Melton Primary School Newsletter

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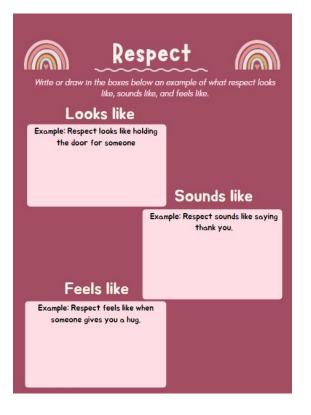
Monday 18th March, 2024

WE **RESPECT** OTHERS



- ✓ We are polite
- ✓ We are friendly, honest and caring
- ✓ We are accepting and inclusive
- ✓ We have self-control
- ✓ We listen to others and use words that show respect.
- We follow rules and accept outcomes for our behaviour
- ✓ We are grateful.

What does respect look like, sound like and feel like for you?



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Swimming Program Term 2 & 3

Please be advised that parents/guardians will this week be able to start to pay and provide permission for our term 2 and 3 swimming program via Compass. If you are wishing to utilise your CSEF funds towards the cost of swimming, please ensure that you contact the office. To ensure that we have the right number of instructors for the number of students, it is essential that permission and payment is received by Thursday 28th March April. The cost of our swimming program is \$130.

End of term

The end of term is approaching fast. **Students will finish term 1 on Thursday 28th March at 2:30pm.** If you are unable to collect your children at this time, please ensure that you make alternate arrangements for their care.

Divisional Swimming

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Divisional Swimming. You are all champions! You showed great skill and talent as you competed against others in your event. Thank you Dani Speranza and Maria Papaemmanouil to for being a wonderful support on the day. We wish the following students all the best as they move onto the next round - Flynn K, Kayden-Lee M, Mason R, William T and Samia U all the best. A special thank you to Nikki and Ms Speranza for their organisation on the day. #meltonpsproud

35 nights Reading is the goal for term 1

As previously advertised 35 nights reading is the goal for term 1. How is your child tracking? We are now at $\frac{1}{2}$ way through the term.

Naplan Update

Today the students sat their final Naplan assessment. Congratulations to all of our students for trying their best, working hard and showing us the great things you can do. Between 14th - 25th March we are required to conduct catch up tests for students who are absent. Thank you to all of the staff that made the assessments run smoothly and to Mrs Ward for her coordination of these tests.

From the Principal's desk

Do you have a Concern?

Do you have a concern and you not sure how to raise it? **Clarify the issue**: be clear about the topic or issue that you want to discuss, focus on things that are genuinely affecting your child, always remain calm and remember you may not have all of the facts relating to the circumstances of the topic or issue you wish to discuss, think about what would be an acceptable outcome for you and your child, be informed and check DE policies or guidelines (where relevant).

Contact the school: Firstly, write a note to **your child's teacher** outlining your concern, make an appointment to speak on the phone or in person with the class teacher—ensure that you inform the school about the issue you wish to discuss, consider speaking to the Primary Welfare Officer—if you feel this would be appropriate. The class teacher together with others involved, should be given a reasonable amount of time to take the steps required to resolve or address your concerns. Remember, it may not always be possible to resolve an issue to your complete satisfaction.

Contact a member of the Principal Class:

Most concerns are resolved by following those steps already outlined. However, if the issue remains unresolved after you have approached your child's teacher then please ensure **you contact the office and make an appointment to see a Principal Class member**.

Contact the Regional Office:

After meeting with the Principal, if you feel your complaint has not been addressed satisfactorily you can contact the relevant regional office. The regional office's responsibility is to ensure that complaints, wherever possible, are resolved at the school level and to ensure that procedures at the school are in accordance with the DE regulatory framework.

Please feel free to contact me via phone, email or in person.

