



4th February 2016

NEWSLETTER NO.1

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

FEBRUARY	Wednesday 10th	No Prep Classes
	Friday 12th	Final Order & Payment Day for Canteen Special Order Lunch
	Tuesday 16th	PREP Canteen Special Order Lunch
	Wednesday 17th	No Prep Classes YEARS 1 – 6 Canteen Special Order Lunch
	Thursday 18th	Meet the Teacher Interviews
	Wednesday 24th	No Prep Classes
MARCH	Monday 7th	Labour Day Public Holiday – No classes
	Wednesday 23rd	School Photos
	Thursday 24th	End of Term 1

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- **School Values:** Respect, Teamwork, Trust and Communication, all working together to form Positive Relationships are our school values.
- **Hoax Phone Calls to Victorian Schools:** The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority and we are well prepared in the event we need to evacuate in response to a call. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
- **Breakfast Club:** Will operate from 8.10am each day from Monday to Thursday and is in the BER building. Please feel free to bring your children to school to participate in this wonderful program.
- **Before School Programs:** Our school has a number of activities the children can participate in before school which include DigiGrow, Rad Readers and Breakfast Club.
- **Attendance:** We encourage all children to attend school on a daily basis, only missing school if they are ill.
- **Book Packs/Camps and Excursions:** Our book packs have arrived. **If you have a HEALTH CARE CARD, you are eligible for \$125 from the government. PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE ASAP.**
- **Before and After School Care:** We have a very active Before and After School Care run by Extend.
- **Staffing Changes:** Just before school started back, Mrs Gill Light was successful in securing a position at a school closer to home.
- **Meet The Teacher Interviews:** These are scheduled for Thursday 18th February. Please see note.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you and your family had a great holiday and are looking forward to the wonderful learning opportunities that have been planned for this year. Welcome to our new families too. I hope you are already feeling welcomed by the students and staff and I look forward to getting to know you throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to me or my Principal Class team as we move around the school. We are usually on yard duty before and after school every day and love to have a chat.

School Values: Our school values of Respect, Teamwork, Trust and Communication, all working together to form Positive Relationships are very important to us. We hope you see all of us display these in our interactions with you, the students and each other on a daily basis. Please complement us if you see us exhibiting these, as we welcome all forms of feedback.

Hoax Phone Calls to Victorian Schools: As you may be aware, there has been a spate of hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Breakfast Club: Our school was very fortunate to be one of the first schools in Victoria to be part of the Breakfast Program for Schools. We get donations from the Foodbank, so we can feed as many children as we want. It will operate from 8.10 am each day from Monday to Thursday and is in the BER building. Please feel free to bring your children to school to participate in this wonderful program.

Before School Programs: Our school has a number of activities the children can participate in before school. These include DigiGrow, Rad Readers and Breakfast Club. These activities are run by our dedicated staff with the purpose to encourage children to come to school and be at school on time. The DigiGrow Program operates from 8.30 each morning and has a range of technology children can use which is both fun and educational. We have an X-Box 360 where a dance game is played, Nintendo DSs and iPads. Rad Readers operates from the library, which is opened from 8.30 each morning. Children are invited to come in with their parent, or by themselves and read to an adult or younger child. Each time they attend they receive a sticker. There are rewards for attendance, with certificates, vouchers and books handed out at assembly.

Attendance: We encourage all children to attend school on a daily basis, only missing school if they are ill. We reward regular attendance by giving out awards at assembly at the end of each term and VIVO points for children who come to school every day for a week. By missing one day a fortnight your child actually misses one whole month of school. This can quickly add up. Other issues occur when attendance is not daily. The child may miss the introduction to new learning, have difficulty forming and maintaining friendship groups, and can become quickly disengaged with school.

Book Packs/Camps and Excursions: Our book packs have arrived and it is very important for children to feel settled and ready to learn to have all the requirements for their learning. If you have not paid for your book pack please do so as quickly as possible. If you have a HEALTH CARE CARD, you are not only eligible for your book packs to be paid for, but to also get some money

from the government to pay for Camps, Sports and Excursions. Please see the office as soon as possible to complete the necessary paperwork. There is a timeline that will close shortly.

