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As the Melton West PS Community, we are collectively striving to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students to achieve their full potential. We will do this through an engaging and inclusive curriculum, with high expectations of students as individual learners and thinkers, who become valued members of the wider community.

NEWSLETTER NO.20

1st December, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
December	2 nd	Tomorrow Last Day for Payment – Grade 6 Adventure Park
	5 th	Last Day for Payment – Grade 2 Sleepover
	6 th	2017 Prep Transition – 9:15-10:45am
	6 th	STEP – UP DAY (Years Prep-5)
	6 th	GRADE 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION
	6 th	Last Day for Payment - Prep Excursion
	9 th	Assembly – Performance by DrumBeat
	9 th	Prep Zoo Excursion
	9 th	Years 3-6 Inquiry Exhibition 9:30-11am
	9 th	Grade 2 Sleepover
	9 th	2017 BOOK LIST FORMS DUE BACK
	12 th	Last Day for Payment – Grade 5 Three Sixty Trampoline Park
	15 th	Meet the 2017 Teacher (Years Prep-5)
	16 th	Grade 6 Adventure Park Excursion
	16 th	Grade 5 Three Sixty Trampoline Park Excursion
	19 th	Grade 6 Graduation
20 th	LAST DAY TERM 4	

Key Messages in the Newsletter:

Education State Forum: Michelle was invited by DET (Department of Education) personnel to present at a state forum on the ways in which she has used the equity money to improve student learning outcomes.
Step-Up Day: Tuesday 6th December is Step-Up Day. 9:00-1:20pm.
Meet the 2017 Teacher: Thursday 15th December 2016 from 2:05pm – 3:05pm
Thunderstorm Asthma: Supporting our students through weather that may trigger asthma attacks.
Breakfast club – Operates 4 mornings a week (Monday-Thursday) from 8:10 am until approximately 8:40 am
Kaludia’s baby: Congratulations to Klaudia and her husband Andrew on the safe arrival of gorgeous Scarlett Zofia Jellis.

Dear Parents and Guardians

The year is drawing to a close very quickly and we are well prepared to end the year successfully and on a positive note.

Education State Forum: Mrs.Costa has been away from the school over the last two days presenting at a state forum on the creative ways in which she has used the equity money to improve student learning outcomes. I have spoken to Mrs.Costa and she has communicated to me that her presentation was met with great enthusiasm and she received great praise from the Department personnel in attendance on the work we are doing at our school. I am sure everyone joins me in congratulating Mrs.Costa on her leadership of our school!

Step-Up Day 6th December: On Tuesday 6th December, the current Year 6 students attend their new Secondary

School as part of the State-Wide Transition Day. We have Step-Up Day, where all children will spend from 9:00am -1:20pm in their new year level, while we welcome our 2017 prep students for their final Transition Day. Students have been grouped, as has been mentioned in earlier newsletters, ensuring they have a friend. We are confident that students will continue to have a positive experience in their 2017 classes. As this day is also our Prep Transition day can parents please arrange with their children to meet them in the same spot they would normally meet for pick up. We are conscious that there will be a lot of movement.

Meet the 2017 Teacher: Students will meet their teacher on Thursday 15th December from 2:05 – 3:05pm. They will spend an hour with their new class and their teacher (if available). Some of our new

teachers will be joining us for the session, however not all may be available as they have commitments at their current school.

Thunderstorm Asthma: Many of you would have heard in the media reports of a State Emergency in regards to Thunderstorm Asthma in the last few weeks. Thunderstorms have been linked to epidemics of asthma, especially at the end of Spring, when grasses are flowering. Anyone with a known history of asthma is at risk of experiencing an exacerbation of their usual symptoms at this time. In addition, people who do not usually experience symptoms of asthma but have a history of allergies may be at increased risk. An asthma attack can be life threatening. Anyone experiencing wheezing, chest tightness and difficulty breathing should call 000. The common signs of asthma are difficulty in breathing (gasping for air), chest tightness and wheezing. If a child's condition is deteriorating, parents or guardians should seek urgent care. Signs of rapid deterioration include little or no relief from a reliever inhaler, inability to speak comfortably, or lips turning blue. People with asthma should continue to use their usual medications. Where possible, stay inside when the weather is windy with high pollen counts or dust.