Vanessa Harrison Principal

Key Dates for Term 1, 2024

March

26th Regional swimming - selected students 28th Last day of term 1 - 2:30pm dismissal



Key Dates for Term 2, 2024

April

15th - Term 2 commences at 8:40am

15th - Swimming Program commences

25th - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

26th - Colour Run

29th - Grade 4 First Fleet Incursion

30th - Foundation 2025 School Tour

May

2nd - District Cross Country

9th - Mother's Day Stall

10th - Melton Minis

12th - Mother's Day

13th - 17th - Education Week

14th - STEM Night 3:15pm - 4:10pm

15th - % AFL Girls Tournament - selected students

16th - Education Support Appreciation Day

20th - 22nd Grade 6 Camp Wyuna

22nd - Simultaneous Story Time



WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME AN ISSUE?





When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing iteven when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's

BULLYING.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

- Listen calmly and get the full story.
- Reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- 3. Ask your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
- 4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
- Contact the school.
- 6. Check in regularly with your child.



Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF) \$\$\$

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$150 for primary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Applications should be lodged as soon as possible, with schools accepting them until the end of term 2.

35 nights reading is the goal!

All students should have receive their take home readers this week.

Our goal is for every child in the school to read 35+ nights during term 1! Reading each night and on weekends counts!

It is simple, listen to your child read, sign their reading diary/school diary and that is one night completed! Repeat 34 more times during the term and your child will receive a merit ribbon from the members of our Principal Class team!



Congratulations on the Completion of NAPLAN

A huge congratulations to all the students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 who completed the NAPLAN assessments over the past week. We are incredibly proud of the determination you have displayed! You have all worked incredibly hard and should be proud of your efforts.

The results will be made available to parents later in the year, once the school receives them.



General Knowledge Quiz

How many answers do you know? Try playing by yourself or as a family.

- 1. How many legs does a spider have?
- 2. What do caterpillars turn into?
- 3. How many planets are in the solar system?
- 4. What colours on are the Australian Flag?
- 5. In what season do leaves fall off trees?
- 6. What is the fastest land animal?
- 7. Where in the world would we find the Ancient Pyramids?
- 8. How many colours are there in a rainbow?
- 9. What type of fish is Nemo?
- 10. How many pairs of wings does a bee have?

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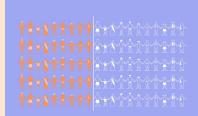




HARMONY DAY EVERYONE belongs

Friday 22nd March
Celebrate Harmony Day with us

Wear orange or some traditional/special clothing from your culture.



Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was



15 BENEFITS OF READING TO YOUR CHILD Land tutor



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		4	Broadens vocabulary.	
	Improves language skills.	5		\tag{\tau}
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2025 Foundation Enrolments

Statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep) enrolments. Steps to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year

To start primary school in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old. If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2024 (Monday 15 April 2024).

What you need to do:

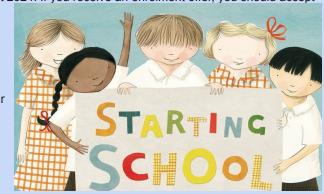
- 1. Use Find my School to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
- 2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- 3. Download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers.' The pack will be available from Monday 15 April 2024 and will include an application form. The school may also provide you with a copy of the form to complete.
- 4. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 26 July 2024.
- 5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by Friday 23 August 2024.
- 6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2024.
- 7. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from Wednesday 29 January 2025.

Enrolment applications submitted after 26 July 2024 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.

Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit Find my School to locate your child's local school.

The enrolling in a school page can also help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

If you are seeking to apply to enrol your child in a school that is not their local school, you should read about <u>school zones</u> and how they work and how applications are prioritised using the Department of Education's Placement Policy found on the <u>enrolling in a school</u> page.



MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOUNDATION 2025 OPEN NIGHT



4:00PM 30TH APRIL



SCHOOL Tour









Foundation 2025 transition has commenced

ENROL NOW



Don't miss your
opportunity to attend
one of the highest
performing Government
Schools in Melton



Get your Colour on, Melton Primary School is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on 26th April, 2024.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students will receive a sponsorship book <u>soon</u> with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at <u>www.australian fundraising.com.au</u>. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Fundraising will begin on the 15th March till 26th April

HOW TO CREATE A MY PROFILE PAGE

1. Type http://www.myprofilepage.com.au into your internet URL search bar

www.myprofilepage.com.au

Tip: Google Chrome is the preferred internet browser for the website

2. Click Register to create a Parent log in

3. Create a Parent Log In

The parent/guardian sign up information to create a log into the website.





