

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 15th April, 2024

WE ARE SAFE



- ✓ We make safe choices.
- ✓ We listen and follow instructions.
- ✓ We are cyber safe.
- ✓ We walk within the classroom.
- ✓ We use equipment appropriately.
- ✓ We follow road safety rules.
- ✓ We are sun smart.

Did you notice the upgrades that occurred over the holidays to our facilities?

New retaining walls and soft fall mulch to the Foundation & Grade 1/2 playgrounds.



Shade sail repaired.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back

We hope that all of our families enjoyed a relaxing and wonderful holiday break shared together.

Regional Swimming Finals

Our students who represented Melton Primary at the Regional Swimming trials should be extremely proud of their achievements last term. Congratulations Flynn K, Kayden-Lee M, Mason R, William T and Samia U who competed on the day, Melton Primary is extremely proud of you! A special thanks to Nikki for coaching and training our team!

Swimming Program Term 2 & 3

Our 2024 Swimming Program kicks off this week! I encourage all families to set a reminder in your phone to pack your child's bathers, towel etc on your allocated day. We hope that all of our students enjoy the swimming program. It is wonderful to hear the excitement and see the students eager to participate in this program. It is not too late to sign your child up if they wish to participate. If you are wishing to utilise your CSEF funds towards the cost of swimming, please ensure that you contact the office.

35 nights Reading is the goal for term 2

Congratulations to all of our students who achieved our term 1 goal of 35 nights reading. The aim for term 2 is 35 nights reading. This allows for students who did not reach the term 1 goal to aim for the white ribbon, but for the students who did achieve the term 1 goal, they are now aiming for another 35 nights to achieve the green ribbon. We will be awarding prizes at the end of the year for our students who are the top night readers.

Smoking

A 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 in by the wind into the classroom windows and doors. If you are a smoker, please ensure that you choose to smoke more than four metres away from the school boundary.

From the Principal's desk

Foundation 2025 Information night

Do you know someone **starting school in 2025**? If so, please let them know about our 2025 Foundation Information Evening that is being held on **Tuesday 30th April from 4:00pm - 5:00pm**. Melton Primary School has the capacity to consider enrolments outside of our designated boundary. We ask that anyone outside our boundary complete an expression of interest form.

Cross Country

Our students are to be commended on their sensational efforts last term as they competed in our school cross country. It was wonderful to see the students in their house colours as they competed in the run for their age group. A special thank you to Ms Speranza for all of her organisation and coordination of this event. Thank you to all of our amazing parent helpers that assisted on the day and helped to man the track and encourage our students. We could not have done it without you. A huge thank you to all of our staff for their organisation and support in making this a successful event.

Good luck to the students in age groups 10+ who have placed and been selected to represent our school at the District Cross Country.

Save the Date for Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 15th July, which will be a student free day except for attendance at the interview.

Facilities update

Over the holidays, a number of works were completed around the school in relation to our playgrounds. You will notice that repairs to the shade sails near the library occurred and that new retaining walls and soft fall mulch were installed at the Foundation and Grade ½ playgrounds. Thank you to Mrs Hunt for her work in getting these scheduled to occur during the term break.

From the Principal's desk

Molluscum Contagiosum and swimming

Molluscum contagiosum is a common skin infection caused by the molluscum contagiosum virus (MCV). The virus causes small, raised spots that can be spread by skin-to-skin contact, it can also be spread by students sharing baths or pools. Molluscum is painless but can be itchy. When the spots appear they look like pimples. Over time they become round, pink or pearl-coloured lumps with a hard core and often a dimple in the centre. The spots are usually very small, but they can be as large as two centimetres. Students with open sores or breaks from any cause should not go into swimming pools. If students with molluscum are participating in our school swimming program, they should:

- Cover all visible lesions with watertight bandages
- Dispose of all used bandages at home
- Not share towels, kick boards, other equipment, or toys

We ask that parents make your child's teacher aware if your child has this skin infection.

Students not participating in the Swimming Program

Non swimmers will be required to attend the swimming pool at their class' designated lesson time where they will sit poolside and complete a swimming booklet created to teach them about water safety and swimming.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started and you can log all of the books that your child has read this year. To find out how, instructions are further on in the newsletter. Your child's class teacher will have sent home your login details.

