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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.14

6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
October	7th	Assembly 9:00am - Performance by 3/4M
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly Performance 1/2T
	17 <sup>th</sup> -21st	Prep Swimming Program Melton Waves
	21st	MWPS FETE 3-6pm
	24 <sup>th</sup> -28th	5/6 Swimming Program Melton Waves
November	26th	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
	1st	Melbourne Cup Day – NO SCHOOL
	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18th	Year 3/4 KANGAROOBIE CAMP

**Key Messages in the Newsletter:**

**Ms Yard's Baby:** Congratulations to Ms Yard on the safe arrival of Nate Edwin over the school holidays

**Staff Selection for 2017:** We are currently recruiting staff for next year.

**Master Plan:** The draft of the Master Plan has been finalised.

**External Feedback:** Thank-you to those people who returned the questionnaire handed out to parents last term.

**Assembly Term 4:** Due to the warm weather Friday Assemblies will be at to **9.00am.**

**No Hat No Play:** School approved royal blue, broad-brimmed hat, available at Lowes at Woodgrove Shopping Centre need to be worn or children will be directed to a shady area

**Art Show:** Unfortunately we will not be going ahead with an Art Show this year.

**2017 Preparations:** Any requests about your child's friends need to be received in writing by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to the school for the final term of the year. As always, it will be a big one, with lots of things planned across the school. The 1/2 students will have their long awaited Sleepover at the end of the term. We have a swimming program available for all students from Prep to Year 6, with each year level going for a week at a time. We also have the School Fete on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, so put that date in your diary, we look forward to seeing you there. Another major task during term 4 is the formation of classes for 2017. This is quite a complicated process, so please check the critical dates listed later in this newsletter if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's grade placement in 2017.

**Ms Yard's Baby:** It is with great excitement that I am able to announce that Ms Yard and her partner Scott welcomed their son into the world on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. His name is Nate Edwin and both mum and baby are doing well. We wish them all the best as they spend valuable time together as a young family.



**Staff Selection for 2017:** At the moment we are in the process of selecting staff for 2017. The majority of our staff is ongoing, which guarantees them a position here to work with our school community. Some teachers are on a contract because they took over from someone who left during the year, or someone who left last year but may come back if the position they are in at the other school is no longer available. Our aim, when recruiting, is always to get the best possible teacher available at the time. It is a long and arduous process, but one we take seriously.

**Master Plan:** Over the holidays I was given the draft of the Master Plan. It is with School Council at the moment. We are hoping we get an allocation of money in the 2017 State Budget so we can start the first stage, a long awaited for Gym.

**External Feedback:** During Term 3 we had an educational consultant, Gerry Moloney, looking at all facets of our work at the school to provide feedback on how we are going in terms of meeting the goals of our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) – to improve student learning outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy; to improve the capacity of students as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners and strengthen their engagement in their personal learning; to improve the behavioural and emotional wellbeing of all students; to ensure the

effective allocation of resources maximises student learning outcomes. Thank-you to the parents who returned the questionnaire she handed out or she spoke to. Your opinions are valued. Gerry's report is complete and has recommendations we can use as we move into creating our 2017 AIP and will provide a snapshot of our school we can use as part of our School Review in 2017.

**Assembly Term 4:** During term 4, as the weather starts to warm up, we always change the starting time of our Friday Assemblies to 9.00am, before the sun gets too warm in the afternoon. Please come along and join us for this important weekly celebration of students and their achievements.



**No Hat No Play:** We have a Sun Smart policy which outlines when hats need to be worn outside during recess and lunch and during sport held outside. I have attached a copy with this

newsletter for your information. Please ensure your child has a school approved royal blue, broad-brimmed hat, available at Lowes at Woodgrove Shopping Centre before Monday or they will be directed under a shady area by the yard duty teachers, for their protection from the sun.

**Art Show:** It was our intention this year to start alternating our annual School Concert with an Art Show. Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons, this will not be possible this year and it is too late to start the plans to hold a concert. We will endeavour to have either an Art Show or a School Concert in 2017.

**2017 Preparations:** We are about to begin the process of forming new class grouping for 2017. In order to know how many classes we will need, I have attached a tear off section to complete if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to Melton West PS in 2017. Over the next few weeks each teacher will ask the students to choose 4 children they work well with. The process will ensure that each child gets at least one of their choices. In addition, if you have any concerns or requests about whom your child should or shouldn't be placed with please put these in writing before **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** and send them in an envelope addressed to me. Any requests received after this date **WILL NOT** be able to be considered, due to the flow-on effect any changes to classes has across the board. I will need to stick to this timeline quite tightly to ensure the process runs as smoothly and as efficiently as possible. Please note, requests for specific teachers will not be considered. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to this process, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment to speak with me.