4. Create a Profile Page

- Enter First and Last Name
 Search your Group!
- Search your Group!
 You will need to type 4-5
 letters of the group's Name for the group to pop up for selection.
- Select Class
- 4. Click Next Step

Student First Name	Student Last Name	e
Search by School Name - Type Here	-	
	NEXT	

5. Select your fundraising goal target!

This can be edited anytime throughout the fundraiser. CLICK CREATE PAGE

Congratulations!

Your Profile Page is now created for your group! Check out your profile and make additional edits!

- 1. Create a Profile Avatar
- 2. Edit your fundraising story
- 3. Check out how you can earn bonus donations by clicking the coin chest
- 4. Share your page to friends and family! This is the only way to obtain donations for your group.
- 5. Self-Donate! This is submitting an online donation yourself to the profile

Can I create more profile pages?

YES! If you have more than 1 child, you can create additional profiles on the same parent log in.

- Simply click the 2 horizontal lines top right if using a mobile device.
- Click the Change/Add Child Button
- Complete the Create a Profile Page again

Need Help? The team at Australian Fundraising can help between Monday-Friday 8am-4pm aest.

Simply click the NEED HELP button and pop through a ticket for help.







HAPPY FUNDRAISING!



Melton Primary School is running the Premiers' Reading Challenge again this year, the students have their login detail and all you need to do is log in the books that they have read. Instructions on how to do this are below. You can log any book they have read since the start of the year!

8 steps to logging books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx

1. Click on log in for

School coordinator or student

2. Click on VPRC and insert your child's log in details.

VPRC login

For Government, Catholic, Independent and Home based readers

3. Click on your child's drop down menu from your child's dashboard located in the top left corner



4. From the drop down menu, click on search books



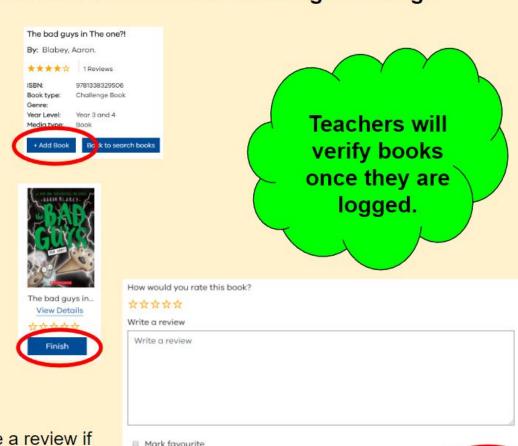
5. Enter the title and author, click search. Then locate the book from the list and click the title.



8 steps to logging books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

6. Details of the book will then appear and click add book.

7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



Close

8. You are then able to rate the book (even write a review if you really want to) and then click finish book.



In Geography the students are exploring Natural, managed and constructed features of local places and how they change. Can you look at the pictures and classify them as natural, constructed or managed?









Grade 1

Hannah Watts Park Geography Walk









Reminders:

Additional information can be found on your class dojo feed...

*Monday 18th March is planning day and the students have all their specialists on this day.

