

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	Monday 23rd	<b>E-SMART Leaders &amp; Captains excursion to AppleStore</b>
	Monday 23rd	<b>Last day for Payment—Years 5/6 Swimming</b>
	Tuesday 24th	<b>Years 3-6 Athletics Day</b>
	Tuesday 25th	<b>Years Prep-2 Athletics Day</b>
	Tuesday 25th	<b>Last day for Payment—Whole School Performance SALAKA INTERACTIVE DRUMMING</b>
	Monday 30th	<b>Last day for Payment—Years 1/2 Swimming</b>
	Tuesday 31st	<b>Whole School Performance: SALAKA DRUMMING</b>
AUG	Mon 30th– Fri 3rd	<b>Years 3/4 Swimming</b>
	Fri day 3rd	<b>Last day for Payment—3/4 Camp Kangarooobie</b>
	Monday 6th	<b>Last day for Payment—Prep Swimming</b>
	Monday 6th	<b>Last day for Payment—Year 5/6 NGV Excursion</b>
	Mon 6th– Fri 10th	<b>Years 5/6 Swimming</b>
	Mon13th-Fri 17th	<b>Years 1/2 Swimming</b>
	Monday 13th	<b>Year 5/6 T &amp; C NGV—Colony, Frontier Wars Excursion</b>
	Monday 13th	<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL—7pm</b>
	Tuesday 14th	<b>Year 5/6 D &amp; F NGV—Colony, Frontier Wars Excursion</b>
	Wednesday 15th	<b>Year 5/6 B, M &amp; S NGV—Colony, Frontier Wars Excursion</b>
	Mon20th-Fri24th	<b>Prep Swimming</b>
SEP	Monday 3rd– 5th	<b>3/4 Camp Kangarooobie</b>
	Friday 21st	<b>END OF TERM 3 - EARLY DISMISSAL—2:10pm</b>

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

- **Swimming Program**
- **3/4 Camp**
- **Chinese LOTE**
- **Parent Opinion Survey**
- **Master Plan**
- **New Cleaners**
- **Absence Messages**
- **2019 Prep Tours and Enrolments**
- **Breakfast Club**
- **Supervision**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Melton West Primary School after the recent school holidays. It was terrible weather over the break, but lovely to have some rest and relaxation time. It has been terrific seeing all the students back at school, eager to continue their learning. We have had a really settled start to the term and are looking forward to a great, yet busy, term. Traditionally, we have had a major whole school event during term 3, either a school concert or as we did last year, the Art Show. Unfortunately, due to the upcoming building works and the disruption this may cause to some classrooms and school programs, we thought we would hold off on one of these events this year, although Term 3 will still be quite a busy term.

**Swimming Program:** This term, all students have the opportunity to participate in our annual swimming program. Notes went home late term 2 and payments are being collected at the moment. Please take this opportunity to send your child to swimming lessons at the local Melton Waves Swimming Pool. We received constructive feedback about the program last year and have worked very closely with the pool to improve their service and the experience for the children. If you attend any of the lessons and have any feedback, positive or negative, I would be most interested in hearing it, so we can ensure we give our children the most fantastic swimming program they deserve.



**3/4 Camp:** This term our students from year 3/4 have the opportunity to attend the 3 day, 2 night camp at Kangarooie from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September. We have been sending our 3/4 students to Kangarooie for a number of years and each time they have returned having a wonderful time. There are many challenges the children face whilst on camp, but are carefully supported by their teachers and the camping staff to complete the obstacle courses and adventures, developing a sense of personal achievement and confidence along the way. Please check your paperwork carefully to ensure all payments are made on time.

**Chinese LOTE:** On Tuesday, our teachers participated in a training session in preparation for the first Chinese lesson next week. The program operates with a face-to-face session via Zoom (similar to Skype) where a teacher dials in live from Beijing and teaches the children the Chinese language and some aspects of the Chinese Culture. These virtual lessons are for 15 minutes in Year Prep and 25 minutes for Years 1-6. The class teacher will also do an additional 30-45 minutes during class time each week, following a guide supplied by the Chinese teacher. I have had 2 opportunities to experience interacting with the virtual teacher and enjoyed both greatly. We will monitor the children's engagement over the next 2 terms to determine if we will continue this in 2019. Again, I would be happy to hear any feedback you get from your child about this program.

**Parent Opinion Survey:** In the next few weeks, a random sample of families will receive a survey asking for their opinion about all elements of school. The survey is designed to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. School Council recently discussed ways in which we could encourage more families to return the survey. If you are invited to complete it through a random selection created by the computer, you will be invited to a morning tea where computers will be available for you to complete the survey along with morning tea including cake and coffee/tea. You can, of course, choose to complete the survey at home, or request a paper copy if you do not have access to a computer. We are aiming to improve the response rate this year.

