

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL	Friday 20th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34B
	Tuesday 24th	Last Day for Payment 3-6 Cross country.
	Wednesday 25th	ANZAC DAY—NO SCHOOL!
	Friday 27th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 12D
	Friday 27th	3-6 Cross-Country
	Mon 30th –Fri 4th	CANBERRA CAMP
May	Wednesday 2nd	Last Day for Payment 5/6 Winter Sport.
	Friday 4th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by PB
	Friday 4th	Round 1 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Thursday 10th	Mother's Day Stall
	Friday 11th	Mother's Day Breakfast
	Friday 11th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 56S
	Mon 15th—Thurs 17th	Years 3 &5 NAPLAN TESTING
	Friday 18th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Drumbeat
	Friday 18th	Round 2 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Friday 18th	Last Day for Payment 3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Monday 21st	Curriculum Day—No students at school
	Wednesday 23rd	3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Thursday 24th	3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Friday 25th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34L
	Wednesday 30th	WALK TO SCHOOL—Meet 8:30am Navan Park.
JUNE	Friday 1st	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 1/2H
	Friday 1st	Round 3 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Friday 8th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Prep R
	Friday 8th	5/6 Winter Sport– Premiership Cup
	Monday 11th	Queen's Birthday Holiday—No School
	Friday 29th	End of Term2—School Finishes 2:10pm

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Staffing
- Language Other Than English (LOTE)
- Anzac Day
- Somers Camp
- Canberra Camp
- Curriculum Day
- Emergency Drills



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term 2. We hope you had a great break and the children are ready to continue their learning journey at Melton West Primary School.

I'd like to thank the students of our school for being so welcoming to the many new students that come to our school throughout the year. When I meet with them and their families, they can often be a little bit scared about starting a new school. When I see them around the school in the following days, I check in with them and ask them how they have settled in and most have indicated they have made friends and are very happy with our school. When they've been here for longer and I chat to them, we talk about how they love coming to our school, they love the learning, the teachers and their friends.

Staffing: This term we welcome new staff, replacing teachers who are heading off on family leave or have decided to travel overseas. Ms Nadine Hull is replacing Ms Mallory Bland, who was unable to return after the break. Miss Tabone is replacing Ms Cobbledick when she leaves at the end of this week. Mrs Hughes will replace Ms Burns mid-May. Miss Montero has replaced Miss Merkel and Ms Barnes has re-joined us in a literacy intervention role.

Language Other Than English (LOTE): As you may be aware, we surveyed the school community about which LOTE we should introduce when our teachers of the local aboriginal language WoiWurrung were no longer available. The survey results overwhelmingly showed Auslan (Sign Language) as the language, however after extensive recruitment attempts, we have been unable to find a suitable teacher for this role. We are investigating other options at this stage, including learning a language through technology similar to Skype. I will let you know when we have something in place, ready to start.

ANZAC Day: Just a reminder ANZAC Day is next Wednesday, which is a public holiday so there is no school on that day. ANZAC Day is a very important day on Australia's calendar, and to commemorate this important time, we hold a special assembly each year. This year the ANZAC Day assembly will be on Tuesday 24th April at 9.00 am

Somers Camp: This week we said goodbye to 10 of our Year 6 students who headed off to Somers Camp for 9 days, including the weekend. They join over 150 students from 16 other schools across the west to participate in many fun adventures and individual challenges. From all accounts they are having a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

Canberra Camp: On the 30th April, some of our year 5/6 students will be joining me and some Year 5/6 teachers on the biannual Canberra camp. I have attended this camp before and am amazed at how much we get to do in 3 short days. We spend the first day travelling by bus, stopping for breaks along the way, arriving at our motel style accommodation by 5.00 pm, in time to unpack and have dinner. Then the next 3 days we visit many locations including the Australian War Memorial, the High Court and Parliament House, among other places. For any students attending, the departure time has been brought forward. You need to be at school at 7.00 am for a 7.30 am departure. A separate note will be sent out when Ms Thunell returns from her leave next week.

Curriculum Day: We have a Curriculum Day planned for Monday 21st May, therefore children are not required at school. The teachers will continue developing their work around operating as a Professional Learning Community.

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Emergency Drills: From time to time, as part of our Occupational Health and Safety requirements, we hold emergency drills to practice and to respond in emergency situations. These can be on-site evacuations where the school assembles on the oval, or off-site evacuations where the school leaves the premises and assembles in a location away from the school. We also hold lockdown drills, where everyone needs to stay where they are. In a real-life emergency situation, the type of evacuation we do will depend on the situation, so we need to be prepared for all.

Mothers Day: This is fast approaching and our fabulous Parents and Friends Group are organising our annual Mother's Day stall and a whole school event for mums, grandmas, aunties, or any special females in the child's life. Please join us at these school events.

Michelle Costa
Principal
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SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT



Hi Melton West,

I hope everyone had a fun-filled holiday and is ready for Term 2. We know how hard it is to settle back into routine after a long break, but if we all try our best and follow the school rules everyone will be safe.

This week we have 10 year 5/6 students away at Somers Camp. We hope they are all enjoying themselves.

Canberra Camp is not far away and the 5/6 students who are going are getting excited.

Alana & Sui



Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to term 2! We have had some exciting things going on at ASC; children have enjoyed an animal week! They made some amazing snails, crazy parrots, whale craft, icy pole stick snakes and flaming fish. We have enjoyed lots of time outside in the fresh air on the playgrounds and playing group games.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK... Science Week!

Monday 23rd :Making coloured rice

:Duck duck goose

Tuesday 24th :Colour changing flowers experiment and finger painting

:Ice berg

Wednesday ANZAC DAY

Thursday 26th :Dancing rice experiment

:Simon says and What's the time Mr Wolf

Friday 27th :Crazy colour oil experiment

:Bean bag toss game

THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS... BELLE BOOKER

For always being so helpful at ASC, always making everyone feel welcome and included. Having fantastic behaviour and being friendly towards everyone.



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Parents & Friends

Next Meetings: **Thursday 3rd May, 9am in the Staff Room**

&

Monday 2nd June, 2pm in the Staff Room



Your input is greatly appreciated. **Everyone Welcome!**

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