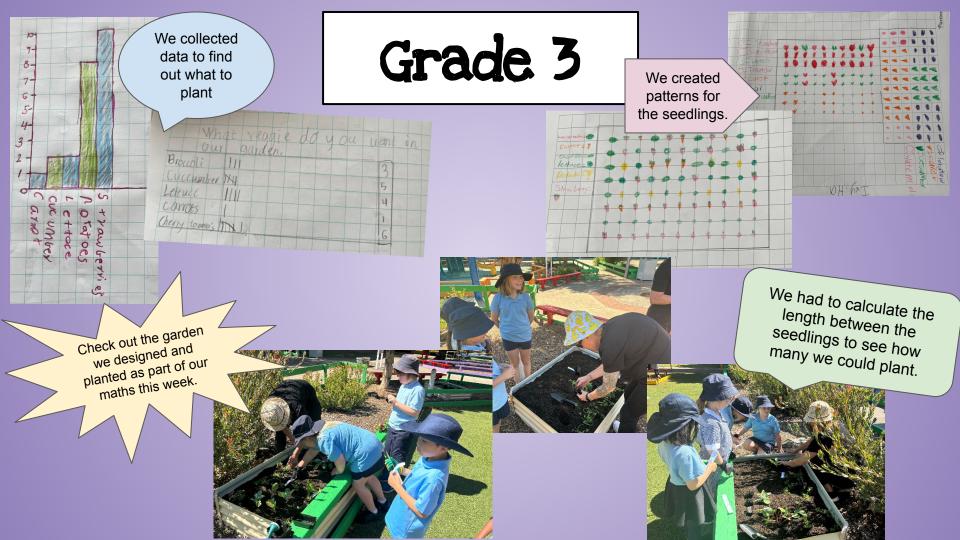
*Friday 22nd March is
Harmony day and the students
can come dressed in Orange.

*Monday 25th March is our Maths dress up day.

*Thu 28th March is the last day of term 1 and the students Progress Reports are available via Compass. Cross country and live assembly.

* Term 2 resumes on the 15th April.

We wish all our families a safe and relaxing break.





Over the past few weeks the grade five students have been getting to know their buddies. First we all had a big picnic together to meet our buddy grade and then in the next session we got to meet our buddy!

Our buddies program is a fantastic opportunity for our grade 5 students to practise their leadership skills and be role models for our foundation students. We will be meeting with our buddies fortnightly to complete some fun activities.

Physical Education

CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS AT MPS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS!

FOUNDATION: FMS - Catch, Throw and Run

GRADE 1:FMS - Catch, Throw, Kick and Bounce

GRADE 2: FMS Based Skills - Basketball

GRADE 3: Basketball and Athletics

GRADE 4: Basketball and Athletics

GRADE 5: Volleyball and Athletics

GRADE 6: Volleyball and Athletics







Reading Tails

Help your reluctant reader build their confidence with the support of a furry friend! In this 8 week program, primary school aged children (Grade 2+) will have the opportunity to choose, read, and talk about books at a gentle pace with plenty of encouragement from our reading dogs.

Sessions run every week during school terms at Caroline Springs and Melton Libraries.

Places are limited. Please email libraryschoolyears@melton.vic.gov.au to express your interest.

Activities that are available in our community!

After School STEM Club

Put your tech skills to the test! This fun after school program is full of coding and STEM challenges designed to encourage creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration. Try out something new every week, from coding to robotics, Virtual Reality, 3D printing, and more!

Sessions run every week during school terms. Bookings are required and places are limited.

Beginners (ages 9 to 14)

Mondays during Term 1, 4pm to 5pm

Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

After Schooligans

Join your favourite children's librarians for some after school fun! From arts and craft, to quizzes and games, reading or STEM activities, there's something for everyone in this fun and interactive program. Perfect for kids aged 5 to 12 years.

Sessions run every week during school terms. Bookings are not required.

Wednesdays, 3.45pm to 4.30pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Tuesdays, 3.45pm to 4.30pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Activities that are available in our community!

Little Writers

Create imaginative worlds, colourful characters and stories that leap off the page! With fun writing exercises and helpful hints, we'll get you on the way to writing a book of your very own. Perfect for kids aged 7 to 14 years.

Sessions run every week during school terms. Bookings are required.

Wednesdays, 4pm to 4.50pm Online via Zoom

A Melton Wander

Next date: Wednesday, 20 March 2024 | 06:30 PM

Presented by Eat Drink Westside as part of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival.

