

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG	Friday 31st	FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST 8:00-8:30am
	Friday 31st	Assembly @2:30pm Performance by Drumbeat
SEPT	Monday 3rd– 5th	3/4 Camp Kangaroobie
	Friday 7th	Assembly @2:30pm - Performance by 56C
	Friday 7th	FOOTY COLOURS DAY—Gold coin donation
	Monday 10th	SCHOOL COUNCIL—7pm
	Wednesday 12th	DREAM BIG FESTIVAL— Last day to return forms
	Thursday 13th	Last Day to pay Years 1/2 Sovereign Hill Excursion NO LATE PAYMENT ACCEPTED
	Thursday 13th	Divisional Athletics
	Friday 14th	DREAM BIG FESTIVAL
	Friday 14th	Assembly @2:30pm - Performance by 34W
	Monday 17th	Sovereign Hill Excursion 1/2A, M, U, W
	Wednesday 19th	Walk 2 School—Navan Park 8:30am
	Wednesday 19th	Sovereign Hill Excursion 1/2C, D, H, L
	Friday 21st	Assembly @9:30am - Performance by 12W
	Friday 21st	END OF TERM 3 - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:10pm

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Naplan
- School Improvement Partnership
- Father's Day Stall
- Father's Day Breakfast
- State School Spectacular
- Parking
- 2019 Plans
- 2019 Prep Enrolments

Last week was Book Week and the theme this year was "Find Your Treasure". Book Week is all about celebrating how lucky we are to have so many quality books in this world! Each day there was a competition with a question relating to books and/or authors. The winning students were able to select a brand new book as their prize. At a classroom level, teachers engaged their students with book week activities and a revamp of the classroom libraries. Our classroom libraries ensure that we are exposed to a variety of books to help us achieve our reading goals and become the best readers we can.

On Monday, we had our book week parade. I had a lot of fun guessing and finding out the characters everyone came as. The effort you all put in was incredible. I can't believe how similar you looked to the actual book character. A big thank you to Miss Marshall for making MWPS Book Week and the Book Parade a huge success.

Keep reading and let your books take you to another world!
Alana (School Captain)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

NAPLAN: The NAPLAN results were released today and at a quick glance, we have made improvements in Reading and Maths, which is something to celebrate. The individual student's results for those in Year 3 and 5 that sat the NAPLAN test back in May will be posted later this week. If your child sat the test and you do not receive them in the post by next Wednesday, please contact the office.

School Improvement Partnership: At the start of this school year, our school was fortunate to be selected by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to participate in a key school improvement initiative, part of a suite of initiatives to be implemented from 2017-2021. These form part of a significant DET commitment to more than 160 Victorian schools this year, providing additional human and financial resources to schools to intensify their improvement efforts. With a strong focus on working in collaboration with schools to share innovation and apply best practice from across Victorian schools, the initiatives support our school to continue to improve student learning outcomes with a focus on building learning confidence and opportunities for success for all students. Informed by learning from international improvement efforts, in particular Ontario and London, participating schools were selected by regions to be at the forefront of this new and exciting work. Schools chosen for the initiatives demonstrated that they had the foundations in place to gain the most from a new school improvement opportunity. Many schools have expressed interest in receiving this level of support in future years. The initiatives provide an exciting opportunity for our staff to work in partnership with others on evidenced based, supported, school improvement practices. We look forward to sharing the development and impact of this work with you later in the school year.

Father's Day Stall: A Big thank you needs to go to the mums who have volunteered their time to hold the Annual Father's Day stall today. Children have made many purchases throughout the day and their excited faces show the joy in the purchases they have made. Thank you for supporting the school in this way.

Father's Day Breakfast: Please join us tomorrow morning for our annual Father's Day Breakfast. Bacon and egg sandwiches will be available for adults and cereal for children. Please invite all the dads, grandfathers or a special male in your child's life to this event. It is a great way for them to see our school. Breakfast will be served from 8.00 – 8.30 am

State School Spectacular: A group of students and some staff are representing our school at the annual State School Spectacular on Saturday 15th September. I have been before and the performance is outstanding. Tickets are available from Ticketek if you are interested in attending.

Parking: Please be mindful of the safety implications when parking around the school. Too many times I have witnessed or heard about near misses, including using the bin area to turn around or drop children off. I also have notice people stop outside the front of the school, in the middle of the road, to drop a child off, then wait while they enter the door. This holds up the traffic behind them or forces them to overtake the stationary vehicle. Please remember as adults we are role models in every way to our children, who are watching and learning from us. When they see bad habits, it is often hard for them to break them when they become old enough. Please do the right thing and keep **EVERYONE** safe.