ANZAC Day

A friendly reminder that Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day and students are not required at school on this day.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

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
- 29th - 27th May Grade 3 Heritage walks
- 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 - $\frac{5}{8}$ AFL Girls Tournament - selected students
- 16th - Education Support Appreciation Day
- 20th - 22nd Grade 6 Camp Wyuna
- 22nd - Simultaneous Story Time
- 24th - Melton Minis

May

- 28th - Foundation Animal Land Excursion
- 29th - **Teacher Professional Practice Day - students not required at school**

June

- 6th - Teeth on Wheels
- 6th - $\frac{3}{4}$ Soccer Tournament - selected students
- 7th - Melton Minis
- 10th - **King's Birthday Holiday**
- 11th - **Curriculum Day - students not required at school**
- 12th - 14th - Teeth on Wheels
- 14th - Gr 6 Winter Lightning Prem - Selected students
- 18th - Tony's Pie delivery
- 19th - Gr 5 Refugee Incursion
- 20th - 21st - Teeth on Wheels
- 24th - 26th Grade 5 City Camp
- 25th - $\frac{5}{8}$ Soccer tournament - selected students
- 28th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish

Swimming Protocols

Students enjoy their weekly swimming lessons. Many parents/carers are attending these sessions and assisting students.

Please note: Mothers will only be allowed into the female change rooms and fathers will only be allowed into the male change rooms.

Therefore any mother who wishes to assist her son change will need to use the separate change room which is also used for the disabled or utilise the main pool deck.

Similarly any father who wishes to assist his daughter change will also need to use that separate change room or utilise the main pool deck.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.





Sensational Attendance

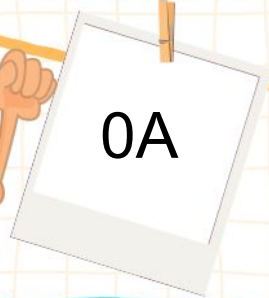
ATTENDANCE



LAST FORTNIGHT

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

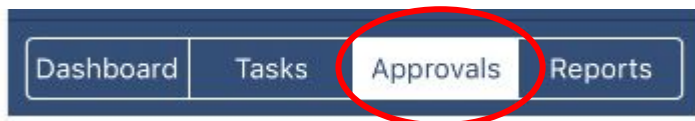
WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



Reporting your child absent on the Compass app

1. Click on HOME
2. Click on YOUR CHILD
3. Click on APPROVALS



4. Click on the + symbol in the bottom right corner.
5. Complete the screen that appears



5.1 Select a reason for your child's absence.



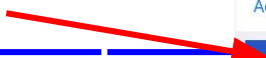
5.2 Add further details



5.3 Add in the start and end dates that your child will be absent.



5.4 Click Add Approval

A screenshot of the 'Add Approval' form in the Compass app. The form has a dark blue header with 'Cancel' and 'Add Approval' buttons. Below the header, there is a 'Reason' field with a dropdown menu currently showing 'None'. Underneath is a 'Details / Comments' section with a large white text area. Further down are 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields, both showing '10/04/2018' with time ranges. At the bottom, there is a 'Missed' section with a blue link 'Activites missed by this approval' and an information icon. A blue 'Add Approval' button is at the very bottom.A screenshot of the 'Add Approval' reason selection screen. It has a dark blue header with a back arrow and the text 'Add Approval'. Below the header is a list of reasons: 'Illness/Medical', 'Dentist', 'Bereavement', 'Truancy', 'Parent Choice', 'Family Holiday', and 'Religious/Cultural Observance'. Each reason is on a separate line with a horizontal separator.

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!

Congratulations to all of our students who reached the term 1 goal of 35 nights reading!

Our goal is for every child in the school to read 35+ nights during term 2!
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!



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:

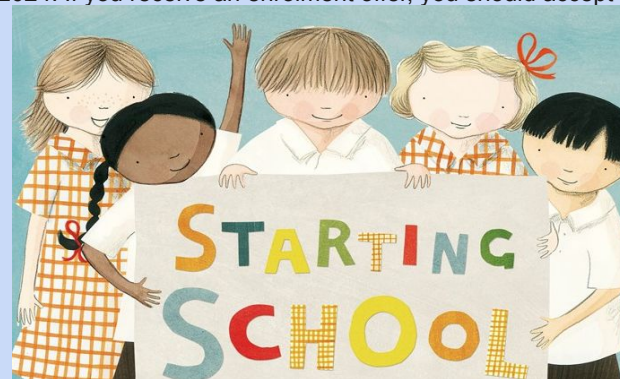
1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the 'Foundation (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 [school zones](#) and how they work and how applications are prioritised using the Department of Education's Placement Policy found on the [enrolling in a school](#) page.



