

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 27th May, 2024

Resilience Project

What behaviours as a parent do you model for your child?

"If we want our young boys to grow up as respectful, loving and empathetic people, it comes back to us to model that and to not walk past unacceptable behaviour."

HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG
Founder of The Resilience Project

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
LET'S STOP IT
AT THE START



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,

Education Week

Thank you to all of the families that supported our STEM Night and attended our open mornings/afternoons. It was wonderful to see as many families as possible visit and engage with their child's learning onsite. Congratulations to our students who were the winners of our vouchers as announced in last weeks assembly. Thank you for supporting these events.

Parent Teacher Meetings - Monday 15th July - Student Free Day

Families will be shortly asked to book in for a student led conference with classroom and specialist teachers via Compass. This will be your opportunity to discuss with your child and their teacher, their performance and future learning. Monday 15th July is the day where students do not attend normal school, but only with the parent for Parent Teacher meetings.

Education Support Day

Thank you to our students, families and staff who acknowledged Education Support Day on the 16th May. We are blessed to have a wonderful education support team at Melton Primary School.

Grade 6 Camp

The wind was cold, but the sun was out for our Grade 6 students while they participated in their last Primary School Camp. Students displayed skills of a 'Master Chef' when they made home made pizzas and toasted marshmallows. As adventurers they engaged in orienteering, rock climbing and canoeing. Our students are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour and I know that the staff who attended the camp were proud of our students. A special thanks to Ms Morrissy for her organisation of the camp. A massive shout out of thanks to all of the staff that attended and made this camp successful - Mr Strachan, Mrs Partridge, Ms Speranza, Mrs P, Mrs Sposato, Mrs Borg and Mr Hunt.

From the Principal's desk

Stay well this winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster

The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the vaccine clinic finder.

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to: Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet and getting vaccinated against influenza.

From the Principal's desk

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Don't forget to log books in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Instructions on how to this are located further on in the newsletter. Your child's teacher will have sent home the your child's log in details.

A friendly reminder that:

Wednesday 29th May **Teacher Professional Practice Day- No students at school**

Monday 10th June **King's Birthday Holiday - No students at school**

Tuesday 11th June **Curriculum Day - No students at school**

Monday 15th July **Parent teacher interviews, student free day - students only attend for the interview**

Pie Drive

As we move into winter at the end of the week, we encourage all of our families to support our annual pie drive. The pies can be frozen and are great for those nights when you are not sure what to cook or it is cold outside and you want something hot and yummy for dinner. Orders close at 12pm on 14th June.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2, 2024

May

- 27th - Grade 1 CERES Excursion
- 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

June

- 20th - 21st - Teeth on Wheels
- 21st - Crazy Hair day - gold coin donation
- 21st - Assembly LIVE
- 24th - 26th Grade 5 City Camp
- 25th - $\frac{5}{6}$ Soccer tournament - selected students
- 28th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish



29th June - 14th July



Crazy Hair Day!!!



On Friday 21st June, the Junior SRC have organised a 'crazy hair day' fundraiser to help raise money to end youth homelessness through the charity 'Kids Undercover'.

We encourage everybody to support our fundraiser by bringing along a gold coin and coming to school with the craziest hairstyles imaginable!

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:

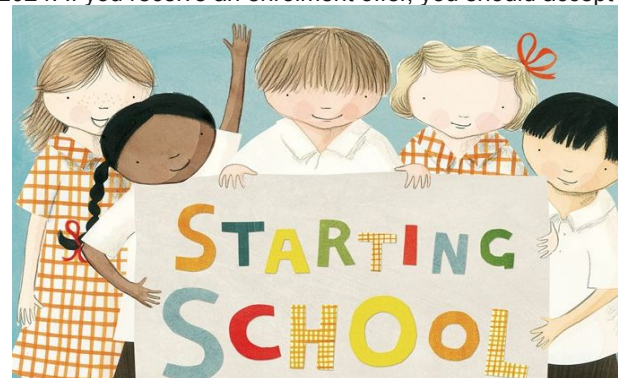
1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the 'Foundation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





Sensational Attendance

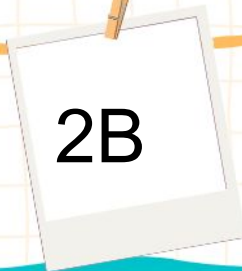
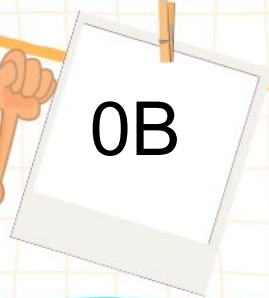
ATTENDANCE



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 An Absence



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL ABSENCE

At Melton Primary School we understand that children are occasionally absent from school due to illness, medical and dental appointments etc. The Victorian Department of Education (In partnership with MPS) requires that families notify the school on the morning of the absence using one of the following methods;

- · Online: log directly into Compass and enter your child's details and the reason for absence.
- · Telephone: 97435335 and select option 1

and leave a message or talk to the office staff directly. When leaving a telephone message, please clearly state your child's name, grade, the date, and reason for absence.