2019 Plans: We will be beginning the process of forming new class groupings for 2019 early in Term 4. In order to know how many classes we will need, I have attached a tear off section to complete (at the end of this newsletter) if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to Melton West PS in 2019.

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 friends 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



Book Week: Alice in Wonderland

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BOOK CLUB

Next Order due by:

Wednesday 5th September

No late orders will be accepted.



BREAKFAST

**Tomorrow
8:00-8:30am**

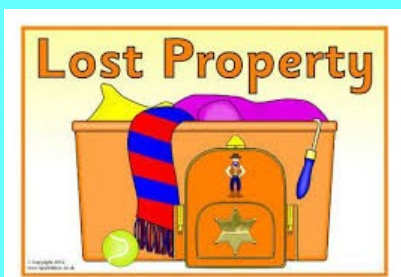


LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is now located in the main corridor of the Admin block outside the library.

The 'Lost property' box will be cleaned out every Friday.

To ensure the return of lost items to the right student, please label all items of clothing.



Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK..

- Monday 3rd Sept: Turtle craft,
Jump the creek
- Tuesday 4th Sept: Accordion fish craft
Balloon races
- Wednesday 5th Sept: Sea snails craft
Fruit salad
- Thursday 6th Sept: Puffer fish craft
Knock out
- Friday 7th Sept: Octopus craft
Farmer Sam

THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS...

Jayden Green and Ayden Barnard.

Jayden for including others in games and his fantastic imagination when it comes to free play.

Ayden for his fantastic listening skills, always giving things a go and helping others.

KIDS CLUB COMPETITION TOP 3 ENTRIES – VOTE NOW

Congratulations to our Top 3 entries in the Junior and Senior categories.

Vote online today at extend.com.au

For all new enrolments or bookings please visit
www.lookedafter.com

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!



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Child Care Subsidy - What you need to know!

The government reports "teething issues" nationally

So what are these teething issues and how do they affect you?

Since July 2, child care providers and parents across Australia have reported glitches in the administration of the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Seventeen independent software providers have been approved by the Government to process the CCS on behalf of child care providers and the families who use their services. Technical issues have prevented some families from receiving the CCS for which they are eligible, forcing them to temporarily absorb the extra cost.

Education Minister Simon Birmingham says "it's inevitable that some teething issues will arise" given the scale of the changes.

[Read the full article here.](#)

While the CCS will simplify child care funding in Australia, Extend wishes to assure our families that we are aware of the software challenges occurring during this transition. We are liaising closely with the Government and our software provider to assist them in rectifying any outstanding issues for our families quickly and effectively.

What you need to do!

For Families who have transitioned to the new CCS and linked Extend as your provider, you do not need to take further action. If your account is one affected by the software glitches, please know the Government and software providers are working to fix the problems as soon as possible.

For families who have not yet transitioned to the Child Care Subsidy, or have not linked Extend as your provider, you have until **23 September** to complete the online assessment in order to have your payments backdated to 2 July. Log in to my.gov.au and follow the prompts.

For further details on services offered by Extend or to contact us please visit:

www.extend.com.au

See you at Extend!

Extend | support@extend.com.au | www.extend.com.au

STAY CONNECTED



DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. **SPRING**
EXTEND SQUAD
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

Extend's school holiday programs are a fantastic opportunity for your child to do fun and engaging activities with friends.

Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!

Find your local Extend Squad at:
www.extend.com.au



CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON AND BOOK TODAY

[extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)

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WE'VE GOT YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COVERED



JUNIOR VULTURE PROGRAMS (5-12 YEARS)

FOOTSCRAY PARK

MON 24 - THURS 27 SEPT 2018

MULTI SPORT
AFL

VU WHITTEN OVAL

TUES 25 - WED 26 SEPT 2018

BASKETBALL
NETBALL

ACTIVE BODIES, ACTIVE MINDS PROGRAM (5-12 YEARS)

ST ALBANS MON 24 - THURS 27 SEPT 2018

An exciting program comprising movement to music, art/craft, team building games and physical activity.

COST

Four-day program - \$145 | Daily rate - \$50 per day | After-care - \$8.50 per day

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vu-sports-camps



WE'RE IN TOWN

Roll up your sleeves
and give blood



Melton Mobile Donor Centre

Community Centre, Cnr High and Smith St, Melton 3337

Appointments available:

Monday 17 September	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 18 September	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 19 September	1.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 20 September	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 21 September	8.00 am – 3.30 pm

Make an appointment today.

Call **13 14 95** or visit
donateblood.com.au



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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