

TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY	Friday 17th	Assembly – Performance by 34J
	Wednesday 22nd	No Prep Classes
	Thursday 23rd	Coffee Afternoon 2:15-3:05pm in the Staffroom
	Thursday 23rd	District Swimming
	Friday 24th	Assembly – Performance by 12Z
	Friday 24th	Lightening Premiership Sports
	Friday 24th	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 5:00-7:00pm
	Monday 27th	Coles Helping Hands Incursion Years 3/4
	Wednesday 29th	No Prep Classes
MARCH	Friday 3rd	Assembly – Performance by 56N
	Thursday 9th	Coffee Afternoon 2:15-3:05pm in the Staffroom
	Friday 10th	Assembly – Performance by 34S
	Monday 13th	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 14th	Curriculum Day – No School
	Friday 17th	Assembly – Performance by 12A
	Wednesday 22nd	School Photos
	Thursday 23rd	Coffee Afternoon 2:15-3:05pm in the Staffroom
	Friday 24th	Assembly – Performance by PC
	Friday 24th	Showcase: Inquiry 2pm – Years 3-6
	Monday 27th	Exhibition: Inquiry 2pm – Prep-Year 2
	Monday 27th	Coles Helping Hands Incursion
	Wednesday 29th	Walk to School Day
	Friday 31st	Assembly – Performance by 56M
	Friday 31st	End of Term 1

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- Meet-the-Teacher Interviews
- Master Plan
- School Review
- Anniversary of Apology Day
- School Council



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A Word from Our Captains



Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to our Prep students of 2017.
So far it has been a great start to the year with everyone settling in well to their new classrooms. Students have already started doing testing and paper work and teachers have been talking about having a good year and leaving Melton West Primary, at the end of Grade 6, as the best students we can be. Everyone is getting along and making new friends.
Last Friday we had our first assembly where the official leadership roles for 2017 were announced and we received our leadership badges. It was also great to see so many parents and friends at our assembly.



Anyang & Tarkyn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to start this newsletter with the announcement that Mrs Bhullar had her baby on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Her name is Gurbani Kaur Bhullar and she weighed 3.75kg. Both Mum and baby are doing well. We have sent our best wishes on behalf of the school community.



Thank-you to the families that came to **Meet-the-Teacher Interviews** yesterday. It was a great opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about their specific needs and any family information that may be useful in understanding and catering for your child. **Communication** is one of our school values, which we hold in high esteem. If you have any concerns and would like to talk to your child's teacher, please make an appointment to that they can give you the time you need. Teachers have meetings after school, so they will be able to find a time so it won't be rushed.

Last week I went to a meeting to discuss the next stage of the **Master Plan** design. At that stage, we were not sure whether we would get money for the project or how much. A few days later I received an email letting me know we have been given a pre-approved amount of \$6.1 million. This is fantastic news because it means the first part of the Master Plan – the PE Hall/Gym can be designed, along with new student toilets and a new Administration Block. I will keep you up-to-date with information in the newsletter as it come to hand.

I have also had some confirmation that our **School Review** will take place towards the end of term 2 and we need to prepare for this by conducting a thorough **School Self-Evaluation**. This involves getting feedback from all sectors of the community. We are very keen to hear from parents and will hold forums, send out surveys and speak directly to parents over the next few months. Your views are important to us and we would really value your perspective.

On Monday 13th February we held a very special assembly for the 9th **Anniversary of Apology Day**, when the then Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd tabled a motion in parliament apologising to Australia's Indigenous peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations and their families and communities, for laws and policies which had 'inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians'. The children were very respectful and the Student leaders played an important role.

Our current **School Council** held their last meeting on Monday night. We are calling for nominations for 4 people to fill the vacancies in the Parent Member category. If you are interested in supporting the school by being a member of School Council, please get a form from the office. Nominations close 4.00pm on Monday 20th February.

Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed

Michelle Costa
Principal

SWIMMING TRIALS REPORT

On the 8th of this month, our 3-6 students tried out for the MWPS swimming team. I want to thank all students, parents and teachers for supporting this event.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the school at the District Competition on Thursday, Feb 23rd 2017:

Tara Keenan (5/6M), Flynn Prosser (5/6F), Lila Ait Kaci (5/6F), Charlyze Prosser (5/6M), Alicia Drinkwater (5/6B), Declan Keenan (5/6F), Bradley Farrugia (3/4H), Sean Banks (3/4J), Anjali Sharma (3/4A) & Isabella Hi (3/4B)

Let's Go Team!!

