep reading over the holidays.

School Awards

This year we will again be presenting school awards during our concert. We believe it is important to recognise our students for their efforts and excellence across a range of curriculum domains and students who show citizenship. A selection of students from Foundation to Year 6 will be presented with trophies. A requirement of the student awards is that students have above 85% attendance. Unfortunately this year there were a number of students who were nominated, but failed to meet the attendance requirement and therefore could not be allocated the award.

Reports and all books

Reports were made available on Compass on Friday 15th December. If you have any trouble accessing your child's report please contact the school office for assistance.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of our students who successfully achieved this year's Reading Challenge! #superproudprincipal

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Student Leaders for 2024

Well done to all of the students who applied for a leadership position for 2024. Our students presented confident speeches reflecting upon their skills, talents and leadership. It was wonderful to see how they addressed the school agreed behaviours and how they will help to lead the school in 2024. A rigorous merit and equitable process was followed and the final decision, taking into account the student speeches, how they continually present themselves, attendance, commitment to learning and the staff and student votes was a tough one. Congratulations to all of the students listed below on your appointment for 2024

School Captains

Hannah
Lexi
Claire
Ava
Marley
Cecilia

STEM Leaders

Kara
Marcus
Caleb
Owen

Art Leaders

Sarah
Leaa
Sophie
Ellie

Performing Arts Leaders

Darci
Addison
Imogen

Library Leaders

Aries
Jessica
Dakota
Brittany
Romen

House Captains

Grevillea - Asef, Liv, Justin & Youseff
Callistemon - Jaydon, Mitchell, Jake, Declan
Blue Gums - Gabriella, Max, Dexter, Sophia
Acacia - Mason, Flynn, Joshua, Lovely

Environmental Leaders

Cai
Mesake

Transition Leaders

Billie
Charli
Roslyn
Kotess
Avanti
Annie

Wellbeing Leaders

Thomas
Gracie
Taylah

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Thank you Parent/Friend Helpers

This year there have been numerous parents, grandparents and friends who have supported the teachers and curriculum programs at our school. To all of the members of the Melton Helping Hands, we thank you for your contributions to fundraising throughout the year. We highly appreciate and value the support given by each and every person who has contributed and supported our school this year, we farewell many helping hands this year as their children will be heading to High School.

Graduating Students

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all of our graduating and departing students all the best as they step into the next phase of their learning. Thank you for your commitment to your learning at Melton Primary School. We wish you all the best for your future endeavors and encourage you to make the most of all opportunities that come your way. Your graduation ceremony should be a wonderful evening. Enjoy every moment of it.

Students moving to a new location

To all of our students who are moving house and are moving to a new school we wish you all the best as you transition into a new location to continue your education journey.

Welcome to Melton Primary School

In 2024 we welcome to Melton Primary School Danielle Speranza who will be our Physical Education teacher and welcome back Stephanie Wilson. We hope that everyone will make these new and returning staff welcome.

2024 Student Book Packs

Families are required to provide a school bag, drink bottle, pencil case, library bag and art smock for 2024. Families wishing to do so can also donate a box of tissues. School council is providing all exercise books and pencils.

From the Principal's desk

Thank you to the Staff

I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the year and I wish them a relaxing and restful holiday season. Our teachers and education support staff work diligently throughout the year to provide our students with a range of learning opportunities and experiences. We all work together as a village to educate the children at Melton Primary School. Our staff work above the hours that they are paid to provide learning experiences to improve our school. I really appreciate and value their commitment and support.

Merry Christmas

To the families of Melton Primary School on behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season and thank you for working with us throughout 2023.

To the students, make sure you have a relaxing break and do not give your parents too hard a time over the holidays. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. From the last day of term, our teachers will be switching off Class Dojo and Compass to enjoy a well earned rest, we will make contact again towards the end of January. Travel safe and enjoy time with your family.

End of Term Dismissal

School concludes for 2023 at 1:00pm on Tuesday 19th December. If you will not be available to pick your child up at this earlier dismissal time, we ask that you make alternative arrangements.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 4, 2023

December

- 18th School Concert 4:30 pm
- 19th **Last day of school, students finish 1:00pm**
- 20th Curriculum Day - no students at school

Have a
wonderful
Christmas!



