

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 22nd July, 2024

WE RESPECT OTHERS



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

What does this look like in the classroom?

- We use our manners - please, thank you, excuse me.
- We tell the truth.
- We use a kind voice and kind words when we talk to others.
- We use whole body listening when someone is talking to us.
- We put our hand up when we have something to say and wait our turn.
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- We express gratitude when people do nice things for us.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back

We hope that all of our families enjoyed a relaxing and wonderful holiday break. Hopefully you were able to keep warm and enjoy the time together.

Welcome to MPS

This term we welcome back Ms Emma Prenga (teaching performing arts) and Ms Erin Guise (teaching 6D) to our school. Please make them feel welcome as they settle back into Melton Primary.

Curriculum Day

Please mark your calendar our upcoming Curriculum Day - **Friday 16th August**.

35+ Nights Reading - Term 3 goal

This term our goal is that students log 35+ nights reading since the start of the term. 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.

Grade 5 City Camp

Thousands of steps were taken over all parts of the Melbourne CBD whilst the Grade 5 students engaged in their city camp. The opportunities involved experiencing the MCG, Immigration Museum, Victoria Market, ACMI and Eureka Skydeck. The students and staff arrived back tired and ready for a good rest. City camp provided the students with the chance to engage with public transport and visiting places that support the curriculum at Grade 5. A special thank you to Ms Hamilton, Ms Dandy, Mrs McMahon, Mr Kay, Mrs Quinlan, Ms Blundell and Mr Hunt for attending the Grade 5 camp and providing this great city experience for our students. A shout out to Mr McCabe who organised the camp with the Grade 5 team, but was unfortunately unable to attend at the time.

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. **6th September the challenge ends.**

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

Thank you to all of the families who took the time to make appointments and attend the Parent Teacher meetings that were held last Monday. 72% of our households made bookings, which is wonderful! As we know, education is a partnership between the school and parents. Valuing and making time to discuss your child and their teaching and learning needs is essential. Thank you for your support in attending interviews!

100 Days of School

This week our Foundation students are celebrating their 100th day of school. If you see some old people wandering around the school on Friday, don't be alarmed, it is just our Foundation students showing how much older they are!

Parking around the school

Please be advised that the Melton Shire Council have been contacted in relation to the unsafe parking around the school. The Council have advised that they will monitor the parking and where needed issue infringement notices. Infringements will be issued for parking over footpaths, on grassed areas not designated for parking and too closely to exit and entries to driveways. We encourage our families to park and part walk to school.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal



Key Dates for Term 3, 2024

July

- 23rd - 2A Basketball Clinic
- 24th - 2B Basketball Clinic
- 25th - 2C Basketball Clinic
- 25th - $\frac{3}{4}$ AFL 9's - selected students
- 26th - Foundation 100 Days of School celebration
- 29th - Grade 6 Parliament Process Incursion
- 30th - 2A Basketball Clinic
- 31st - 2B Basketball Clinic

August

- 1st - Cookie Dough Fundraiser commences
- 1st - 2C Basketball Clinic
- 2nd - Dress in colours of the Olympic Team you support
- 2nd - Melton Minis- Mini Olympics
- 6th - 2A Basketball Clinic
- 7th - MPSSA District Athletics - selected students
- 7th - 2B Basketball Clinic
- 8th - 2C Basketball Clinic



August

- 9th - Grade 1 Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 13th - 2A Basketball Clinic
- 14th - 2B Basketball Clinic
- 15th - 2C Basketball Clinic
- 15th - Grade 6 Graduation Photo
- 16th - **Curriculum Day** - No students 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
- 28th - Cookie Dough Fundraiser Due
- 29th - Father's Day Stall

September

- 1st - Father's Day
- 4th - $\frac{3}{4}$ Basketball Tournament selected students.
- 6th - Foundation Fairytale Fiasco Incursion
- 6th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 11th - Grade 6 Transition Workshop



Sensational Attendance

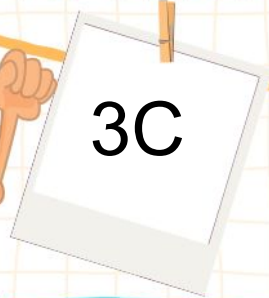
ATTENDANCE



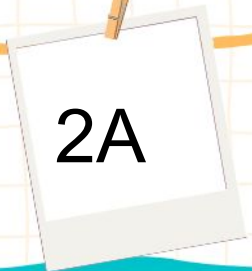
LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES



3C



2A



5D



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

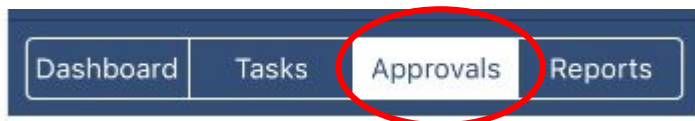
WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

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.