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**Master Plan:** Unfortunately I have no further news or any updates on the Master Plan at this stage. I am waiting to hear whether the tender process to appoint a builder has begun.

**New Cleaners:** This week, in all government schools in Victoria, new cleaning companies took over the cleaning contract. We are aiming to ensure we get the premium service we deserve, however need to acknowledge there will be a settling in period for the new company and their cleaners. We will continue to liaise with the supervisor over the next few weeks, and look forward to seeing a positive outcome.

**Absence Messages:** From the start of this term, all schools are required to use a system where parents are contacted if their child is not at school by 9.30 am, without an explanation (unexplained absence). We have set up a system where a SMS message is sent to the Adult A listed on our system, alerting them to the absence. This is so you would be aware if your child is not at school if you expect they should be. If your child is absent for any reason, it would help immensely if you contacted the office before 9.30 am, or used the Skoolbag App service available to let us know. If you receive a message saying your child is not at school, and you believe they should be, please call the office immediately so we can follow up. Please excuse the few hiccups which may inevitably occur as we get our processes working correctly.

**2019 Prep Tours and Enrolments:** I have been conducting school tours for parents who have children due to start school next year in Prep. We have begun taking enrolments and encourage you to complete a form if you have a pre-schooler or encourage your friends to book a tour if their first child is starting school. Please be aware there are boundaries in place that designate our catchment area for new families. Please ask your friend to check at the office if they are unsure as to whether they fit within our area.

**Breakfast Club:** I would like to remind all our families that we have a Breakfast Club available for students each day from 8:15am. There is no cost for this club.

**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, unless they are attending Breakfast Club (from 8.15am) or Rad Readers (8.30am). 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:

1. ensure that your child arrives to school safely and is in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day, and
2. 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

Michelle Costa

Principal

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## Student Details

If you have changed phone numbers, home address, and/or emergency contacts, please contact the office 9743 5818 or use the MWPS Skoolbag App to update your personal information. It is a requirement of the Education Department that student information is correct at all times.



## PREP ENROLMENT 2019

We are now taking enrolments for 2019.

Please call at the office to collect an enrolment form if you have a child that will commence prep next year. If you wish to have a tour, please make an appointment at the office.

If you know of any one who has a child that will commence Prep in 2019 and who lives in our zone please ask them to call the office: 9743 5818 to make an appointment for a school tour.

## Parents & Friends

Next Meeting: Thursday 26th July

Where: Staffroom

When: 2:15pm

**Everyone Welcome.**

**New ideas are encouraged.**



## ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow afternoon

**2:30pm**

All Welcome

**Performance by : Prep G**




# MELTON NDIS INFO SESSION PRE-PLANNING


The rollout of the NDIS is one the biggest changes in the lives of people living with disabilities that we've seen in a generation. The transition can be an overwhelming time, and proper preparation can be the difference between being adequately funded or not.


We'll be running three free information sessions that focus on different steps of the NDIS process: pre-planning, plan implementation and plan review.





## EVENT DETAILS

 Balam Balam Seminar Room, Melton Library and Learning Hub

 Thursday 2nd August

 10:30 - 12:00

 This is a **free event**, there is no need to register

 For further information contact [ateba@oncall.com.au](mailto:ateba@oncall.com.au)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**NDIS Pre-Planning Information Session**  
Thursday 2nd August  
10:30am - 12pm

#### Session overview

We'll be covering information on the NDIS process and giving you tips on how to prepare for your first NDIS planning meeting.

**NDIS Plan Implementation Information Session**  
Thursday 6th September  
10:30am - 12pm

#### Session overview

We'll be covering what happens once you receive your NDIS plan and the steps needed to help you achieve your goals.

**NDIS Plan Review Information Session**  
Thursday 11th October  
10:30am - 12pm

#### Session overview

Once you've had your NDIS plan for a year you'll have a meeting to review what's working and what's not. We'll explain this process and help you prepare.

# parenting group



parenting  
in a new culture

## parenting in a new culture program for South Sudanese parents

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July – Aug 29<sup>th</sup>  
Every week for 6 weeks  
5:30pm - 7pm

Melton Library (MLLH)  
31 McKenzie St, Melton



The Parenting in a New Culture (PINC) program helps newly arrived families build parenting skills and improve family functioning.

### You will:

- Help your children THRIVE in Australia
- Discuss the challenges for migrant families and children in Australia
- Develop parenting strategies using practical tools
- Learn about Australia's education & legal systems
- Discuss the different stages of your child's development
- Learn about and access other family services

### Included:

- All course materials
- Child-minding
- Light meal provided
- Family excursion included!

## For more information, contact

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