



# Melton West Primary School News

3rd August, 2017  
Issue 13

*Moving forward **With the Passion to Succeed***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST	Friday 4th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 56B
	Thursday 10th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 11th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 12G
	Monday 14th	School Council 7:00pm
	Tuesday 15th	Last day Payment 3-6 Athletics Track & Field
	Thursday 17th	3-6 Athletics (Selected Students)—Track Events
	Friday 18th	3-6 Athletics (Selected students)—Field Events
	Friday 18th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 56F
	Mon 21st - Fri 25th	Prep Swimming
	Thursday 24th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 25th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by Prep M
	Friday 25th	Year 3/4 Excursion POLLYWOODSIDE Last Day for Payment
	Monday 28th—Fri 1st Sep	Year 5/6 Swimming
	Tuesday 29th	FINAL DAY FOR PAYMENT Girls Year 4/5 FOOTBALL
	Tuesday 29th	3/4 Excursion Polly Woodside—3/4 J,K,M,S
	Wednesday 30th	3/4 Excursion Polly Woodside—3/4 A,B,H,L
	Thursday 31st	Year 4/5 Girls football
	Thursday 31st	Father's Day Stall
	Friday 1st	Father's Day Breakfast
SEPTEMBER	Friday 1st	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by DRUMBEAT
	Mon 4th—Friday 8th	Year 3/4 Swimming
	Thursday 7th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 8th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 34A
	Monday 11th	School Council 7:00pm
	Mon 11th—Fri 15th	Year 1/2 Swimming
	Thursday 14th	P-2 Inquiry Showcase
	Friday 15th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 34H
	Monday 18th	3-6 Inquiry Exhibition
	Wednesday 20th	ART SHOW
	Thursday 21st	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 22nd	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 12W
	Friday 22nd	END of TERM 3

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### Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Child Safety
- Excursion/Sport Payments
- School Uniform
- Parking
- Teeth On Wheels
- Supervision



Dear Parents and Guardians,

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our Year Prep students who have been at school for 100 days as of yesterday. They celebrated this milestone event with a party and dressing in things of 100. I saw teachers who looked like they had been teaching for a very long time (100 years perhaps) and students with 100 things all over their clothes. They assured me that they had 100 pom poms or stripes, or petals and who was I to query their counting skills. It was great day. Thanks to the parents who came to join the celebration.



**Child Safety** is paramount in any setting that works with children and we take it very seriously. I have included an information sheet with this newsletter about the role parents and carers play as significant adults in a child's life.

**Excursion/Sport Payments:** We have recently reviewed our office procedures in terms of organising excursions and sporting events. We have decided that we need to have a **STRICT** cut off time of returning notes and money of 48 hours prior to the event so that if numbers are lower than expected buses and sessions can be cancelled without a fee being charged. **NO LATE PAYMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED** after the cut-off date, which is clearly stated on the notes. This will ensure that the excursion or event operates cost effectively. To help families plan for any payments I have instructed teachers organising events to have notes sent home at least 3 weeks before the cut-off date. This will give families the opportunity to budget for the expenditure. If your child does not bring notes home in a timely manner please consider using our other means of communication such as our Facebook Page or the Skoolbag Ap (available on any smartphone) to ensure you can be kept informed through these communication avenues.

**School Uniform:** I have been noticing since our return from the holidays that many students are coming out of uniform. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform, clearly labelled with their name. Any children out of uniform will be given a school jumper to wear. Please note, jackets that are worn outside do not need to be a certain colour, however hoodies and windcheater jackets that are not school jumpers are not the same as a winter jacket. Please ensure your child has enough warm clothes to wear outside as required.



**Excursion:** Last week the year 1/2 students ventured to Sovereign Hill to learn about how people lived their life long ago. They had a great day and were very lucky with the weather. I saw many students and staff rugged up in scarves, beanies and gloves, but I was told the weather was beautiful in Ballarat on that day. Children returned to school on time and safe and had a great time. They will use their learning as part of their inquiry unit.

