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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.9

9th June, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
JUNE	Thursday 9th	FINAL PAYMENT DAY 3/4 Camp Deposit \$50 to secure position on camp 1/2 Melton History Excursion
	Friday 10th	5/6 Winters Interschool Sport Lightning Premiership Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 1/2J
	Monday 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	Thursday 16th	Science Night – tickets available at the office – no charge
	Friday 17th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance Prep Z
	Tuesday 21st	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm
	Thursday 23rd	Student Led Conferences & 3-Way Conferences (more information soon)
	Friday 24th	Assembly 9.00am – Performance 5/6R End of Term 2 – children dismissed 2.10pm
JULY	Monday 11th	Curriculum Day (no students at school on this day)
	Tuesday 12th	Term 3 commences
	Thursday 28th	3/4 Camp – 2nd payment due \$50

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- **Safe and Orderly Environment:** We expect students to behave in an appropriate way and get support from an adult when they are hurt or upset by others rather than revert to aggressive behaviour. Please see my important message on how we do this.
- **Communication:** All parents will need to make an appointment through the office if they need to speak with any staff member, including a member of the Principal Class or classroom teachers.
- **Bullying Zero – The Musical:** Grade 5/6s attended a performance about bullying using social media. Very informative.
- **Reconciliation Week:** Our Koori Kids represented MWPS beautifully at a celebration held at the Melton Botanical Gardens organised by the Melton City Council.
- **Supervision After School:** Please be aware the park behind the milk bar is not supervised by teachers before or after school. Please consider the Out of Hours Care provided at school for your child.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews:** Please put Thursday 23rd June in your diary so you are free to attend the upcoming 3-Way and Student Led Conferences as part of the Reporting to Parents cycle.

RECONCILIATION – Excursion to the Melton Botanical Gardens



Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Melton West PS we have put a lot of strategies and supports in place to develop the social and emotional needs of students and to help children manage their response when things don't go the way they expect, such as:

- Kids Connect Program – a social skills lesson held weekly or fortnightly with a small group of students where they learn to manage their emotions, take turns, share and find other ways to respond when they are angry.
- Resilience Groups – a weekly session where children learn about dealing with issues in a more positive and proactive way, learning how to get along with their peers and respond in a more appropriate way.
- Drumbeat – a weekly session where children learn to regulate their emotions and develop a mutual respect for their peers through drumming
- Restorative Time – a time where children can reflect on their behaviour and learn new behaviours
- Berry Street PD – all staff have participated in 2 full training days on how to support children experiencing trauma. The final 2 days will be held in term 3, including in-school support from the Berry St Team who will provide us feedback on how well we are implementing the strategies we are learning
- Cool Down Room – a place where children can come to at recess and lunch if they are feeling overwhelmed in the yard
- Clubs Program – a variety of clubs are available every lunchtime which children can choose to attend. Please see a full list within this newsletter.
- Library at Lunch – is open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtime as a quiet space for children to read and engage in board games

It is the school's responsibility to ensure we are providing a safe and orderly environment, both in the classroom and in the school yard. Despite all the above being in place, we have a small group of students whose first reaction is to hurt someone, either in response to themselves getting hurt or seeing their friend hurt or upset.

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of aggressive behaviour incidents recently. At

times, a child hits out for no apparent reason, or in response to a minor incident involving a friend, or because they believe that is the best way to deal with the situation. At Melton West PS we **DO NOT** condone any form of aggressive or violent behaviour for whatever reason.

In the past we have worked very closely with individual children and their families, discussing their behaviour and alternate ways to manage situations. We find when parents and the school work together to help the child understand that this type of behaviour is unacceptable both at home and at school we get a better result, including a happy and calmer child. However for some children and their families who are not as willing to work with us to solve these issues, the child continues to find it difficult to change the way they deal with situations.

We will continue to work with families willing to engage with us and will keep trying to engage with others more reluctant to work with us to develop their child's understanding that aggressive or violent behaviour is unacceptable. However we will take the option to suspend a child if they hurt another child intentionally under the category of "Behave in such a way as to pose a danger, whether actual, perceived or threatened, to the health, safety or wellbeing of any person."

Please make an appointment to see me if you have any concerns about this.