**MELTON
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

FOUNDATION 2025 OPEN NIGHT

**4:00PM TUES
30TH
APRIL**



**SCHOOL
TOUR**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MELTON PRIMARY 97435335

Melton Primary School
No. 430
"Onward with pride"

**Foundation
2025
transition
has
commenced**

ENROL NOW



Contact us
9743 5335
Visit our office

**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 soon with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. 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.

Parent/Guardian Registration

Parent's First Name Parent's Last Name

Parent's Email Address Confirm Parent's Email Address

Password Confirm Password

I agree to the My Profile Page's Terms & Condition and Privacy Policy

I agree to GoFundraise Terms and Condition, Privacy Policy and Data Collection and Privacy

I would like to receive a monthly newsletter

REGISTER

4. Create a Profile Page

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

Create a profile page for your child

Student First Name Student Last Name

Search by School Name - Type Here

NEXT



5. Select your fundraising goal target!

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

Set your fundraising goal

\$10 \$20 \$30

\$50 \$75 \$100

\$150 \$200 \$300

\$500 \$1,000 \$1,500

GOAL AMOUNT \$ **CREATE PAGE**

Congratulations!

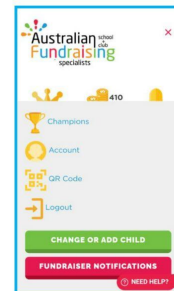
Your Profile Page is now created for your group!
Check out your profile and make additional edits!

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.

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



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

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

HAPPY FUNDRAISING!

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victorian premiers'
reading
challenge

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

 Search Books

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

Search for books

All Books ▾ Clear All Search

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

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



The bad guys in The one?!

By: Blabey, Aaron.

★★★★☆ 1 Reviews

ISBN: 9781338329506

Book type: Challenge Book

Genre:

Year Level: Year 3 and 4

Media type: Book

+ Add Book **Book to search books**

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



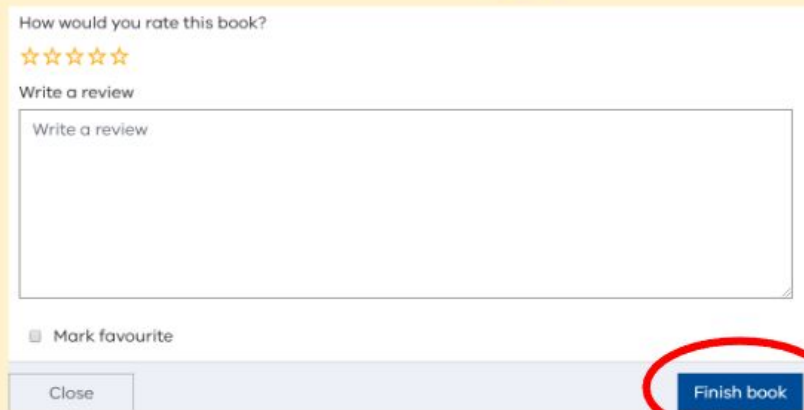
The bad guys in...

[View Details](#)

★★★★☆

Finish

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



How would you rate this book?

★★★★☆

Write a review

Write a review

Mark favourite

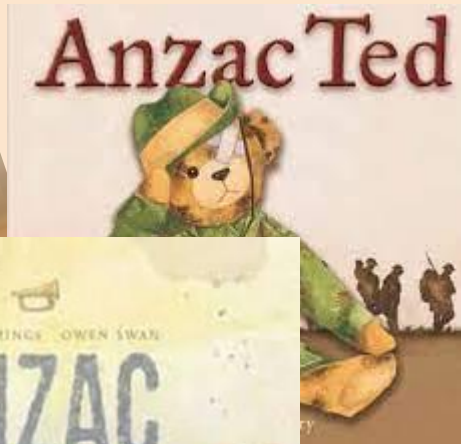
Close **Finish book**

Teachers will verify books once they are logged.

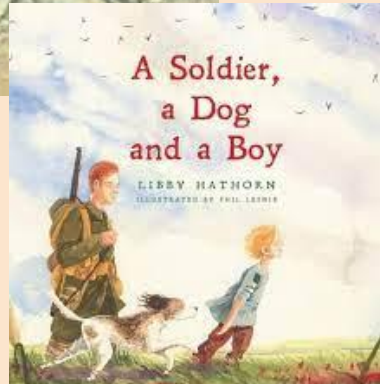
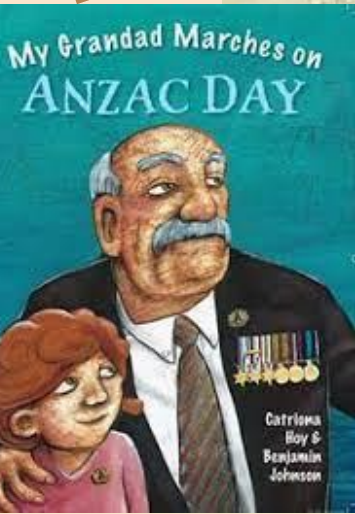
ANZAC Day- April 25th

Our school will be represented at the dawn service at the Melton Shire, where our school captains and SRC members will lay a wreath.

