



Melton West Primary School News

20th July, 2017
Issue 12

Moving forward *With the Passion to Succeed*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	Friday 21st	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by Prep P
	Friday 21st	Last day for Payment: Whole School Swimming. No late payment will be accepted
	Wednesday 26th	Last day for Payment. Year 1/2 Sovereign Hill Excursion No late payment will be accepted
	Wednesday 26th	Last day for payment. Whole School Magic Flute Performance. No late payment will be accepted
	Wednesday 26th	Walk to School. Meet at Navan Park @ 8:30am
	Thursday 27th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 28th	Year 1/2 Excursion to Sovereign Hill
	Friday 28th	Assembly @2:30pm Performance by Choir
	Monday 31st	Whole School Magic Flute Performance.
AUGUST	Friday 4th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 34A
	Thursday 10th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 11th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 12G
	Monday 14th	School Council 7:00pm
	Friday 18th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 56B
	Mon 21st - Fri 25th	Prep Swimming
	Thursday 24th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!
	Friday 25th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by Prep M
	Monday 28th—Fri 1st Sep	Year 5/6 Swimming
	Wednesday 30th	Walk to School. Meet at Navan Park@ 8:30am
SEPTEMBER	Mon 4th—Friday 8th	Year 3/4 Swimming
	Mon 11th—Fri 15th	Year 1/2 Swimming
	Wednesday 20th	ART SHOW

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

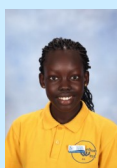
- Staff changes
- Mr Gatt's Baby
- Master Plan Update
- Art Show
- Parent Opinion Survey
- Dental Services



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A Word from Our Captains



Welcome to Week 1, Term 3!

We have had a great start to the new term. Students are getting along and many making new friends. Upcoming events include athletics, swimming and the Magic Flute Performance. It looks like we are in for a busy term!



Anyang & Tarkyn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school for the start of Term 3. I was very pleased to see how well all children have settled into the school routine this week, with all classes revisiting the daily procedures that help make their class run smoothly. Our work around the Berry St Education Model, that all staff have been trained in, has helped children identify triggers that may make them feel unsettled or escalated. This work teaches children strategies to help regulate their emotions and choose better ways to deal with things when they don't go their way. I think this has helped with the settled start to Term 3.

Staff Changes: Over the holidays, we heard from Ms Bytheway, a Year 5/6 teacher that she has accepted a position at a school in Northern Victoria, which will help her care for her injured partner who was in a motorcycle accident late in Term 2. We wish her and her partner well and thank her for her contributions to Melton West this year. We are currently looking for a suitable replacement to take 5/6B. Ms Jankowski worked with us last year and this year in a support role. She too has accepted a position at a school closer to home and will not be returning this term. Again we wish her well and thank her for her contributions to the Melton West PS Community. Her role will not be replaced at this time, due to the training requirements to be a GRIN teacher

Mr Gatt's Baby: Mr Gatt and his wife are proud to announce that their daughter Evalyn "Eva" Rose Gatt was born on the 2nd July at 7:44pm weighing 3.94kg. All are doing well. He has had this week off on paternity leave to enjoy the time bonding as a family and he let me know they have been enjoying spending this precious time together. I'm sure you will agree the photo attached is absolutely adorable. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Gatt.



Master Plan Update: Over the holidays, I attended another meeting about the Master Plan and am pleased to say that the planning is moving along well. After the May Budget, we were one of a few schools that got the go-ahead to continue with the Master Planning Stage. One of the points of discussion at this meeting was the need to remove the large tree near the 1/2 playground, to cater for the Gym, which will extend out onto the car-park area. It is a beautiful tree and it will be disappointing to see it go, however we will ensure that more trees will be planted during the landscaping phase to replace the plants that will need to be removed. The playgrounds will also need to be relocated and due to the age of them, School Council will need to decide whether we replace them with new equipment or relocate the existing ones. I will endeavour to keep you up to date as much as possible as these plans continue to develop.

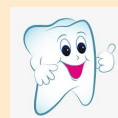
Art Show: Each year we have been hosting a School Concert, at a local Primary School. Last year we were planning to have an Art Show, however due to the difficulty in retaining a staff member to take Art, the Art Show did not take off. This year, however, we are pleased to



announce that plans are well underway for an Art Show this term. The date is 20th September. Each child will have completed some individual pieces of work, which will be on display. Each class will also be completing a combined art piece, which may be auctioned on the night. Further details will be available soon, but please place 20th September in your diary.

Parent Opinion Survey: We're conducting a survey to find out what you think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August. The survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi. Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September. If you are one of the randomly selected parents to complete this survey, please take the time to put your thoughts down. Your feedback is important to us.

