

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Tuesday 11th June, 2024

Being 'Active Learners' outside the school!



Grade 1 Ceres Excursion



Grade 6 Camp



Foundation Tractor Ride at the Farm Excursion

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Foundation Animal Land Excursion

Our Foundation students had a wonderful time on their first excursion to the farm. Students were provided with the opportunity to help feed the animals, care for them and learn about farm life. Our students are to be commended for their sensational behaviour. There were many tired students on the bus ride back and quite a few fell asleep. A special thank you to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Shirtcliffe, Ms Colson and Mrs Papaemmanouil who organised and attended this event!

Ceres Excursion

Grade 1 students were provided with the opportunity to attend CERES - School of Nature and Climate to learn about Indigenous Perspectives. Students explored Indigenous artefacts, Indigenous stories, Ochre painting, Ngarrga/Traditional Dance and Merri Merri Cultural Walk. CERES will even plant trees on behalf of Melton Primary School. This was a great hands on learning experience for the students about the Indigenous ways of living and perspectives. Our students showed respect and were active learners throughout the day - sensational work Grade 1 students! A special thank you to Mrs Brewis, Ms Smart, Mrs Connor, Mrs Colson, Ms Morrissey and Mrs Phelan for your organisation and attendance at this event.

Curriculum Day

We hope that our students were able to enjoy a day out of the chilly windy weather, whilst the staff went to school! Our staff engaged in professional learning to enhance their practices with teaching the Resilience Project. Staff also engaged in professional development in the area of Mathematics. As the VCAA has released the new Victorian Curriculum, staff have been learning about the enhancements to the curriculum and making changes to our scope and sequence of learning. On our next Curriculum Day we will focus on the changes in Literacy.

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 DET 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 DET regulatory framework.

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

From the Principal's desk

35+ Nights Reading - Term 2 goal

This term our goal is that students log 35+ nights reading since the start of the year. Reading on the weekend and over holidays count! Help your child achieve this goal by ensuring they log their nights reading in their reading log or diary.

Planning Week

Please be advised that from 17th-21st June, all teachers will participate in a planning day for their year level. Each team is allocated one day where they meet together and develop the scaffolding for their term 3 planning. During this week it means that normal specialist programs do not operate at their normal timetable.

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.

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.

End of term

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

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2, 2024

June

- 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
- 21st - Crazy Hair day - gold coin donation
- 21st - Assembly LIVE
- 24th - 26th Grade 5 City Camp
- 25th - 5/6 Soccer tournament - selected students
- 28th - Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- 28th - Student Reports available via Compass
- 28th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish



29th June - 14th July

Key Dates for Term 3, 2024

July

- 15th - Parent Teacher Meetings
- 19th - Melton Minis
- 24th - Gr 6 Divisional Soccer - selected students
- 25th - Gr 6 Divisional Netball - selected students
- 25th - 3/4 AFL 9's - selected students
- 29th - Foundation 2025 Orientation Session

- 1st - Cookie Dough Fundraiser commences
- 2nd - Melton Minis
- 7th - MPSSA District Athletics - selected students
- 15th - Grade 6 Graduation Photo
- 16th - Curriculum Day - No students required at school
- 19th - 23rd Book Week
- 19th - 21st Grade 4 Phillip Island Camp
- 20th - 23rd Author Visit - Amy Adeney
- 21st - District Athletics
- 23rd - Melton Minis



Sensational Attendance

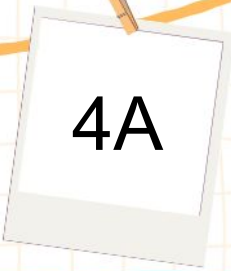
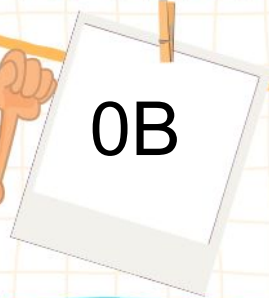
ATTENDANCE



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





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!