**Parking:** As you would be aware parking directly around the school is limited and time bound. It is important that parents act as good role models by parking in designated parking spots and ensuring it is safe for the children to enter or exit the car. We have had a few near misses recently and it would be devastating if someone

got hurt due to unsafe parking. The car park that services the kindergarten is for the users of the kindergarten and maternal health centre. I remember when my children were babies and I took them to their maternal health care appointments or as they grew older to kindergarten and how much I appreciated it when I could get a car park near the centre, for the safety of my young children. Please take this into consideration when deciding where to park. The best place to meet your child is in the Melton Wave Pool carpark. There are always plenty of spots and the children can cross Coburns Rd safely with support from the crossing supervisors.

**Teeth On Wheels:** Teeth on Wheels will be at Melton West Primary School during late August or early September. Forms have been sent home for you to sign up for the program. Teeth on Wheels cannot treat your children if the forms are not filled out and signed. Teeth on Wheels states that your child will receive quality care from their highly trained professional dental team all of whom are police checked and working with children certified.



Good oral hygiene starts as early as infancy and is important for health and wellbeing. Regular checkups at the dentist will ensure that your child's teeth are looked after. Your visits to the dentist will ensure that your child's teeth are kept healthy by removing plaque build-up and food debris that may be stuck in teeth. This will help prevent bacteria from continuing to grow, which may eventually lead to other dental diseases (e.g. tooth decay or inflammation of the gum tissue).

Depending on your circumstances, the dental treatment may be at no cost to you as it is subsidised by Medicare or it may be at a very low cost. Please take advantage of this service.

**Supervision:** I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that yard duty (active supervision) commences at 8:40am and concludes at 3:20pm on school days. Please do not drop your child off at school prior to this time. If you must drop your child at school prior to 8:40am, please enrol your children in the before school care program "Extend OSHC".

Once students arrive at school, they should not leave the grounds again until the end of the school day (unless other arrangements have been made). At our next school assembly we will be reminding students that they are not to leave without permission. We encourage you to also have this discussion with your children at home.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to:

- ensure that your child arrives to school safely and are in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day, and
- ensure that your child is collected from the school premises at the end of the school day, or that alternative arrangements have been made for your children

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Michelle Costa  
Principal

## Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carers

### GET THE FACTS

As adults we all play a critical role in protecting children from harm.

As a parent or carer you have the primary responsibility for protecting and caring for your own children and supporting them to build relationships that are safe and respectful.

You also play a critical role in identifying and responding to suspected abuse within the community. In fact it may amount to a criminal offence if you fail to report suspected child sexual abuse.

### REPORTING ABUSE

#### What should I do if I suspect that my child has been abused?

If you believe your child has been abused, or is at risk of being abused contact Victoria Police immediately via the local police station or on 000 if it's an emergency.

#### What should I do if I suspect that another child has been abused?

If you suspect a child has been abused, or is at risk of abuse (such as physical abuse, family violence or neglect) you should report immediately to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Child Protection (see contact details at the end of this fact sheet).

- If you suspect a child has been sexually abused, you must also report your concerns to the Victoria Police. You may be committing a criminal offence if you fail to do so
- You should report even if you're not sure. It is the role of authorities to investigate your concerns and determine if any further action needs to be taken.
- Parents and carers are also often in a position to protect the friends of their children. This is because children are most likely to disclose their experiences of abuse to their peers, who in turn may share this with their own parents and carers.

- If your child talks to you about their friend, and you suspect that the child is being abused or is at risk of being abused, you should act. You may be the only adult in a position to act and your response may be critical in protecting that child's safety.

#### What should I do if I suspect that a child is being abused and authorities have previously investigated and dismissed my report?

