

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER	Friday 8th	Assembly @9:00am. Performance by Drumbeat
	Friday 8th	SCHOOL FETE : CANCELLED
	Friday 8th	BOOK LISTS DUE BACK AT SCHOOL
	Monday 11th	School Council Meeting
	Tuesday 12th	2018 Prep Transition Session 4: 9:15am-10:45am
	Tuesday 12th	WHOLE SCHOOL STEP UP DAY
	Wednesday 13th	Last Day for Payment for Grade 2 Sleepover
	Friday 15th	Assembly @9:00am. Performance by 12P
	Friday 15th	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Monday 18th	GRADE 6 GRADUATION
	Monday 18th	Last Day for Payment Grade 6 Adventure Park
	Monday 18th	Last Day for Payment Grade 5 Trampoline Park Excursion
	Wednesday 20th	Grade 6 Adventure Park Excursion
	Wednesday 20th	Grade 5 Trampoline Park Excursion
	Friday 22nd	Assembly @9:00am. Grade 6 Graduation Song
	Friday 22nd	LAST DAY TERM 4 : School Finishes at 1:30pm
JANUARY	Wednesday 31st	2018 YEARS 1-6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
FEBRUARY	Thursday 1st	2018 PREP FIRST DAY of SCHOOL

Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 14th December

@2:15pm in the Staffroom.

All Welcome!



Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- 2018-2021 School Strategic Plan
- Our Mission
- Our Vision
- Parents & Friends Fundraising
- Fete
- Graduation
- SVA
- Grade 2 Sleep Over
- Bullying Incursion

A Word from Our Captains



Hello Parents, Families & Friends,
We are coming close to the end of 2017 and school is very busy. On Tuesday it will be our Transition Day where all our grade 6's will be attending their new school and our Preps—Year 5's will be moving up to the next year level for the day. Graduation is on Monday 18th December for our Grade 6's.



Anyang & Tarkyn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are quickly coming to the end of year, with lots happening including Step-Up Day. Step-Up Day will be on Tuesday 12th of December and is an opportunity for students to spend a day transitioning to their new year level. They will experience what it is like with a new group of students and hear about the year ahead. The allocation of teachers to classes has yet to be made, although we are acutely aware that this time of year, with change and uncertainty it can be difficult for some children and their families. We are aware of these individuals and as soon as teachers are allocated to a class, we will start an additional transition process for these children. All other children will get to meet their teacher on Thursday 21st December from 10 am – 11 am. Your child should receive a note on that day outlining their teacher's name and the classroom they will be in. All children in Years 1 – 6 resume school in 2018 on Wednesday 31st January. Our 2018 Prep cohort will begin Thursday 1st February.

2018 – 2021 School Strategic Plan: The final element of the review process is to develop a 4 year plan for the work ahead to improve outcomes. Part of that is to create a Mission and Vision statement that highlights the crux of what we are aiming to do. All staff and School Council worked together to create the following statements, which will come into effect in the 2018 school year.

Our Mission: It is the mission of Melton West PS to work collaboratively to ensure high levels of learning for all.

Our Vision: Our vision is to be an effective Professional Learning Community where collaboration, collective responsibility and a focus on improving student outcomes drives the work. Through ensuring a consistency of high quality teaching practice in every learning space, including digital pedagogies we will have resilient students who are engaged and have input into their education through personalised learning and goal setting and who have an unwavering belief that they can learn. We will develop respectful partnerships between students, teachers and parents. We will create the leaders of tomorrow, today.

Parents and Friends Fundraising: Our small, but dedicated group of mums, have worked tirelessly over the year to provide many fundraising opportunities for the students. The sausage sizzle, which is held each term, is very popular with the children and a great way to make some money for the school. Unfortunately each term we have had less and less parent helpers on the day, making the workload for a few greater than what it needs to be. Please consider supporting our Parents and Friends next year, in any way you can, which may include helping out at the sausage sizzle once per term.

Fete: Unfortunately we have made the decision to cancel the fete which was scheduled for tomorrow 8th December.

As you can appreciate a lot of organisation goes into such a

large event and we need to purchase many food items over the week. When looking at the weather forecast last Monday for this Friday it appeared as if we were expecting rain and strong winds. Because we couldn't reschedule it for a later date this year we were hesitant in purchasing the items which would have been wasted. It was a difficult decision as I know our community always enjoys this event, however we made the best decision we could at the time.

Graduation: Plans for our Year 6 Graduation celebrations are well underway. The program consists of our Year 6 students joining staff for dinner, then parents coming later for the awards presentation. Each year, our students make us feel very proud on how they present themselves and behave on this special evening. We look forward to celebrating with them.

SVA: A few weeks ago, Mrs Cvitkovic, Mrs O'Connor and myself attended our fourth Leadership Gathering this year. The two day conference was facilitated by Deliotte, a highly reputable company, who spoke about understanding other people, their preferred style of interaction in order for us to create high performing teams. We will use the information we learnt next year as we continue to work as a professional learning community whose mission is to create high levels of learning for all, including staff.