2024 Parent Teacher Conferences will be open soon. How to book on a computer Log in and make a booking

Welcome back, Sablat
Magic P-12 College

Stephen CORNFOOT

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Stephen's teachers
- Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports
- Order Photos

Euan ABERCROMBIE

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule)
- Send email to Euan's teachers
- Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)
- Order Photos
- Book Parent Student Teacher Conference**
- 4 overdue learning tasks

Course Confirmation/School Payments
Course confirmation and / or school payments available for completion.
[Click here to proceed](#)

Parent Student Teacher Conference
2021 Parent Teacher Interviews
[Click here for booking](#)

Event Consent/Payment Required
There is 1 event awaiting your consent and/or payment.
[Click here for more information](#)

My News

Sunil Stoney
Feb 5th

Magic High's School Fete
Magic High School's Fete will be on Friday the 6th of November. Get in early to buy your tickets and receive an additional 3 coupons to spend at our fete stalls!
Please email Donna Pollard if you would like any further event information :)

Making a booking

The user can click the notification to proceed to make a booking.

To access all their conference cycles, they can click the Community menu (two people icon) and choose 'Conferences'.

When they click the notification, they will be taken into that specific cycle. If a Description was included in the cycle settings, the user will see this information. They can click either 'Start Booking Now' or 'Show me How to Book' to proceed'.

Interim Report #2 Parent Teacher Conferences

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Welcome

Welcome to Interim Report #2 Parent Teacher Conferences

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Interim Report #2 Parent Teacher Conferences.
We encourage you to make bookings with your child's teachers to discuss their progress to date.
Parent Teacher conferences are a key aspect of maintaining supportive communication for your child between school and home.
Light refreshments will be provided.
Kind regards,
Albus Dorely
Principal