Communication: This is one of our school values and one I hold high as I believe it is in the child's best interest to have open communication between teachers and parents to ensure we can support the child most effectively. However, from this week, we have had to implement a new system where any parent who wishes to speak to a member of staff will need to arrange an appointment through the office on 9743 5818. Whilst most parents understand that all staff here at Melton West have all children's best interests at heart, not all respect that we do the best we can. We have had situations recently where parents have been rude, disrespectful and demanding, which is unacceptable behaviour from adults. Melton West PS is the workplace of over 70 staff and each and every one of them deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in their work place, just as all parents do in their own workplace. I have included the Department of Education's Dignity and Respect Statement for your reference as part of this newsletter. Please take time to

read over this and make an appointment to see me if you ever feel you have not been treated with dignity or respect whilst here at school, and if you need to speak to your child's teacher please call the office to make an appointment.

Bullying Zero - The Musical: Today all the grade 5/6 students had a free session called Bullying Zero – the Musical performed by the Bully Zero Australia Foundation. It was a very engaging way for the students to see the impact bullying has on others and its possible repercussions. The children asked great questions at the end, showing a real understanding of the messages portrayed.

Reconciliation Week: Last week a group of our Koori students went to the Melton Botanical Gardens to take part in Reconciliation Week Celebrations. We were the only school represented at this fantastic event and everyone there was thrilled that we made the effort. We got excellent feedback on how the children behaved and how well they represented Melton West PS.

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: On Monday 20th June, your child's mid-year report will be sent home. You will have the opportunity to discuss this with your child and their teacher at a 3-way interview for children in Years Prep to Year 4 and a student-led conference for years 5/6. This is a great way to share the hard work your children have been doing over the year and celebrate their achievements. Please see a separate note on how to book your appointment.

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

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Our SSS students have been working hard so far and we are proud of their progress, and are happy to announce that tickets went on sale Friday 3 June.

Here is the info:

Victorian State Schools Spectacular – Get your tickets! We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: The Elements.

This year's Spectacular will be held at **Hisense Arena on Saturday 10 September**, with two shows at **1pm and 6:30pm**. The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets.

Talented young skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student's performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals. Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular will be available for 11 days only from 10am on Friday 3 June. Standard ticket prices will apply after then.

Early Bird tickets – available for one week only from 10am on Friday 3 June Adult – \$35 Child Under 15 – \$18 Concession – \$30 Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

General Admission tickets – available from 9am on Tuesday 14 June Adult – \$40 Concession – \$30 Child Under 15 – \$20

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849.

For more information about the event and program, go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

<https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit>
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular>

PLEASE COME AND CHEER OUR LITTLE ONES ON!

Deena Henaway

P-2 P.E Teacher/ 5/6 Teacher

BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO

1. On Friday each week students with 100% attendance for the week will receive a ticket.
2. On Monday the tickets will be handed to the students. It is then the student's responsibility to deliver their ticket into the boxes in the Prep Photocopy Room during recess or lunch time.
3. At assembly the next Friday tickets will be drawn from each box. The students will then have the option of choosing a VIVO reward.

4. Students whose tickets have been drawn out will receive a certificate and a 'superhero', which will have their photo on it, to decorate. Each Superhero will be displayed on a wall.

STUDENT STAR AWARDS

Congratulations to all the following students who received awards in the last two weeks.

27th May: Aiden McGeary, Ruby McFarlane, Marlon Limbu, Chloe Condie, Tyler Piper, Zander Edgar Thomas, Belle Booker, Lucyanna Undy, Trinity Solomua, Blake Piper, Tanesha Cotterill, Riley Lawrence, Baran Shnkie, Ashton Wright, Ricky Finger, Kaeoni Mendoza, Jonhathan Varelias, Willis Teo, Hailey Higgins, Connah Storey, Jaxen Dennis, Hailey Higgins, Azarel Rohaizam, Satuala Satuala, Zion Waipouri, Ryan Denney,

Amelia Tuionetoo, Sarah Braszell, Tony Ho, O'Shea Davis, Ronny Cook, Anna Chol, Tamale Ata, Thomas Masters, Williams Lane and Ashton Lambley.

