

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT	Friday 14th	DREAM BIG FESTIVAL (selected students)
	Friday 14th	Assembly @2:30pm - Performance by 34W
	Monday 17th	Sovereign Hill Excursion 1/2A, M, U, W
	Wed 19th	Walk 2 School—Navan Park 8:30am
	Wed 19th	Sovereign Hill Excursion 1/2C, D, H, L
	Friday 21st	Assembly @9:00am - Performance by 12W
	Friday 21st	Whole School Inquiry Showcase—9:30am All Welcome
	Friday 21st	END OF TERM 3 - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10pm
OCT	Monday 8th	TERM 4 BEGINS

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Year 3/4 Camp
- Year 2 Sleepover
- Parents and Friends Special Lunch
- State School Spectacular
- Regional Athletics
- Master Plan Update
- NAPLAN Data
- 2019 Plans
- 2019 Prep Enrolments

Hi Melton West. This week Alana, the Parents and Friends Committee and myself held a sausage sizzle to raise money for the school. Alana and I helped serve the sausages and veggie burgers to the hungry and wonderful students of MWPS. Judging by the comments we received from some of our community, the day was a huge success. We can't wait for the next one!

"You're rocking it guys" – Erin (P and F)

"Yum, the sausages were amazing" – Benda (56M)

"Delicious, tasty, awesome service" – Mathew (56M)

"Thank you Parents and Friends, very organised allowing for smooth transitions. The smell of cooking sausages wafting through the school was divine" – Miss Moore
From Sui (School Captain)



On Tuesday the 11th of September, Sui and I helped with the Sausage Sizzle. It was fun because we got to help the Parents and Friends Group raise money for the school. It was great seeing how many students had a sausage or veggie burger. The support of these days is truly appreciated as every little bit counts and goes towards improvements and purchases for our school.

Thank you everyone for waiting patiently in line. I hope you all enjoyed your lunch!

Also, a huge thank you to the Parents and Friends Group for making the whole thing happen.

From Alana (School Captain)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Year 3/4 Camp: Last week a group of Year 3/4 students attended the popular Kangaroo Camp, in Port Campbell for 3 days. For some students it is their first experience away from home, or away from family. All children coped very well and had an absolute ball in the farm environment and challenging themselves on the rope obstacle course. I hope they shared the amazing stories with you. As always there is a mountain of lost property that was left behind, which is in the BER building if you are looking for any of your child's belongings. In addition to lost property, we have some children, whose clothes which were clearly marked with their name, missing a number of items, which are not in the lost property. If your child brought home any items of clothing that you do not recognise, whether they are named or not, please send them back to school so we can return them to their original owner. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who attended for without them this experience would not be possible for the children. Thank-you all so much!

Year 2 Sleepover: We have the Grade 2 Sleepover scheduled for early next term. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a night away from home, in a safe and supportive environment. It is the first phase of our camping program and occurs each year for our Year 2 students, preparing them for camp in Years 3/4 and 5/6, which happen on a biannual basis. Again, I would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered to be part of this night.

Parents and Friends Special Lunch: Each term, our Parents and Friends group put on a special lunch for the students, usually a sausage sizzle. This was held this week and the children absolutely loved their treats. Unfortunately we did not get many parents who volunteered to help so a BIG thank-you needs to go to the few parents who were here all day setting up, cooking and serving. It certainly was a mammoth effort that ran very smoothly given the low numbers of helpers. On a positive note, our School Captains Emma and Sui stepped up to help serve the sausages and I have been told they did an amazing job. So another HUGE thank-you needs to be given to Emma and Sui for supporting the parents and helping out so competently.

State School Spectacular: Today and tomorrow, Ms Henaway and Ms Ralph are accompanying a group of dedicated students who will be rehearsing for their performance in the State Schools' Spectacular at Hi Sense this Saturday. They have been very dedicated practising each Friday after school for the majority of the year. It is a big commitment the students and staff have undertaken and I wish them all the best. I will be attending the matinee session on Saturday and look forward to spotting them as they perform.

Regional Athletics: Today Mr Bird accompanied a group of students who are representing the schools in the Melton area in a variety of sports. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about how they go. Good luck!! Give it your best effort!!!!

Master Plan Update: I was informed last week that the documents for the Master Plan have gone to tender, so interested builders can price the project. The tenders close on September 27th and after this date the architects and myself will choose a builder. Hopefully construction will begin in the very near future.

