

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
October	21st	MWPS FETE POSTPONED
	21st	Assembly 9:00am - Performance by 3/4P & Choir
	24 th -28 th	5/6 Swimming Program Melton Waves
	28th	Assembly 9:00am – Performance by 1/2A
	26th	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
November	1st	Melbourne Cup Day – NO SCHOOL
	4 th	Prep-2 Inquiry Showcase 10-11am
	11th	MWPS FETE 3-6pm
	15th	2017 Prep Transition -2.10 – 3.00pm
	16th – 18th	Year 3/4 KANGAROOBIE CAMP
	21 st -25 th	Year 1/2 Swimming
	22 nd	2017 Prep Transition – 2.10-3.00pm
	28 th -2 nd Dec	Year 3/4 swimming
	29 th	2017 Prep Transition – 2.10-3.00pm
30 th	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	

Key Messages in the Newsletter:

Staff Farewells: This week we farewell Mrs Jellis and Ms Brett.

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Supervision After School: Please be aware that the school is not able to provide teacher supervision in the park behind the milk bar.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Staff Farewells:

Yesterday we farewelled Mrs Klaudia Jellis as she started her maternity leave. Her team gave her a great surprise, decorating her classroom with pink and blue balloons and decorations. The children had such a great day of farewells. We wish her and her husband all the best for the birth of her baby and look forward to them visiting soon. Ms Salem, who has been working a few days in the class since the beginning of the year will take over fulltime.

Ms Brett is also leaving us tomorrow after being appointed to a school in Gisborne, starting next week. Ms Dearing will be taking over her class and has been working closely with Ms Brett to ensure she has had a thorough handover. We wish Ms Brett all the best in her teaching career and are sure she will be able to



transfer the skills she learnt here with us to her new environment.

Mrs O'Connor: Unfortunately, Mrs O'Connor has needed to take some time off after a sporting accident damaged her hand. She was operated on last week and is unable to drive at the moment. I spoke to her yesterday and she is in good spirits, although her hand is still quite swollen. She will not be able to return to school until she has been cleared to drive by her doctors. I have sent her flowers and passed on everyone's good wishes. Please direct any queries you would have had for her with Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic, who will be able to help.

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Parking around the School: As with most schools, the streets around the school get very congested during drop off and pick up time.



Can I urge parents to respect our neighbours' properties by not using driveways to park and wait for their child and always take care driving close to the school. I have, at times, noticed cars take off quite quickly after collecting their child, which could put children in danger. Please observe the speed limit around the school for the safety of our students.

Classes for 2017: A friendly reminder that tomorrow, Friday 21st October, is the deadline for parent requests to keep students separated or together in 2017 to be received. If you have any concerns or requests about whom your child should or shouldn't be with please put these in writing by tomorrow. 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. If you know your child will not be attending Melton West Primary School in 2017, please let us know by completing the attached slip so that we can ensure that any of your child's friends are not disadvantaged if your child is their only friend allocated to their new class.

Supervision After School: As you may be aware, there is a park on the corner of Coburns Road and West Melton Drive, where a number of students wait for their parents afterschool. Please be aware that the school is not able to provide teacher supervision in this area. I therefore suggest that you consider an alternative location at which your child waits to be picked up. Can I also remind you we have a Before and After School care facility run by Extend that is safe and well supervised and children can attend at a minimal cost. Please contact the school if you would like further information

about Extend. Enrolment Packs are available at the office.