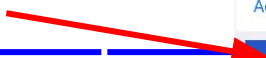
5.2 Add further details



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. 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 showing 'None'. Underneath is a 'Details / Comments' section with a large white text area. Below that are 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields, both showing '10/04/2018 - 08:00 AM' and '10/04/2018 - 05:00 PM' respectively. 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' form showing a list of reasons for absence. The header is dark blue with a back arrow and the text 'Add Approval'. The list includes: 'Illness/Medical', 'Dentist', 'Bereavement', 'Truancy', 'Parent Choice', 'Family Holiday', and 'Religious/Cultural Observance'. Each item is on a separate line with a light gray background.

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:

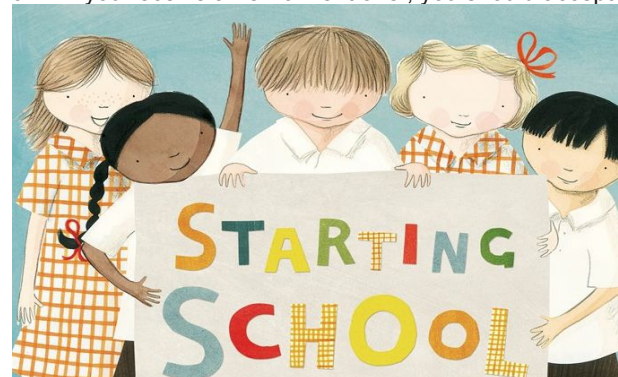
1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the 'Foundation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



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

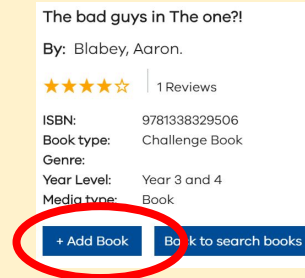
All Books ▼

Clear All

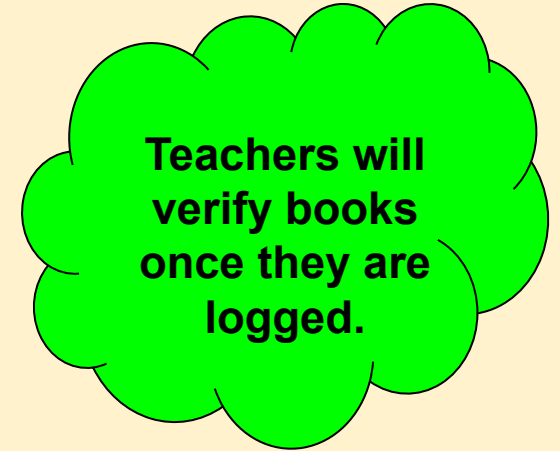
Search

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](#)

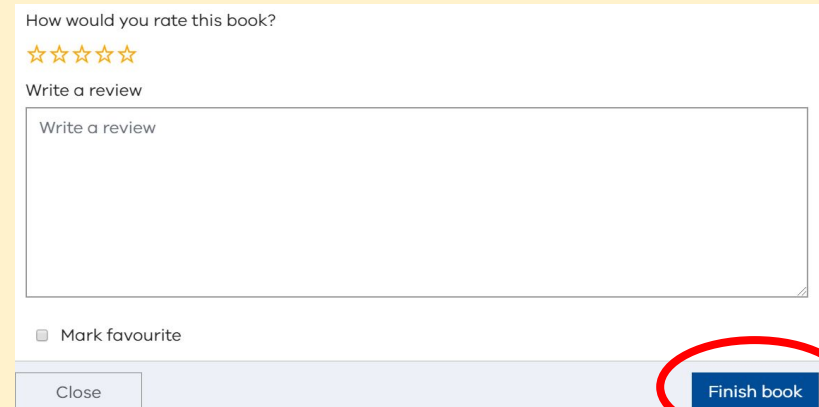


7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



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](#)

Foundation

Welcome back to Term 3. This term is an exciting time in Foundation land! We are looking at all things Fairy Tales. When you are reading Fairy Tales at home we encourage you to discuss the characters, settings and events that occur in them with your child.

100 Days of School Celebration

Friday 26th July 2024

Students can come dressed up as a 100 year old person and join in a day of fun and celebrations.



Fairy Tale Fiasco Incursion

Friday 6th September 2024

Consent and payment is due by 28th August 2024 via Compass.



Fairy Tale Dress Up

Friday 20th September 2024

To celebrate the end of term students can dress up as a Fairy Tale character and enjoy the fun.

Reminders:

- Continue to read at home and log this in the home reading diary. Our goal for this term is to read 35+ nights.
- Check the new swimming timetable for Term 3 to see your child's weekly time.

GRADE 2 TERM 3

Things to look forward to this term:

- Grade 2 Sleepover Tuesday 3rd of September (be sure to jump on Compass and give permission and payment).
- Week 6 Book Week (Have you got your costume organised yet?).
- New learning goals for students will be sent to you all by the end of Week 2.
- Curriculum Day August 16th.
- Father's Day stall August 29th.
- Father's Day September 1st.
- Last Day of Term 3 September 20th.

Grade 4

CAMP payments are **due next week!**

The final payment is due **Friday 2nd August.**

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!

