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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. 15

8th September, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

September	Friday 9 th	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL
	Wednesday 14 th	NO HOMEWORK CLUB
	Thursday 15 th	FOOTY COLOURS DAY – Gold coin donation
	Friday 16 th	Last Day of Term 3. Student Dismissal 2:10pm
October	Monday 3 rd	First day of term 4
	Friday 21 st	MWPS FETE 3-6pm

Key Messages in the Newsletter:

Ms Akkaya's Baby: Ms Akkaya gave birth to a healthy boy on 29th August. His name is Mikail.

School Concert/Art Show: We are hoping to hold an Art Show as an alternative to the School Concert in Term 4.

Fathers' Day Stall and Breakfast: Thank-you to the fathers, grandpas, uncles and special friends who came to the breakfast. Thank-you to the staff that helped. Thank-you to the parents (mostly mums) who helped at both or either!!!!

Bullying Incursion – It's My School Too!: On Monday we had a whole school incursion about Bullying and what we can do to stamp it out!

Child Safety Standards: Under the Ministerial Order 870, protecting children is everyone's responsibility – parents, communities, governments and business all have a role to play.

School Website: New website launched! Please check it out. <http://meltonwestps.vic.edu.au/>

Lost Property: We have 100s of unnamed uniform that gets lost each year. If it is named it will be returned to the child. If unnamed it will be available to anyone who needs it.

Year 6 Apparel: A limited number of items are available for ½ price from the office, for Year 6 students only.

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Ms Akkaya gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Mikail, on Monday 29th August 2016. Both mum and baby are doing well as is dad. We wish Charla and her husband all the best as they learn the ropes of parenthood.



School Concert: Each year, for the past few years, we have held a school concert at the end of Term 3. This year, with the reintroduction of Art as a specialist subject last year, we planned to hold a biannual Art Show, which would alternate with a School Concert. Unfortunately, with the large changeover of Art teachers over the year, we have not been able to hold it this term, but are trying hard to get all things in order for a possible Term 4 Art Show. Stay tuned for more information.

Fathers' Day Stall and Breakfast: Last week we celebrated Fathers' Day with our Annual Fathers' Day Breakfast and Fathers' Day Stall. We were very pleased to welcome so many dads, grandpas, uncles and special friends to our school to enjoy seeing their child's school

and classroom. It was well attended and we had many positive comments about the morning. It was great to see so many new faces, as well as those who have attended every year. A big THANK-YOU needs to be extended to the staff who arrived at school early to set-up and prepare AND to our wonderful parents Ms Hartigan and Mrs Young who did shopping and were very hands on as well. THANK-YOU!!!!!! And a big thank-you also to the mums who helped set-up and man the Fathers' Day stall over 2 days! A huge commitment!



Bullying Incursion – It's My School Too!: On Monday we had a whole school incursion around Bullying and the role of Bystander and Upstander. Jamie, a Youth Worker and Media Producer who has extensive experience working within the education sector on a range of issues including online

safety and bullying visited our school to talk about the important role of others when they see/hear/witness/experience bullying. His session was built around the belief that the vast majority of students at any school already do a great job of treating others respectfully! The purpose of the workshops is provide a deeper understanding that there is always something a bystander can do when they see bullying or harassment type behaviours. Students were provided with a range of direct and indirect strategies they can use along with examples that reinforce the important role bystanders play. Jamie explained how bystanders can become Upstander and gave the children 5 things they could do. One: Ask the Bully to stop, tell them it's not ok. Two: Ask the child if they need help. Three: Be a Buddy. Four: Interrupt by saying to the student, do you want to play with me, for example. Five: Tell an adult about what they have seen. Teachers will be having follow-up conversations with students over the coming days and practise being a Bystander in a range of situations. Please chat to your child about what they learn from Jamie.

Child Safety Standards: At Melton West Primary School, we are committed to acting in the best interests of our students and keeping them safe from harm. The School regards its child protection responsibilities as being of the utmost importance. This means that in practice we are focussed on providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection legislation and regulations; and to maintaining a child safe culture.

The following principles underpin our commitment to child safety at Melton West Primary School:

- All students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- Our school works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that they are engaged in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on child safety and protection.
- All students have the right to a thorough and systematic education in all aspects of personal safety, in partnership with their parents/guardians/caregivers.
- All adults in our school, including teaching and non-teaching staff, volunteers and contractors as well as the broader school community have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.
- The policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of students are based on honest, respectful and trusting relationships between adults and children and young people.
- Policies and practices demonstrate compliance with legislative requirements and cooperation with governments, the police and human services agencies.

- All persons involved in situations where harm is suspected or disclosed must be treated with sensitivity, dignity and respect.
- Staff, volunteers, contractors, parents/guardians and students should feel free to raise concerns about child safety, knowing these will be taken seriously by school leadership.
- Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or pastorally.

