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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.

NEWSLETTER NO.6

28th April, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
APRIL	Friday 29th	Final Payment – Canteen Special Lunch Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 3/4Y
MAY	Tuesday 3rd	Cross Country at MacPherson Park
	Wednesday 4th	Special Canteen Lunch –
	Thursday 5th	Mother's Day Stall
	Friday 6th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance 1/2H
	Tuesday 10th	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm
	10th 11th / 12th	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
	Friday 13th	Assembly 2.10pm – Performance DRUMBEAT Student Disco – Information notes sent home today
	Tuesday 17th	State School Spectacular Practise
	Tuesday 24th	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm
	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
	Tuesday 7th	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm
	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
	Tuesday 21st	Group tours for parents of 2017 Prep enrolments 2.00pm
	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:

- Canberra Camp was very successful. We are now in the process of organising the 3/4 Camp to be held in November.
- Staffing Changes
- Year 6 Polo and Rugby Tops have been given to students who have fully paid. Notes were sent home yesterday to parents who have not yet fully paid and also giving students a second chance to purchase.
- 2017 Prep Tours will commence Tuesday 10th May
- State Budget – funds have been allocated in yesterday's State Budget
- Woiwurrung Language classes have commenced in Prep grades today.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

CANBERRA CAMP

The campers had a fabulous time in our Nation's capital and we received many compliments from the places they visited and at the accommodation about the students' exemplary behaviour and manners. This is terrific and a testament to the students and staff who attended. Unfortunately, not many students took up

the option to go with only about 1/3 of the cohort attending. I am hoping we get a better turn out for the 3/4 camp due to run in November. We have been able to offer a small number of spaces for the Somers Camp and are confident the students and staff attending will have a fantastic time.

STAFFING

Unfortunately we have continued to have some unexpected staffing changes this term, as has become an unfortunate pattern over time. Just before the holidays I became aware that one of our Art teachers, Ms Brooke Fergusson was successful at gaining a position at another school. We have been able to replace her with Ms Danielle Davies, an experienced art teacher who is herself, an artist. Another of our teachers requested reduction in time fraction so we are making arrangements to fill part of his role. We have also successfully appointed a teacher to replace Mrs Waterman who will commence maternity leave in mid - May. We have arranged for the new teacher to have a week working side by side with Mrs Waterman to ensure a thorough handover. We wish Mrs Waterman all the best with the birth of her first baby.

GRADE 6 JUMPERS

Each year we invite the Grade 6 students to draw a design for their Grade 6 jumpers, which then gets voted on by their peers. This year's jumpers have now arrived and the students are wearing them with pride.

PREP 2017 TOURS

I will begin taking small groups of prospective parents on tours of the school, commencing Tuesday 10th May. These will be held each fortnight during the last hour on a Tuesday and once a month in the evening. This is an informal way for parents who will be enrolling a child for Prep 2017 to get to know what we do here at Melton West, and have an opportunity to have any questions answered. I will notify the dates shortly.

STATE BUDGET

We have been made aware that we were allocated funds in yesterday's State Budget, but as yet do not know the amount. This will be to develop our Facilities Master Plan which includes the building of our gym. At this stage we have \$432,213.58 in our building fund to contribute towards the cost of the gym. This amount includes \$30,000 from the money raised by our tireless fundraising committee in 2014/2015. A survey sent out by the committee earlier this year resulted in the majority of respondents preferring that the previous years' fundraising be put into our building fund rather than other proposed options.

WOIWURRUNG LANGUAGE

We are happy to announce that we have secured a person to teach our aboriginal Woiwurrung language program. Mathew commenced today with the Prep

Classes and we are sure they will greet him with great enthusiasm.