Communicating with the school prior to or on the morning of the absence will fulfill your legal responsibility and help us ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

For all illness related absences, we require you to provide a medical certificate on your child's return to school.

If you can't get a medical appointment on the day of illness you can visit your local Pharmacy and they will provide you with a medical certificate

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD'S ABSENCE IS NOT EXPLAINED?

If you do not report an absence, the following will take place;

- · The attendance Officer will attempt to contact the parent/guardian seeking an explanation of the absence. This will be via telephone, or Class Dojo.
- · Should communication not be reciprocated, your child's absence will be recorded as 'unexplained'.
- · On a regular basis, official 'Student Absence letters' are sent home, requiring an explanation for the absence dates. This letter is to be returned to the Attendance Officer to update your child's attendance record.
- · If MPS does not receive a response of explanation for absence and 5 or more "Unexplained Absence" are record, a referral is made to the health and wellbeing support officer for the South Western Victoria Regions, at the Department of Education.

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.

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.

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

Enter Book Name, author, series or ISBN

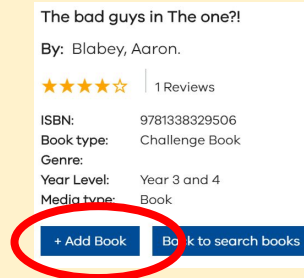
All Books ▼

Clear All

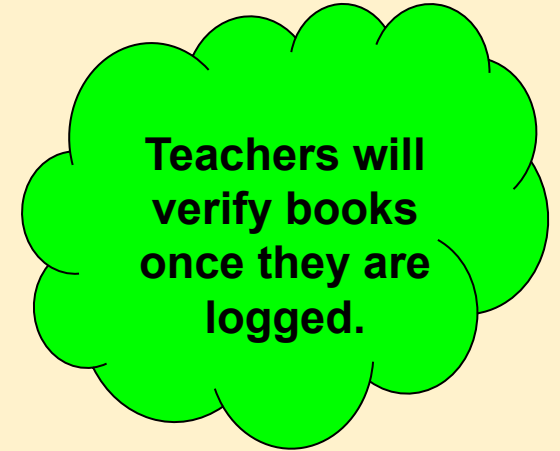
Search

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](#)

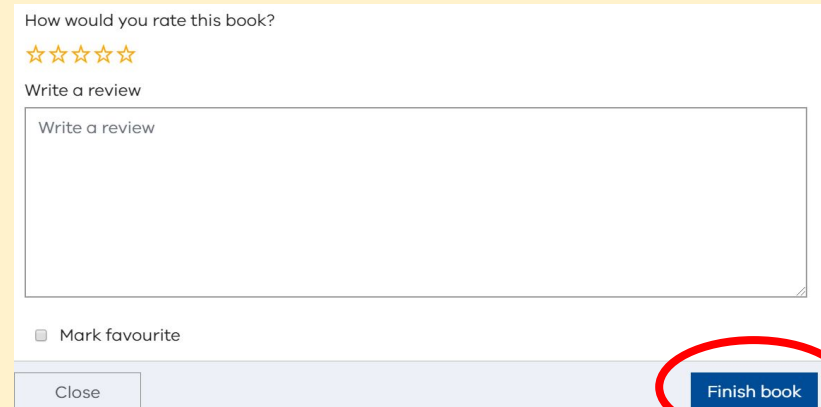


7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



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](#)



MELTON CITY LIBRARIES
**SHORT STORY
COMPETITION**

Entries open from 6 May to 12 July 2024
[MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/MCLSHORTSTORY](https://melton.vic.gov.au/mclshortstory)

MELTON
CITY
LIBRARIES



The Melton Library short story competition has started!
The competition is running from the 6th of May to the 12th of July.

If your child loves writing, please enter in this great competition for your chance to win some prizes. Entries can be through text, illustration, video, verse, voice or a combination of all the above.

The library is also hosting little writers workshops on Wednesdays to help encourage your child's writing imagination.

Please encourage your child to enter!

MELTON
CITY
LIBRARIES



LITTLE WRITERS

Create imaginative worlds, colourful characters and stories that leap off the page! We'll have you on the way to writing a book of your very own in no time. For kids aged 7-14.