Melton West Primary School is committed to the continuous improvement of our Child Safe Program. The Program is regularly reviewed for overall effectiveness and to ensure compliance with all child protection related laws, regulations and standards. We have developed three documents that will be discussed and ratified at our next School Council meeting. If you would like to view these documents copies are available at the school office and will be available on the School's Website once they have been ratified.

School Website: Our School Website has been recently updated and looks fantastic. Mr Spudvilas-Powell has had a lot to do with the new design and Ms Pfister took the photos. In line with the Child Safety processes, there is a section where incidents can be reported. If you complete this section, an email will be sent to the wellbeing staff, who will forward to the most appropriate person to follow-up. Please give as much detail as possible, so that we can do our best to investigate and follow through. Please check-out the website: <http://meltonwestps.vic.edu.au/>

Lost Property: Our school seems to be breeding school jumpers! If a lost jumper has a child's name on it, it gets returned via the class teacher, however we have over 100 WITHOUT a name, so we don't know who they belong to. Every now and then, all unnamed items will be placed under the pergola. Feel free to take one if it is your child's size and please NAME it so that if they lose it, we know who to return it to.

Year 6 T-Shirts and Jumpers: This year we made a mistake with the ordering of our special grade 6 stock and have too many items. As we only have 1 term to go, we are happy to sell these for ½ price. There are limited sizes available and will only be available to Year 6 students. Please contact the office for more information.

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed
Michelle Costa
Principal

STUDENT STAR AWARDS

26th August: Cianna Cartwright,



Charr Kueth, Christian Watton,

Jai McGeary, Deng Majok, Adrian Pamilacan, Hannah Jarrott, Krystal Tracey-Strahan, Cameron Henderson, Jorja Jarvis, Lester Tuitea, Blaiden Storey, Jackson CaiAfa, Kylie Veliscek, Meysah Rogers,, Luatangi Haunga, Shae-Lee Nazifovski, Angeline Tuionetoa, Tyler Russell, Juliana Rundell, Nathan Grima, Seth Portelli, Phillip Telea, Hayley McCoombes, Isabella Gust, Kuol Duk, Elizabeth Grant-Myriskos, Xavier Greer, Deng Apech

2nd September: Riley Blades, Ryan Denney, Xavier Greer, Ulus Ziya, Diesel Reynolds, Sara Cicconetti, Meryem Hamer, Tyler McVee, Alek Deng, Liam Aquilina, Kael Blades, Sheldon Leonard, Kory Iturra-Coates, Vedaant Dev, Abeid Esube, Haylee Wilson, Ricky Finger, Talia Bielby, Rehaan Khan, Cloe Flaherty, Jade Grgic-Marino, Gurveer Kohli, Mathew Letchford, Tarin Dedic O'Neill

STUDENT READING AWARDS

26th August:

150 Nights: Liam Drinkwater 1/2W



2nd September:

100 Nights: Logan Garth PP, Scarlett Maguire PL, Tarin Dedic O'Neill 3/4Y, Rogue Garth PZ, Shaye Howard PZ, Ramlian Tung 1/2H

150 Nights: Ulus Ziya PZ

200 Nights: Johnathon Denham 1/2T



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

Seasons for Growth 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.

Footy Colours Day

Melton West Primary School will be helping to support the 'Fight Cancer' Foundation by holding our own 'Footy Colours Day' on Thursday, 15th September.



Children are able to wear their favourite football team's colours in exchange for a gold coin donation. This could include any football, soccer or rugby jersey of a professional or local team. Scarves, beanies and general coloured clothing representing favourite teams are also appropriate. 'Official' sports jerseys are not required in order for children to be a part of this great cause.

'Footy Colours Day' directly supports the 'Fight Cancer' Foundation's education support program, which works with major paediatric hospitals to keep kids with cancer engaged with their education.

As they can sometimes cause particular issues, we respectfully ask that hair dye and face paint is left for the games on the weekends, as students will be undertaking regular classroom learning sessions.

Please remind your child to make their gold coin donation to their teacher next Thursday morning, 15th September, to help our school kick goals for the Fight Cancer Foundation.

-Junior School Council, 2016

HOMEWORK CLUB CANCELLED WEDNESDAY 14TH of SEPTEMBER.

Please be advised that there will be no homework club on Wednesday the 14th of September (last week of the term). Homework club will resume on Wednesday the 5th of October (first week of term 4).



Nadine Mills
Homework Club

CANTEEN

If your child would like hot food from the canteen for their lunch, please fill out a lunch order for them.



The canteen will no longer be selling hot dogs over the counter as the hot food is made to order.

The only hot food sold over the counter will be steamed dim sims.

A current Canteen Menu list is attached.

Melton City Council
GET ACTIVATED STAY MOTIVATED



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12. Kids get a chance to try a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!