Moving forward **W**ith the **P**assion to **S**ucceed
Michelle Costa
Principal

STUDENT STAR AWARDS



7th October:

Waisale Camilleri Vailea, Elijah Ioane Lavinia, Finn Emile, Flynn Prosser, Monique Culliver, Kyara Coates, Lily Masters, Benjamin Baskin, Dominic Morgan, Jamie Nicholson, Peyton Sheppard, Jok Makuach, Alysha Taulama Tonga, Cassandra Taulama Tonga, Ashley Lane, Hiruth Welgama, Lontina Kashindi, Chiara Cicconetti, Yasmine Symss

14th October:

Riley Males, Alexa Removic, Jemma Lane, Ezekiel Matovic, Jade Johnson, Chaise Hamilton, Sienna Robinson

STUDENT READING AWARDS

7th October:

200 Nights: Jaxen Dennis 1/2C, Sean Tyrrell 1/2C, Hailey Higgins 1/2C



14th October:

100 Nights: Eric Brough-King 1/2C, Darko Anicic PB, Kallen Rybicki 1/2W

150 Nights: Ramlian Tung 1/2H, Cameron Henderson 1/2D, Kathryn Mortlock 1/2W,

200 Nights: Robinson Doek PB, Liam Drinkwater 1/2W, Emma Young 1/2W, Ricky Finger 1/2W



"Fresh Fruit Fridays!"

Each Friday classrooms receive a platter of fresh seasonal fruit to share with the grade. The students always look forward to the fruit and guessing what might be on the platter each week.

To ensure the continued success of this program we are seeking volunteers from our community to help cut the fruit each Friday morning in the Staffroom from 9:00am (or after Assembly).

If you are able to volunteer your time on Fridays, your support would be much appreciated.
Everyone Welcome!





Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the past fortnight the children have enjoyed many activities. They have enjoyed getting some time outside with the warmer weather and playing lots of group games.

Recap on activities:

- Letter Art
- Peacock craft
- Fairies and Gremlin craft
- Farmer Sam (group game)
- Simpsons (group game)
- Henna hands
- Puzzle art
- Foil paintings
- Jump the creek (group game)

The Extend Superstar for the fortnight is: ASHLEIGH BOLTS!

Ashleigh has shown great behaviour at Before and After School Care. Ashleigh is always willing to give things a go and has been helping staff over the past couple of weeks.

Good job Ash! Keep up the fantastic work.

What's on next week?

- HALLOWEEN WEEK!
- Spider web craft
- Halloween races
- Dracula spoon craft
- Halloween slime
- Halloween pumpkins
- Lollipop ghosts
- Spider potion drinks
- Marshmallow cooking
- Halloween goodie bags
- Frankenstein craft

GILBERT THE GHEKO IS COMING TO MELTON WEST!

Gilbert the gecko will be attending the Melton West After School Care Program at 4pm on the 27th of October.

Just a reminder to parents to please make sure they are booking in their children via the parent portal or contacting head office if they have any trouble.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

'Wear Red for Daniel' Friday, 28th October

On Friday, 28th October, students will be able to wear red to school as a symbol of awareness for child safety. "Daniel Morcombe Day" is also in acknowledgement of the day he was abducted. His family have worked towards raising awareness of child safety and working against crimes against children. Students are asked to wear red in order to support this cause and bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to the 'Daniel Morcombe Foundation'.
-Junior School Council



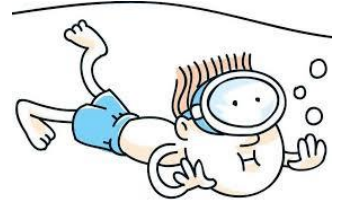
Prep Swimming Reflections



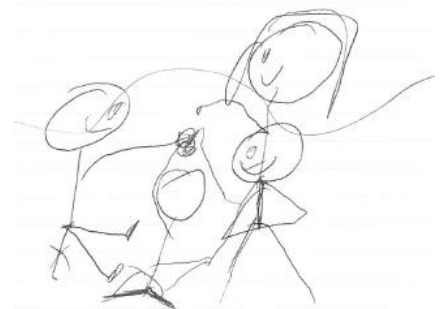
I love to go swimming. I learnt to swim in the deep end. Aliana PZ

In Swimming I had fun! Shaye P Z

I liked doing lots of swimming and I had lots of fun with Ben. Diesel PZ



I liked doing the Hokey Pokey in the pool. Marlon PZ



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): _____