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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.

17th March, 2016

NEWSLETTER NO.4

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
MARCH	Friday 18th	Assembly – 1/2C performance
	Monday 21st	Celebrating Harmony Day – notices will be sent home closer to the date
	Tuesday 22nd	Hot Cross Bun Delivery
	Wednesday 23rd	School Photos – payment envelopes have been sent home
	Thursday 24th	End of Term 1 - 2.10pm
APRIL	18th-22nd	Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp
	Thursday 21st	Australian Ballet visit
	Monday 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
MAY	Friday 13th	Parent & Friends Disco – more information to come
	Tuesday 17th	State School Spectacular Practise
JUNE	May 31st – 8th	Somers Camp
	Monday 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	Friday 24th	End of Term 2

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- **2016 School Council: 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 18th April.
- **Showcase of Learning:** Last Friday was our Showcase of Learning. We hope you took the opportunity to visit your child/children as they proudly showed you their learning
- **School Photos:** Next Wednesday is our school photo day.
- **Speaking to Other Children:** Please ensure you speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see Mrs O'Connor P-2 Assistant Principal, Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic 3-6 Assistant Principal or myself.
- **Bring a Bloke:** Last night a number of families took the opportunity to come up to school to be part of our Bring-A-Bloke night. Thank-you to Mr Walsh, Ms Henaway and Mrs Cvitkovic
- **Swimming Carnival:** Congratulations Marlee Leetham from 3/4Y who represented our school at the District Level of swimming
- **Supervision After School:** Please be aware that the school is not able to provide teacher supervision in the area behind the milk bar. Please consider the Before and After School care facility run by **Extend** that is run on site every day.
- **Camps:** Next term we have 2 camps planned for our year 5/6 students. During term 4, a camp for the students in 3/4 has been organised.
- **School Holidays:** Next week begin our school holidays on Thursday 24th March and return to school on Monday 11th April.
- **Special Lunch:** Thank-you to the parents who helped out on the Special Lunch day on Tuesday. It was great to see many new faces helping on the day and also during Fresh Fruit Friday.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the final newsletter for our first term in 2016. Next week is the Partners in Learning, which we hope you are finding informative and supportive. The partnership with parents is an important student success indicator and this is one of the ways we try to keep you informed. We welcome feedback on any and all forms of communication, as this is one way we can work to improve.

2016 School Council: This year we had enough nominations to fill the 3 vacancies we had on School

Council, as well as the casual vacancy created by the resignation of one of our existing School Councillors as she prepares for the birth of her next baby. The School Council meets a minimum of 8 times per year and the functions of a school council include: establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community; participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan; approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure; developing, reviewing and updating school policies; raising funds for school-related purposes; maintaining

the school's grounds and facilities; entering into contracts (such as for cleaning or construction work) • reporting annually to the school community and to the Department; creating interest in the school in the wider community; informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community; regulating and facilitating the after-hours use of school premises and grounds. Thank-you to the parents who have volunteered to be part of the 2016 school Council.

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 will not be available until next term. I would like to invite all interested parents to that meeting, which will be held immediately before the April School Council meeting on 18th April.

Showcase of Learning: Last Friday was our Showcase of Learning. We hope you took the opportunity to visit your child/children as they proudly showed you the learning they have been undertaking this term. It's always great to see parents, grandparents, friends and families involved in the school at any level.

School Photos: Next Wednesday is our school photo day. Envelopes have been sent home and need to be returned on Wednesday if you would like to purchase a photo of your child. We also take group shots of our student leaders which will be available for purchase next term. If you have a shared family arrangement please contact the office if you require two sets of photos.

Speaking to Other Children: At times I know some parents feel the need to talk to a child who may be upsetting their own child, with the intention of helping ease the situation. This is not an acceptable practice at Melton West PS. If you have any concerns about another child, please ensure you speak to your child's teacher who can follow up and address the situation. It can be very frightening for a child to feel they are getting reprimanded by an adult other than their parent or a teacher. If you have any concerns or feel the situation is not being resolved with the class teacher, please make an appointment to see Mrs O'Connor P-2 Assistant Principal, Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic 3-6 Assistant Principal or myself. We are committed to working together to resolve all issues brought to our attention.

Bring a Bloke: Last night a number of families took the opportunity to come up to school to be part of our Bring-A-Bloke night. Bunnings is a great partner of the school, supplying all the resources and equipment children and their families need to create something together. It is important to include a thank-you to Mr Walsh and Ms Henaway, who ably organised the event

and provided the free sausages and healthy food and Mrs Cvitkovic who was also present. We hope you enjoyed the event and look forward to you sharing your experiences with others in the hope that they may join us next time. This is an example of the extra-curricular activities we provide at Melton West PS

Swimming Carnival: Last Friday we had one child, Marlee Leetham from 3/4Y represent our school at the District Level of swimming, competing against students from other schools around the west, including Werribee. Marlee is only 8 years old, and competed in the under 9 age group. She did exceptionally well coming 4th, considering she will be eligible to swim in that age group again next year if she qualifies. Congratulations Marlee. You have made us all proud as the only representative from our school at the competition.

