

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 29th April, 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.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

ANZAC Dawn Service

Our School Captains and our Student Representative Council (SRC) leaders are to be commended on the way they represented Melton Primary School at the Melton Dawn Service. Our leaders showed respect and acknowledged the contributions by all of our armed forces both past and present. A special thank you to Ms Zapparoni and Ms Timpani for your organisation and Mrs Geddes, Mrs Zapparoni for your contributions on the day.

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.

Student Attendance

Thank you to each of our families for the work that you are doing in ensuring that your children are at school as often as possible. We really appreciate you taking the time to provide notification of your child/ren's absence via Compass.

When reviewing our year to date attendance data last week, it was wonderful to see that 480 students currently sit in the good attendance category. This means that these students have had 0-10 days off school.



Attendance Expectations

Every School Day Counts

There are 165 non-school days every year

Perfect for family visits, birthday celebrations, holidays and appointments.



From the Principal's desk

Happy Mother's Day

We hope that all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and special women in our student's lives have a wonderful day on Sunday 12th May. Thank you for your contributions to the lives of our students. A special thank you to Mrs Sutherland for her organisation of our Mother's Day stall which will occur on Thursday 9th May. We value and appreciate all of your work.

National Walk Safely to School Day

This Friday 10th May, is National Walk Safely to school day. On this day we encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. If you need to, part drive and part walk.



District Cross Country

We wish all of our students who will compete in the District Cross Country this Thursday all the very best. We know that you will demonstrate determination and will power, as you try your best. Good luck! #meltonpsproud

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Not sure how to log books? Follow the step by step guide available further on in this newsletter.

Colour Run

Thank you to everyone who came to observe, participated and cheered on our students in our colour run. Puffs of colour spread through the air, water sprayed across faces and slime was dumped on a select few. The students and staff had a wonderful time! Thank you to everyone who raised funds for the Gaga Pit. Don't forget to select your prizes!

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2, 2024

April

- 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
- 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

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.

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:

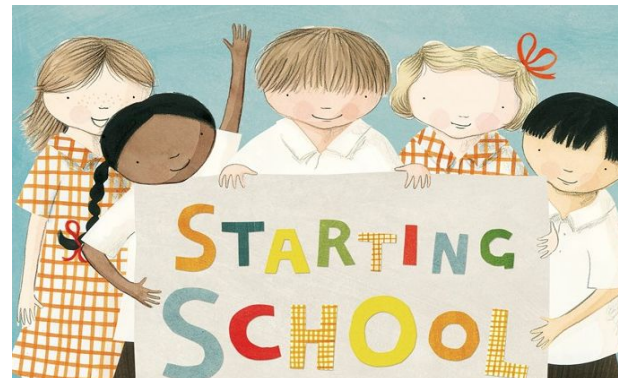
1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the 'Foundation (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**



Mother's Day Stall

We will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall in the resource room at the back of the Library on **Thursday 9th of May**. There will be a variety of items to purchase for Mums, Nans, Grandma, Aunts or other loved ones at home. Items range from \$1-\$10.



If you are able to assist with the stall- set up Wed 8th of May from 1:30pm or 8:30-12:30 pm on Thursday 9th of May please let the office or Mrs Sutherland know

