



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT	Monday 29th	Last Day for Payment 5/6 Rugby Gala Day NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED
	Wednesday 31st	Rugby Gala Day—Grade 5/6 selected students only
NOV	Friday 2nd	Assembly 9:00am Performance 56B
	Monday 5th	Curriculum Day— No School
	Tuesday 6th	Melbourne Cup Day— No School
	Friday 9th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by Choir
	Friday 9th	Grade 6 Graduation deposit due
	Monday 12th	School Council 7pm
	Friday 16th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by 12U
	Wednesday 21st	2019 Prep Transition 2-3pm (1)
	Friday 23rd	Assembly 9:00am Performance by Drumbeat
	Wednesday 28th	2019 Prep Transition 2-3pm (2)
	Wednesday 28th	Final Payment due Prep Excursion NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED
	Friday 30th	Assembly 9:00am
	Friday 30th	Final Payment due for Grade 6 Graduation
	Friday 30th	Prep Excursion— Collingwood Children's Farm
DEC	Wednesday 5th	2019 Prep Transition 2-3pm (3)
	Friday 7th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by Prep G
	Tuesday 11th	2018 Grade 6 transition to Year 7
	Tuesday 11th	Prep—Grade 5 Step Up Day 9:15am– 10:45am
	Friday 14th	Assembly 9:00am
	Monday 17th	GRADE 6 GRADUATION—TABCORP PARK
	Friday 21st	Assembly 9:00am Grade 6 graduation Song
	Friday 21st	END OF TERM 4. SCHOOL FINISHES 1:30PM

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Koorie Education Awards
- 2019 Class structures
- No Bell Trial Term 3
- Sleepover
- 2019 Prep Enrolments

Hi Melton West,

We hope you are still enjoying Term 4. Just a reminder that we need to wear our hats when we are outside. The SunSmart Policy is to protect us from the harmful UV rays of the sun.



This Friday is our Wear Red for Daniel Day. Please remember to wear red clothing and bring a gold coin donation. Soon our grade 2 students will be having their sleepover at school. We have both participated in this before and it was great fun!

The Grade 6's had their graduation photo taken last week, and are beginning to get excited about graduating on Monday 17th December.

Have a great week!



Alana and Sui

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Koori Education Excellence Award: Tonight a small group of staff are attending the Education Excellence Awards at the Regent Theatre. We are so honoured to be one of three schools to be shortlisted for this year's category for Koori Education. We will keep you updated on the results, but are very proud just to get shortlisted.

2019 Class Structures: Traditionally, our class structures have been based on composite classes, except for the Prep Year. In terms of the teaching and learning, whether children are in composite classes or straight classes, there is no difference as teachers plan for their individual level of learning based on data and information they see in the work the children produce. In composite classes, children may work in groups with students across the year levels. In straight classes they will work with students in the one year level. In terms of work, it would be the same. In composite classes, we rarely say Year 3 students do this and Year 4 students do that. The only exception is for preparation for Year 6 events or NAPLAN. The decision to operate as composites or straight grades is purely based on the number of students at each level and whether there is an even spread across the classes. In 2019 we have more even numbers so will be forming classes based on the one year level. The benefit we see to this is the size of the team of teachers working together and our ability to have them planning together more often. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

No Bell Trial in Term 3: During Term 3 we started a trial on not using bells within our school. We had seen this practice during a school visit in NSW at Merrylands East Public School and were very impressed on the calmness we felt as we moved around the school. We thought it would be worth trialling here. The difference between us and Merrylands East is that they had no music either. We thought that might be too difficult so we just removed the bells. Early this term we sought feedback from our community, including parents, to ascertain how this was going. I have included some comments from the various groups. Overall, the majority of students liked having no bells, all staff preferred no bells and most parents who responded were also ok with no bells. (see next page for responses).

Sleepover: Tonight a number of Year 2 students are returning to school for a sleep over as part of our camping program. This is a fun night and a great opportunity to spend a night away from home with their school friends and peers. Thank you to the staff who have volunteered to attend.

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. 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