Breakfast Club: We are very lucky to have a Breakfast Club which operates 4 mornings a week (Monday-Thursday) from 8:10 am until approximately 8:40 am. We are supplied with breakfast foods through Foodbank Victoria. As the end of the year is approaching, we have some supplies that can be given to families as we will receive a new supply at the beginning of next year. There will be VitaBrits, porridge and baked beans available for families to take home. If you would like any of these products please make contact with Margaret Campbell or Jeffrey Knolder and we will organise this for you. Finally as we head into the last few weeks of the 2016 school year, please take time to breathe and look after yourselves and each other during this hectic period.



Kaludia's baby: Scarlett Zofia Jellis was born on 22nd November at 8.55am weighing 3.1kg. Congratulations to Klaudia and her husband Andrew on the safe arrival of gorgeous Scarlett Zofia Jellis – we can't wait to cuddle her!!

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed
Kathy Cvitkovic
Assistant Principal

STUDENT STAR AWARDS



18th November: Foni Tjia,

Hayden Gwin, Anas

Dewanyang, Kuol Duk, Aiden McGeary, Deng Majok, Yar Ngong, Angels Ata, Meriam Tung, Ivy Ait-Kaci, Mariah Ford-McRorie, Tyler Russell, Patrick Tyrrell, Chloe Condie, Alexander Casimiro, Alexis Karmiste, Gursidak Kalsi, Jade Grgic-Marino, Deakin-Joseph Leabourn-Waipouri, Bailey Dwyer, Ella Tyson, Cooper Lawrence, Jaxen Dennis, Haris Husanovic, Saofai Malupeaua Fuimaono, Elijah Lavinia, Andrea Pamilacan, Xavier Jones, Vanessa O'Rourke

25th November: Jarome Kaio-Komiti, Skyler Homburg, Bailey Goninon, Isabelle Holman, Kylie Veliscek, Jackson Caiafa, Karen Denney, Keira Tape, Andrea Pamilacan, Agoot Mading, Ahmed Dewanyang, Raimi Russell, Sarah Gilbert, Seth Portelli, Meryem Hamer, Azarel Rohaizam, Lucas Murray, Isabella Gust, Jack Johnson, Jessica Hodge, Kaeoni Mendoza, Lyllee Thisleton, Tracie Veliscek, Molly Winduss,

STUDENT READING AWARDS

18th November

100 Nights: Aiden Brough-King PP

200 Nights: Ulus Ziya PZ, Diesel

Reynolds PZ, Tyler Russell PZ

250 Nights: Robinson Doek



25th November:

100 Nights: Alyssa Pigrim 3/4P, Azarel Rohaizam 3/4P

150 Nights: Mataya Leetham Prep C

250 Nights: Jaxson Holman PC



2017 BOOK LISTS

A reminder that all Book Lists are due back to the office **ON** or **BEFORE** Friday 9th December. If you have a health care card please bring your card to the office with your book list and fill out a CSEF form.



SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR YEAR 7 – 2017

Current grade six students, moving onto year seven in 2017, will have their orientation day **at their secondary school** next **Tuesday, 6th**

December. Current grade six students are not required to attend Melton West Primary School on this day. Parents will need to drop students off at their secondary school and pick them up. Students are required to wear their primary school uniform and bring their regular back pack, snack, lunch and pencil case on the day. We look forward to hearing how the day went from our graduating, grade six students.

MELTON POLICE BASKETBALL SHIELD

This proud group of boys must be congratulated on their wonderful efforts in reaching the semi-finals of the inaugural Melton Police Basketball Shield.

MWPS were one of two primary school teams participating against 13 secondary school teams (Yr7-9) and one team made up from our local police.

This initiative put together by our local police as a vehicle to build positive youth and community relations proved a huge success.

MWPS played with great spirit and positivity. They were not intimidated by some very large boys and girls in opposition.