Before and After School Care: We have a very active Before and After School Care run by Extend. Keira the coordinator is very friendly and welcoming, so if you need your child to be cared for before or after school, please pick up a brochure from the office or check out the website at www.extend.com.au

Staffing Changes: Just before school started back, Mrs Gill Light was successful in securing a position at a school closer to her home, so she is no longer here at Melton West. We were able to replace her to ensure all classes were covered for the first day of the year. We wish Gill all the best at her new school and know she will take her learnings, commitment and enthusiasm from Melton West to her new school and make a great difference to the children there.

Meet the Teacher Interviews: Each year we hold interviews between parents and teachers to enable the parents to share information about their child that the teacher should know, including your aspirations for them as learners. Please take the opportunity to attend an interview on Thursday 18th February. Your child will receive a note on how to book online today. If you do not have internet access, please contact the office and they will be able to help you.

Moving forward **W**ith the **P**assion to **S**ucceed

Michelle Costa
Principal

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Instrumental Music Lessons – Small Group And Private Lessons



Keyboard And Guitar Lessons At Your School

- Enrol TODAY – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
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- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

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STUDENT BANKING

Rachel from the Commonwealth Bank will attend the School Assembly on Friday 19th February to talk about the Student Banking program and rewards system. She will be able to help parents complete the forms to open accounts for their children.

**STUDENT BANKING DAY
AT MWPS IS TUESDAY.**

ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are held each Friday morning at 9am during Term 1.

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Monday 4.00 pm - 6.30 pm

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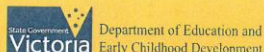
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PARENTS & CARERS TALK: Protecting young people online



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 wellbeingplustechology.com.au

A Proud Community Growing Together

20 November 2015



Melton West Primary School
4 Westmelton Drive
MELTON VIC 3337

Dear Principal,

Melton City Council Vacation Care Program for Primary Aged Children

Council has an ongoing commitment to supporting parents returning to the workforce.

Through the provision of the Vacation Care program, a fully accredited education and care program for primary school aged children, we can assist working parents in accessing care during school holiday periods.

Council's Vacation Care team is keen to engage with parents at your school to inform them of our Vacation Care program.

In our quest to meet the needs of the community, we would welcome the opportunity to attend Prep information sessions, family picnics or any other events your school may be offering in order to provide families with information about our program.

Council's Vacation Care program currently holds a rating of "Exceeding" in all seven Quality Areas under the Education and Care National Standards Rating and Assessment process and have recently upgraded to a new facility at the Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre in Melton South (in the Toolem development).

Access to the program via Station Road has temporarily been restricted due to works involving the construction of a new bridge and the current route to follow to access the centre is via Ferris Road.

If you would like further information about our service or are interested in booking a visit to view the program, please contact Kellie Robertson, Supervisor at kellier@melton.vic.gov.au or Matt Welsh, Team Leader at mattthewe@melton.vic.gov.au or phone 9747 7200.

Council values and appreciates our partnership with local schools and thanks you in advance for your support in promoting this service.

Yours Sincerely,

Rhona Pedretti

Rhona Pedretti
Early Childhood Coordinator - Families & Children

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Parent Forum

Unpacking Career Options for young people on the Autism Spectrum



Cost:

FREE

Date:

February 18, 2016

Time:

Registration opens from
9:00am - 9:30am

Forum and Workshops
9:30am-2:30pm

Location:

West Waters Hotel and
Entertainment Complex

In the Ballroom

10-20 Lake Street

Caroline Springs Victoria 3023



This one day forum is presented to you by the Career Education Association of Victoria (CEAV) and Melton City Council, funded by the Department of Education and Training. The forum is open to all parents and carers of children on the Autism Spectrum and features:

- Keynote speaker – Chris Varney 'I Can Network'
- Transition planning- Sally Bailey, NDCCO
- Careers that work
- Meaningful job opportunities and experiences
- Career planning tools



Contact Tolley Cacavas at the school

To register for this **FREE** event use the following URL www.ceav.vic.edu.au/catalogue/4003 Places are limited. Contact Leah Pappas or Amelia McCulloch on 9810 6400 or email projectofficer@ceav.vic.edu.au

