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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.

3rd March, 2016

NEWSLETTER NO.3

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

MARCH	Friday 4th	Assembly – 5/6V performance
	Tuesday 8th	Cyber Safety Parent Information Session 6.30-7.30pm
	Friday 11th	Assembly – 3/4R performance Year 1 & 2 Showcase/Celebration of Student Learning & Cultural Food Afternoon
	Monday 14th	Labour Day Public Holiday – No classes (not 7th as entered in last newsletter)
	Tuesday 15th	Sausage Sizzle – Pre-orders to be at school 11th March
	Wednesday 16th	Final Day for Hot Cross Bun Orders and Payment
	Friday 18th	Assembly – 1/2C performance
	Monday 21st	Celebrating Harmony Day – notices will be sent home closer to the date
	Tuesday 22nd	Hot Cross Bun Delivery
	Wednesday 23rd	School Photos – payment envelopes will be sent home soon
	Thursday 24th	End of Term 1

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- **Professional Development/Teacher Learning Opportunities:** Our staff have had many learning opportunities over the past few weeks to ensure they are providing the best educational experiences for your child.
- **SMS Emergency Warning:** We have recently updated our system so that we can send out SMS messages to families in the event of an emergency. Please ensure your details are up to date.
- **Family Fun Night:** Last Friday night we held our annual family fun night. Thank-you to the teachers and support staff who attended.
- **Measles Outbreak:** Measles is a very contagious viral illness that causes a skin rash and fever. We sent letters to all families that have not provided evidence of your child's immunization records.
- **Personal Accident Insurance:** A reminder that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.
- **Pokemon Cards:** A new craze of collector cards are doing the rounds again and children are bringing them to school to trade.
- **Cyber Safety Parent Information Session:** A Cyber safety expert will be at Melton West Primary School on Tuesday March 8th from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. To conduct sessions for parents on how to help your kids stay safe online.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week the teachers have had many opportunities to increase their learning about the most up to date research on student learning. All teachers were involved in a meeting about working as a Professional Learning Community where the focus should always be on working collaboratively to increase student learning. All teachers will also have spent a day learning about the teaching strategies that have the highest success rate. These strategies are referred to as "High Yield Strategies". In addition to this, two of our teachers are finishing the first 5 days of a 20 day training program over two years to become Maths and Science Specialists. I attended the first day with them on Monday and was very impressed with the research that was presented on past participants. Their role will be to work as coaches and mentors to other staff, increasing their capacity to teach maths and science more effectively.

SMS Emergency Warning: We have recently updated our system so that we can send out SMS messages to families in the event of an emergency or major announcement direct to the person who is listed as Adult A on your child's enrolment form. To help us contact you in an emergency, parents and carers should always ensure contact details are up to date; this includes email addresses, phone and mobile numbers. We will be sending out a test SMS message within the next fortnight, so please ensure your updated details such as mobile numbers are provided to the office. I have included a tear-off section at the bottom of this newsletter for you to complete if that is an easier way to let us know.

Family Fun Night: Last Friday night we held our annual Family Fun Night. It was a great night filled with lots of free activities for children and their families to enjoy. Thank-you to the teachers and support staff who attended. I know many families enjoyed mingling with the teachers in such a relaxed atmosphere. These kinds of events, where teachers stay beyond their normal work day, takes a huge commitment from the staff, as they are giving up their own family time. So please ensure you thank them yourself when you see them at these events. Staff always put in a full day's work before these events. Thank-you to the children and families who attended. Without your attendance the event would not be so much fun!

Measles Outbreak: Measles is a very contagious viral illness that causes a skin rash and fever. It can cause serious, sometimes fatal, complications including pneumonia and encephalitis. Measles is rare in Australia because of the widespread use of the measles vaccine but vaccination is important because people coming from overseas can carry the virus. You may have heard of the recent Measles outbreak in the inner city. This week we sent letters to all families that have not provided evidence of their child's immunization records. If you received one of these letters, please contact Centelink for a copy of your child's immunization record and give us a copy as soon as possible.

Personal Accident Insurance: A reminder that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. If we feel an ambulance needs to be called, we will not hesitate. We cannot make a decision as to whether to call an ambulance based on whether a family has Ambulance Cover or not. We make the decision based on the medical needs and information we have at the time of calling. We have a duty of care for all students, and calling an ambulance may fall into this category. If an ambulance is called, we would also make contact with the parents at the same time, however sometimes it is difficult to make contact with the family or even the emergency contacts.

