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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.12

28th July, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

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JULY	29th	Assembly Performance Prep L
AUGUST	1 st , 8 th , 15 th	Grade 3/4 - Body Safety
	Wednesday 3rd	Special Lunch
	3 rd , 15 th & 17 th	Grade 5/6 - Body Safety
	Friday 5 th	Assembly Performance 5/6D
	Wednesday 10th	Prep Body Investigators Drama Workshop
	Friday 12th	Assembly Performance Drumbeat
	Friday 19th	Car Raffle Tickets due back to school
	Friday 19th	School Disco: Prep- Grade 2 5:00-6:30pm, Grade 3- Grade 6 7:00-8:30pm
	Friday 19th	Assembly Performance 3/4S
	Thursday 25th	LSV Open Water Excursion
	Friday 26th	Prep Melton Fire Station Visit
	Friday 26th	Assembly Performance 1/2B

Key Messages in this Newsletter:

Office Staff - Bernadine Hetherington: This week Ms Bernie Hetherington started with us, replacing Mrs Rosan.

Playgroup @ MWPS: Each Thursday morning a group of parents meet in the Extend Program area to meet as an informal playgroup. Please join us if you have preschoolers

2017 Prep Enrolments: Enrolments now taken for 2017 Prep

University of Melbourne Network of Schools Presentation: Yesterday we presented our school's journey over the past few years. The feedback we received was very positive and affirming.

Master Plan: We recently had the privilege of selecting the Architectural company who will work with our school community to create a Master

Gum Mamur – Youth Program Support Worker Les Twentyman Foundation: Gum is a young man from a Sudanese background who has started working with some students teaching them the EMBRACE program.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Office Staff - Bernadine Hetherington: This week Mrs Linda Rosan's replacement, Ms Bernie Hetherington started with us. She is eagerly learning the way we do things at Melton West and meeting the students, parents and staff as they make their way to the office for assistance. This is no easy task when you consider the number of people who visit our office. If she meets you and remembers your name the next time I think she is doing very well. Please introduce yourself to Bernie when you next visit the office.

Playgroup @ MWPS: Each Thursday morning a group of parents meet in the Extend Program area to meet as an informal playgroup. This is an initiative set up by our Community Engagement Officer Mr Tolley Cacavas and everyone is welcome. Please call the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to speak to Tolley if you would

like to find out more. It's a great way to Network and for your young children to feel confident around school.

2017 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.

University of Melbourne Network of Schools Presentation: Yesterday Mrs Cvitkovic, Ms Marshall and myself presented our school's journey over the past few years. We shared our experiences on how we ensure there is a consistency of practice across the school in

every class, the challenges we face such as a large number of students coming and going each year as well as many teachers leaving to be closer to home, to start a family or seeking a promotion. We are very proud of the fact that when staff start with us as graduates, through our work and the support we offer them, they are able to secure a position at a school closer to their home. I have principals tell me when they call for a reference that they are very impressed with the teacher's knowledge and understanding of how students learn, which often means they get picked up very easily by other school. The feedback we received yesterday from the other schools in the University of Melbourne Network was very positive and affirming.

Master Plan: On Monday Mrs Hodge, School Council President, and myself had the privilege of interviewing 3 architectural companies who were invited by the Education Department to tender for creating a Master Plan for our school. Each had a range of different experiences and ideas and we chose the company that talked about consulting with our community and who had a sustainability focus. We look forward to their involvement with the school over the next few weeks and I encourage as many people as possible to become part of the consultation process so that our ideas can be heard.

Gum Mamur – Youth Program Support Worker Les Twentyman Foundation: This term we have welcomed Gum to our school. He is a young man from a Sudanese background who has an amazing talent to work with young people and help them understand the importance of respect and teamwork. Through adapting a program the Les Twentyman Foundation has created for adolescents called EMBRACE, (Educate Motivate Belief Resilience Acceptance Confidence and Empowerment) Gum is able to help students specifically chosen for his groups to think about how their reactions, comments and interactions with others can have a positive or negative affect. Each group of between 10-12 students from years 3/4 or 5/6 are made up of students who are either excellent role models or children who need extra support in this area. If your child has been selected to work with him each week they would have received a letter this week outlining the program. Each session goes for about 45 minutes and Ms Pfister, one of our teachers is present at each session. If you would like to find out more, please book a time to see me, and/or meet Gum. He is truly an inspirational young man, who has so much to offer young, impressionable children. We are very fortunate to have him working with us.

