

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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7 tips to help your child understand what they read...

- Make connections. When kids connect what they already know to what they read, it helps them focus. ...
- Ask questions. ...
- Make “mind movies.” ...
- Look for clues. ...
- Figure out what's important. ...
- Check understanding. ...
- Try new things.



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back

Welcome back, we trust and hope that all of our families had a relaxing holiday break and you enjoyed the sunshine when you could.

Reading Goal for Term 4

Our nightly reading goal is **35 nights**, remember reading on weekends count! Keep track in your reader diary or diary.

Attendance

It is important that students are at school unless they are unwell. Our staff are in the process of assessing students and determining their points of learning need.

Foundation 2025

Students enrolled in Foundation for 2025 have received notification of their acceptance into Melton Primary and their scheduled transition sessions for term 4. If you did not receive this, please contact the office or if your child/ren are not enrolled don't worry it is not too late. Please ensure your enrolment form is lodged at the office.

2-6 Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of the students in Years 2-6 who participated in our annual swimming carnival on Friday 20th September. With grit and determination each of our students tried their best as they glided through the water showing their skills and expertise. Thank you to the family members who came along and cheered on their children. Thank you to Ms Speranza for your coordination of this event. Special thanks to all of the staff who assisted on the day. We value and appreciate everyone's support.

School Concert

Save the date as the School Concert is on 17th December from 4:00pm. Teachers will be sending home requirements for costumes etc. so please ensure that you look out for these posts on Dojo.

Sunsmart

A friendly reminder that students and staff are now required to wear a hat during break times as per our sun smart policy.

From the Principal's desk

World Teachers' Day

On the 25th of October, we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. Melton Primary is extremely fortunate to have amazing teachers who put the students first, provide exceptional learning opportunities and work well above their hours of employment. Parents have been able to see this first hand this year with the extremely long hours that our staff have put into remote learning. On this day, I encourage all of our families to take some time to thank our teachers for their support, encouragement, guidance, passion and commitment to making Melton Primary the best school.

Grade 6 Graduation

Students in Grade 6 who have 80% attendance and have displayed our school agreements, will be invited to participate in the Grade 6 Graduation on Wednesday 6th December at Melton Entertainment Complex. Teachers will be sending out information in relation to the Graduation shortly.

Planning for 2025

Planning for 2025 has now commenced. Apart from students in Grade 6, **if you know that your child/ren are not likely to be at Melton Primary in 2025**, can you **please notify the office** so that we do not count them in our enrolment numbers and classes. If you have a Foundation student for 2025, please ensure that you enrol them now so that we can guarantee a position for them. Shortly our staff will be asked to commence the process of determining student classes for 2025. This is a long process where many things are taken into consideration - academic ability, student behaviour, students with additional needs, friendship groups and wellbeing. If you have any special considerations, other than those listed above, you can put them in writing addressed to the **Principal and delivered to the office by Thursday 31st October**. Your considerations will be viewed and examined, but there is no guarantee that your request will be approved. A great deal of time is spent ensuring that grades are created equally and fairly by and for all staff. It is therefore school policy that once grades have been formed, that lists are not altered without the approval of a Principal Class member of staff.

From the Principal's desk

2025 Book Boxes

School Council is covering the cost of all books and stationery that students will require in 2025. Please ensure that you take time to thank anyone that you know on School Council.

Families are asked to ensure that they provide for their child/ren a school bag, drink bottle, pencil case, library bag and art smock for 2025. If families who wish to donate a box of tissues to the school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Public Holidays and Curriculum Days

Please mark in your diaries that there is no school on the following days this term:

Monday 4th November (curriculum day), **Tuesday 5th November** (public holiday) and **Friday 20th December** (curriculum day).

Regional Athletics

Shortly selected students will represent the Melton District at the Regional Athletics Day. We wish these students all the best as they compete in their events. A special thank you to the parents that are supporting the students on this day. Thank you to Ms Speranza for her organisation of the event. Good luck to each of our students!

Clearway

A reminder to all families that the double gates on the Raleighs Road side of the school must be kept clear at all times. If the school requires an ambulance on site, it is these gates that access is required through. Please ensure that you do not park in front of them.

Teacher Games

Congratulations to all of the staff who competed in the Teacher's Games over the holidays. Well done to everyone who participated and to those staff members who won medals. We have some talented staff.