Key Dates for Term 1, 2024

January

- 29th Student assessments and parent teacher meetings
- 30th Student assessments and parent teacher meetings
- 31st 8:40am Grades 1 - 6 commence school

February

- 1st Foundation students commence school until 11:40am
- 13th Shrove Tuesday
- 23rd School Photos
- 29th MPSSA District Swimming for selected students

March

- 1st MPSSA Summer Sports - selected students
- 7th Divisional Swimming - selected students
- 8th Lightning Premiership - selected students
- 11th Labour Day Holiday
- 11th Ramadan Starts
- 12th SRC Leadership Day

Curriculum Days for 2024

Term 1 -

Monday 29th January

Tuesday 30th January - Parent Teacher
Interviews

Term 2 -

Wednesday 29th May - Teacher Professional
Practice Day

Tuesday 11th June

Term 3 -

Friday 16th August

Term 4 -

Monday 4th November

Friday 20th December - last day of the year

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

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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.

2024 teaching staff and their roles

Principal Class	Principal – Vanessa Harrison Assistant Principal – Emma Sutherland Assistant Principal – Ann Ward
Leading Teachers	Excellence in Teaching and Learning – Numeracy - Brian Wheelahan Welfare support - Karen Guest
Learning Specialist	Georgia Magnano - Disability and Inclusion Coach Sheree Lucas - Building Instructional Practice Ashleigh Strods - Building Instructional Practice Adriana Timpani - Building Instructional Practice Ben Gallagher - Building Instructional Practice
Classroom Teachers	<p>Foundation A - Terri Morgan - Room 5 (Foundation Team Leader) Foundation B - Tiffany Thomas - Room 6 Foundation C - Chloe Stokes - Room 9 Foundation D - Tash Shirtcliffe - Room 8</p> <p>Grade 1A - Emma Smart - Room 12 (Grade 1 Team Leader) Grade 1B - Tracy Brewis- Room 13 Grade 1C - Jenna Connor - Room 14</p> <p>Grade 2A - Lani Coverdale - Room 2 (Grade 2 Team Leader) Grade 2B - Aime McClelland - Room 1 Grade 2C - Ava Fritzz - Room 3</p>



2024 teaching staff and their roles

Classroom Teachers

Grade 3A - Kerry Coward - Room 15 (Grade 3 Team Leader)
Grade 3B - Kylie Reardon - Room 16
Grade 3C - Kelly Allan - Room 17

Grade 4A - Jordan Trewavis - Room 18 (Grade 4 Team Leader)
Grade 4B - Andrew Kay - Room 19
Grade 4C - Sam Forbes & Sheree Lucas - Room 20



Grade 5A - Belinda Hamilton - Room 27 (Grade 5 Team Leader)
Grade 5B - Tarsh Dandy - Room 28
Grade 5C - Cam McCabe - Room 11
Grade 5D - Cathie McMahon - Room 10

Grade 6A - Bec Zapparoni - Room 22 (Grade 6 Team Leader)
Grade 6B - Brett Strachan - Room 21
Grade 6C - Melissa Partridge - Room 23
Grade 6D - Stephanie Wilson & Kylie Morrissy - Room 24



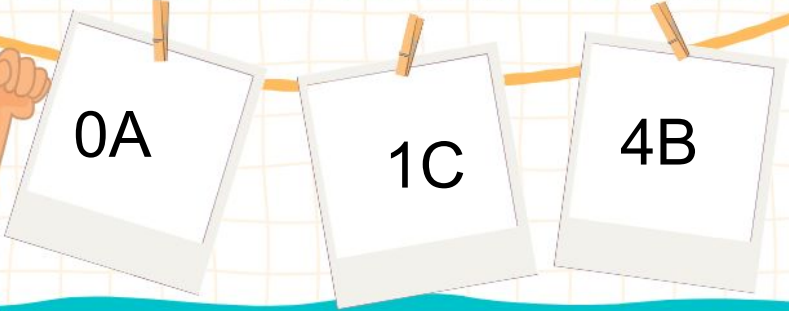
Specialist Teachers

Physical Education - Danielle Speranza & Jaynay Oates
STEM - Jessica Jordan & Debbie Barrie
Performing Arts - Learning Specialist and Leading Teachers
Auslan/Art - Gabby Guban & Jaynay Oates
Mental Health and Wellbeing- Tamara Velden

 **ATTENDANCE** 

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES



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



AGREED BEHAVIOUR SUPERHEROES

Showcasing our wonderful grade 5 and 6 students ...