We are visiting the Phillip Island Penguin Parade and also spending the day at A Maze 'N' Things.

It will be so much fun!

A colorful poster for Phillip Island Camp. The background is a white grid with various colorful shapes and patterns. The text is arranged in a vertical stack. At the top, a blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'PHILLIP ISLAND' in white, bold, uppercase letters, with a yellow lightning bolt icon to its left. Below this, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the word 'CAMP' in white, bold, uppercase letters, with a blue lightning bolt icon to its right. Underneath the yellow rectangle, the dates 'Monday 19th August - Wednesday 21st August' are written in black. At the bottom, a blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'Final Payment Due' in white, with two yellow circles on either side.

PHILLIP ISLAND

CAMP

Monday 19th August - Wednesday 21st August

Final Payment Due

GRADE 6 - SOCCER

Late last term, the grade 6 students had the opportunity to represent Melton Primary School at the MPSSA Soccer Tournament. Both the boys and girls team finished their group stage with 2 wins out of 4 games. As always, our students demonstrated great sportsmanship and their fantastic character on the day. Well done to all those involved, both experienced and those new to the game!



WHAT'S ON IN

PERFORMING ARTS



FOUNDATION

LET'S LEARN ABOUT STORY TELLING AND MUSIC ELEMENTS!

GRADE ONE

LET'S LEARN TO USE AN INSTRUMENT WE ALL HAVE- OUR VOICE!

GRADE TWO

LET'S LEARN TO PLAY HAND DRUMS USING NOTATION!

GRADE THREE

LET'S LEARN TO PLAY THE BOOMWHACKERS USING NOTATION!

GRADE FOUR

LET'S PLAY OUR UKULELES IN ENSEMBLES!

GRADE FIVE

LET'S LEARN TO CREATE OUR OWN SONGS!

GRADE SIX

LET'S LEARN TO PLAY OUR INSTRUMENTS AS AN ENSEMBLE!



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.'

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



Para-table tennis
Chris Addis

We wish our past student Chris Addis all the best at the upcoming Paris Paralympics.

Chris will be representing Australia in table tennis!





FOOTY COLOURS DAY

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MPS FOOTY DAY

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR AFL/NRL TEAM COLOURS! THERE IS NO COST TO DRESS UP.

WE WELCOME PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR FOOTY PARADE ASSEMBLY AT **8.50AM** ON THE OVAL. PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS.

STAY TUNE FOR INFORMATION FROM THE CANTEEN ABOUT SPECIAL FOOTY DAY LUNCH ORDERS!



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

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Child safety and Wellbeing at Melton Primary School

Melton Primary is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://meltonps.vic.edu.au/>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective. Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.


If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Mrs Sutherland.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/protect>



PROTECT

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Purchase from our Fathers Day Stall for Dad, Grandpa or a special male in your life.

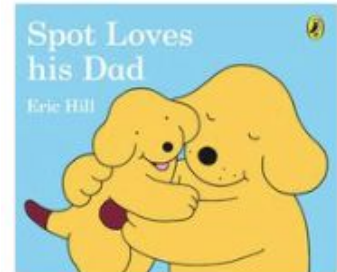
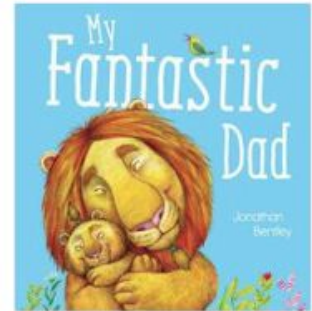
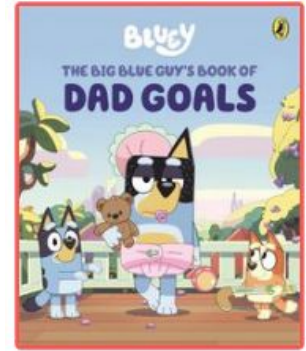
Please let Mrs Sutherland know if you can assist with set up. Wed 28th Aug 1:30-3:00pm or on the slae day between 8:30-12:00pm

HAPPY
Father's Day

Thursday 29th
of August

in room 4

Prices range from
\$1.00-\$10.00



Melton Minis- Don't forget to wear your sporting clothes.

school activity
with Mrs
Sutherland

We invite all younger siblings
to attend

See you in
the gym

Melton Minis
Fri 2nd August
at 2:05 pm



Mini
Olympics
session



ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.



Cost

\$20 per session/assessment.

Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjije5YcM>



READING TAILS

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

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

The Reading Tails program runs during school terms.

TUESDAYS | 4PM TO 5PM | MELTON LIBRARY

THURSDAYS | 4PM TO 5PM | CAROLINE SPRINGS LIBRARY





MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CONCERT

2024

17 DEC

2024

STARTING

4:00PM

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

MORE INFORMATION

coming soon

SAVE THE DATE



DRAGONBALL Z

ドラゴンボール



Dragonball Z is now available in the Library 2B enjoyed reading them this week.

