



EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
APRIL	Friday 15th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance Prep B
	18th-22nd	Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp
	Thursday 21st	Australian Ballet visit
	Friday 22nd	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 5/6M
	Monday 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 26th	2016 Annual Report to the Community Meeting
	Wednesday 27th	Book Club orders and Payment due
	Friday 29th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 3/4Y
MAY	Thursday 5th	Mother's Day Stall (more information closer to date)
	Friday 6th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 1/2H
	10th 11th / 12th	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
	Friday 13th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance DRUMBEAT Student Disco (more information closer to date)
	Tuesday 17th	State School Spectacular Practise
	Friday 27th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 5/6N
	Tuesday 31st	Children leave for Somers Camp
JUNE	May 31st – 8th	Somers Camp
	Friday 3rd	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 3/4H
	Friday 10th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 1/2J
	Monday 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	Thursday 16th	Science Night (more information closer to date)
	Friday 17th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance Prep Z
	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
JULY	Monday 11th	Curriculum Day (no students at school on this day)
	Tuesday 12th	Term 3 commences

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- **2016 Annual Report to the Community Meeting:** I would like to invite all interested parents to the meeting, which will be held immediately before the April School Council meeting **on 26th April. Please note change of date as advertised in last newsletter.**
- **5/6 Canberra Camp:** On Monday a group of about 50 Grade 5/6 students are heading up the highway to see our National Capital Canberra.
- **NAPLAN:** NAPLAN is a test all students across Australia sit in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year the tests will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May.
- **Student Led Conferences and 3-Way Conferences:** Thursday 23rd June has been set aside for Parent Teacher Interviews in the form of Student-Led Conference and 3-Way Conferences
- **Pokemon Cards:** I have decided that the best course of action from this point forward is to ban them from coming to school.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2 2016. I hope you and your family had a wonderful break over the holidays and had many fun filled experiences together. My holidays seemed to fly by very quickly after taking the

opportunity to make all those appointments families often need to make such as dentist check-ups.

2016 Annual Report to the Community Meeting: Each year it is a legal requirement for the school to present an Annual Report to our Community. This normally happens at the first meeting of the new School Council in March, however due to a technical issue, the report was not be available until this term. I would like to invite all interested parents to that meeting, which will be held immediately before the April School Council meeting on 26th April. **Please note change of date as advertised in last newsletter.**

5/6 Canberra Camp: On Monday a group of about 50 Grade 5/6 students are heading up the highway to see our National Capital Canberra. It is a great experience where students learn about our nation's history, how parliament works, great artists and sports men and women of Australia. We are sure they are all going to have a great time. I wish to publicly thank the staff who are attending as they are giving up their own family time to ensure these students have this wonderful opportunity - Mrs Mills, Mr Devlin, Mrs Cvitkovic and Mrs Solomon.

NAPLAN: NAPLAN is a test all students across Australia sit in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year the tests will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. We will work with the students in years 3-6 to help them feel at ease with the format of the tests and the test conditions they will be expected to operate under. We cannot explicitly teach the students the tests because they are an indication of how the students' performance overall in Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. The work we do with the students from Year Prep all go towards the how well they go on the test.

Student Led Conferences and 3-Way Conferences: This term student reports will be written and sent home towards the end of June, with the opportunity for parent teacher interviews following. These interviews will be Student-Led Conferences for students in Years 5 and 6 and 3-Way Conferences in Years Prep- 4, where parents and students attend. The feedback we received from parents, students and teachers over the past few years has been great and we look forward to holding them again this year, providing the students the opportunity to talk about their learning with their parents. The date has been set for Thursday 23rd June so please place this in your diary.

Pokemon Cards: This craze of collector cards has become a problem at school, with many being stolen from children. This is unfortunate because the behaviour of a few ruin the fun and opportunity of all, however I have decided that the best course of action from this point forward is to ban them from coming to school. When issues arise from cards being stolen or swapped unfairly, this has an impact on children's learning as they grapple with the feelings and emotions that come with such loss and disappointment. Please speak to you child about this ban and remind them not

to bring their precious belongings to school where we cannot guarantee their safety.

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed

Michelle Costa
Principal

STUDENT STAR AWARDS

18th March: Tahlia Gower, Lucas Murray, Josh Manalo, Omar Hilli, Cadence Hart, Lucyanna Undy, Simon Fafoa, Toby Williams, Cloe Flaherty, Emma Young, Ricky Finger, Finn Emile, Allyra Beavis, Andrea Pamilacan, Lorelai Hanson, Ashton Lambley, Jok Makuach and Maile Nafe

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We expect the School Photos to be sent home in approximately 2 – 3 weeks.