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed
Michelle Costa
Principal

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Our SSS students have been working hard so far and we are proud of their progress, and are happy to announce that tickets went on sale Friday 3 June.

Here is the info:

Victorian State Schools Spectacular – Get your tickets!

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: The Elements.

This year's Spectacular will be held at **Hisense Arena on Saturday 10 September**, with two shows at **1pm and 6:30pm**. The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets.

Talented young skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student's performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular will be available for 11 days only from 10am on Friday 3 June. Standard ticket prices will apply after then.

Early Bird tickets – available for one week only from 10am on Friday 3 June Adult – \$35 Child Under 15 – \$18 Concession – \$30 Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001) General Admission tickets – available from 9am on Tuesday 14 June Adult – \$40 Concession – \$30 Child Under 15 – \$20

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849.

For more information about the event and program, go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

<https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular>

BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO

1. On Friday each week students with 100% attendance for the week will receive a ticket.
2. On Monday the tickets will be handed to the students. It is then the student's responsibility to deliver their ticket into the boxes in the Prep Photocopy room during recess or lunch time.

At assembly the next Friday tickets will be drawn from each box. The students will then have the option of choosing a VIVO reward.

Students whose tickets have been drawn out will receive a certificate and a 'superhero', which will have their photo on it, to decorate. Each Superhero will be displayed on a wall.



Raffle books have been sent home to all families for the Scouts Monster Raffle 2016.

Our school will receive \$1.50 for every ticket sold!

We ask all families to sell as many tickets as they are able to in this great fundraiser.

Please return all ticket books to the school by Friday 19th August – sold, partially sold, or unsold.

There will be a prize for the students / family who sell the most number of tickets.

Extra raffle books are available from the office as needed.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.



We will be holding a Student Disco on Friday 19th August.

Two separate events will be held for the Prep – Grade 2 students, and the Grade 3 – 6 students.

Tickets must be purchased in advance – there will be no ticket sales on the night.

Ticket price includes popcorn, chips, drinks, a lollipop and glow sticks for every student who attends.

Date: Friday 19th August 2016

Time: Prep – Grade 2 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Grade 3 – 6 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: GP Room Tickets: \$5 per student (must be purchased in advance from the Office)

MWPS P&F Group



Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

Make 3 or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes.

Also, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with

making 3 or more school Banking

deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Lunch time Clubs

Monday	Technology	Ms Butcher	Science Room
Tuesday	Drumbeat	Ms Moore / Ms Henaway	5/6V Classroom 9
	Yrs. 3 – 6 Dance Club	Ms Brett	3/4B Classroom 21
	Yrs. Prep – 2 Dance Club	Ms Barnes	Prep B Classroom 14
	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room
Wednesday	Choir	Ms MacDonald / Ms Mega	Library
	Lego Club	Ms White	5/6W Classroom 23
	Yoga Club	Ms Rousset	5/6R Classroom 26
	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room
Thursday	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room
	Art club at recess	Ms Damnic / Ms Butcher	Art Room
	Technology Club		Science Room
Friday	Indonesian Club	Ms Merry	Library
	Minecraft Club	Mr Spudvillas / Mr Bird	3/4J Classroom OL1
	Colouring Club	Ms Dearing	Art Room

Assistant Principal Message:

Dear parents and families,

Each morning, Melton West Primary school offers a range of various activities before school starts such as Rad Readers, Digigrow and Breakfast Club (Monday to Thursday). These are great morning options for your child to get involved in if you arrive early, as the mornings are getting very cold!

We ask that you do not come into the building prior to the music unless you have arranged a meeting with a teacher, as the teachers are very busy preparing for the day ahead.

Thankyou for your assistance

The Prep Team

Jennifer O'Connor Assistant Principal P-2 Learning Community