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed

Michelle Costa
Principal

STUDENT STAR AWARDS

15th May: Skyler Homburg, Aditya Kasinadhuni, Jayden Green, Patrick Tyrrell, Jazmyne Preddy, Shaye Howard, Ayden Farrugia, Lauren Nicholson, Isabella Hi, Jacob Dennis, Xavier-Jordan Leabourn-Waipouri, Awan Mading, Andy Magele Paulo, Pranav Lal, Joshua Piper, Kylie Veliscek, Liam Aquilina, Kenny Ho, Jade Grgic-Marino, Zelalem Mazengia, Shari Piper, Hayden Gwin, Rydham Jakhu, Ella Tyson, Cerys Lewis, Sarah-Kate Masters, Mattieu D'Angelo and John Gai.

22nd April: Christopher Wheeler, Blake Williams, Lucas Gard, Shae Allen, Papa Jambere, Jeyla Lolic, Tristan Lagdon, Waisale Camilleri Vailea, Deng Deng, Elizabeth Elacion, Blair Wallis, Rehaan Khan, Thomas Johnson, Foni Tjia, Izel Ziya, Lily Huang, Achan Agany, Aiden Vankerkoven, Joshua Burgess, Eric Brough-King, Cooper Lawrence, Joel chekole, Darko Anicic, Kale Neve, Victoria Mauga, Joanna Jeyakumar, Tyler Corrie and Lateasha Buchanan.

CANTEEN

A new Canteen Menu was sent home to all families this week. Please note there is no longer an alternative menu on Tuesdays.

FUNDRAISING

STUDENT DISCO: Notes have been sent home today regarding the Student Disco to be held at the school Friday 13th May, Prep to Grade 2 at 5.00 – 6.30pm and Grades 3 – 6 at 7.00 – 8.30pm. Tickets for this event will go on sale, \$5 per child, tomorrow.

AFTERNOON TEA: Parents and Friends are invited to attend a 'Coffee / tea and Chat' afternoon in the Staffroom, Wednesday 4th May at 2pm. Please come along and share your fundraising ideas.

ST ALBANS SECONDARY COLLEGE is celebrating 60 years in education this year, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June. For information please phone 9366 2555 or go to www.sasc60thcelebration.eventbrite.com.au

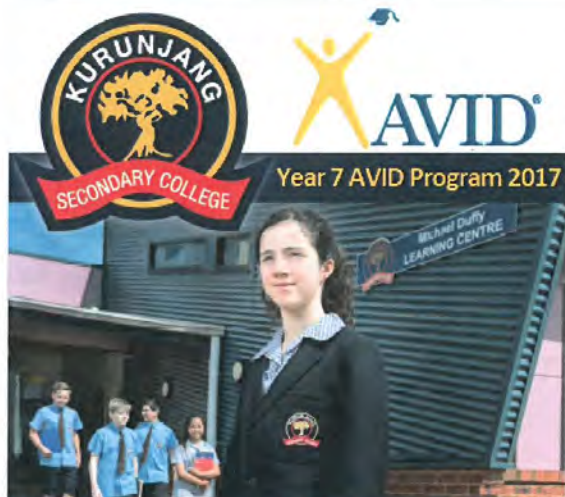
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AVID Information Evening
Tuesday 3rd May 2016
6.30pm

Kurunjang Secondary College

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

Apply Now!

Acceptance into the AVID program
is subject to completion of an application,
academic test, and interview

To download application forms visit our website
www.kurunjang.vic.edu.au
Or contact Phone: (03) 9743 9211
Email: snape.dominic@edumail.vic.gov.au

If I can be of any other help I would be delighted to hear from you.

With kindest regards,

Mr David Gorton
Head of School (Jr) and Marketing & Transition Leader
Kurunjang Secondary College

Sudanese Women & Children's Group



Are you a Sudanese mother?

Come join our group for Sudanese mothers and their children living in the Melton municipality.

Where

Melton Library & Learning Hub -
31 McKenzie Street, Melton

When

Every Tuesday
9.30am to 12pm
during school terms

For more information and bookings contact

VICSEG
9747 5245
Melton City Council
9747 7287

The group offers the opportunity to:

- meet with the Maternal & Child Health Nurse
- come together to support each other and access supports through the South Sudanese Mentor
- have a chat and cup of tea or coffee with other mothers and people from the local community
- get information about women's health, parenting, healthy eating, raising children in Australia and other services and supports in Melton for mothers and their children.

