

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

November	11th	MWPS FETE 3-6pm
	15th	2017 Prep Transition -2.10 – 3.00pm
	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 KANGAROOBIE CAMP
	21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Swimming
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	2017 Prep Transition – 2.10-3.00pm
	28 <sup>th</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Year 3/4 swimming
	29 <sup>th</sup>	2017 Prep Transition – 2.10-3.00pm
	30 <sup>th</sup>	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

**Key Messages in the Newsletter:**

**School Fete:** This has been rescheduled for Friday 11th November. Hope to see you all there.

**Parent Opinion Survey:** Thank-you to the parents who participated in the Survey this year.

**Prep Orientation and Year 6-7 Transition Programs:** We have started planning for the Prep 2017 Transition and for students entering secondary school.

**Staffing 2017:** As the year is racing to an end, we are working hard to ensure we are fully staffed for next year.

**Hats:** Hats are required during Term 4. We have a No Hat No Play as part of our Sun Smart Policy. Children are directed to shaded areas only.

**Choir:** Last week our Choir performed at the Try West Kindergarten next door and performed beautifully.

Dear Parents and Guardians

This term is rumbling along, with lots happening across the school. The teachers will be starting to write the Student Academic Reports from this weekend and the swimming program has started.

**School Fete:**

As you would be aware our School



Fete was postponed on the 25th October due to the extreme weather that was forecasted. The decision to postpone turned out to be the right decision as the weather was particularly bad at the time the fete would have been in full swing! It has been rescheduled for Friday 11th November. Hope to see you all there.



**Parent Opinion Survey:** Thank-you to the parents who participated in the Survey this year. Unfortunately there was not a great return rate, which makes it difficult to understand if the

results are an accurate reflection of parent feedback. The areas in which there was improvement from last year is “School Improvement and Parent Input”, however “Learning Focus and Behaviour Management” had a slight decrease. We appreciate any form of feedback from students and parents and would be happy to listen to concerns. We can respond most effectively when we fully understand the situation and can do this meeting with parents. Please make an

appointment to discuss your concerns with us, however please understand we cannot always respond in the way you may like.



**Prep Orientation and Year 6-7**

**Transition Programs:** We have started planning for the Prep 2017 Transition and for students entering secondary school that may find that move more difficult than their peers.

If you are concerned about your Grade 6 child and how they will transition to the secondary setting, please let me know. If you know of any family or friends with a pre-schooler who have yet to enrol their child for Prep next year, please encourage them to contact the office for an enrolment form or school tour so their child can participate in the Orientation Program starting on the 15th November.

**Staffing 2017:** As the year is racing to an end, we are working hard to ensure we are fully staffed for next year. We will have some people leaving our school for various reasons, which is typical of any school. We recently successfully recruited a number of staff, including some of our current staff. We look for teachers who have a growth mindset who are willing and able to learn the way we do things at Melton West PS.



**Hats:** Whilst outside at recess and lunch I am amazed at how many students do not have a hat to wear. This restricts the areas in which they can play as we need to keep them undercover. Please ensure you child

has a school approved wide-brimmed hat, clearly labelled with their name so that they can fully participate in all activities. The weather is warming up and the UV rays are very strong at the moment, getting stronger by the day.

**Choir:** Last week our Choir performed at the Try West Kindergarten next door. They have all been

practising hard, during their lunchbreak and performed beautifully. Thank-you needs to be extended to Ms MacDonald and Mrs Mega who have been encouraging the students through-out the year, helping them improve each practice session.



## Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed

Michelle Costa  
Principal

### STUDENT STAR AWARDS

**21<sup>st</sup> October:** Simon Faafoa, Raimi Russell, Jacob Kuany, Ashley Lane, Jarome Kaiokomiti, Sheldon Leonard, Ruth Vanday, Keisha Puklowski, Amelia Greis, Mataya Leetham, Ryan Varcoe, Jayden Symss, Tailey Joseph, Jett Arnautovic, Cooper Lawrence, Amanda Sophia Damayo, Zoe Caiafa, Sh'Kyla Beasley, Kaidyn Medley, Tyler Piper, Paige Bryant, Taylah Males, Dario Sanza  
Lauren Lambley, Christopher Wheeler, Hanna-Grace Jackson, Fatimah Hilli, Blair Wallis, Logan Garth, Xavier Mackinnon, Angela Motunuu,