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Margaret ATWOOD

Teachers

Cuthbert BINNS
English
Interim Welcome

Bathsheda BABBLING
Student Leadership Meetings
Interim Welcome

Confirm Booking

Reason: English

Staff Member: Cuthbert BINNS

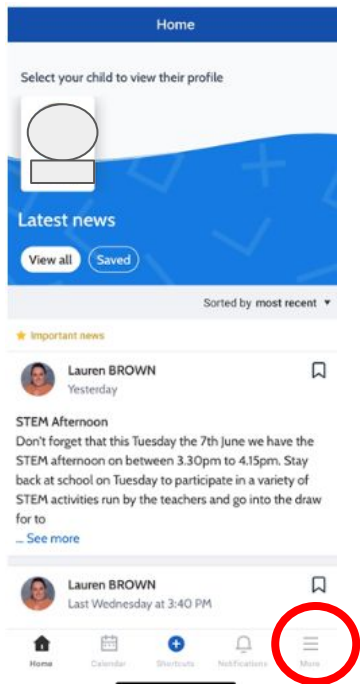
Student: Margaret ATWOOD

Time: Wednesday, May 8 2019 - 06:25 PM

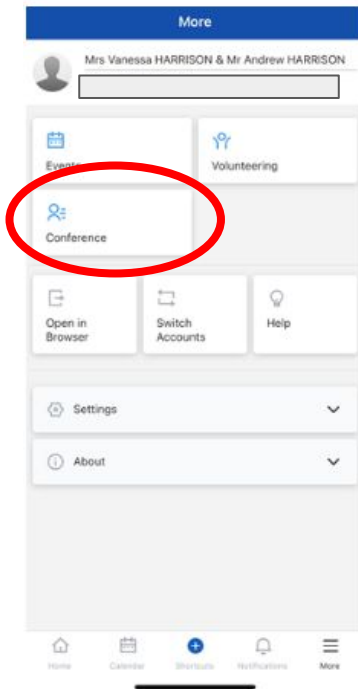
Interpreter: None Required

Repeat for each child

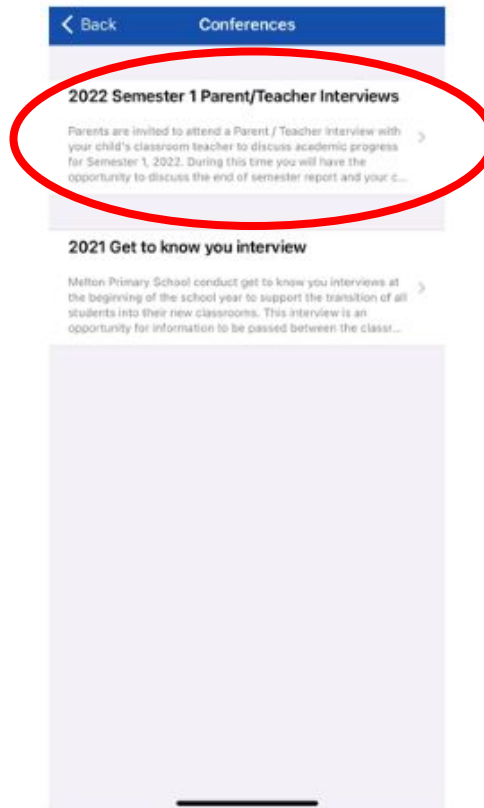
**2024 Parent Teacher Conferences will be open soon. How to book on the APP
Log in and make a booking**



1. Click on MORE in the bottom right corner



2. Click on CONFERENCE in the middle of screen



3. Click on 2024 SEMESTER 1

4. Click on THE AVAILABLE DAY AND TIME THAT SUITS YOU

Repeat for each child

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.



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:

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

- **\$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.



MELTON CITY LIBRARIES
**SHORT STORY
COMPETITION**

Entries open from 6 May to 12 July 2024
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
OR CALL 9747 5300



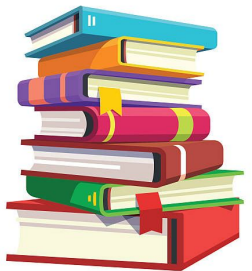


SUNSHINE ONLINE

No books to read at home?
Check out Sunshine Online!

You can read these books which
count towards your nights reading.


Your child should've come home
with a login by now.



iPad friendly
Phone friendly



sunshineonline.com.au



Username:

Password:

If you need another copy of your
login details, please ask you
classroom teacher.

Providing Value to Families

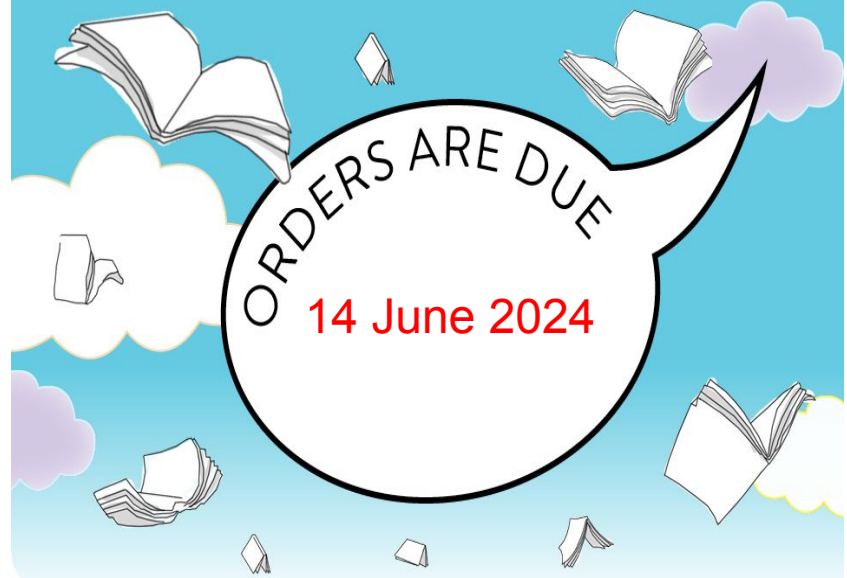
Issue 4 **Out Now!**



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Providing Value to Families

Book Club



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.....