Vanessa Harrison

Principal

Key Dates for Term 4, 2024

October

- 7th - Term 4 commences 8:40am
- 9th & 10th - Biology incursion
- 10th - World Mental Health Day
- 10th - Biology Incursion - selected classes
- 11th - Biology Incursion - selected classes
- 11th - Koorie Club
- 11th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 15th & 16th - Grade 3 Lady Northcote Camp
- 15th - $\frac{3}{4}$ Rugby Tournament selected students
- 17th - Foundation 2025 Orientation session 1
- 18th - $\frac{5}{6}$ Rugby Tournament selected students
- 18th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 22nd - Western Regional Athletics - selected students
- 24th - Foundation Community Walk
- 25th - World Teacher's Day

November

- 1st - $\frac{3}{4}$ T20 Cricket selected students
- 1st - Melton Minis 2:05pm

November

- 4th - Curriculum Day
- 5th - Melbourne Cup Holiday
- 6th - Foundation 2025 Orientation session 2
- 7th - Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ Maths Games Day - selected students
- 8th - Grade 2 Werribee Zoo excursion
- 8th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 11th - Remembrance Day
- 11th - Grade 5 Health and Human Relationships
- 13th - Writing Workshops - selected students
- 15th - Grade 1 Party
- 16th - Melton Minis 2:05pm
- 18th - Grade 5 Health and Human Relationships
- 22nd - Foundation 2025 Orientation session 3
- 25th - Grade 5 Health and Human Relationships
- 29th - Melton Minis 2:05pm



Sensational Attendance

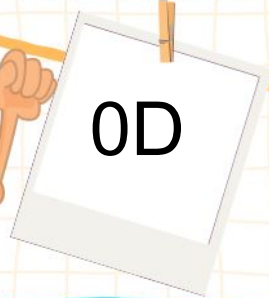
ATTENDANCE



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



GRADE 1 PARTY LET'S BOOGIE!



Join us for
The Grade 1 Disco
Party.
It's going to be fun,
fresh and funky!

November 15
All day fun
Melton Primary School
RSVP via Compass 8th
November

Grade 1

Our Grade 1 Disco party is not to be missed! It is an absolute bargain at \$10. We will have a disco, party games, a movie and lunch and treats. There are heaps of prizes and give-aways too!! Please pop on to Compass to pay and give permission for child to attend.

REMINDERS

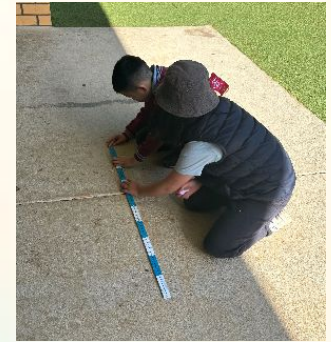
Friday is our Community walk that will focus on ways to be healthy in the community Melton. This is a free event, please give permission for your child to attend via Compass. Check your Class Dojo page for any updates and cross your fingers for fine weather.

Writing alternate endings

The main villain in the Little Red Riding Hood is a wolf. What would happen if the wolf was actually good? Students had a go at creating different endings to the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood.



Grade 3



Measurement and place value

Students estimated and measured the lengths of different animals. We used a combination of trundle wheels, tape measures and rulers to find the lengths.



In this alternate ending, after Little Red Riding Hood arrives at her Grandpa's cottage, Little Red looks around the forest to see a big round table and also sees the wolf having tea with Grandpa.

In this alternate ending, after Little Red Riding Hood arrives at Grandpa's house she hears an unusual noise but ignores it and goes to the front door. There was one problem, the door was locked and Grandpa was sleeping. Little Red was going to wait but she heard a rattling noise coming from the bush!

Little Red rushed to the door. BANG!! POW!! Little Red stops. She stood at the door thinking that she lost her. Little Red opens the door to see that there's only Grandpa. She knocks the wolf out. Little Red smiles knowing that her Grandpa is safe by herself.

What's coming up:

- Lady Northcote camp October 15th-16th
- Sticks and Stones Cyber Safety and Bullying Incursion November 18th
- Traffic School November 29th



Leadership Opportunities



School Captains

STEM Leaders

*Well-Being
Leaders*

Our students are on their way up to grade 6 soon, and as a result will be presented with many new and exciting opportunities. One thing in particular is the chance to apply for one of the many great leadership roles we have at our school. Students along with their teachers will be crafting their speech writing and reading abilities at school to give them the best chance to succeed.