Pokemon Cards: A new craze of collector cards are doing the rounds again and children are bringing them to school to trade. These can be expensive and some children have many, many cards. The trading of these cards is not supervised at school and therefore we cannot determine if they are being swapped 'fairly'. We cannot also guarantee they will not get lost or stolen whilst at school. If your child is collecting these cards and wishes to bring them to school, you need to be aware that they do so at their own risk. If they get lost or stolen or trade something that is not worth the trade, we cannot investigate. Please encourage your child, if they wish to continue trading, to keep their best cards at home and only bring in a limited number of cards to school at any time.

Cyber Safety Parent Information Session: At Melton West Primary School we understand that it is really important for our children to be safe when they are online and together we are going to learn how. Brent Hedley is a Cyber safety expert and he will be at Melton West Primary School on Tuesday March 8th from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Brent will conduct sessions for the students and teachers during the day and also a session for parents in the evening. We hope you can join us for this informative session.

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

1/2 SHOWCASE / CELEBRATION OF STUDENT LEARNING & CULTURAL FOOD AFTERNOON

Parents and invited to view their child's learning and understanding of this terms unit of Inquiry as well as participate in a Cultural Food Afternoon. Students / Parents are invited to bring a plate of cultural food to share in the classroom on Friday 11th March, 2.05 – 3.05pm in your child's classroom.

FUNDRAISING

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Order forms have been sent home with each child this week to pre-order a Sausage Sizzle Lunch Tuesday 15th March. Orders and payment must be returned to school by Friday 11th March. There will be no Canteen Lunches on this day.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Order forms have been sent home this week to each family. Order forms and payment must be returned to school by Wednesday 16th March. Delivery will be Tuesday 22nd March.

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCIES 2016

As the number of parent nominations equalled the number of vacancies on MWPS, School Council, the following have been elected unopposed: Belinda Hartigan, Susanne Hodge and Vani Kasinadhuni.

STUDENT STAR AWARD

19th February: Shae-Lee Nazifovski, Samantha Sylvia, Melyn Yeanay, Ale3x Russell, Ashwin Seenivasagan, Lillie Thompson, Kael Blades, Trent Smeaton, Ajang Rual, Trey Scott, Nathan Grima, Tiddial Kueth, James Lewis, Danielle Kuhnert, Tyler Russell, Tahlia Gower, Lester Tuitea, Monique Culliver, Tyler Russell, Alice Matwishyn, Josh Lagdon and Cameron Henderson.

26th February: Tahlia Gower, Azarel Rohaizam, Rogue Garth, Molly Brown, Hailey Higgins, Courtney Casha, Ethan Wilson, Ahmed Dewanyang, Xavier Jones, Anna-Louise Bason, Hayley Micallef, Charlee Mowlam, Jordan Grgic-Marino, Desmond Finau-Vave, Tanesha Cotterill, Elanur Uyar, Nellie Kaio, Jackson Caiafa, Angela Ata,



Jarome Kaio-Komiti, Apajok Deng, Sheldon Leonard, Luatangi Haunga, Peyton Sheppard, Tash Nott, Declan Long, Riley Males, Haylee Wilson, Ayden Barnard, Elizabeth Elacion, Michael Bayles, Ayzaan Khan, Andrew Denney, Ulus Ziya, Aliana Jones, Angela Motunuu, Dario Sanza, Nyiel Wal, Lavilla Eli, Dilhan Yildiz, Mariah Ford-McRorie and Robinson Doek.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

The school provides a platter of fresh fruit to all classes each Friday. If you are able to spare some time to help cut the fruit in the Staffroom, at 9am, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter.

MELTON CITY COUNCIL VACATION CARE PROGRAM APRIL 2016

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VacationCareProgram@melton.vic.gov.au




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WHEN?
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2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

First round applications will be open from 23rd March – 20th July.

Your child must be 4 years old by 30th April 2017 to be eligible to apply for a funded 4 year old Kindergarten place.

Apply online at melton.vic.gov.au

Applications will also be available at Kindergartens and all Melton City Council Customer Service venues.