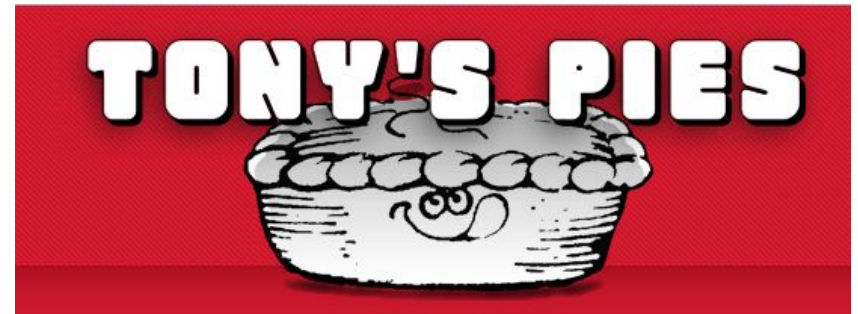
We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a Pie Drive.

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/>



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

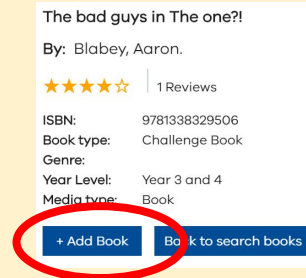
All Books ▼

Clear All

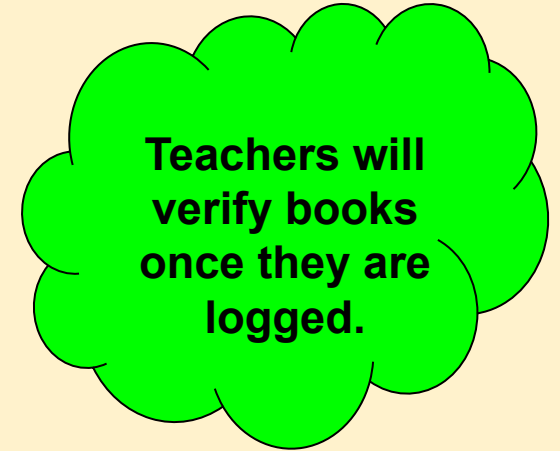
Search

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](#)

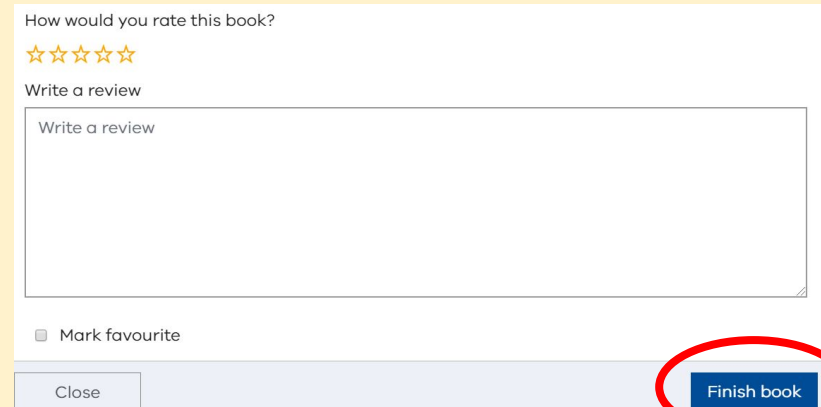


7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



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 Minis



The students enjoyed learning about emergency services.



Foundation Farm Excursion

The Foundation students had an amazing time at the farm. They got to nurse baby animals and they participated in a range of activities such as milking a cow, feeding ducks, picking up horse poo. They even had a pony and tractor ride.



On Friday we had fun during our community walk! We went for a walk to Melton's Botanical Gardens to have a look at some of the Indigenous Plants and Artwork.

Even though it was a little chilly, the kiddo's had so much fun!

Grade 2







Birds

Main Lake (3)

These Birds Can Sometimes Be Seen on or Near the Main Lake - Can you see them?



Grade 4

In writing this term, the Grade 4's have been hard at work planning, researching, drafting and soon... publishing, our very own historical fiction stories!