Comments regarding support for No Bells		
Students	Teacher	ES Staff
<p>1/ Students don't make a fuss about the bell having gone</p> <p>2/ Students don't just run out of classroom because the bell has gone</p> <p>3/ Students don't rush their work. They don't get distracted by the bells going off.</p> <p>4/ Less noise</p> <p>5/ Students leave the classroom in a more orderly manner</p> <p>6/ Doesn't interrupt us when we are talking during eating time</p> <p>7/ Doesn't scare us (Year Prep child)</p> <p>8/ Music still reminds students to line up</p> <p>9/ Students are not annoyed by the sound</p> <p>10/ Students don't feel stressed</p> <p>11/ Bell hurt ears.</p>	<p>1/ I only have positive feedback – although I'm not in the classroom I used to be able to hear the kids all running out of the classrooms like a herd of elephants at bell times. Now it's so quiet I often don't realise the kids have left at the end of the day.</p> <p>2/ I think it's a lot calmer with no bells - there's a lessening of noise when exiting & entering buildings, also there seems to be less of a rush when exiting buildings.</p> <p>3/ I personally feel that no bells have created a greater sense of calm around transition times and therefore vote to keep no bells.</p>	<p>1/ I am not sure what the teachers think about the lack of bells but I feel that the removal of them has created a sense of peace in the yard and classrooms.</p> <p>2/ I think it is encouraging the students to understand time better as they need to know when to remind the teachers it is time for snack, lunch, home.</p> <p>3/ I feel most students are returning to class as soon as the music starts and not waiting for the bell.</p>
Cons to No Bells Comments		
<p>1/ Not knowing when to go to class</p> <p>2/ Students do not clearly know when to go back to class</p>	<p>Response to concern raised</p> <p>Even when we had bells, the music indicated it was time to move to the line-up area, so that when the bell went, everyone should have been there, rather than wait for the bell to move to line</p>	
<p>1/ Music not loud enough</p> <p>2/ Students feel that if the music was louder it would be easier to hear and they would be happy to have no bells.</p>	<p>a/ Volume has been adjusted and is able to be heard on the back of the oval and all around the perimeter fence</p> <p>b/ Teachers on yard duty alert students that music has gone as they are moving off the oval and play areas</p>	
<p>They said they would prefer Radio music instead of the music that is currently being played.</p>	<p>This was looked into and unfortunately with current system cannot be accommodated. Perhaps with our upgrade it will be able to be done</p>	

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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.

Extend After School Care

Extend-a-Hand; Learn | Aid | Appreciate



Each year Extend launches Extend-a-Hand, a major social initiative that educates primary school children on the benefits to contributing to the wider community. This year, we are extending a hand to our hard-working farmers who have been suffering through one of the worst droughts in living memory.

Learn Children will learn about weather systems and cycles, the impact of drought and who really provides our food.

Aid Extend has partnered with GIVIT.org.au to raise funds for farmers and their families

Appreciate Children will create handwritten letters and drawings expressing sentiments of gratitude and encouragement to the farmers and their families.

Visit Extend's donation page via GIVIT and participate in this fantastic cause!

Bookings: extend.com.au

NEW YEAR 7

Kurunjang College Students

UNIFORM FITTINGS FOR 2018

One of the most **IMPORTANT OCCASIONS** in your child's life is when they arrive at their new school for the first time in the **CORRECT UNIFORM**.

BUXWEAR your SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER, would like to take this opportunity to offer you

PERSONALISED FITTING DAYS – at Kurunjang Secondary College, Melton.

APPOINTMENTS NEED TO BE MADE FOR PERSONALISED FITTING

By ringing us on **94647555** or

booking.appointy.com/buxweardirect

You are also welcome to just come when it suits you without an appointment but having an appointment makes it easier for us to have ample staff so you don't have to wait.

A 5% discount will be given for purchases before Dec 13th 2018

By making an appointment on 94647555 your child will have a "ONE ON ONE" fitting time with our experienced staff, so you can relax while we personally fit your child's uniform.

For any child that needs a specially tailored uniform we are able to provide this service for you, but please bear in mind that this will take approx. 6-8 WEEKS.

If you require this service please have your child measured by November 2017 at the latest.

This will ensure your uniform will be ready for the start of the school year.

You are able to Layby, place sales orders or buy at the time of your fitting.

Laybys must be collected by Dec 21st for a discount to apply or be picked up on JANUARY 23RD.

We take Visa, Mastercard EFTPOS and cash.

We look forward to helping you get your child ready for the new school year.

SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY 13TH DEC 2018

TO WEDNESDAY 23rd JAN 2019



Female Football Skills Session & Come Try Day

Melton Central Junior Football Netball Club are holding a skills and come try session for all girls between the ages of 9-18 years old, all abilities welcome.

Date: Wednesday 14th of November

Time: 5.30-6.30pm with a sausage sizzle to follow

Venue: Arnolds Creek Reserve
20 Longtree Drive, Arnolds Creek



Please bring a drink bottle and wear runners only.

FANCY
YOURSELF AS
A
FOOTBALLER?

To register your attendance, please email your full name and DOB to girlsfootballcoordinfnc@outlook.com or for further information please contact Donna on 0415-562-427

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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FAMILY TAEKWON-DO TIME

Great for all ages and will assist in fine tuning the aptitude, attention span, fitness, discipline and much more

Our prices are low and we also have family bundle deals and single parent rates.



The first 10 single members to sign up will receive a free double entry to Absolute Kaos!!

The first 5 families to sign up will receive a \$25.90 family pass up to 6 people for Melton Waves center!!

Classes :
Mondays and Wednesdays
5pm to 6pm

Address: Absolute Kaos
1/86-88 High Street Melton

Contact Paul Bailey
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