



EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
JUNE	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
	Wednesday 13th	Body Safety Program Parent Information Sessions 9.30 am or 6.00pm
	18th & 28th	Body Safety Program PREPS
	21st & 28th	Body Safety Program Years 1 & 2
	Thursday 28th	3/4 Camp – 2nd payment due \$50
AUGUST	1st, 8th & 15th	Body Safety Program Years 3 & 4
	2nd, 9th & 16th	Body Safety Program Years 5 & 6
	Friday 15th	Assembly 9.00am – Performance 3/4J
	Friday 22nd	Assembly 9.00am – Performance 1/2D
	Friday 29th	Assembly 9.00am – Performance Prep L

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- **Staff Leaving:** Tomorrow we farewell Mrs Rosan, Mr Clark, Mr Walsh and Ms Akkaya. Thank-you all for your contributions to MWPS
- **Student Led/3-Way Conferences:** These are happening TODAY. Looking forward to seeing the children present their learning to their parents
- **Last Day Term 2:** Assembly at 9.00am , finish at 2.10pm
- **Curriculum Day:** First day next term is a Curriculum Day, so first day for children is **TUESDAY 12th July**
- **Bring A Buddy:** Thank-you to the parents, children and staff who made this night a fun one and to Bunnings of course
- **Science Night:** Thank-you to Mr Bird and his team of teachers who helped make this a great evening of learning for all. Thanks to the families who came along.
- **Avairy Birds:** Some Grade 5/6s will have their art work displayed at Watergardens Shopping Centre over the school holidays. Hope you can see them.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 2. What a busy term we have had! It has been wonderful to watch the children grow and develop academically, socially and emotionally. I have great pride in the programs and supports we have in place across the school to support our students and love to sit back after a period of time and reflect on the changes we see in some of our students. It is very rewarding. However, I also know there are others who will continue to need our support and others who need to be monitored closely to ensure their confidence and progress continues, but that is our job, so we will continue to do this with great enthusiasm. Enjoy the break with your children. I am really looking forward to some sleep-ins and catching up with family and friends, who often get forgotten through-out the term.

Staff Leaving: We have a few staff that are leaving us tomorrow. Mrs Rosan has worked in the office for over 27 years and she has made the decision that it is time for her to retire. She has seen many families come through our school over the years and her job has changed in many ways since she first started as the 'office lady'. Linda works extremely hard and is very dedicated to her work. I'd like to thank her for the many years of dedication she has given Melton West PS and know she will be missed by many. I interviewed a father yesterday, whose daughter will start with us next term and his first comment was that office lady was here when I went to school! Thank-You Linda Rosan!

Mr Clark has been our handy man for 10 years and has decided it's time to hang up his tool bag. He has been a fabulous help around the school, caring for the gardens, creating planter boxes, painting, fixing, mending etc,

etc, etc. His friendly nature and talent will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement Barry.

Mr Walsh has been fortunate enough to find his ideal job, a fulltime PE teacher at a school very close to home. He has been travelling over 50 minutes to our school each day so the short trip will be a great relief to him. He told me he will miss many things about Melton West PS, including the staff and students, but also the learning and knowledge he has gained since starting with us. Thank you Mr Walsh for your commitment to the students at Melton West PS.

Ms Akkaya has started family leave in anticipation of the birth of her baby. We wish her and her husband all the best as they wait in great anticipation for the baby to arrive. I can't wait to be able to share the news with our school community when she gives birth. We are still waiting to hear from Mrs Waterman, who should be giving birth any time soon.

Student Led Conferences/3-Way Interviews: Over the past few weeks, children have been preparing for today's event of sharing their learning with their parents. We hope you have taken the opportunity to make an appointment. If you haven't and you can't make it tonight please consider meeting with the teacher early next term. I know the children feel very proud when they can show their parents what they have been learning this term.

Last Day of Term: As tomorrow is the last day of Term 2, we will have assembly at 9.00am, please feel free to wait around after you have dropped off your children. We also have an early finish of 2.10pm for the last day.

Curriculum Day: Term 3 resumes on TUESDAY 12th July, as Monday is a Curriculum Day. Teachers will be participating in Day 3 of the Berry Street Education Model Training Program.

Bring A Buddy: Last night many families took the opportunity to attend our famous Bring a Buddy Night. They had lots of fun sharing in a sausage sizzle and creating something amazing under the guidance and generosity of Val from Bunnings, who donated all the materials. Thank you to the families who attended, the staff that stayed to support and cook the BBQ and to Bunnings for their continued support of our school.

Science Night: Last week we had over 120 people attend the Annual Science Night. It was terrific to see so many children and their parents engaged in learning together. This is something we have been doing every year for a few years. It's great to see new faces each year as well as the families who have been to EVERY Science Night we have held.

Aviary Birds: Some of our 5/6 students had the opportunity to paint some birds as part of a display at Watergardens Shopping centre called 'Aviary Birds'. I hope you can find some time to see the display over the holidays. It started yesterday. I'm not sure how long the exhibition runs for, but the birds will be returned to school when the exhibition is complete.