Get ready to jump into a range of weird and wonderful stories set on the decks of the Titanic and the First Fleet, aboard the Apollo 11 spacecraft, or even atop Mt. Vesuvius in ancient Pompeii!

We can't wait to for you to read them!



*Russia and
Ukrainian war*



The Man of Miracles



By Kodo Laithang

*The 'Unsinkable'
Ship*



Physical Education

In PE during Term 2, our students have been working on:

- Foundation: Cooperative Games and FMS
- Grade 1: Cooperative Games and FMS
- Grade 2: AFL Skills and Netball Skills
- Grade 3: Netball, Soccer and Rugby Tag
- Grade 4: Netball, Soccer and Rugby Tag
- Grade 5: Netball, Rugby Tag and Badminton
- Grade 6: Sporting Schools Clinic Netball, Rugby Tag and Badminton





What we do

Our qualified counsellors are available to:

- talk about any issues to do with parenting and your relationships with your child
- help you with ways to cope and be a positive parent
- help with your family's wellbeing and resilience
- connect you with services in your area.

Common parent concerns

Here are some examples of when Parentline counsellors have explored solutions with callers:

- 'My 8 and 10 year old continuously fight.'
- 'I am worried that my child is bullied at school.'
- 'My stepchildren ignore me.'
- 'My 12 year old daughter is on the internet a lot and I am not sure what she is doing.'
- 'I suspect that my 14 year old is seeing an 18 year old.'
- 'Child care had told me that my 2 year old is biting other children.'
- 'I feel like hitting my 4 year old, I don't want to, but I am at my wits end.'
- 'My 15 year old has hit me.'
- 'I read my daughter's Facebook – she said that she doesn't want to live anymore.'
- 'My 2 year old has lots of tantrums and I am struggling.'
- 'I'm worried about how my relationship with my partner is affecting my children.'
- 'My son seems very fearful and anxious, and I'm worried he's not coping.'
- 'I can't seem to talk to my 14 year old daughter without getting into a screaming match.'

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Your call

- We respect your privacy. Your call is confidential and anonymous.
- Calls are not time limited and you can call back as often as you need.
- Our qualified and experienced counsellors have social work or psychology backgrounds. You can ask for a male or female counsellor and ask to speak to the same counsellor if you call back again.
- We can assist non-English speaking parents and carers connect to a translating and interpreting service.
- If you're hearing impaired, you can call Parentline using the National Relay Service.
- Calls from a landline are charged at a local call rate. Mobile call rates will depend on your network provider. Check with your provider if you're unsure.
- We are happy to call you back to minimise the cost to you. If you choose a call back, we will ring back and you'll be placed at the front of the queue until you're connected with the next available counsellor.

Some reasons to ring Parentline

We can discuss a range of issues about parenting, including:

- child behaviour and development
- parent / carer child relationships
- education
- bullying
- living with teenagers
- family violence
- family breakdown
- parental stress

THE GAR ON GRAHAM
EVENTS

GAP

COSTUME
JUNIOR
DISCO

FRIDAY
28TH
JUNE 2024
6-8PM

\$5 PER CHILD
FOR CHILDREN
AGED 5-12

CAFE OPEN
CASH ONLY!!

Prizes for the
best costumes

5 Graham Street
Melton

PRE PURCHASE TICKETS THROUGH TRYBOOKING
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CRDRF](https://www.trybooking.com/CRDRF)
For assistance with bookings
please contact 0414 769 605

Run by Victoria Police

is it BULLYING?

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 it*-
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.



MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CONCERT

2024

17 DEC

2024

STARTING

4:00PM

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

MORE INFORMATION

coming soon

SAVE THE DATE





What we are working on now...

Last year the CDS Vic Depot opened in Melton. We have placed a box in each classroom to collect our drinking containers for recycling at the Melton recycling centre. All money raised will then go back into the Eco Warriors to help our school.



Coming up....

- ❖ · Eco Warrior Logo competition
- ❖ · Making our own badges
- ❖ · Further recycling opportunities (markers, batteries etc..)
- ❖ · What is going on in our environment?
- ❖ · Natives in our garden