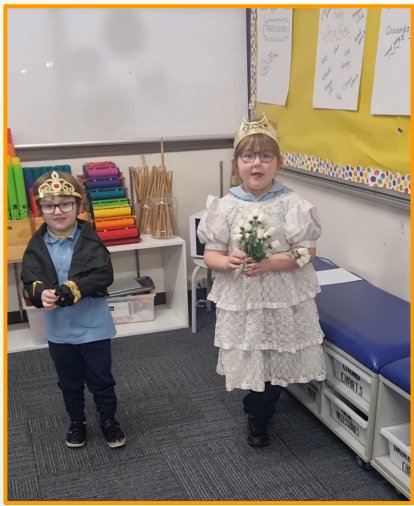
Listed on this page are just some of the positions that will be available. All positions will be placed on ClassDojo later in Term 4.

*House
Captains*

*Library
Leaders*

*Performing Arts
Leaders*

Performing Arts



Students in Foundation learnt to tell show a story through play



Students in Grade 3, used notation to play the Boomwhackers



Students in Grade 4 learnt to play songs on the ukulele



What's been happening in Performing Arts previously.....This term we will be looking at **DANCE!!!!**



Hello MPS families,

Melton Primary will be holding a variety of orientation days to support the students with their transition to school, we look forward to seeing you at these sessions. Families have been allocated into either group A or group B.

Parents are not required to stay during these initial orientation times (we have all your contact details from the enrolment form) however you are welcome to assist your child during the initial transition time.

<p><u>Thursday 17th of October</u> Rotational activities</p>	<p>9:00am- 10:00am (group A) 10:20-11:20am (group B) Meet at the shade cloth area near Library</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 6th November</u> Activities with current Foundation teachers.</p>	<p>9:00am-10:00am (group B) 10:20am-11:20am (group A) Meet at the shade cloth area near Library</p>
<p><u>Friday 22nd of November</u> Activities with current Foundation teachers.</p>	<p>9:00am-10:00am (group A) 10:20am-11:20am (group B) Meet at the shade cloth area near Library</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 10th of December</u> The children will meet their teacher and classmates for 2025 and undertake activities in their new classrooms.</p>	<p>9:00am- 10:20am (All Children) Meet at the Gymnasium <u>An information session will be held for parents in the school gymnasium.</u> This will include information regarding: ❖ 2023 timetables ❖ Foundation information booklets ❖ General school information ❖ Out of School Hours care</p>

E Sutherland

Emma Sutherland
 Assistant Principal

We look forward to seeing our 2025 Foundation students on Thursday morning.

If you can't remember your group please contact the office.





Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket for our SRC Sporting Equipment fundraiser!

We raised over \$250 and have ordered some new equipment to use during lunch breaks.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners!

We are Sun-Smart



Surf Hat - \$8



Wide Brim Hat - \$6

Melton Primary School is a Sun-Smart school. All students are required to wear a school hat when outside.

Hats can be purchased from the office.



Bucket Hat - \$5





Save on Education Costs and Build Lifelong, Life Changing Savings Habits

Join us for an information session Every Wednesday 1pm – 1.15pm

To join please register via link below or scan QR Code

[Saver Plus Zoom Information Session Registration Link](#)

For further information email – enquiriessp@bsl.com.au



To be eligible you need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be studying yourself, have a child in school or starting school next year
- Get regular income (can be you or your partner)*
- Agree to join free online financial education workshops

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GETTING READY TO START SCHOOL

Starting school is a big change for children and families. Getting used to new people, places and routines can be exciting – and challenging. There's a lot you can do to help your child have a good start to school. What is a good start to school? Families and carers are their children's first teachers. The things you do at home with your child help their learning and development and prepare them for school. The best way to support your child's learning and development is through play. A good start to school helps children learn well and feel happier. And when children are happy at school, they want to keep learning. Your child's school will work hard to meet your child's individual needs, with extra support if it's needed. You can also support your child by doing things that help them settle in at school and feel safe, confident, and connected.



MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CONCERT

2024

17 DEC

2024

STARTING

4:00PM

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL

MORE INFORMATION

coming soon

SAVE THE DATE