3rd June: Keira Tape, Tailey Joseph, Marian Vanday, Xavier Jones, Talia Bielby, Jacob Jeyakumar, Bailey Dwyer, Milton Carranza, Rodel Tulaga, Krisaiah Muavaa-Manolo, TeRamaroa Grant, Richie Lay, Eduardo Lagdon, Solomua Savea, Tiahana Jarman, Annabel Winduss, Sophie McRae, Olivia Brehaut, Yar Panthum, Owen Hart, Allyra Beavis, Jade Grgic-Marino, Xsara Manuel-Fortes, Hannah Jarrott, Summer Barnett, Josh Lagdon, Krystal Tracey-Strahan, Tahlia Gower, Ryan Denney, Molly Winduss, Tracie Veliscek, Michael Bayles, Melyn Yeanay, Archer Mangan, Georgie Davis, Vincent Mauga, Edward O'Rourke and Sasa David.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Monday	Technology	Ms Butcher	Science Room
Tuesday	Drumbeat	Ms Moore / Ms Henaway	5/6V Classroom 9
	Yrs. 3 – 6 Dance Club	Ms Brett	3/4B Classroom 21
	Yrs. Prep – 2 Dance Club	Ms Barnes	Prep B Classroom 14
	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room
Wednesday	Choir	Ms MacDonald / Ms Mega	Library
	Lego Club	Ms White	5/6W Classroom 23
	Yoga Club	Ms Rosset	5/6R Classroom 26
	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room
Thursday	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room
Friday	Indonesian Club	Ms Merry	Library
	Minecraft Club	Mr Spudvillas / Mr Bird	3/4J Classroom OL1
	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room

Facilitated by Bright FACES
Rolando (Qualified Trainer) &
Michelle (Psychologist)

Centre of Bright FACES
3/21 Reserve Rd
Melton

**Sports and rec groups
for kids, teens and young
adults with Autism or
other Special Needs.**

Thurs 4pm-5pm Primary Age
Fri 4:30pm-5:30pm Adolescents

Commencing 21 & 22/07/2016
x 8 weeks

For more info
0410 207 995 or
info@brightfaces.com.au

Adolescents: \$75 per week or \$500 per term with up to \$84.80 medicare rebate per session
Primary: \$100 per week or \$700 term with up to \$84.80 medicare rebate per session or fully funded for clients eligible for DSS funding

**FREE EVENT
BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

**The Owl's
Apprentice**

TUESDAY 28 JUNE
Lakeview Senior College Auditorium
6:00pm – 8:30pm

THURSDAY 30 JUNE
Community Hall
238 High Street, Melton
6:00pm – 8:30pm

The Owl's Apprentice
is an interactive show
for families combining
puppetry and physical
comedy

Ideal for ages 3+

6pm arrival and seating.
Show commences 6:30pm
(50 minute show)

Coffee available for
purchase on the evening

For ticket booking & more info head to
melton.vic.gov.au/creativeprograms or
facebook.com/imaginemelton

Supported Playgroups

Become skilled at a range of parenting essentials through the evidence based *smalltalk* program

Available to families with a Health Care Card (or eligible card or visa), Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and children in kinship care arrangements

Play with your child
and meet other
families

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GROUPS NEAR YOU! Free!

WHEN:
Weekdays

TIMES:
Various Times

WHERE:
Brookfield West, Burnside,
Hillside, Melton, Melton South,
Melton West & Taylors Hill

COST:
Free

MORE INFORMATION:
Playgroups Team
Email:
playgroups@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 7200

For more information, visit
melton.vlc.gov.au




Dignity and Respect Statement

The Department of Education is committed to providing safe and supportive work environments where diversity is valued and everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity.

Discrimination, sexual and other forms of harassment, bullying, violence and threatening behaviour are unacceptable.

All employees, students, parents and visitors in schools and other DoE workplaces are expected to act accordingly.

The Department (which includes schools) and school councils, will act to ensure that the safety, security, health and wellbeing of all employees, students, parents and visitors in schools and other DoE workplaces are protected.



Prof. Peter Dawkins
Secretary

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Pres. D. B. Anderson

Prof. Peter Dawkins

Secretary



Website: <http://www.edmuch.vic.gov.au/much/ehc/health/csmet.htm> Telephone: 1800 800 934

BULLYING ZERO THE MUSICAL



RECONCILIATION WEEK – Excursion to Melton Botanical Gardens



Bush Tucker