FUNDRAISING

Easter Raffle: 1st Mary-Jane Masters / 2nd Tiana Goodwin / 3rd James Lewis / 4th Malia Matuuw / 5th Bianca Skrzytko

Congratulations to all the winners, we hope that you enjoyed the chocolate.

SPARE UNIFORM

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

STUDENT BANKING

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Mud Spat Handball



Outback Pat Bag Tag



For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that TUESDAY (morning) is School Banking Day.

March into Autumn

with this amazing deal

Pay NO resource or textbook costs if you enrol this month

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Get your qualification and join the booming childcare industry!

We are offering **Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50113**

⊞ Government Funded (eligibility criteria applies)

⊞ Flexible day or night classes in Melton

Contact - 0422 384 361 for more information



MELTON PHOENIX FC PLAYERS WANTED!!

Melton Phoenix FC is currently looking for
Boys aged 10, 11 or 12 years old, and
Girls aged 8 or 9 years old,
to join our soccer club.

If your child loves to play soccer,
bring them along to join in on the fun,
and learn the skills to play in a team

Contact us today at meltonphoenixfc@gmail.com or by phone:

U11 & U12 Boys - Ph. Alex on 0402 243 765

U9 Girls - Ph. Mel on 0432 604 011



KURUNJANG SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 7 AVID PROGRAM 2017 INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 3rd May, 6.30pm

Come along to find out how to apply for the year 7 AVID program 2017 and start the application process.

Acceptance into the AVID program is subject to completion of an application, academic test and interview. For more information contact on 9743 9211 /

www.kurunjangsc.vic.edu.au

Email: snap.e.dominic.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Melton West Primary School Choir



WEDNESDAY in the LIBRARY

Choir will commence

Wednesday 20th April.

The choir is suited to students from grades 2 to 6.

Performances will be showcased at our annual Concert, Kmart Wishing Tree Launch and upcoming Assemblies.

The choir will promote team work and most of all is going to be FUN!!

You don't have to be the best singer... everyone is welcome.

*Students who participate will be required to commit to the choir and attend all practice sessions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms MacDonald, Mrs Mega & Mrs Pfister

Stig Live @ The Library



High energy with plenty of laughter!

Stig Wemyss, Australia's favourite children's narrator and performer will be here to launch BorrowBox.

Stig delivers a wildly entertaining and fun filled show designed for children aged 7-13.

Lots of audience interaction and participation with fantastic prizes and giveaways on the day.

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Saturday 23 April

TIME:
1 pm

WHERE:
Melton Library and Learning Hub
31 McKenzie Street, Melton

COST:
Free

RSVP:
Bookings not required

For more information, visit
melton.vic.gov.au/library
Phone: 9747 5300

Come along and join the fun!



BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS



A FREE 6 week parenting program full of handy hints and tips to improve communication and understanding between you and your child.

When: Monday afternoons
2nd May - 6th June
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm **Where:** Melton West Community Centre.
2 West Melton Drive, Melton West
Free Childminding available on request

Using mindfulness and reflection, parents will:

- Learn about their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- Understand how children communicate AND what they're really trying to tell you.
- Discover the kind of parent you'd like to be.
- Learn how to develop emotional confidence in your child.
- Learn about your child's developmental stages

To register call Family wellbeing Support Service
Contact Kate 8746 0500 or 0418446692



MacKillop Family Services



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BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS is a Program designed to share skills and resource with Parents which are underpinned by a philosophy of promoting and supporting respectful, caring and nurturing relationships between parents and their children. Parents and carers are encouraged to become more reflective and mindful in their parenting approach. The flyer is included in the newsletter with the program starting Monday the 2nd of April 1-3pm at the Melton West Community Centre (next door to the school) for 6 weeks. Childminding can be arranged. the Program is free of charge.

MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY HELP

If you are able to help from 9am on any Friday, please circle a date or dates that would suit you, and return this to school. We will then be in touch with further details, thank you.

TERM 2

Friday 15, 22, 29 April

Friday 6, 13, 20, 27 May

Friday 3, 10, 17, June



Parent's Name: ----- Phone No: -----

Student's Name: ----- Grade: -----