A Melton Wander begins at Simply Indian, which, in the words of its owners, is "a restaurant passionate about preparing traditional and contemporary Indian cuisine for people to enjoy". We'll call here for a dosa and a biryani, plus a bottle of India's favourite cola, Thums Up.



Moving on, our next stop is Centre Thai – home to arguably Melton's best pad Thai – for a big spread of Southeast Asian deliciousness including the famed noodle dish and a puckering tom yum, plus a wine, beer, soft drink or coconut juice to boot.

Specialising in the food and drink of South America, Latin Foods & Wines is your go-to in Melton for empanadas, pisco, smallgoods and the delicious sandwiches de miga – Latin America's favourite finger sandwich. It's also home to some brilliant sweets, and we'll be ending our night here in such a manner, with South American desserts and soft drinks.

Activities that are available in our community!

When

Wednesday, 20 March 2024 | 06:30 PM

Location

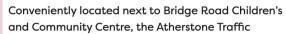
Commences at Simply Indian Melton, 408 High Street, Melton

408 High Street, Melton, 3337, View Map

Atherstone Traffic School

Melton City Council, in partnership with LendLease, have completed the construction of a road safety education facility, known as the Atherstone Traffic School.

The facility provides a fun and engaging space to develop important road safety skills and gain confidence on bicycles, tricycles and scooters.



School consists of a variety intersections and signage to mimic the features of a real traffic experience within a more controlled environment. There are public barbeques and toilet facilities on site.

Users are required to bring their own bicycle, tricycle or scooter and helmet.

Accessibility

There is an accessible toilet at the Atherstone Traffic School and a <u>social story</u> (PDF, 13MB) is available.

There is a Communication Access Sign at Atherstone Traffic School. This sign can be used to support communication. It can help people to understand and share information about their experiences. Use this sign to:

- make requests such as "I want to ride my bicycle"
- ask questions like "where is the toilet?"
- · express needs such as "I need a drink"
- · comment on activities and share the fun!



Eynesbury Market

Next date: Sunday, 24 March 2024 | 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM

Come along and enjoy the relaxed surroundings of Eynesbury Market. We have a wide range of stalls from farmers, produce growers, fruit, jams, sauces, cakes, breads and moving along to our artisan craft stalls and food vendors.



What a wonderful way to spend a relaxed family Sunday!

Free parking is available in the car park located at Homestead Golf Club, and along the road, the large paddocks just past the market site are also available for parking.

Eynesbury is a dog friendly market. Please ensure your dogs are on a lead and you pick up any parcels left.

Activities that are available in our community!

Easter fun 2024

Next date: Saturday, 23 March 2024 | 10:00 AM to 01:30 PM

The Easter Bunny in the City of Melton

The Easter Bunny and helper will be appearing in locations including shopping precincts in Melton South, Melton Town Centre, Diggers Rest and Caroline Springs delighting children and egg lovers with photo opportunities and free giveaways.

Saturday 23 March

- 10am-11.30am at Melton Station Square, Melton South
- 10.30am-12pm at Diggers Rest Commercial Centre
- 12.15pm 3pm at Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre, Melton
- 12.30pm-1.30pm at Diggers Rest Norm Raven Reserve

Activities that are available in our community!

Sunday 24 March

- 12pm-1.45pm at Vescada Place, Commercial Road Caroline Springs
- 2.15pm-3.30pm at Caroline Springs Library, Caroline Springs

Additional events

Local businesses around the City of Melton will be running fun Easter activities and promotions.

Sunday 24 March - Pre-Easter Sunday kids funday by Eynesbury

Hop into Eynesbury for an egg-citing Pre-Easter Funday! Eynesbury is hosting an ENORMOUS hunt(s)! There will be kids entertainment and rides, a showing of the movie 'Hop' and a visit from The Easter Bunny and Easter Bonnie!

This is a ticketed event, no tickets will be available at the gate!

- Tickets are \$10 and includes 1 Easter Egg Hunt and unlimited rides.
- General Admission tickets are free. These tickets are for event entry only and does not include Easter egg hunt, petting zoo or rides.