Dental Services: Did you know that the Commonwealth Government Child Dental Schedule continues in 2017, which provides eligible children with \$1000 of free dental benefits on selected services within a 2-year calendar period. Check out the website for more information: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>



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



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



Friday 30th June

PC	Kaylee R	August B	
PM	Hailey G	Caiden W	
PS	Anyieth G	Aluel P	Eloise U
12D	Annabel W	Kory I	
12W	Ayden B	Hannah J	
34A	Krystal T		
34H	Taylah M		
34J	Fred G		
34K	Bailey B	O'Shea D	
34L	Eric B		
34S	Paige B	Lolesio L	
56F	Shayleigh S		
56T	Madison S	Philip T	Trent S
56V	Maraea G	Bailey D	

Congratulations to the following
student for completing 100
Nights of Reading:

34K: Mikaylah C



Issue 5

Payment due by 3rd August

Please send order forms and money to the
office.

No late payments accepted.

SCOUT RAFFLE

All Scout Raffle tickets are due
back at the office Monday,
31st July.

Once again, thank you to our families for
supporting this activity.



DREAM BIG ARTS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 28 June Tolley and Dani escorted 19 out of our 5/6 students to the Dream Big Arts Workshop Day.

This was a highly creative series of workshops through which our students remained focussed, letting out lots of smiles and with robust participation.

Thanks to the artists that engaged the children. The MWPS children really enjoyed all activities and look forward to future opportunities, but more looking forward to flashmob performance for Dream Big Festival in September!!

I asked our students to play the role of ambassador for their school, and they did so admirably.

They were very impressed with the hip hop stuff, the sheet dye art, and rock painting, aboriginal cultural workshop and the filmmaking opportunity - but overall the comment that I felt summed things up was from one of our girls who said "I just liked being here!"... (when asked what part of the program did you like best?)

Tolley and Dani

Student Reports:

On the 28th June a handful of students went to the Melton Youth Centre for the 'Dream Big Art' day. There were 4 groups. Group 1 went to Hip-Hop to do a routine that the students and teachers prepared for the other groups to see. Group 2 talked about the history of Australia and the dances. Group 3 got their creative minds on and used food colouring and a plain white blanket and coloured it. Group 4 painted rocks with aboriginal symbols, dot painting and the aboriginal flag. That was our day at the "Dream Big Art" day

By Charlie & Azarel

On the 28/6/17 we went to the Melton Youth Centre to make a film about 'How to make friends'. It took 2 hours to plan and then 2 hours to make the film. When the film was edited everyone got to watch it.

By Chantelle & Kali



Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to Term 3!

We have lots of things planned for the term and exciting new experiences.

The children will be starting a fairy/goblin indoor garden over the coming weeks as well as starting a massive space mural which will be displayed in the OSHC room for their term project.

Kiera and Kimberley will have a shared team leading role and we look forward to seeing all your friendly faces!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday 17th July: Twirling lady bugs and Cricket

Tuesday 18th July: Butterfly craft and Bull rush

Wednesday 19th July: Rainbow craft and Dodge ball

Thursday 20th July: Pin wheels and Freeze tag

Friday 21st July: Abstract water colour painting and Mark up

GILBERT THE GHECKO IS COMING TO MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

July 27th at 4:00pm

KIDS CLUB ART COMPETITION

WIN A \$200 TOYS R US ONLINE GIFT CARD

Entries are now 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. For further details and terms visit extend.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.

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

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

- Children up to nine years old should hold an adult's hand in traffic
- School crossings are the safest place to cross the road
- Model safe crossing procedure: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK
- Drivers must stop at flagged children's crossings if a pedestrian is on, or entering the crossing, even if there is no crossing supervisor present
- Children should exit the vehicle from the rear kerbside door where possible
- Plan your trip, don't change direction of travel
- U turns must be avoided, please use roundabouts to turn your vehicles around where possible

CHILD RESTRAINTS & BOOSTER SEATS

- Children aged 4 years to under 7 years must be properly fastened in an approved adjustable forward-facing restraint with built in harness OR an approved booster seat with a properly fastened and adjustable seatbelt or child safety harness
- Did you know? The Victorian road rules allow a child aged 7 years and over to travel in the front seat of a car, however research shows that children under 12 years of age are at a greater risk of serious injury when travelling in the front seat
- More information can be found at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

HANDY TIPS FOR SAFE PARKING

- Park a few streets away and walk to and from school. Use this time to teach your child about road safety and be a good role model
- Allow enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing
- Always observe the parking signs around the school
- Never park illegally in a driveway, or on/near a school crossing
- Never double park. It blocks the vision for other drivers, forces children onto the road, obstructs the flow of traffic and may force other drivers to make inappropriate driving choices
- Do not use staff car parks or driveways to drop off your children
- Please remember to be patient, courteous and respectful when driving around schools

Please keep this brochure handy, and show it to all those adults who take your child to and from school.