They were much in awe of some of the plays on the day, and celebrated the community spirit often barracking for other teams as they saw their brothers, cousins, friends and even many of our old students now playing for other secondary schools in this area.

Thank you so much to the support team of Gum and T.K. and later Mr Liam Devlin.

Particular thanks go out to the children themselves as their behaviour on this day was exemplary. They were respectful of the referees, accepting of defeat and pleased with their victories, and not an unkind word about anybody. It was great to see the boys all chatting and associating with police, and I know the police really enjoyed the banter.

I also thank the parents that attended on the day, and I know they left very happy with the state of play.

Scores:

MWPS 8 Police 10

MWPS 11 Coburn PS 6

MWPS 9 Melton Special 8

Semi Final: MWPS 12 Melton Secondary School 26

Final: Melton Secondary School 23 Kurrung Secondary School 22

Individual highlight of the day: Beau Arnautovic was selected Most Valuable Player of the Tournament and was presented with a new basketball by visiting NBL celebrity – congratulations Beau!

I can also advise that Coburn PS are interested in starting a special tournament between our two schools that will include boys and girls...

Finally, I have feedback from the Melton Police that they will be continuing this program in 2017, and arrange a separate tournament for primary schools....

And a big thank you to Senior Sargent Mark Guthrie – the 11th player to don the MWPS sports singlet on the day. I have it on good authority that he would like to be invited back onto our team for 2017. Police were also impressed that he actually fit into this uniform.

Tolley Cacavas – (proud) Team Manager



MWPS Basketball team 2016.



Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have been enjoying lots of group games at OSHC lately. The children have been learning team leading skills and having lots of fun while doing this.

The children are looking forward to starting lots of Christmas activities in the coming weeks.

Recap of activities..

- Lantern craft
- Soccer craft
- Thumb print bugs
- Bull rush
- Simsons
- Dodgeball
- Heart creations

Upcoming activities

- Button snails
- Knock out
- Styrofoam cup octopus
- Paper plate flowers
- Button hot air balloon craft
- Capture the flag
- Pin wheels
- Freeze tag

THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS.. Sean Banks, Gabriel Osman and Lucyanna Undy For fantastic team leading in group games, encouraging everyone to do well, helping staff and children, always having a smile and great behaviour! Keep up the great work.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS Just a reminder to all parents to please make sure your child is bringing a hat to After School Care. We are now in term 4 which requires all children to have a hat when playing outside. We have a hat tub in the OSHC room for all children to leave a spare hat in to keep at the program, we highly recommend the children doing this so they do not miss out on outside time.



Vacation Care Program

Summer Program Details

Who

This program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Melton South

Cost

\$65 per day (prior to Child Care Benefit being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost

Enrolments Open

8.30am Monday, 21 November 2016

Enrolments Close

5pm Friday, 16 December 2016
Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$20 late enrolment fee

Contact

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BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

Monday, 2 January	Closed	Public Holiday
Tuesday, 3 January		
Summertime		
Wednesday, 4 January	Excursion Charge \$30	
Geelong Adventure Park		Departs 9am
By popular demand, limited places		Returns 4.30pm
Thursday, 5 January		
When I Grow Up?		
Friday, 6 January	Incursion Charge \$20	
Laser Tag in a Box		Begins 10am
Monday, 9 January		
Team Building		
Tuesday, 10 January	Incursion Charge \$20	
Super Science		Begins 10am
Wednesday, 11 January	Excursion Charge \$30	
Movies		Departs 9am Returns 1.00pm
Thursday, 12 January		
Rainbow Day		
Friday, 13 January		
Spooky Day		
Monday, 16 January	Incursion Charge \$20	
Wood Work		Begins 10am
Tuesday, 17 January		
Active Athletes		
Wednesday, 18 January	Excursion Charge \$30	
Melbourne Zoo		Departs 9am Returns 3.30pm
Thursday, 19 January		
Island Holiday		
Friday, 20 January		
Talent Quest		
Monday, 23 January	Incursion Charge \$20	
Crafty Kids		Begins 10am
Tuesday, 24 January		
Technology Day		
Wednesday, 25 January		
Australiana Day		

* Activities are subject to change.



More information can be found at
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