Grade 2 Sleepover: Next Friday the Year 2s have been invited to participate in the first element of our camping program, the Grade 2 Sleepover. It is always a fun event and I know many children are looking forward to this evening. If your child is attending, please make sure you are here to collect your child at 8.00 am sharp so the teachers and volunteers can start their weekend. Thank-you to the staff who have volunteered to be part of this event. Without them volunteering these extra curricula activities would not be possible.

Bullying Incursion: On Thursday 23rd November, we held an incursion for all students that focussed on Bullying. The presenter spoke about the 4 types of bullying: 1. Social Exclusion 2. Cyberbullying 3. Physical Bullying and 4. Verbal Bullying. She spoke to the children about the impact bullying has on the victims and the implications for the person who is continuing the bullying behaviour if it does not stop, especially if they are over the age of 10. Please talk to your children about the importance of letting us know here at school if they are experiencing any form of bullying, so that we can put appropriate measures in place to support them and ensure it stops.

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed
Michelle Costa
Principal



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded

STAR STUDENT



Friday 24th November

PB	Alexander	Nate	Roman
PC	Alexander	August	
PM	Levi	Brookelyn-Rose	
PS	Aluel		
12D	Agoot	Stephanie	
12G	Charlotte	Mariah	
12W	Cheryl	Hannah	Makuach
12Z	Ajah	Darko	Ariel Peyton
34A	Cheyenne	Isabelle	
34B	Tamale		
34H	Samuel	Solin	
34K	Tyler		
34L	Ashley	Eric	
34M	Rebecca	Jack	
34J	Liam		
56B	Peatiornelle	Tyler	
56F	Lila		
56T	Romanh	Clarissa	
56V	Jasmine		

Friday 1st December

PB	Aydenn	Lola	Oliver
PC	Cienna	Atem	
12A	Marlon	Nigita	
12D	Angels	Christian	
12G	Charlotte	Mohammed	
12P	Seth		
34A	Sione		
34J	Sean	Ricky	
34K	Cianna	Karen	
34M	Ada	Dario	
34S	Jaxen	Ashlea	
56T	Blake	Matthew	
56V	Kali		



LAST DAY TERM

Friday 22nd
December

**School Finishes at
1:30pm**

Planning for 2018

Please complete and return to school if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to MWPS in 2018.

At this stage, I am anticipating that my child **WILL NOT** be attending Melton West Primary School in 2018. We are transferring to (write name of school): _____

Child/ren's Names:

Grade (2017):



2018 Book Lists

All 2018 book lists are due back at the office tomorrow, Friday 8th December.

If you have a health Care card, please present it at the office at the time of returning your book lists. Health Care Card holders are eligible for the CSEF payment of \$125.00 per child that helps fund all camps, excursions and sporting activities through school. Please see the office staff if you have any questions.



Due to the cancellation of the Fete, we will not be drawing the raffle tomorrow as previously

advertised.

We have extended the raffle by one week, and will now draw the winners at assembly on Friday 15th December @9am.

A second round of tickets has been issued to all families to allow an extra chance for ticket purchases.

This is our final fundraiser for the year. We thank all families for their support of our fundraisers throughout the year.

P&F Group.



Extend OSHC MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Monday 11th:	Snowman craft Christmas races
Tuesday 12th:	Christmas tree craft Christmas chocolate slice Christmas relay races
Wednesday 13th:	Paper plate baubles Snowball races
Thursday 14th:	Christmas elf craft Christmas musical statues
Friday 15th:	Christmas puzzles Santa tag

SUPERSTAR AWARD

Our Extend Superstar is.... **Adalet Kaya...**

For being a good role model at after school care and for being friendly towards everyone.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENT

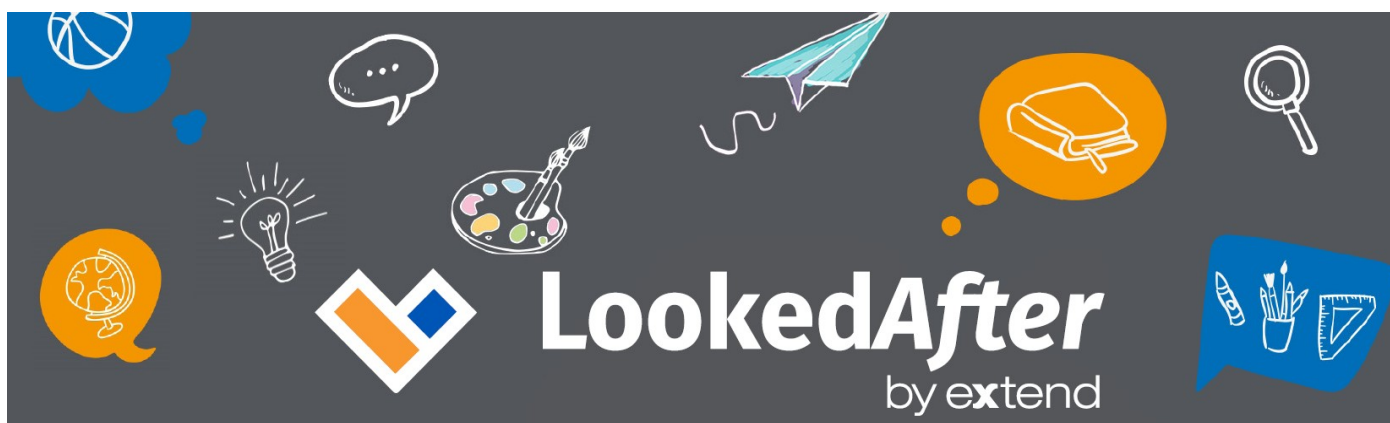
We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new and exciting platform for families.