If you have new grounds for believing that a child is being abused, you should make another report to DHHS Child Protection or Victoria Police. Every report is critical to protecting a child as it builds evidence and helps authorities to gain a clearer understanding of risks to the child.

#### What happens to my child if someone at the school suspects that my child has been abused?

All staff members at your child's school are required to report suspected child abuse to DHHS, Child Protection and, in some circumstances, to Victoria Police.

Your child's school will contact you as soon as possible, unless they have been advised not to do so by DHHS, Child Protection and/or Victoria Police.

Where appropriate the school will work with you to ensure your child is provided with support, which may include referring them to wellbeing professionals.

#### When is it a criminal offence to not report suspect abuse?

Any adult may face criminal charges if they believe that another adult has committed a sexual offence against a child under 16 years of age and does not report this information to the police.





Congratulations to the following students who were  
awarded **STAR STUDENT** Awards



#### Friday 21st July

PB	Kevin B	Conner B
PC	Jaxon T	Kaylee R
PM	Hailey G	Van Tha Mang
12D	Nikita B	Chingath K
12G	Lyllee T	Georgie R Charlotte H
12P	Ayden F	Charlotte H
12Z	Emma Y	Anas D
34A	Kaidan S	
34H	Kalais C	
34J	Alyssa P	
34K	O'Shea D	Tyler C
34M	Alara-Reha M	
34S	Ashlea S	Matthew S
56N	Meryem H	
56T	Desmond F	
56V	Riley M	Brody L Monique C

#### Friday 28th July

PB	Ayuol M
PC	David V Alexander G
34A	Kaitlin M
34H	Zharguettah G
34J	Sean B Ahmed D
34K	Sienna R
34L	Leilani F Lucas M
34M	Tracie V Parya D
34S	Ashleigh B Cooper L
56F	Tarkyn H Paolo P
56N	Raynen H
56V	Michael A Charlie G

Congratulations to the following student for  
completing Nights of Reading:

100 Nights: Sean T 3/4A, Hamish S PB,  
Trinity S 3/4J

150 Nights: Diesel R 1/2A



#### A Word from Our Captains

##### Welcome to Term 3.

This week the Preps celebrated their 100th day at school. Last Friday our 1/2's went to Sovereign Hill for the day. The Year 3-6 athletic team will be competing in a couple of weeks and just a reminder that the swimming program for the whole school is coming up.

**Anyang & Tarkyn**



## YEAR 1/2 SOVEREIGN HILL RECOUNTS

At Sovereign Hill we went mining for gold. We went to an old school and played games. It was fun. After that we went to lots of different places like bowling, a candle shop and a fire station. Sovereign Hill is the best. We were learning about history. The houses were made out of wood. Things were so different to what they are now. History is all about the past and present. At Sovereign Hill it is in the past.

By Jacob 1/2P



When we went to Sovereign Hill we went through the mine. It was scary and dark. We went panning. We found gold. We went to the old school. We got to learn. It was fun. We went to the lolly shop and got to go inside. We went to see the horses and we got to go down Main Street. We were there for the whole day. By Brooke & Courtney 1/2Z

I learnt that Sovereign Hill had a cave to tell how it was like in the caves digging for gold and gems, diamonds and silver. I also learnt that Grandma Wyne lived at Sovereign Hill and in her house she only had 3 rooms. The kitchen, bedroom and the thing in front of the front yard.

They had no electricity so she used lamps. We went digging for gold

and I found a crystal. I was so happy. We also went bowling. I got 0 pins but at least I tried. We also



went into the candle shop and saw how they make candles. It was cool. Then we saw a fire engine but not just a regular fire engine, it was what it looked like in the olden days. It looked cool. We walked past a thing that went roooo ooooo it was so annoying. We saw sheep and hens they were cute. I just loved Sovereign Hill so much I wish I could go there every day.