**THUR 16TH
MAY**

**GRADE 4
9:40-10:40AM**

**GRADE 1
12:30-1:30**

**FRI 17TH
MAY**

**GRADE 2
9:40-
10:40AM**

**FOUNDATION
2:05-
2:50PM**

**EDUCATION
WEEK-
OPEN
CLASSROOMS
WEEK 5 13-17TH
MAY**

**TUES 15TH
MAY**

**GRADE 5
8:40-9:40AM**

**POP INTO YOUR
CHILD/RENS
CLASSROOM TO
VISIT THEM
DURING THE
OPEN TIME**

**WED 16TH
MAY**

**GRADE 6
8:40-9:40AM**

**GRADE 3
2:05-2:55PM**



Education Week

Celebrating public education





Sensational Attendance

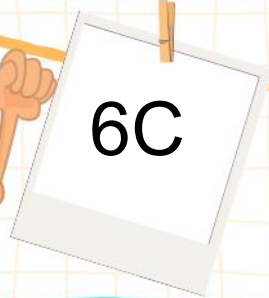
ATTENDANCE



LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES



6C



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6B



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



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



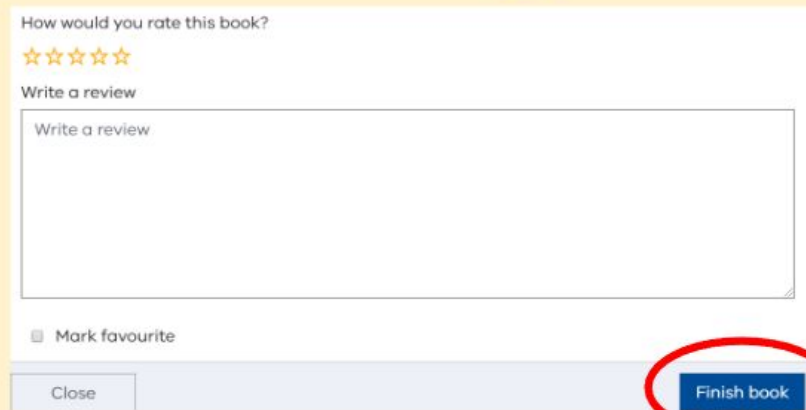
The bad guys in...

[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.

A vibrant poster for a STEM Night event. The background is a white grid on a teal border. The central text 'STEM NIGHT' is in large, bold, teal letters. Below it, a yellow banner contains the date and time. Another yellow banner below that says 'MORE INFORMATION TO COME...'. The poster is decorated with various science-related icons: a magnifying glass, a molecular model, a battery, safety goggles, a microscope, a test tube, a lightbulb, a beaker, and an atom model. There are also small decorative elements like stars, swirls, and asterisks scattered around.

STEM NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: 14/5/2024

3:15-4:15PM

MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

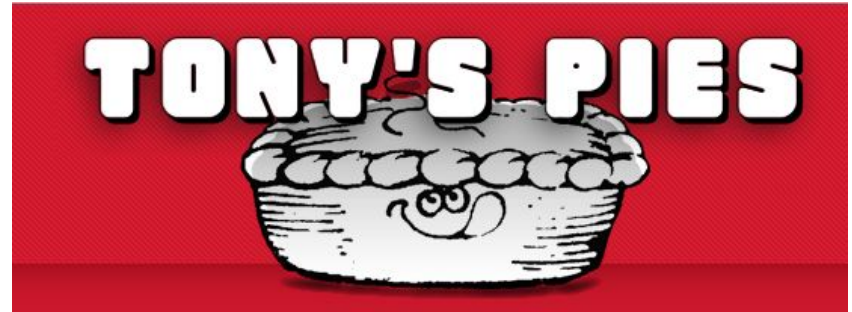
We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a Pie Drive.

Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls that will be delivered on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**.

(orders will close 12pm on 14th June)

All ordering and payments are now completed online, so scan the QR code or follow the link to order your yummy treats.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/melton-primary-school/>





TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience



Return forms by:

Friday 10th May 2024



School or Facility Name:

Melton Primary School

Forms available from the front office
or follow the link below

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

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Teeth on Wheels will be visiting
MPS later in the term

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!




At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions

CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

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 [#teethonwheels](https://www.instagram.com/teethonwheels)

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2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

This is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary (and anonymous) annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 6th May until 14th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

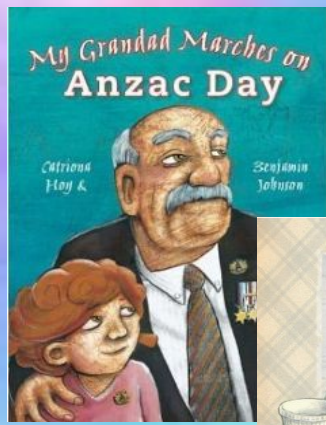
Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: mail@sa.education.vic.gov.au before the survey commences on **Monday 6th of May**

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Grade 1 students learned about Anzac Day through a variety of texts and activities, getting to know the symbols and the history behind the day.



Grade 1

Reminders:

The CERES excursion is just around the corner! Please remember to sign in to Compass and complete payment for this exciting outing by 22.5.24

Grade 1's have been participating in two writing experiences for the past fortnight. We made fairy bread and Anzac biscuits. Afterwards, we wrote about the process.