VISIT: <https://www.trybooking.com/MNNC> to register, NOW!

WHEN: Wednesday 21 September (Caroline Springs)

Wednesday 28 September (Melton)

TIME: 10am — 12pm

WHERE: Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
 9 The Parade, Caroline Springs
 Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
 Coburns Road, Melton

COST: \$5 per child

ENQUIRIES: Margaret or Nicole on 9747 5327

margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au

nicolema@melton.vic.gov.au



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Join us as we raise funds for

Reach for the Skye

10am - 12pm, Wednesday, 21st September 2016
 at WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex
 10-20 Lake Street, Caroline Springs.

Children's Disco

\$6 per child, includes:
 glow stick and hair spray.
 (Disco will be located in Ballroom 2).
 Children are required to be supervised at all times.

Tickets available via:
<https://www.trybooking.com/MURL>

If you are unable to attend this event, you can still donate to:

Bendigo Bank
 BSB: 633-000 Account No: 157870478



www.facebook.com/ReachfortheSkyeAustralia



This event is supported by the WestWaters Community Grant



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):

WEST MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

Term 4 2016

To order: * Please write your child's name, grade and order clearly on a lunch bag

* Icy poles can be ordered in a lunch order, your child will need to bring their lunch bag to the canteen at the start of lunch to collect icy pole.

SANDWICHES-Wholemeal Bread	
NOTE: White bread available on request	
★ Ham/Tuna/chicken & salad	\$3.80
★ chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
★ Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.20
★ Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
★ Cheese & Vegemite	\$2.50
★ Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
★ Vegemite	\$2.00
★ cheese	\$2.00
★ chicken	\$3.00
★ Ham	\$2.50
★ Salad	\$3.00
Or instead of a sandwich you can have	
Roll Extra	.50c
Wrap Extra	.30c
SALADS TUBS	
★ Salads include - Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese and bread slice	
★ Plain (no meat)	\$4.50
★ With Ham or Tuna	\$5.00
★ With Roast Chicken	\$5.50
DRINKS & FROZEN TREATS	
★ Water	\$2.00
★ Milk (chocolate & Strawberry)	\$2.20
★ Just Juice: Orange, Apple, Tropical, Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.20
★ Quench: Blue Heaven, Apple & Raspberry, Lemonade	\$2.00
★ Focus Water (Raspberry, Fruit fix)	\$2.00
★ Slushie	\$2.00
★ Frozen Fruit Cup	\$1.00
★ Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.20
★ Paddle pop(Chocolate, Rainbow)	\$1.50
★ Icy Twist (Lemonade)	\$1.20
★ Mini Calippos (Raspberry)	\$1.00
★ Zing , TNT Icy Pole	\$1.00
EXTRAS	
Paper bag	.10c
sauce portion	.20c
★ GREEN - Everyday foods	
★ ORANGE - select carefully foods	

HOT FOOD	
★ Homemade Fried Rice	\$4.00
★ Homemade Lasagne	\$4.00
★ Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$4.00
★ Beef burger (oven baked)	\$3.80
★ Chicken burger (oven baked)	\$3.80
★ Sweet Chili Chicken wrap (oven baked)	\$4.00
★ Chicken Chippie Wrap (oven baked)	\$3.80
★ Dim Sims (steamed)	\$1.00
★ Corn Cob	\$1.00
★ Hot Chicken roll (roasted chicken)	\$3.80
★ Wedges with sour cream (oven baked)	\$4.00
★ Sausage Roll	\$2.80
★ Noodle Cup Chicken/Beef	\$2.80
★ Pizza Hawaiian or margarita	\$3.50
★ Hotdog (Sauce, cheese 20c each)	\$3.00
★ Pie	\$3.00
★ Party Pie	\$1.00
★ Chicken Dinos (3) (oven baked)	\$3.00
★ Chicken Chippies (10) (oven baked)	\$2.80
TOASTED SANDWICHES	
★ Cheese	\$2.30
★ Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
★ Cheese & Tomato	\$2.80
★ Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
★ Baked Beans or Spaghetti	\$3.50
SNACKS	
★ Fruit	\$1.00
★ Carrot Sticks	.80c
★ Homemade Muffin	\$2.00
★ Homemade Cookie	\$1.50
★ Cereal-bags	.20c
★ Freshly popped popcorn	\$1.00
★ JJs (Chicken, Pizza, Burger, S & V)	\$1.20
★ Mamee Noodles (chicken)	\$1.00
★ Chips (Sea salt & honey soy)	\$1.50
★ LUNCH PACK: \$4.50	
Includes: Sandwich,cheese stick, carrot sticks and a piece of fruit	
Sandwich choices: Ham, cheese & tomato OR Chicken, mayo & lettuce OR Cheese and tomato	
HOT LUNCH PACK: \$5.50	
Includes: Homemade Lasagne and drink	
Drink Selection: Quench OR Focus Water only	