For more information phone the Enrolment Officer on 9747 7200



PARENT CONTACT DETAILS – PREPARING FOR SMS MESSAGE

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Siblings' Names:	Grade:

Parent's Name: _____ Mobile No.: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

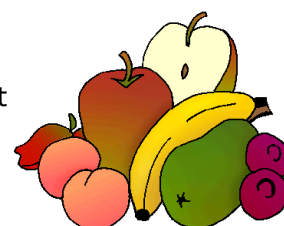


MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY HELP

If you are able to help from 9am on any Friday, please circle a date or dates that return this to school. We will then be in touch with further details.

TERM 1

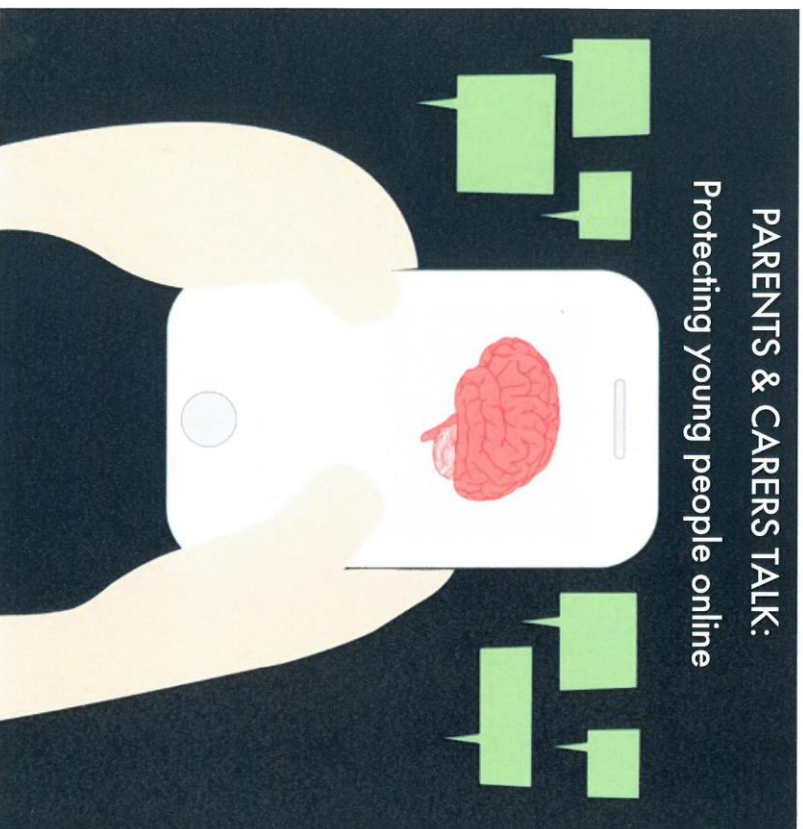
Friday 4, 11, 18 March



Parent's Name: ----- Phone No: -----

Student's Name: ----- Grade: -----

PARENTS & CARERS TALK: Protecting young people online



BRENT HEDLEY

Tuesday 8 March, 6.30pm (60min)
Melton West Primary School, Melton West

Brent Hedley is a trusted online safety specialist who works with school communities to offer practical, positive and evidenced-based strategies to parent and carers.

Themes covered on this evening will include:

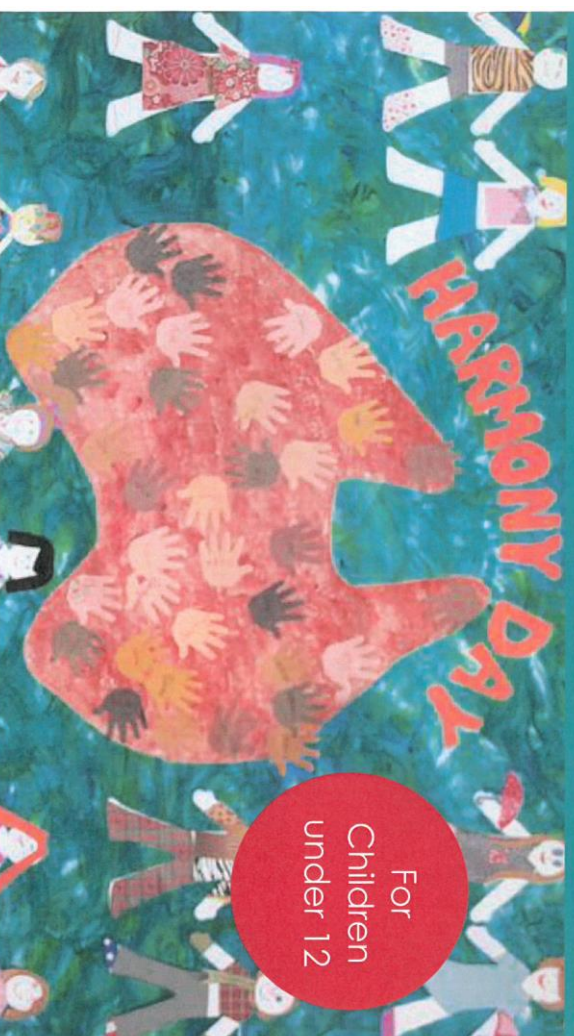
- Youth online behaviours - the WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY and HOW of apps, websites and games
- Understanding the issues - risks, dangers and moral / legal considerations
- Up to date tips and best-practice resources to support young people online
- Simple, evidenced-based strategies for parents, carers and the whole-school community.