Thank you Olive for always being polite, respectful, helpful, supportive of your peers and safe! Keep up the amazing work!



Sarah is consistently an active learner in our classroom, always giving 100% to her work! Her respectful nature also makes her a supportive member of our classroom.



Ashlyn is an amazing active learner. She is always striving for her best and persisting with work when it becomes challenging.



GRADE 1

The grade 1 teachers and support staff would like to say
thank you for such an amazing year!

We thank you for all the home reading, word work and
counting practise.

We could not have had such a successful year without you!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



GRADE 3 LADY NORTHCOTE CAMP



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Grade 5

The Grade 5 students have finished their year working hard on their captain and leadership speeches. Congratulations to the students who presented their speeches.

No matter what the outcome, you should be proud of yourself for showing such courage and determination.

You are amazing!



To all our Grade 5 families... We wish you the very best Christmas and year ahead in 2024!



From the Grade 5 team



Foundation 2024 orientation session

The students enjoyed participating in their final orientation session last Tuesday. The students enjoyed seeing where their 2024 classroom is, meeting their teacher and having some fun with their new friends.

Parents participated in an information session in the gymnasium

2024 Foundation students start school on Thursday 1st of February, but will be popping in to school on Mon 29th January, Tues 30th January and Wed 31st January for assessment time with their teacher. (These can be booked early next year on Compass)





Physical Education

Our F-2 House Athletics Carnival was enjoyed by the Foundation and Grade 2 students. Students enjoyed completing the rotational activities.

Unfortunately the wind got the better of us by grade 1, so they rescheduled and enjoyed their time last Thursday.

Students and families were encouraged to come dressed in their house colours. We thank all the grade 5 and 6 helpers who supported us on this day by running an event.

The four houses **ACACIA**, **BLUE GUMS**, **CALLISTEMON** and **GREVILLEA** are represented by four students from each house.

House Captains maintain a high level of commitment throughout the year to promote sporting events, encourage and motivate teams as well as assist the PE teacher and staff in sports related matters. The school's house captains are role models for their peers and foster pride in their respective houses.

Last week students presented their speeches, the 2024 House Captains are:

House Captains



Acacia – Mason W, Flynn G, Lovely L, Joshua H

Grevillea – Asef K, Lavinia G, Justin D, Youssef M

Blue Gums – Gabriella B, Mac C, Dexter B, Sophia C

Callistemon – Jaydon A, Mitchell E, Jake M, Declan R





WISHING TREE

Melton Primary School 2023

Thank you to the following families for your donations:
The Chilcots, Cvijeticanins, Gianns, Parkins, Harveys,
Grahams, Wrights, Harrisons, Hamiltons, Quinlans,
Khos, Dufoulons, Timpanis, Hansens, Colsons, Days,
Coulsons, Elmers, Masinaamaus,
Shirtcliffes, Nices, Corries, Arnells and
Thomas.



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!

FAQ CONCERT

1. **Where is the concert going to be held?**

The concert will be held on the MPS oval. There will be 2 entrances; Church St and Raleighs Rd.

2. **Will it concert be in order from Foundation to Grade 6?**

No, our concert will run in a mixed order. Each grade will be called before their performance

3. **Bring our own chairs?**

Yes please, bring chairs and/or a picnic rug. Chairs/prams must be seated behind the picnic area

4. **Can we bring our own snacks and drinks?**

Yes you can! There will also be coffee trucks, slushies, ice cream and potato twisters available to purchase from! Please note, no alcohol is permitted.



Ever thought of giving Cricket a go? Contact Cricket Star Academy who have classes at MPS 3 times a week, to find out how your student can join in the fun!! Click the link for more details



Our Purpose

Our purpose is to "Create a Movement of Change for Tomorrow's Grassroots Leaders". We do this through the following three principles:

LEARN – children learn the skills of sport within a professional and safe environment through our various sport academies. Skills learned in sport are skills for life. These include team work, honesty, commitment and resilience.

LEAD – we lead the way through our community hero's, business partners, ambassadors and multi-award winning program and systems.

GROW – through our programs, students grow and develop into good human beings!

<https://sportstaracademy.com/cricket/about>