Moving forward **W**ith the **P**assion to **S**ucceed

Michelle Costa
Principal

STUDENT STAR AWARDS

10th June: Geroni Lay, Adrian Pamilacan, Kory Iturra-Coates, Satuala Satuala, Nyiel Wal, Hanna-Grace Jackson, Jaxson Storey, Liam Drinkwater, Dylan Minetti, Andrew Denney, Khalaye Tracey-Strahan, Chloe Parsons, Deakin Leabourn-Waipouri, Amelia Greis, Jemma Lane, Teleisia Nafe, Lasi Ata, Emma Layton, Cameron Henderson, Charr Kueth, Kaylara Davis, Kalpana Kasinadhuni, Shiloh Pritchard, Riley Murray, Ayzaan Khan, Tahlia Willan, Nikita Behaut, Agnus Toailoa, Tayla Williams and Ben Baskin.

17th June: Cadence Hart, Jayden Green, Jacquilen Anear, Ryan Denney, Achan Agany, Icheille Rosete, Destiny Wojcik, Bailey Goninon, Haylee Wilson, Richie Lay, Philip Telea, Danielle Kuhnert, Blake Williams, Tyler Parsons, Bradley Farrugia, Richella Tuala, Alana Young, Danielle Elacion, Dilhan Yildiz, Stacey Williams, Zion Waipouri, Krystal Tracey-Strahan, Mathew Letchford, Bailey Long, Chelsea Connell, Jacob-Dylan Masters, Flynn Prosser, Gurveer Kohli, Ruth Vanday, Anastasiya Baco, Tyler Russell, Ayden Farrugia and Bailey Borg.

FAREWELL

After 27 years working in the front office at MWPS this is the last newsletter I will be sending out to the school community. I will certainly miss the interaction I have had with the children, parents and staff over the years, but I am now looking forward to the next phase of my life, traveling, spending more time with my family and enjoying my hobbies. There are great things happening at this school and I wish you all the best for the future.
Linda Rosan



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

"On Friday 17 June 2016 our school welcomed numerous community groups into our school to showcase their special projects as part of a celebration of City of Melton Community Partnership Grants Program. My submission in 2015 was successful in receiving one of these generous grants, thus allowing the development and evolution of the Wominjeka Sensory Garden. The eleven successful projects were showcased, including our own Sensory Garden. We welcomed our partners here, Melton Special School and Djeriwarrah Health Services, and our resident parent Aboriginal artist, Mr Pigram to acknowledge the importance of, and how well we can work together to establish and consolidate lasting relationships in the community- in this case for the great benefit of the students of MWPS and many of the Horticultural students from the Melton Special School.

Our school provided a warm and inviting place for all our guests and community as we also were able to show off our new 'house flags'. The school choir guided by Ms McDonald and Ms Mega were magnificent in their opening presentation, whilst we must thank Ms Zuniga's Prep Z for their wonderful performance of 'Counting Back from 20'.

Ex-mayor and current Councillor Ms Sophie Ramsay acknowledged the great community ethos of MWPS, extended huge congratulations for our students and recognised our visibility in a number of other community efforts before she presented the awards to all community partnership groups.

This event ended with a performance from one of these partnership groups "Cultural Choir" and then all visitors and school community were invited back into the GP room for afterschool nibbles and networking opportunity.

Personally, I wish to say a huge thank you to many of our staff and community for their support and appreciation of what this type of event means. I wish to pay particular mention to both our maintenance men, Barry and Bob who worked hard to complete some minor construction within the garden, whilst Barry also spent part of his day off getting our areas clean and well-groomed for our invited guests.

I also wish to invite families in this community to come and speak with me in the new term with regards to guiding the evolution of the garden and sensory objects. We are open to your thoughts as we want to make this into a very special space for our children.

Thank you Ms Costa for your support during this process and also for your work as MC on the day.

Tolley Cacavas





Keyboard & Guitar lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$13.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

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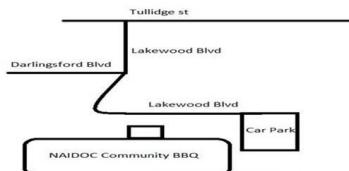
NAIDOC CELEBRATION



WHERE: Melton Botanic Gardens

DATE: Sunday 3rd July 2016 **TIME:** 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Lunch provided. Elders marquee, face painting, jumping castle, dancers, boomerang throwing and painting for kids



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NAIDOC Week:

Flag raising ceremony



NAIDOC WEEK FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AND BBQ

Traditional Smoking
Ceremony and
Welcome to Country
Cultural performances
Free BBQ

Fun for all the family!

EVENT DETAILS:

WHEN:
Thursday 7 July 2016

TIME:
11am-1.30pm

WHERE:
Melton Community Hall
232 High Street, Melton

COST:
FREE

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Women's Social Group

Mondays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Melton Library (Cameron room)
31 McKenzie Street, Melton



FREE!

Social group for women and their children

The Women's social group offers you a chance to:

- Meet other parents
- Share information, experiences and discuss issues of interest in a friendly environment
- Guest speakers providing information on various topics of interest

For more information and bookings please contact:
VICSEG office on 9353 5811
Or email Glenda on gguzman@vicsegnewfutures.org.au

Connecting Children, Families & Community



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: Friday mornings

Aug 12, 19, & 26, Sep 2, 9 & 16

Time: 9.30am – 11.30pm

Where: Melton Library & Learning Hub

Richards Training Room

31 McKenzie St, Melton

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 email or call Family wellbeing Support Service
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