**28<sup>th</sup> October:** Amelia Tuionetoa, Ashton Pirota, Mary Nauer, Ashwin Seenivasagan, Kuol Duk, Shaianne Kaio, Nimarsh Sohi, Samanth Sylvia, Jackson Caiafa, Sorenson Muavaa, Meysah Rogers, O'Shea Davis, Shae Allen, Amal Dewanyang, Alith Panthum, Matthew Sauao, Tahlia Gower, Ada Huseyin, Trey Scott, Jack Johnson, Belle Booker, Ryan Denney, Riley Murray, Flynn Chapman, Liam Drinkwater, Marlon Limbu, Shaye Howard, Elizabeth Elacion, Ajah Maker, Anastasiya Baco, Kale Neve, Madeline McMinn, Ramilan Tung, Liam Drinkwater

### STUDENT READING AWARDS

**21<sup>st</sup> October:**  
**200 Nights:** Amelia Greis PC, Milica Anicic 3/4 H, Alana Young 3/4 H, Johnathon Denham 1/2T, Matilda Street 1/2T



**28<sup>th</sup> October:**

**250 Nights:** Alana Young 3/4H, Emma Young 1/2W, Johnathon Denham 1/2T



### Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children had a lot of fun participating in their Halloween week! They enjoyed making lots of Halloween craft, enjoyed all the creepy and exciting cooking activities and loved all the Halloween group games played.

#### Recap of activities..

- Mummies craft
- Spider and web craft
- Halloween races
- Ghost knock out (group game)
- Halloween pumpkins
- Creepy crawly potion drinks
- Lollipop ghosts
- Marshmallow treats
- Frankenstein craft
- Halloween goodie bags
- Halloween slime

#### WHATS ON NEXT WEEK..

- Insect headbands
- Egyptian collars (Multicultural)
- Moon sand (Science)
- Pokemon bookmarks
- Bull rush (Group game)
- Golden child (Group game)
- Wacky sacks
- Cardboard roll monsters

#### THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS.. GABRIEL OSMAN AND KRISIAH MUAVVA!

For fantastic behaviour at after school care. For always willing to help staff and children at the program and making sure all children feel included in games. 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.



On Wednesday the 26th October students from Melton West Primary School participated in the 'Walk to School' morning with Ms Henaway and Mr Devlin. We walked from the school grounds to Navan Park where we waited for other students from MWPS to meet us. When more students arrived, we all walked back to school together. When we got back to school we were supplied with bananas and bottles of water, provided by Woolworths. Stickers were also given to students to show their participation. We hope to see many more students walking to school on the next walk to school day. This day wouldn't have happened without the supervision of the teachers, Mr Devlin and Ms Henaway. Thank you for encouraging healthy habits by walking with us and thanks to all the students who participated. From Nancy Tangikimoana 5/6N and Jade Grgic-Marino 5/6V



# Tell head lice to nick off!

## How to control head lice

- 1 Detect**  
Use metal comb and combing solution to detect and remove head lice and their eggs
- 2 Treat**  
There are 2 major commonly used head lice treatments; medicated and natural. Use either treatment to kill head lice and break their life cycle
- 3 Prevent**  
Use egg remover and a metal comb to kill eggs and remove them from the head
- 4 Repeat**  
Repeat the process after 7 days to effectively kill the cycle
- 5 Clean**  
Wash bed linen and clothes in warm water with soaking solution to get rid of lice from home



## How to identify head lice

- Head lice can be anything from greyish white to white in colour
- They are the size of a sesame seed
- Nits are the eggs, yellowish white in colour and are found on the hair shaft generally at the nape of the neck
- Adult lice may be found anywhere on the head
- Red bite marks or scratch marks are often seen on the back of the neck
- The eggs are sometimes mistaken for dandruff
- It takes several weeks exposure to the lice before itching develops
- Remember:
  - ✓ Head lice has nothing to do with hygiene
  - ✓ Head lice don't like short and plaited hair
  - ✓ The lice don't hop, jump or fly
  - ✓ Don't share hats, head bands or pillows