The Colour Run last week:



Grade 3

It has been a busy start to the term. The students have learnt about ANZAC Day, made ANZAC biscuits, focused on money and probability in maths, and have worked on making sentences more interesting. We are also reading the text 'Fing' by David Walliams.



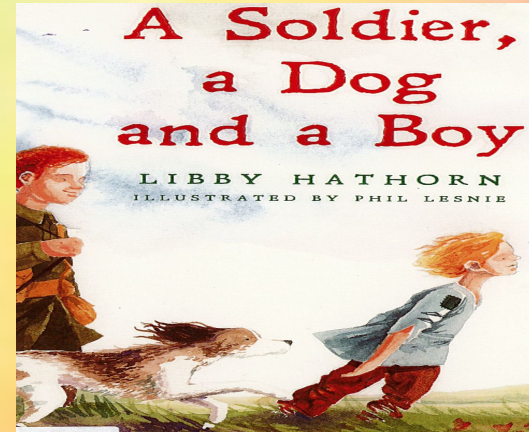
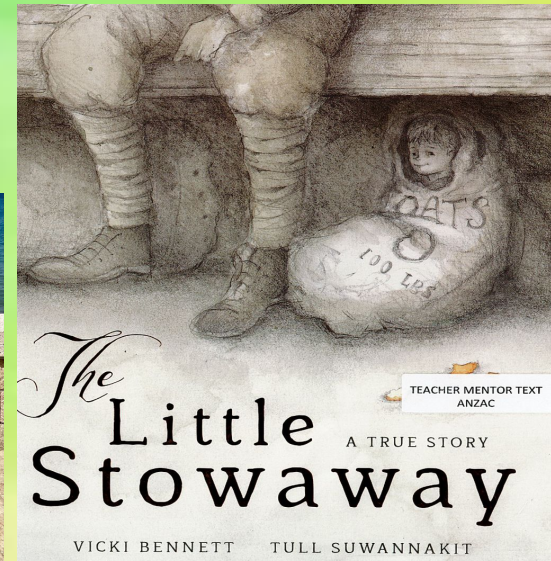
Our vegetable gardens are still alive and growing beautifully.



Grade 4

This week Grade 4's have been learning all about ANZAC day through our texts 'The Little Stowaway', 'A Soldier, A Dog and A Boy' and 'Alfred's War'.

We've learned about the important facts, the symbols and the idea of sacrifice in order to make this years ANZAC Day meaningful for our students. They were fascinated by these true stories and local stories of Melton's own ANZACs.





Grade 5 City Camp

Exciting times ahead as the grade 5 city camp approaches quickly! Below is a snapshot of some of the amazing places we will be visiting. Check those flash rooms out! 😎 Your children will have an opportunity to explore some of Melbourne's most iconic landmarks and venues, while experiencing all the other wonderful aspects of a school camp. There's still time to sign up and come along. 🔥

Date: Monday the
24th - 26th of June.

Venue: City CYC



STEM

Foundation students are learning about Chemical science and how materials can be natural or changed by a human or machine.

Grade 3 / 4 are learning about chemical science understanding the properties of fabrics and their uses for eg selecting a fabric to make a rain coat.

Grade 5 and 6
Are learning about physical science and understanding how energy is made and stored and working to understand and create electrical circuits.

Grade 1/2
Are learning about Physical science and how different forces such as push, pull and gravity can change the speed a car travels.

STEM Garden Club



The STEM lunchtime garden club has had a productive 12 months! We have a few to thank for contributing to the establishment of our productive garden.

Jon Kay Ag - top soil

Bunnings East - Plants, seeds, seedlings and tools.

Melton Men's Shed - Garden beds and tools.

Peter Barrie - Straw bales, repairs, materials and containers.

The Crossland Family - flower and veggie seeds.

All the students who participated in getting our garden to the stage it is today.

STEM Garden Club

Our focus in 2024 will be to continue creating the sensory garden with a variety of plants that provide interest for the 5 Senses.

Sight (interesting and colourful flowering plants)

Touch (plants with texture that are safe)

Smell (perfumed plants)

Sound (plants or features in the garden that make an interesting music)

Taste (herbs, vegetables and fruit to taste)



If you have seeds or cuttings you would be willing to donate to our garden it would be most appreciated. Volunteers welcome if you have time on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to spend some time tending to the garden. Contact Ms Barrie STEM Gardening Club Teacher