There are a range of excellent picture story books available to discuss ANZAC Day with your child/ren.



<https://online.fliphtml5.com/wmgra/zqom/> (online version to read)



ANZAC BISCUITS

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup sugar (brown or raw)
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup coconut
- 125g butter
- 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon bi-carb soda in 1 tablespoon boiling water

Melt butter and syrup in saucepan. Add soda/water and watch the volcano effect! Mix dry ingredients in a bowl. Pour butter/soda mixture over and mix well. Place spoonfuls on a tray and cook at 160c until golden. Leave to cool on tray.



ANZAC DAY
Let's Not Forget

A vibrant poster for a STEM Night event. The background is a white grid on a teal border. Various science-related icons are scattered around: a magnifying glass, a molecular model, a battery, safety goggles, a microscope, a test tube, a lightbulb, a beaker, and an atom model. The text 'STEM NIGHT' is prominently displayed in the center. Below it, a yellow box contains the date and time, and another yellow box contains the text 'MORE INFORMATION TO COME...'.

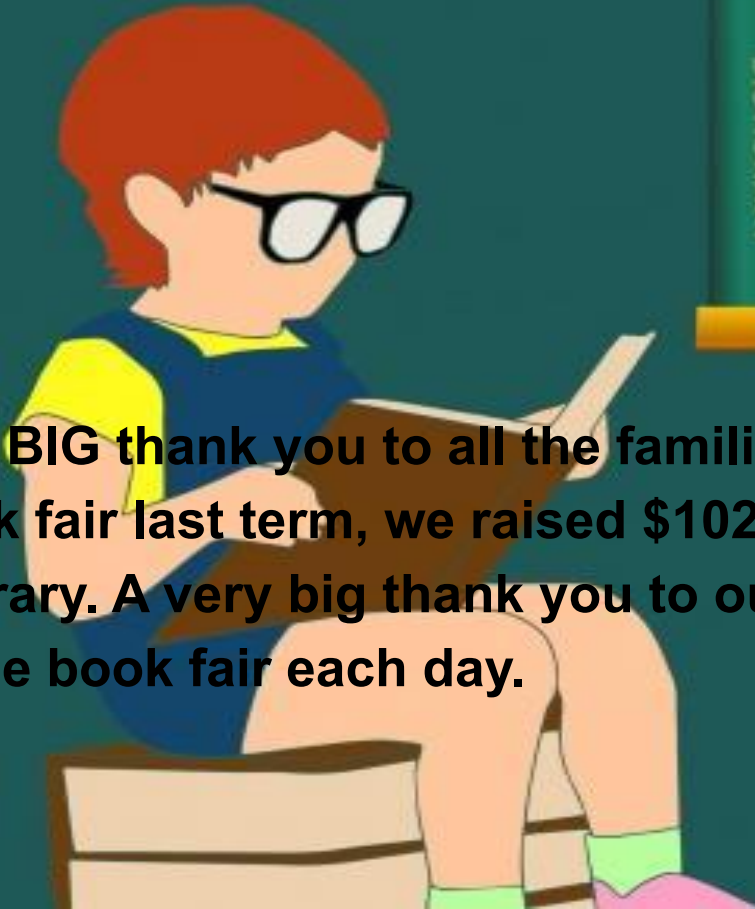
STEM NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE: 14/5/2024
3:15-4:15PM**

MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

Library Book Fair

A very BIG thank you to all the families and staff that brought books at book fair last term, we raised \$1025 to put towards new book for the library. A very big thank you to our amazing staff that helped out with the book fair each day.



Grade 2

Term 1 was a fantastic term, all the Grade 2 students settled in to their new classes and routines quite well.

Miss Coverdale, Miss Fritzz, Mrs Porter, Ms Moss, and Ms Stanley are all looking forward to another great term with our Grade 2 superstars.

Welcome back!!!!
Things happening in Term 2:

- Mother's Day stall
- Community Walk
- Colour Fun Run

Student free Days

- Curriculum Day
- Professional Practice day
- ANZAC Day
- King's birthday