Wednesdays • 4pm to 4.45pm • Online

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
VISIT [LIBRARYEVENTS.MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU](https://libraryevents.melton.vic.gov.au)
OR CALL 9747 5300



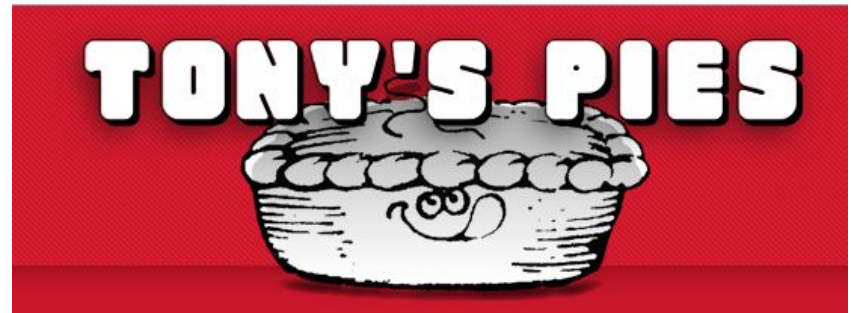
We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a Pie Drive.

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/>



Semester I Reports - Coming Soon!

Over the coming weeks, your child's teachers will be finalising their Semester 1 reports.

Analysing students' work and assessments is an ongoing task and the reports will reflect how your child has progressed in their learning. They take into account an array of work samples, conversations, observations and formal assessment tasks. Careful consideration is made to ensure the most accurate judgements are formed. Teachers also spend time working together to ensure their judgements are consistent.

Reports will be available to view on Compass on Friday 28th June 2024.

We encourage you to please take the time to read over these reports.

If you need help accessing Compass, please contact the office.

On Monday 15th July 2024, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's report and learning.



Grade 1

The grade 1 students are so excited for their CERES excursion on Monday the 27th of May!

Have a look at what we will be doing on the day:

Instruments



Traditional painting



Tasting native edible plants



A big thank you to our wonderful families for donating blue items and attending our open afternoon session

We created some awesome bowers with the materials you provided.

Grade 3

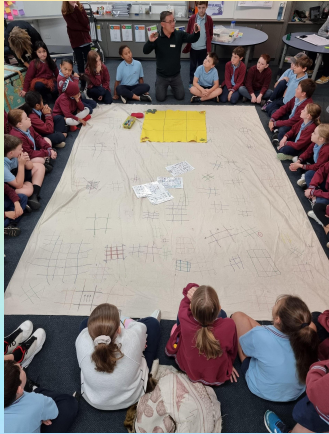
This term we are learning about the local history of Melton. We have visited the Willows, The Mechanics Institute, the Pykes Brothers resting place and Raglan's Cottage (A.K.A. the Honey Shack). The students have been very inquisitive about what we have seen, and have enjoyed learning about these historical sites.



Please keep an eye out for camp information coming very soon.

Grade 4

This term the grade 4s have been learning all about the First Fleet. We started our journey off by hosting an incursion where we learnt all about ship life, clothing, food and games that were played back then. Have a look at all the fun we had!



Grade 5 Camp Coming Soon.....



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

Venue: City CYC



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. 🙌



If you haven't yet, please secure a place for your child to attend our amazing Year 5 camp. Attending camp exposes students to new and wonderful experiences which play a crucial role in their academic, social, emotional and physical development. We have planned a variety of activities, carefully selected to provide our students with exposure to Australian history, literature, culture, arts, sports and cuisine.

Painting, painting and more painting!

This term we have been focussing on the medium of painting! All grades have enjoyed looking at different artists and styles, for inspiration to paint their own masterpieces. *Please make sure your child has an art smock, to protect their uniform!*



Auslan Art

Providing Value to Families

Issue 4 **Out Now!**



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Providing Value to Families

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE
14 June 2024

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**



FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT

Reconciliation Week Flag Raising Event

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY
10AM - 12PM

MELTON COMMUNITY HALL
238 High Street, Melton



More info

Join us to mark Reconciliation Week at our flagship event through performance, food and learning.

Council is pleased to invite you to help us celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Over 2-hours you'll experience:

- Cultural musical performances by Dave Arden and Ganga Giri
- Traditional food fusing native ingredients with Western favourites
- A keynote address by Auntie Karen Jones
- A symbolic flag raising ceremony

Bookings are not required to attend this event.



MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/RECONCILIATION

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Melton Primary School
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"Onward with pride"

Term 2

DON'T FORGET STUDENTS

ARE NOT REQUIRED AT
SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS:

Teacher Professional Practice Day
29th May

King's Birthday Holiday 10th June

Curriculum Day 11th June



Contact us for enrolment information

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Visit our office