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Walking in Autistic Shoes



A special presentation
by renowned expert:

Donna Williams

Born in 1963, thought deaf and diagnosed as psychotic at the age of two, Donna Williams acquired functional speech in late childhood and came to terms with her autism in her 20's.

Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of Autism from someone who actually lives the experience.

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Tuesday, 24 May 2016

TIME:
5pm - 6.30pm

WHERE:
Tabcorp Park
2 Ferris Road
Melton South

COST:
Free

RSVP:
Natasha Napiza
Email: natasha@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 7200



Melton City Council Parenting Program



123 Magic and Emotion Coaching A three-session program for parents and carers

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choice model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

WHEN: Thursday 12, 19, 26 May 2016

TIME: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

WHERE: Melton Library and Learning Hub
31 McKenzie Street Melton

COST: Free

RSVP: Melton City Council Family Services
E: heleng@melton.vic.gov.au
P: 9747 7200

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Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

If your child is booked in and will not be attending the After School Care Program it is **extremely** important to let head office or the staff at the program know so that we can mark them off the roll. If Extend have not been made aware that your child isn't coming, then we will make all efforts to find them. If unsuccessful we are required to notify the Police.

Over the past 2 weeks the children have participated in...

- Dragon fly craft
- Lots of sport games
- Indians and Teepees
- Jewellery making
- Making posters
- Multicultural crafts
- Making a Homework area in the OSHC room
- Straw rockets
- Marble mazes
- Monster bookmarks
- Monster painting

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Magazine faces
- Firework painting
- Geometric circle art
- Foil robot
- Jelly fish in a bottle
- 3D hands
- Paper mache
- Bead snakes

and lots more!

SUPERSTAR AWARD..

Congratulations to... **GABRIEL OSMAN**
For having a fantastic start to term 2.
Gabriel has gone above and beyond to help staff and children. His great behaviour and attitude. Good job and keep up the great work!!

Existing Families

Don't forget to manage your 2016 bookings.

Last year's bookings **do not roll over** so log on to the parent portal **NOW** to secure your bookings for 2016.

You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

New Families

Enrol online – allow 24 hours

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled **BEFORE** attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later

The annual enrolment fee per family of \$20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won't be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

YOUNG PARENTS PLAYGROUP



**FREE
GIFT BAG
ON ARRIVAL**

When:

Tuesdays: 10am – 12pm
(During school terms)

Where:

Melton Youth Centre
193 Barries Rd Melton West

Get a sneak peek of what the playgroup looks like by taking an online walk through of the Melton Youth Centre:

<https://walkinto.in/tour/ZyTiKwwwJbbJxTJKwDD1b>

To RSVP:

email: amy.hitchcock@aus.salvationarmy.org

phone: 0455 521 154

Or just come along and join in



Salvation Army Social Inclusion and Support Centres

SASHS



Australian Government
Department of Social Services



YOUNG PARENTS PLAYGROUP

Referral to the Young Parents Playgroup:

If you would like to be contacted about future Young Parenting Playgroup sessions please provide us with your contact details

Name & Age:

Kid's Name/s & Age/s:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

To return this referral slip, please scan and email it to Amy at the Children and Parenting Support Service (CAPSS)