Miss. Henaway



2017 SCHOOL LEADERS

School Captains	Anyang Wal Tarkyn Hamilton
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Vice Captains	Jessica Hodge Alith Panthum
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Sports Captains	Monique Culliver Trent Smeaton
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House Captains/Vice Captains

Red		Amelia Tuionetoa Kai Vale
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Green		Ajang Rual Lontina Kardish
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Purple		Bailey Dwyer Duol Nyuon
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Orange		James Riley Tara Keenan
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Congratulations to the following students who were awarded **STAR STUDENT** Awards



PB	Alexander Martinac
PC	Kaylee Reid Emmett Brady
PM	Caiden Williams Tobie Veliscek
PP	Hugo Lay Caitlin Donny
1/2D	Kory Iturra-Coates Nikita Brehaut
1/2G	Ivy Ait-Kaci Anastasiya Baco
1/2P	Hayden Gwin Ayden Farrugia
1/2T	Rama Jambere
1/2W	Hannah Jarrott
3/4A	Amanda Sophia Damayo
3/4B	Dengajok Ayuen Isabella Hi
3/4H	Bradley Farrugia
3/4J	Adrian Pamilacan
3/4K	Jett Mackinnon Hailey Higgins
34L	Rehaan Khan Shaianne Kaio
3/4M	Shaylee Evans Scott Mowatt
3/4S	Xavier Greer
5/6N	Alexandria Fuimaono Jd-Henry Lam
5/6T	Makayla Goodman
5/6V	Ruby Russell Riley Males Ryan Denney

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

DAY	CLUB	LOCATION
MONDAY	LIBRARY 	LIBRARY
	ART 	ART ROOM
	PING-PONG 	MPR
TUESDAY	LIBRARY 	LIBRARY
	DANCE 	Ms. BLAND Rm13
	MINDFULNESS 3-6 	Ms.BARNES Rm19
WEDNESDAY	TECHNOLOGY 	SCIENCE ROOM
	GAMES 	Mrs MILLS Rm23
THURSDAY	LIBRARY 	LIBRARY
	DRUMBEAT 	Mr MISIANO Rm8
FRIDAY	LIBRARY 	LIBRARY
	COLOURING 	Mrs THUNELL Rm 9





Extend OSHC at MWPS

Are you a Proud Parent?

Post your proud parent moment on Extend's Facebook page with a short caption and hashtag #ProudParent to win a GoPro Hero5 plus more prizes worth over \$1000. Winner announced on Facebook on Monday 27 February.

For terms visit extend.com.au/proudparents

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.

HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?

If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 1. 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

Our Extend Superstar is **Belle Booker** for showing great leadership and introducing some fun new games.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUN

We have had some great fun at Extend playing group games. Belle has shown great leadership in organising games for the group. Belle has taught the group two new games, Kangaroo Rush and Chinese Tag. It is fantastic to see the children learning and playing together.

Over the past two weeks we have enjoyed making a variety of animals and critters from paper plates, pom poms, playdough and learning how to do origami.

We have also looked at how different liquids affect the buoyancy of various objects.

We have learnt how the acid in vinegar can change an egg shell to a soft rubbery ball and make it almost luminous.

We had a ball using balloons to create our own bouncy balls.

The children have also spent a lot of time making creations from Hama Beads



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Upcoming Activities

Each week we decide on activities we would like to do as a group.

Next weeks theme is Spiders, spiders, spiders spiders!

Monday 20th – Pom Pom Spiders

Tuesday 21st – Pizza with Kiera

Wednesday 22nd - Chocolate Spiders with Madden

Thursday 23rd – Spider Web Mural with Belle

Friday 24th -Pokemon Day with Ashleigh

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Student Enrolment Details: Tomorrow, Friday 17th February, your child will receive a copy of their enrolment details.

Please take the time to work your way through the form to ensure all details are correct. Please return the form to your child's classroom teacher.

We apologise to the families who received emails earlier this week regarding the enrolment details and have already replied. We require a hard copy for our archives so we are asking if you can complete the form again.

CSEF: A reminder that if you are a healthcare card holder you can apply for CSEF funding for your child. Please come to the office to collect the form.

MELTON & MOORABOOL

Journey through art at Melton West Primary School

FEBRUARY 7, 2017 10:50 AM
BY SUMEYYA ILANBEY

DREAMTIME MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



02/02/17 MURAL. STUDENTS AMELIA AND RILEY HELPED PAINT A MURAL FOR THE SCHOOL. PHOTO BY KRISTIAN SCOTT

A colourful, Dreamtime-inspired mural adorns the walls of two portable classrooms at Melton West Primary School.

Grades 5 and 6 students last year worked with Aboriginal artist Jo Layton to create the piece, which infused Aboriginal design concepts with students' cultural identities.

The mural is part of the Royal Children's Hospital's Festival of Healthy Living, which focuses on engaging young people in the arts, school art teacher Sally Shoebridge said.