**Seasons for Growth': Supporting students through grief, separation and loss.**  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS: TERM 4, 2016.**

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Melton West Primary School, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or other related circumstances of loss, children may benefit from learning how to manage these changes more effectively. We are therefore keen to offer a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research highlighting the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving skills, decision making, effective communication and support networks. We are currently in the process of organising two programs to run in term 4 involving groups of students from Years Prep to Year 6. Groupings will be P-2 and 3-6, both commencing the 2nd week of term 4. The program will run on a weekday during school hours and will consist of 10 sessions with each session the duration of a normal school period.

If you think your child would benefit from the Seasons for Growth program, we would encourage you to talk to him or her about participating. If you would like further information, or would like to register your interest please contact either Marg Campbell, Welfare or Jeffrey Knolder Well-Being Teacher Staff and Student Support. Some parents have already expressed an interest for their children to participate. Groups are limited to 6 students per group hence only 12 students can participate so please return permission forms a.s.a.p. Letters of registration will be distributed during Week 10 of this term and must be returned by Monday 3rd October which is week 1 of Term 4. Letters of confirmation including dates and times of Season sessions will be sent home during end of week 1 and beginning of week 2 of Term 4. The first sessions for Prep to Yr 6, will begin in Week 2 of Term 4.

Jeffrey Knolder Well-Being Teacher.  
Staff and Student Support.

**M**oving forward **W**ith the **P**assion to **S**ucceed

Michelle Costa  
Principal

## STUDENT STAR AWARDS



16<sup>th</sup> September:

Teleisia Nafe, Samantha Sylvia, Awan Mading, Chingath Kuol, Chloe Aquilina, Alexander Morales, Riley Lawrence, Scott Mowatt, Taj Pritchard, Emily Brown, Brendan Green, Edwin Taulama Tonga, Aliet Agany, Paolo Polizzi, Raimi Russell, Jade Johnson, Rydham Jakhu, Papa Jambere, Alexander Casimiro, Joshua Felix, Connah Storey, Amanda Sophia Damayo, Romanh Lam, Lucas Murray, Azarel Rohaizam, Ryan Denney, Olivia Falzon, Jordan Higgins, Annabel Winduss, Ayak Magot, David Tuulakitau, Chianté David, Greg McVee



## STUDENT READING AWARDS

16<sup>th</sup> September:

**100 Nights:** Kale Neve PB, Jessica Herbert PC, Rydham Jakhu PC, Alexis Karmiste PP, Aliana Jones PZ, Danielle Kuhnert PZ, Baran Shnkie 1/2J

**150 Nights:** Amelia Greis PC, Alexis Karmiste

**200 Nights:** Frank Bason PC, Jaxson Holman PC, Diesel Reynolds PZ, Romy Hossni 1/2J, Icheille Rosete 1/2J, Leticia Hi 1/2J, Nelle Malupeaua 3/4P



## Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Venue: WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex

When: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am – 3:00pm


### What will I gain?

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

Register online: [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)

## Autism Spectrum Disorder

It is estimated 1 in 100 people will be on the spectrum with males 4 times more likely to be affected than females

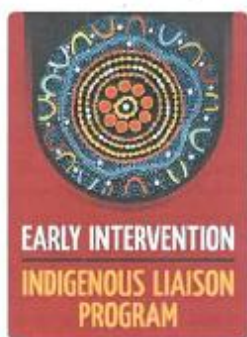


What is autism?  
What are the symptoms?  
How do you know if your child has autism?  
How do you treat autism?  
Come and have your questions answered


**WHEN:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Part of National Carers Week

**TIME:** 4:30pm – 6pm, supper provided

**WHERE:** Melton Community Health Centre  
195 – 209 Barries Rd, Melton West



Carers Victoria, Djerriwarrh Health Service and Flo Williams, the Early Intervention Liaison Officer from Autism Qld national program will be holding an information session and afternoon tea to celebrate Carers Week 2016 and raise awareness of disabilities within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



**SCHOOL FETE IS LESS THAN 3 WEEKS AWAY  
GOODS WANTED FOR THE MUSIC, GAMES  
AND BOOKS STALL**

### WE ARE AFTER:

- CD'S AND DVD'S
- RECORDS
- BOOKS AND COMICS
- MAGAZINES
- OLD GAMES, SMALL TOYS .....

**ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT TOLLEY AT  
THE SCHOOL OR CALL ON 97435818. I AM  
COLLECTING NOW AS WE BUILD UP FOR  
THE BIG FETE DAY.....**

## Planning for 2017

Please complete and return to school if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to MWPS in 2017.

At this stage, I am anticipating that my child **WILL NOT** be attending Melton West Primary School in 2017. We are transferring to (write name of school): \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (2016): \_\_\_\_\_

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