By Charlotte 1/2P



## PREP 100 days of school recounts

Prep C

Alex- I liked the parade. It was funny

Kaylee- the teachers look funny and old looking

Atem- today is a crazy fun part day



Prep B

Tasneem-I liked the dancing and the lollies

Ayuol-we have been at school so long

Prep M

Hailey- I like the necklace counting to 100

Matilda- I liked the party

Prep P

Zelda- lots of yummy food

Abiar- everyone looks funny today

Prep S

Anok- the parade was fun but I bit cold

Lucas- I liked the rice and shaking it to make the sound





## Extend OSHC

### MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Quick note from Educators

The last couple of weeks at after school care have gone very well. Children are excited to start the Space mural this week in the OSHC room and have been getting involved in lots of group games.

Gilbert the gecko came out and played a wonderful musical show for the children at after school care on Thursday the 27th of July. Everyone enjoyed this and the children had lots of fun and were very excited to see and meet him.

#### Upcoming activities

- Book mark craft and Mark up
- Pom pom insects and Simpsons
- Human skeleton craft and Octopus
- Space mural and hoop tag
- Plasticine craft and mark up

#### EXTEND SUPERSTAR AWARD

**CHRISTIAN PREDDY..** For great behaviour at after school care and always willing to help others. For being kind and including everyone in games.

**JIMELEH KAYA..** For fantastic behaviour at after school care, for being kind to others and always willing to help staff.

#### KIDS CLUB ART COMPETITION

##### WIN A \$200 TOYS R US ONLINE GIFT CARD

Entries are open for Extend's Kids Club Competition!

**Submit your entry online from Monday 17 July to Friday 4 August, 2017.**

To enter complete the sentence "Extend is ....." and submit your matching art entry online at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au). For further details and terms visit [textend.com.au](http://textend.com.au)

...**BUT THERE'S MORE!** Help your After School Care service win a mystery incursion! Be sure to come along to After School Care to enter. See you there!

#### **NEW FAMILIES – ENROL TODAY**

Enrolling is simple and can be done online via our Parent Portal. The annual enrolment fee will not be charged until you use the service, so it's a great way to ensure you can have emergency access if the need arises. See information on operating hours, fees, and how to enrol & book at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au).

#### **HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?**

If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 3 Please ensure you have made your 2017 bookings on the Parent Portal in advance.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL:[extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)



## Great news! The Teeth on Wheels team are coming to your school!

Teeth on Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ Scale and Clean
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✓ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.



**Don't forget to  
complete and sign a  
consent form for your  
child to be seen!**



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#### TOOLERN CREEK 9TH ANNUAL PLATYPUS FESTIVAL

*Friends of Toolern Creek are holding the ninth annual Platypus Festival on Saturday 7th October 2017 from 12 midday to 4pm at Toolern Creek, Tamar Drive, Melton South.*

*This is a wonderful local and free environmental event celebrating the creek and the restoration work/planting done by the Friends of Toolern Creek group and the local community and schools.*

As part of the festival there is a competition for the City of Melton kindergarten and primary school students. This year the picture is of Wood Ducks.

Grade 1, 2 or 3 : Colour in the Wood Ducks and draw the habitat (surrounding plants and flowers) that you think would be around a healthy stream like Toolern Creek. (Colouring page is attached to this newsletter. More sheets can be collected from the office)

Grades 4, 5 or 6: Please write a short story or poem (100 words to 400 words) about the Wood Ducks that live near to Toolern Creek.

