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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.7

12th May, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
<b>MAY</b>	10th 11th / 12th	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
	Friday 13th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance DRUMBEAT Student Disco Prep – 2: 5.00 – 6.30pm / Yr.3-6: 7.00 – 8.30pm
	Tuesday 17th	State School Spectacular Practise
	Tuesday 24th	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm
	Friday 27th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 5/6N
	Tuesday 31st	Children leave for Somers Camp
<b>JUNE</b>	May 31st – 8th	Somers Camp
	Friday 3rd	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 3/4H
	Tuesday 7th	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm & 6.30pm
	Friday 10th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 1/2J
	<b>Monday 13th</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
	Thursday 16th	Science Night (more information closer to date)
	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 closer to date)
	Friday 24th	Assembly 9.00am – Performance 5/6R End of Term 2 – children dismissed 2.10pm
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Monday 11th</b>	<b>Curriculum Day (no students at school on this day)</b>
	Tuesday 12th	Term 3 commences

#### **Key Messages from this Newsletter:**

**Master Plan:** We are on the first part of the journey in developing a Master Plan that should eventuate in our school gym.

**NAPLAN:** Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students who sat their NAPLAN test this week.

**Mother Day Stall:** Last week we held OUR much loved Mothers' Day stall.

**Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea:** On Monday afternoon we were pleased to welcome all our mums, grandmas, aunties and special friends to our school for afternoon tea.

**Aboriginal Language:** It is with great excitement that I can finally announce that our Aboriginal Language Program has started in Prep.

**School Disco:** This is happening tomorrow night

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been identified in the 2016-2017 State Budget as one of the schools who will undertake the Asset Management Planning (AMP) process to determine future capital funding requirements. This includes a new school Gym that we have so desperately wanted for a long time. I received confirmation from the The Honourable James Merlino and I am required to attend a meeting next week where further details will be provided. The AMP is a five year plan for the school's maintenance and upgrade needs and it makes sure the capital works projects align with the school's vision for the future.

The first phase of this project is creating the Educational Direction which includes consultation with the school community. We welcome all parents and guardians who would like to be part of this process. More information will follow shortly, once I have been to the first meeting. It's a very exciting time for Melton West PS.

**NAPLAN:** Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students who sat their NAPLAN test this week along with all the other Grade 3 and 5 students across Australia. These tests are a way of getting a snapshot of how the teaching and learning programs are going across the school. Parents should receive their child's

individual results early term 3. We usually post these to parents and send a note home to let you know to expect them. Please ensure any change in your address is communicated to the office so we can ensure they get to the right place.

**Mother Day Stall:** Last week we held our much loved Mothers' Day stall. The gifts available for purchase were of high quality so we hope all the mums who received a gift were happy with what their child chose for them. I would like to thank the parents who helped out through-out the day to sell the items.

**Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea:** On Monday afternoon we were pleased to welcome all our mums, grandmas, aunties and special friends to our school to share a specially prepared afternoon tea in our classrooms. It was great to see so many come along and join in the activities the students were doing. We hope you had a great Mothers' Day and were spoilt by your family.

**Aboriginal Language:** It is with great excitement that I can finally announce that our Aboriginal Language Program has started in Prep. I would like to welcome Mathew Gardiner who is a Wurundjeri person and been endorsed by the Wurundjeri Land Council to deliver the Woiwurrung language.

**School Disco:** Tomorrow night the Parents and Friends are putting on a disco for our Prep – 2s and another for the 3-6s. Tickets need to be pre-purchased and include some fun snacks and drinks. This evening is a fun way for children to enjoy school and we need to thank the volunteer parents and the teachers who help to make this event possible. Please be patient when it is time to collect your child. We need to make sure the children are picked up by the correct person.

**M**oving forward **W**ith the **P**assion to **S**ucceed

Michelle Costa  
Principal

### STUDENT DISCO

Tickets can be purchased at the office for tomorrow night's Student Disco. \$5

Prep – Yr. 2: 5:00 – 6:30pm

Yr. 3-6: 7:00 – 8:30pm

Drop off procedures:

- Please come to the gate near the canteen area.
- There will be a sign in / out sheet that **MUST** be completed for each student attending.
- Sign your child in and make sure there is an emergency phone contact listed.

Pick up procedures:

- Please come to the door at the rear of the GP Room (grassed area outside the Science Room)

- There will be a sign out sheet here that must be completed before students can leave
- Staff will collect your child from within the disco and bring them to meet you at the door.
- Please ensure students are collected at the finish time of their disco.

We hope all students have a fun night!

### STAR STUDENT AWARDS

**29th April:** Mordecai Maposa, Jessica Hodge, Jethro Skrzypko, Sharo Shnkie, Keanu Charitopoulos, Easter Tulaga, Ivy Ait-Kaci, Willis Teo, Sara Cicconetti, Amanda Damayo, Azarel Rohaizam, Jarome Kaio-Komiti, Isabelle Holman, Monique Culliver, Herjok Garang, Raimi Russell, Jacob-Dylan Masters Haines, Summer Barnett, Aidan DaCostaLay, Hayley McCoombes, Siera Vuradin, Kahlil Roach, Erin Dimond, Alex Casimiro, Charlotte Harty, Tyler Russell, Anas Dewanyang, Tyrese Clemmet Nazifovski, Susan Erjok Kuol, Lillie Thompson, Angeline Tuionetoa, Gabriel Osman and Luiana D'Angelo.