DRIVING SAFELY AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Safety around our school is
everybody's responsibility

Developed in partnership with:



OBEY THE SIGNS

Parking unsafely puts children at risk

There are parking restrictions surrounding the school. The area is regularly patrolled by City of Melton Local Law Officers, who will issue penalty notices.

No Stopping Signs

You must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Speed Limit

Do not exceed 40km/h in school zones.



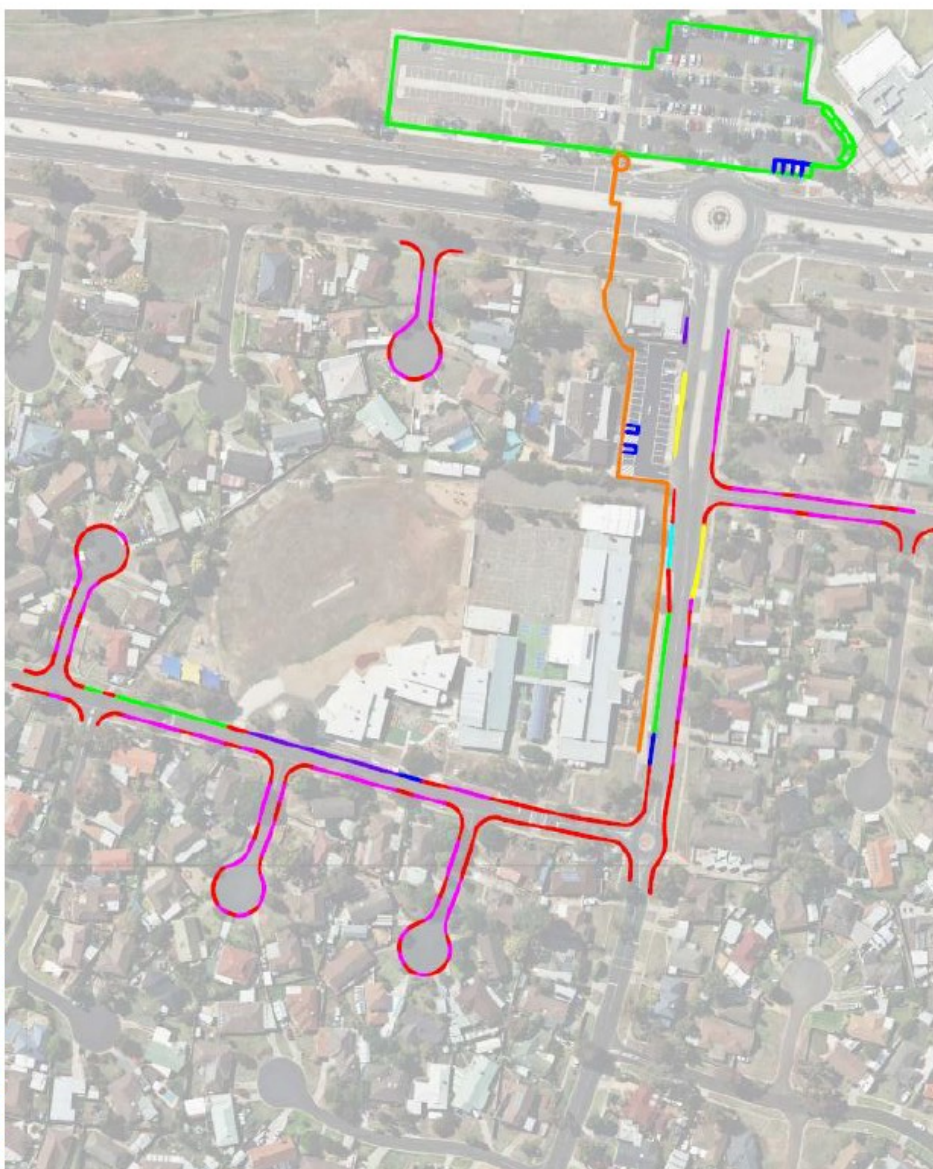
Part Way is OK

Live too far away to walk? Find a point away from the front gate to park and walk part of the way to school.

Melton Waves car park is the ideal Part Way point!



WHERE TO PARK



	Statutory (all times) No Stopping		Time Restricted Parking
	School Times (8-8.30 & 2.30-3.30) No Stopping		Disabled Parking
	Unrestricted Parking		Bus Zone
	Preferred Route (from Melton Waves)		School Bus Zone