Please submit your entries by 5pm Friday 15 September 2017 to: Friends of Toolern Creek

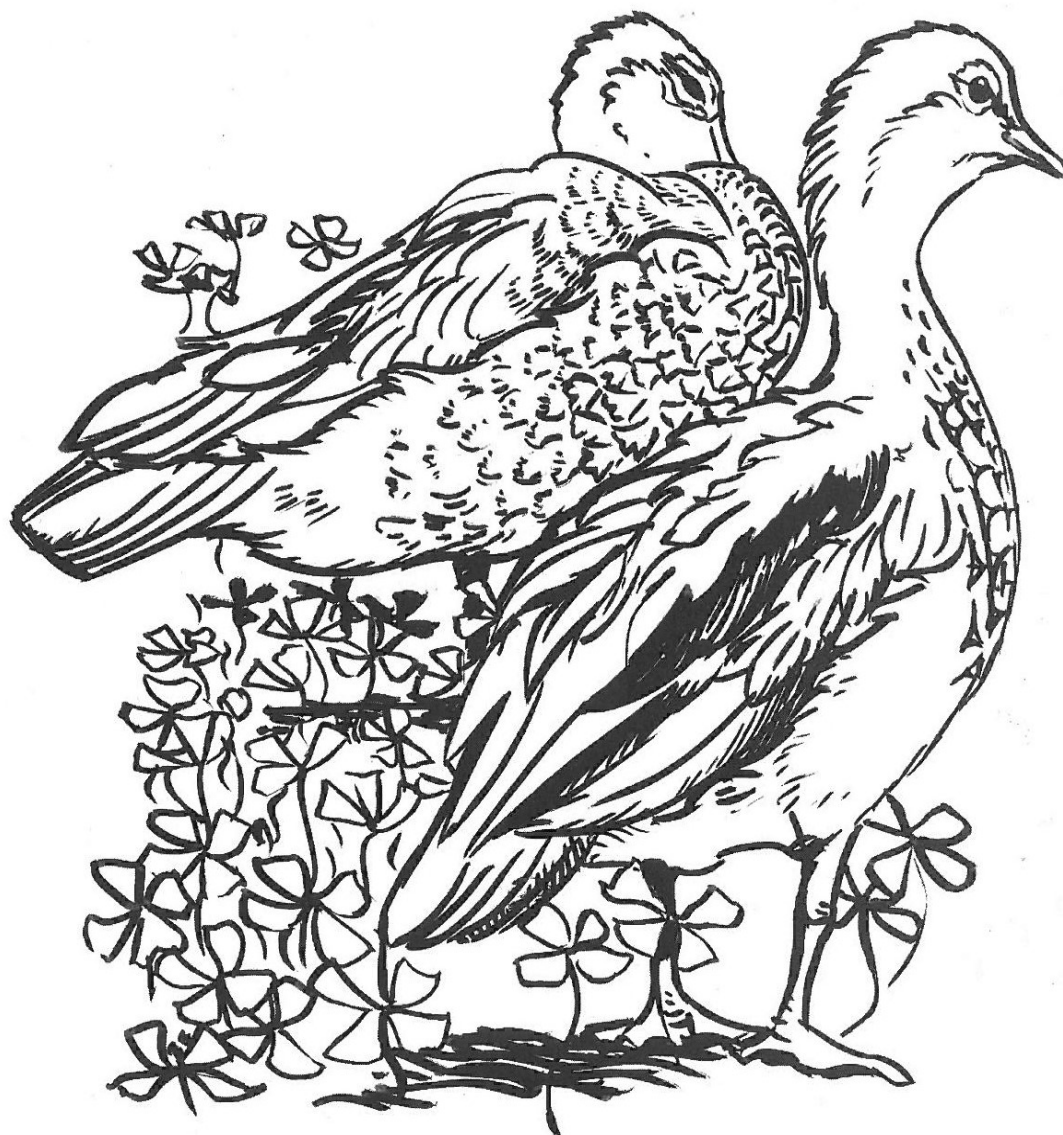
Lyn Holdsworth OAM (President)

PO Box 1520

Melton Vic 3337

There will be an overall prize this year for the best entry "The Bunnings Prize". Prizes will also be awarded to the first, second and third entries from each class of each school.

Students must be at the festival to collect their prize.



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Friends of Toolern Creek PO Box 1520 Melton Vic 3337 by 26 August 2017**