amy.hitchcock@aus.salvationarmy.org

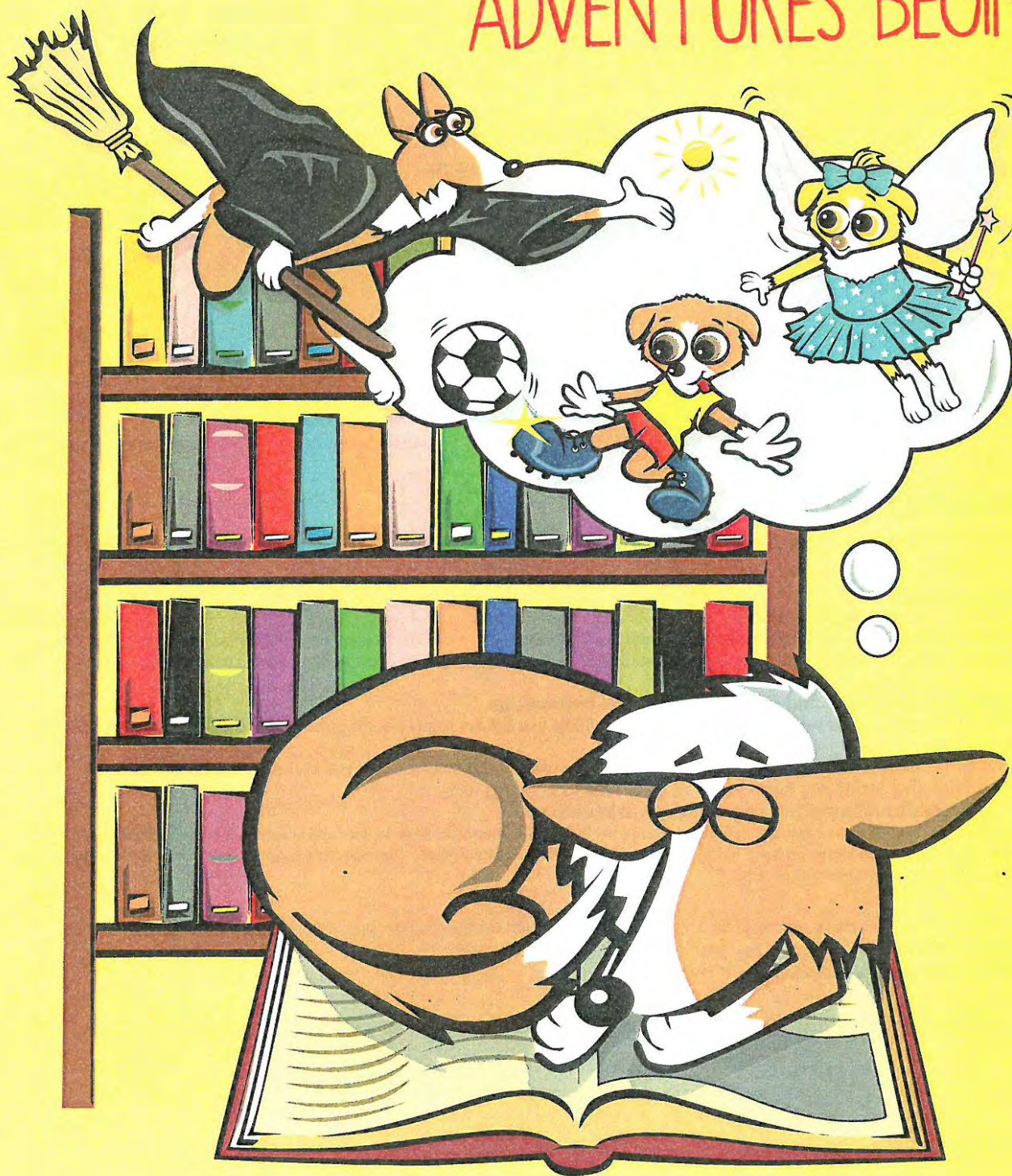
For any questions please contact Amy via email or on 0455 521 154

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Reading
Challenge**

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The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Update

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open and MWPS is excited to be participating. All of our students are registered to participate in the Challenge this year. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016. Students from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 15 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 30 books.

Your child will bring home their unique username and password this week. These are required to logon to the PRC website where the record of the books they have is stored.

For more information and to start recording your reading for the PRC logon with your username and password here: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child/children's name to be printed on the PRC Honour Roll, please fill in this form and return it to school.

Happy Reading!

Sarah Rousset

Year 5/6 teacher and PRC Coordinator 2016

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....