NAPLAN Data: Recently the 2018 NAPLAN Data was released and all individual student's results were posted to the child's listed home address. If your child is in Year 3 or 5 and you have not received this important letter, please contact the office and check your mailing address. Please put these results in a safe place because they are often requested by other schools when your child is moving into Year 7 or another school system.

The overall school results were very pleasing for our Year 5 cohort this year, specifically in Reading, which has been our focus. These positive results are due to the continual approach to ensuring there is consistency of practice across the school and that all teachers are provided with support and coaching to continually improve their practice.

2019 Plans: We will be beginning the process of forming new class grouping for 2019 early in Term 4. In order to know how many classes we will need, I have attached a tear off section to complete if your child WILL NOT be returning to Melton West PS in 2019. If you are unsure at this stage, please put in the note and write "POSSIBLY". This will not mean you cannot come to Melton West PS next year, it will just give us an indication of what is possible.

2019 Prep Enrolments: I have been conducting school tours for parents who have children due to start school next year in Prep. We have begun taking enrolments and encourage you to complete a form if you have a pre-schooler or encourage your friends to book a tour if their first child is starting school, so that they can be invited to be part of our Prep Transition Sessions, starting mid-November. Please be aware there are boundaries in place that designate our catchment area for new families. Please ask your friend to check at the office if they are unsure as to whether they fit within our area.

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

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ATTENTION!

PREP ENROLMENT 2019

We are now taking enrolments for 2019.

Please call at the office to collect an enrolment form if you have a child that will commence prep next year. If you wish to have a tour, please make an appointment at the office.

If you know of any one who has a child that will commence Prep in 2019 and who lives in our zone please ask them to call the office: 9743 5818 to make an appointment for a school tour.

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- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
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- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
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- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

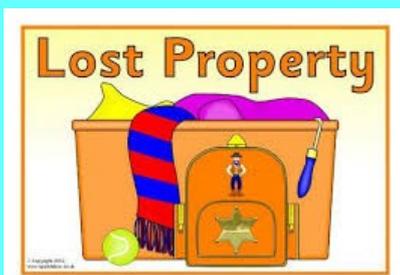
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LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is now located in the main corridor of the Admin block outside the library.

The 'Lost property' box will be cleaned out every Friday.

To ensure the return of lost items to the right student, please label all items of clothing.



END OF TERM

NEXT FRIDAY

21st SEPTEMBER

EARLY DISMISSAL

2:10PM





Child Care Subsidy - What you need to know!

The government reports "teething issues" nationally

So what are these teething issues and how do they affect you?

Since July 2, child care providers and parents across Australia have reported glitches in the administration of the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Seventeen independent software providers have been approved by the Government to process the CCS on behalf of child care providers and the families who use their services. Technical issues have prevented some families from receiving the CCS for which they are eligible, forcing them to temporarily absorb the extra cost.

Education Minister Simon Birmingham says "it's inevitable that some teething issues will arise" given the scale of the changes.

[Read the full article here.](#)

While the CCS will simplify child care funding in Australia, Extend wishes to assure our families that we are aware of the software challenges occurring during this transition. We are liaising closely with the Government and our software provider to assist them in rectifying any outstanding issues for our families quickly and effectively.

What you need to do!

For Families who have transitioned to the new CCS and linked Extend as your provider, you do not need to take further action. If your account is one affected by the software glitches, please know the Government and software providers are working to fix the problems as soon as possible.

For families who have not yet transitioned to the Child Care Subsidy, or have not linked Extend as your provider, you have until **23 September** to complete the online assessment in order to have your payments backdated to 2 July. Log in to my.gov.au and follow the prompts.

For further details on services offered by Extend or to contact us please visit:

www.extend.com.au

See you at Extend!

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CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON AND BOOK TODAY

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PLANNING 2019

Please complete and return to school if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to MWPS in 2019.

At this stage, I am anticipating that my child **WILL NOT** be attending Melton West Primary School in 2019. We are transferring to (write name of school): _____

Child/ren's Names:

Grade (2018):

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Get Activated Stay Motivated



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a fun and exciting holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12.

Kids get a chance to have a go at a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!

The café is open from 9.30am - Coffee and snacks available.

COST: \$6 per child

Register at: <http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Online-Forms/Get-Activated-Stay-Motivated>

For more information Contact: Margaret or Catrice

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CAROLINE SPRINGS:

WHEN:

Wednesday 26th September

TIME:

10am-12pm Arrive at 9.30am

WHERE:

Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
9-19 The Parade, Caroline Springs

MELTON:

WHEN:

Wednesday 3rd October

TIME:

10am-12pm Arrive at 9.30am

WHERE:

Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
209 Coburns Rd Melton