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.

Camps: Next term we have 2 camps planned for our year 5/6 students. The first one is to our nation's capital Canberra. 54 students are accompanying 4 staff members and a paramedic on this 5 day camping experience where students will experience many of the famous places in Canberra such as Parliament House, the War Memorial, the National Gallery and Questacon, to name a few. It is a great experience and I know the students who are going are looking forward to a great adventure, with lots of learning opportunities. A few children also have the opportunity to attend the Somers Camp, along with a large number of students from other schools. This is a 10 day camp and is a fantastic opportunity for those who have been selected, by a ballot, to attend. Unfortunately we are only allocated a few places, so cannot accommodate all children who would like to attend. During term 4, a camp for the students in 3/4 has been planned and we hope to have as many children attend as possible.

School Holidays: Next week is the last week of term 1. We begin our school holidays on Thursday 24th March and return to school on Monday 11th April. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday and return safely to school, ready to learn next term.

Special Lunch: On Tuesday children were treated to a special lunch thanks to the parent volunteers who cooked the sausages and prepared the treats. We are so grateful for the time and energy they put into the school to make it a fantastic environment. Many of them are here every week helping out during Fresh Fruit Friday preparing the fruit platters for the students. Thank-you to all the parents who help out at school in any way. It is very much appreciated.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All children will have their photo taken on Wednesday 23rd March. Order forms have been sent home with each child. These forms must be returned by Tuesday 22nd March with correct payment. **NO CHANGE**

CAN BE GIVEN AT THE OFFICE.

Each child must have their own separate envelope, payment can be put in one of the envelopes for all children.

Students must wear clean, full school uniform on the day.

FAMILY (school children only) PHOTO ENVELOPES are available at the office. Late orders can be sent to MSP Photographers, 1st Floor, 426 Sturt Street, Ballarat, Phone 5333 5577 but will incur a late fee.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THE CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The CSEF helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students and \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply: contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website.

Applications close 3rd June 2016.

STUDENT WEEKLY STAR AWARDS

4th March: Lasi Ata, Grace Cullum, Owen Hart, Frank Bason, Luca Turner, Lily Masters, Tazmin Shugg, Charlie Crawford, Meriam Tung, Adrian Pamilacan, Icheille

Rosette, Deng Majok, Nelle Malupeaua, Lea Finau-Vave, Tahlia Gower, Azarel Rohaizam, Kaidyn Medley, Zoe-Lee Hall-Riley, Hiruth Welgama, Christian Watton, Shiloh Pritchard, Mikayla Falzon, Bianca Bryant, Mankeert Bal, Karen Denney, Ador Kongor, Cianna Cartwright, Sophia Arenas Meneses, Tiahana Jarman, Charlie Harrison, Ram Tung, Shylah Beavis and Agoot Mading.

11th March: Gloria Polizzi, Laban Tautalaaso, Zara Gower, Mia Smith, Angelina Bayles, Ada Huseyin, Jordan Pirota, Geroni Lay, Adrian Pamilacan, Tazmin Shugg, Seth Tatnell, Mary Gai, Angeer Agany, Stevie Jarvis, Gurveer Kohli, Chelsea Connell, Jade Johnson, Lily Huang, Alek Deng, Mataya Leetham, Alyssa Pigram, Sh'Kyla Beasley, Easter Tulaga, Sara Cicconetti, Chloe Condie, Tyrese Clemmet Nazifovski, Andrea Pamilacan, Maile Nafe, Izaak Lagdon Joel Chekole, Sienna Robinson, Sean Tyrrell, Mikaylah Crawford, Zaidyn Sultana-McFeeters, Nikita Brehaut, & Xavier-Jordan Leabourn-Waipouri.

FUNDRAISING

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets have been sent home to all families. Tickets are \$1 each and must be returned by Tuesday 22nd March. Winning tickets will be drawn at Assembly, 9am Thursday 24th March.

EASTER HOT CROSS BUNS: Order forms have been sent home to each family and should have been returned yesterday. Delivery is Tuesday 22nd March.

WALK-A-THON: the Walk-a-thon will be held on the last day of term Thursday 24th March. Notices will be sent out soon with times etc. All Sponsorship forms should be returned to the school by Tuesday 22nd March.