The Parent Portal will cease to operate at the conclusion of Term 4 Before and After School Care and will be replaced with a reliable, flexible, and user-friendly platform named LookedAfter.

All families requiring bookings for the Summer Holiday Program and/or 2018 Before School Care and After School Care (existing and new families) must create a new account with LookedAfter.

<https://www.lookedafter.com/>

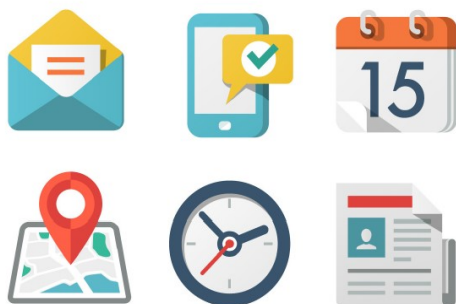
[Parent Portal extend.com](https://www.lookedafter.com/)



Book Extend Outside School Hours Care with LookedAfter

NO ANNUAL ENROLMENT FEE

- Enrolment takes 10 minutes
- Mobile friendly
- Easy to add or amend bookings
- Built with parent feedback



MORE FLEXIBILITY

- Book 14 days ahead for Early Bird
- Book 60 minutes ahead, or Walk In*
- Cancel booking errors
- Pay in arrears or pay in advance

NO ENROLMENT = NO ATTENDANCE

- Extend families must be enrolled with LookedAfter
- Enrol now to avoid on-the-day hassles
- Stay informed of program activities



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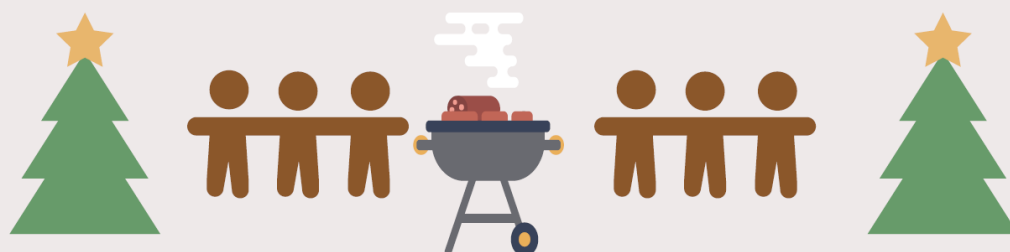
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* Full details about Fee Tiers can be found on LookedAfter



Community Christmas BBQ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families



We're also celebrating **Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation's**
10th year anniversary



Free BBQ



Face painting



Traditional games



Jumping Castle



Arts and Craft



**Free gift for children 10 yrs
old and under**



Come and meet Santa

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families are welcome

Date: Saturday 9th December
Time: 11am - 3pm
Venue: DJ Cunningham Reserve Playground
Melton South (playground behind Melton South Community Centre)

This is an **Alcohol-free** event.

For more information contact Peter Webster 0429 612 027 or Charry Owens on 8746 1100

This event is
supported by:

Melton City Council



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Aboriginal Corporation:
Founded by Friendship
Inspired by Community



Health
and Human
Services



Koolin Balit
Babaneek Booboop
Early Years Project





Get GROWING



FREE school holiday creative program for
parents and kids of all ages

Holidays are a great time to grow together
and bond with your kids

The session will focus on creating
decorative items to take HOME

Parent/carer to attend with child/ren
Places are limited
RSVP's essential

When:

Wednesday 17th January

Friday 19th January

10:00am - 12:00pm &

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Bunnings

149-169 Barries road,

@Melton west

Cost: Free

To register: PH: 0455 521 154



Salvation Army Social Housing and Support Network

SASHS

Funded by the Australian Government
Department of Social Services.
Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.



Free Art & Craft school holiday program for
parents and kids of all ages

Art can be a great way to connect and have
fun with your child

The session will provide opportunities for
children and parents to work together in a
fun and creative way

When:

Monday 22nd January

10:00am – 12:00pm | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Wednesday 24th January

10:00am – 12:00pm | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Where:

Melton South Community Centre

41 Exford Rd, Melton South 3338