Please join us for an evening of insight and relevant, practical information, with Q&A opportunities to conclude.

This event is free and open to anyone who would like to attend. Contact the school to confirm attendance. To learn more about Brent, including his professional experiences, visit wellbeingplusthology.com.au

Harmony Day Poster Competition

Harmony Day March 21



Design a poster that celebrates harmony and diversity in our community.

There will be prizes in two categories: Under 7's and 8 – 12 year olds
Winners will be announced at Council's Harmony Day Celebration,
Saturday 19 March 2016

For further information call 9747 7200 and ask to speak to someone
from the Neighbourhood Program team.

Posters must be submitted at the Caroline Springs or Melton Library by Monday 14 March 2016.
Nomination forms can be picked up from your local Neighbourhood House or the Libraries.
Size of poster must be A4 or A3 only. Judges' choice is final.

Send entries to Tolley at school and they will be delivered





OPEN NIGHT

Melton Secondary College is holding its **Open Night** on **Thursday 17th March starting at 5.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm.**

Between those times the college will have displays showcasing all learning areas, staff from various subjects will be in attendance, and questions regarding subject selections and enrolments can be answered.

Some features of the night include:

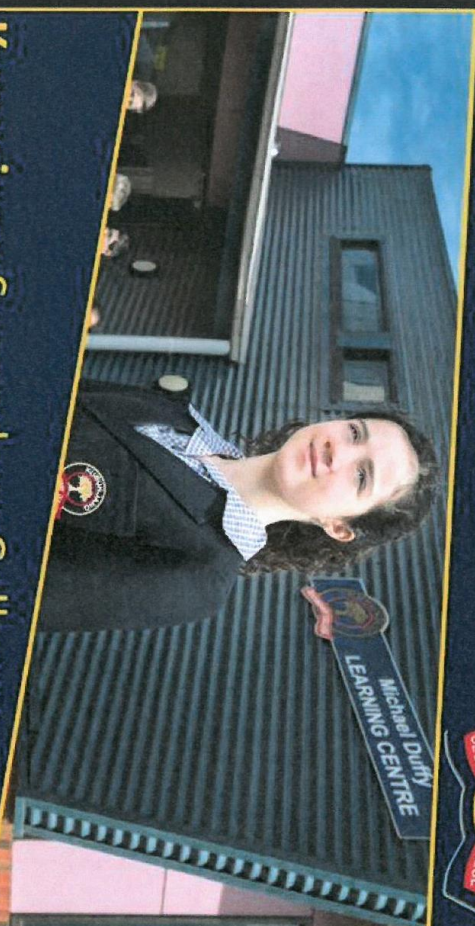
- Principal's address at 6.15 to 6.45pm
- College tours: 5.30 to 6.15pm and 6.45 to 7.30pm
- Subject displays and demonstrations
- Specialist programs information
- Enrolment information

We believe the evening will be highly informative. Members of the college staff are looking forward to meeting as many parents and their children as possible.

Marcus Kerr

Junior Sub-School Leader: Transition

You are invited!



Kurunjang Secondary College

Open Night

Thursday 10th March 2016 6:30 - 8:30pm

Join the community to discover Kurunjang Secondary College at our **Open Night**. Enjoy tours of the College, music and dance performances, technology and Sports presentations. Learn about our Literacy, Numeracy, AVID and Learning Technologies. Participate in interesting activities and meet our College Principal and College Captains. See you there!

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