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*3 ON 3 COMPETITIONS

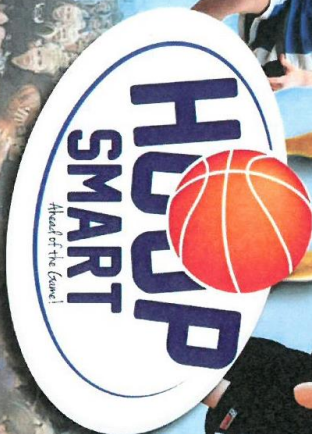
*SKILLS TEST

*INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

*FUNDAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

*MULTIPLE AWARDS/PRIZES

*NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL
PLAYERS AND COACHES



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Auskick Registration Night Wednesday 6th April 6.00pm to 8.00pm
McDonalds, Barries Road Melton

Kurunjang Auskick:

Kurunjang Reserve, Centenary Ave, Kurunjang

Wednesday, 4.30pm to 6.00pm

1st Session Wednesday 13th April 2015

Cost: \$91

Coordinator: Peter Binek 0412 452 836

Melton Friday Auskick

Melton Recreation Reserve, Reserve Road, Melton

Friday Night 5.30pm to 7.00pm

1st Session Friday 15th April 2015

Cost: \$91

Coordinator: Jacqueline Kubeckis 0413 238 264

Melton Saturday Auskick

Blackwood Drive Reserve, Reynolds Place, Melton South

Saturday Mornings, 9.00am to 10.30pm

1st Session Saturday 16th April

Cost: \$91

Coordinator: Michelle Whitehand 0411 410 812

Arnolds Creek Auskick

Arnolds Creek Reserve, 20 Long Tree Drive, West Melton

Friday Night, 5.00p to 6.00pm

1st Session Friday 15th April 2016

Cost: \$91

Coordinator: Lauren Connelly 0409 865 037

Bringing Baby Home

A workshop for parents transitioning to parenthood

This workshop focuses on:

- Deepening the friendship between you/your partner
 - Strengthening the communication in your relationship
 - Maintaining intimacy
 - Managing conflict
- Couples with babies are very welcome!

"The greatest gift you can give your child is a strong relationship between the two of you." – Dr John Gottman

PROGRAM DATES 2016

Sunday 14 February 9.30-4pm | Melton Health
195—209 Barries Rd, Melton West

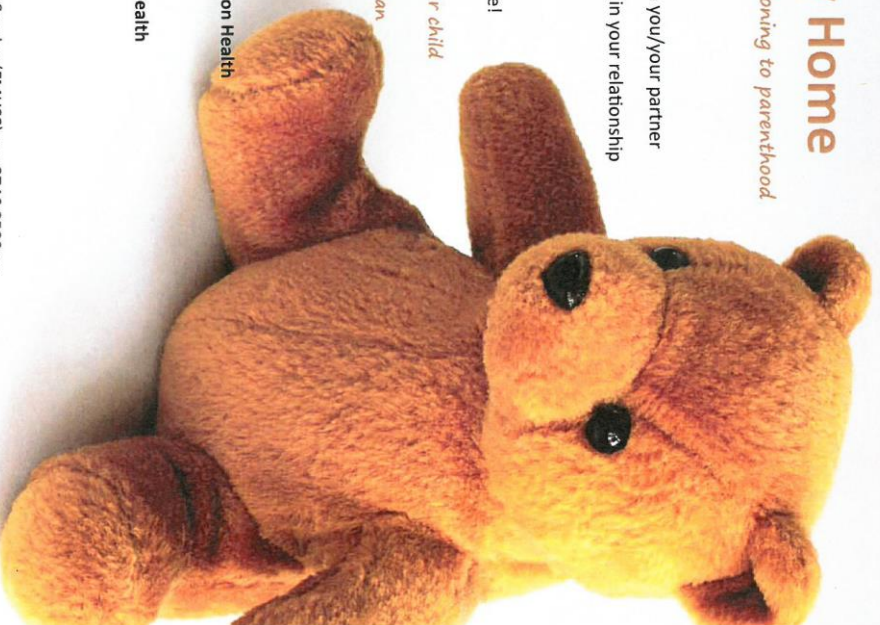
Sunday 29 May 9.30-4pm | Melton Health
195—209 Barries Rd, Melton West

To Book

Phone: Family Mental Health Support Service (FMHSS) on 8746 0500 or
Email: fmhss@ccam.org.au

Cost: FREE

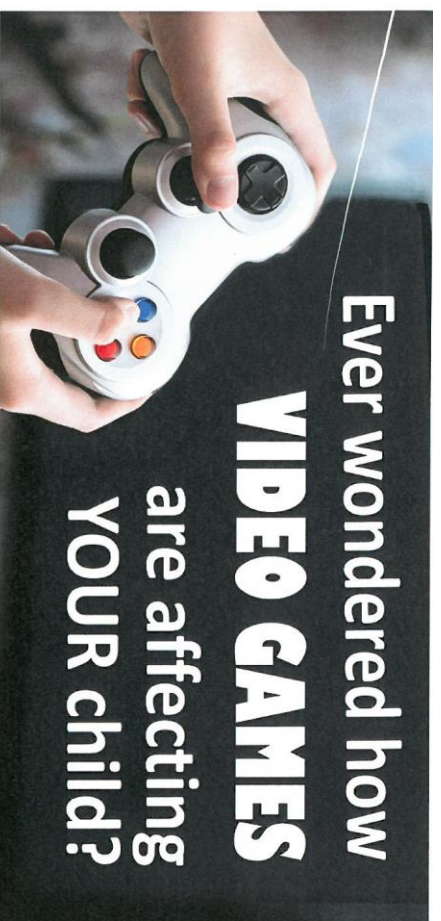
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