**6th May:** Aliana Jones, Joel Hills, Huzaifa Hilli, Raiden Prem, Tawny Roach, Nancy Finau-Vave, Rebecca Wheeler, Samuel Gai, Romy Hossni, Dominic Morgan, Kallen Rybicki, Tyler Piper, Blake Bransperger, Romanh Lam, Tahlia Gower, Alyssa Pigram, Chantelle Gunn, Sarah Nicholson, Chaise Hamilton, Mary-Jane Masters, Deakin Leabourn-Waipouri, Jackson Caiafa, Marlee Leetham, Tarin Dedic O'Neill, Talia Chapman, Gracie Lewis, Mikayla Johnson Blaiden Storey, Desmond Finau-Vave, Saphira Siloi, Kaidan Sutton, Sorenson Muavaa, Courtney Kerrison, Charlie Williams-Kelly, Dakota Leabourn-Waipouri, Venkat Vijay and Juliana Rundell.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos were given out to children last Friday. If your child was absent, their photos can be collected from the office.

If you have any problems or didn't order photos and would like to order now, please phone MSP Photography on 5333 5577.

### SPARE CLOTHES

As the weather starts to get cooler and wetter, we often require spare track pants and windcheaters for children to change into. If you have any out-grown school uniforms we would greatly appreciate it if you would send them to the office.

### LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property cupboards are quickly filling up. If your child has lost any clothing please ask at the office for the key to check the cupboards.

Please mark your child's name **CLEARLY** on their uniform pieces so that they can be returned without going into the cupboards.



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## **WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016**

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)



## Aboriginal Parents Group Cultural Art Group

Are you interested in learning the skill behind creating your very own art piece

The Aboriginal Parent Group will run a series of Art lessons over the next 5 weeks

We will have an Artist in the house to provide lessons to develop your very own masterpiece.

Come join in on the fun, all community members are welcome to this FREE art experience.

Starts Friday the 20th of May 2016 10:30-12:30 pm

Melton Community Health Cnr Yuille st and High st Melton

Limited spaces for these sessions

Expressions of Interest Please contact Damien on the below number

Damien on 87461100



## Rainbow Flag Raising



We're raising the rainbow flag to support International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

It shows Council's commitment to reducing the barriers faced by LGBTIQ people in our community; creating a prejudice-free world regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

Guest Speakers:

Julie DeBondt- Barker  
(Author of the book, "The Mourning After")

Jami Jones  
(Coordinator of Rainbow Network, Victoria)

**FLAG RAISING & LUNCH**

WHEN:  
Tuesday 17 May 2016

TIME:  
11am - 12.20 pm

WHERE:  
Community Hall  
232 High Street Melton

COST:  
Free

RSVP:  
Sunita Mann  
Email:  
sunitam@melton.vic.gov.au  
Phone: 9747 7200



## INVITATION MURAL & CEREMONIAL CIRCLE SHOWCASE RECONCILIATION WEEK



The Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden and the Melton Aboriginal Men's Group have worked together on three projects that will connect Aboriginal culture, history and community through artwork, indigenous plantings and the creation of a ceremonial circle.

To learn more about these projects from the participating groups join us for a demonstration and morning tea in the garden.

WHEN: Thursday 2 June 2016

TIME: 10am - 11am

WHERE: Melton Botanic Gardens, 21 Williams Road, Melton

RSVP: Friday 27 May 2016  
Simone Gordon  
P: 9747 7200 or Email: adminvents@melton.vic.gov.au  
Please advise of any dietary requirements



## Rockbank Community Safety Day

Rockbank Community Network invites you to attend this forum and learn about fire safety, home safety, stranger danger, Neighbourhood Watch, flood and storm safety and more from Victoria Police, CFA and SES.

FREE child restraint fitting and checks available to ensure the safety of your child. Also engrave your car tools to make them theft safe!

Enjoy free BBQ, face painting, music, dance and other fun activities

Community Bus to pick up from Rockbank Primary School car park 10.50am onwards.

### DETAILS:

WHEN:  
Saturday, 21 May 2016

TIME:  
11am - 1pm

WHERE:  
Woodlea Community Hub  
Woodlea Blvd, Rockbank North

COST:  
Free

RSVP:  
Inderdeep 0439 327 716 or 9747 7200  
Inderdeepi@melton.vic.gov.au

**BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!**



## Extend OSHC at **MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

If your child is booked in and will not be attending the After School Care Program it is **extremely** important to let head office or the staff at the program know so that we can mark them off the roll. If Extend have not been made aware that your child isn't coming, then we will make all efforts to find them. If unsuccessful we are required to notify the Police.



Over the past 2 weeks the children have participated in lots of activities. The children enjoyed making lots of things for Mother's day.

I hope you all had a fantastic Mother's day.

Some of the things that were made are..

- Button love hearts
- Foam bookmarks
- Elbow Tag
- Tunnel ball
- Flower pot craft
- Bouquet of flower craft
- Abstract art
- Cards
- Butterfly craft
- Fairy dolls

and lots more

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Apricot balls (cooking)
- Frisbee competition
- Abstract masks
- Sand art
- Tunnel ball
- Clown art
- Paper plate hens
- Poison ball
- Indians and tepees

and lots more!

### **SUPERSTAR AWARD..**

Congratulations to... **SHANNON ANTONY!** For making a great effort in getting to know staff and children. For working super hard on his alphabet and learning his letters at after school care.

Keep up the good work!

### **Existing Families**

Don't forget to manage your 2016 bookings.

Last year's bookings **do not roll over** so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016.

You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

### **New Families**

#### **Enrol online – allow 24 hours**

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

#### **Enrol now, pay later**

The annual enrolment fee per family of \$20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won't be charged.

***Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!***

**PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**