



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE	Friday 15th	<b>Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 56T</b>
	Friday 15th	<b>PYJAMA DAY—Gold coin donation</b>
	Monday 18th	<b>Annual Report to Community —7pm All Welcome</b>
	Monday 18th	<b>School Council 7:15pm</b>
	Wednesday 20th	<b>SCIENCE NIGHT 6:15- 7:30pm</b>
	Friday 22nd	<b>School Spirit Day.</b>
	Friday 22nd	<b>Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34C</b>
	Friday 22nd	<b>Last Day for Payment. 5/6 Basketball</b>
	Friday 22nd	<b>Last Day for Payment. 1/2 Zoo Excursion</b>
	Monday 25th	<b>1/2 Zoo Excursion</b>
	Monday 25th	<b>2nd Payment due—3/4 Kangarooie Camp</b>
	Tuesday 26th	<b>5/6 Basketball</b>
	Wednesday 27th	<b>WALK 2 SCHOOL - Meet at Navan Pk. 8:30am</b>
	Thursday 28th	<b>Prep—Year 4 3 Way Conference</b>
	Thursday 28th	<b>Years 5/6 Student led Interviews</b>
	Friday 29th	<b>Assembly 9:00am Performance by 12M</b>
	Friday 29th	<b>End of Term2—School Finishes 2:10pm</b>

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Student Reports
- Student-Led/3-Way Conferences
- Annual Report to Community
- Riding Bikes and Bike Helmets
- School Uniform
- Positive Choices Program
- South Western Victoria Regional Principal Conference
- Social Ventures Australia Conference
- School Disco
- Parents and Friends
- Science Night
- LOTE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Student Reports:** Over the past few weeks, your child's teacher has been busily writing the June Academic Reports, based on the assessment and observations they have had of your child's learning over this semester. These will be sent home on Monday 25th June. Please take the time to read over them and congratulate your child on the achievements they have shown.

**Student-Led/3-Way Conferences:** To complement the formal written report, parents have the opportunity to share in their child's learning through the student-led conferences for children in Years 5 and 6 and the 3-Way conferences for children in years Prep – 4. The children have been busily preparing for these meetings and really look forward to having their parents in their classroom, showing a genuine interest in their learning. Notes on how to book these appointments were sent home yesterday. It is an online booking system. If you need help accessing this please speak to the ladies in the office who can book a time on your behalf if required.

**Annual Report to Community:** Each year I am required to write a report about the successes of the previous year. This report is called the Annual Report to Community. I am also required to hold a public meeting where this report is presented to interested members of the school community. This meeting will be held immediately prior to our next School Council meeting on Monday 18th June at 7.00 pm. I invite all parents, guardians and friends of our school community to attend this meeting. It is generally not a long meeting, usually finished within 15 minutes. If you are planning on joining us, please RSVP to the school office by 4 pm on the 18th June. Copies of the Annual Report will be made available on our website after this meeting, or you can pick up a copy from the office.

**Riding Bikes and Bike Helmets:** It is great to see so many children ride their bikes or scooters to school. These are locked in the bike shed during school hours for safety. A teacher opens the gate whilst on yard duty at the end of the day, so the bikes are not left unattended at the end of the day, however this area cannot be supervised before school. Can I encourage you to supply your child with a locking device so that no one can take the bike/scooter before the gate gets locked at approximately 9.10 am? May I also remind you that it is a legal requirement for **ALL** riders to wear a helmet whilst riding their bike? I often see children leave the area without the helmet. Please follow this up with your children, ensuring they are aware of this requirement. I have included a flyer as part of this newsletter.

**School Uniform:** As the winter weather fast approaches, it is timely to remind parents of our School Uniform Policy – see attached. Some children have begun to come to school in jumpers and hoodies that are not school colours. They are asked to remove these and are provided with a jumper from lost property that is unnamed. Please ensure your child has a NAMED school jumper to wear in this weather. There is a mountain of lost property, most unnamed, including a very expensive Year 6 combative jumper. Please ensure your child's uniform is named.

**Positive Choices Program:** This term we introduced a new incentive program called the Positive Choices Program, and already 2 students have reached the milestone of collecting a 'precious stone' after receiving their 3rd gold band last week. Lizzie, our blue-tongue lizard, is a hit with the children. Unfortunately, this week she spent some time at the vet due to an eye infection, which meant that Prep N, who had the most number of bands per person last week – nearly 5 each - did not have her all week, so they will have Lizzie again next week.

**South Western Victoria Regional Principal Conference:** Last week Mrs Cvitkovic and I attended the Regional Conference held over two days. We got to hear from some world renowned educational researchers and leaders about best practice in education at the moment. We had time to reflect on our work here at Melton West PS and walked away confidently that we are doing the right work. We have a strong focus on reading this year, working towards consistency across all classrooms and most of our ongoing learning is around how people learn to read. The conference was a great opportunity to network with other Principal Class teams from schools across the South West of Victoria, share our work and hear about what they're also doing.

**Social Ventures Australia Conference:** Next week Mrs Cvitkovic, Mrs O'Connor and I will be at another conference in Sydney. This network is made up of schools from NSW, SA and Victoria and will give us an opportunity to compare our work with interstate schools. Being part of this network is a privilege and honour, as it is not a network you can ask to join. To be part of this network the school is identified as doing fantastic work across a range of areas, making a difference to the lives of children. It is a 3 year commitment and we are halfway through it at the moment. Being part of this network has provided us with opportunities to connect with people beyond schools, to help in a range of areas, including staffing.

**School Disco:** Next Friday the 22nd June our fantastic Parents and Friends groups are hosting a school disco. It is always a fun night. If your child is attending, please be prompt when it's time to pick up your children, as the clean-up takes a lot of time.

**Parents and Friends:** I would like to acknowledge the dedication this small band of ladies gives to our school. They are often busily helping out in many areas, planning fund-raising events and activities, including the special sausage sizzle lunch each term. They are very committed to helping the school and I thank them for their time, energy and effort to help make Melton West PS a great place to be. If you would like to help out, in any way, big or small, please let us know and we can put you in touch.

**Science Night:** Next Wednesday is the annual Science Night. As always the tickets went quickly and it is now full. I would like to thank the staff who will be staying back to ensure it runs smoothly. Please thank them for giving up some of their personal time if you attend on the night. These evenings can only occur with the support of our teachers and I wish to acknowledge the work they do above and beyond the teaching of your children.

**LOTE:** We are still investigating how we can introduce a language to teach to the students. School Council will be participating in a lesson with an online tutor at their meeting on Monday. If all goes well, we may be introducing Chinese via link directly from China. Although Chinese was not the preferred language when we surveyed the parents late last year, a local school teaches it in this way with great success. It is the only online language taught in this way where a teacher is skyped in to run the lesson that I have found. I will keep you posted.

Michelle Costa

Principal

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### Contact Details forms

Please return the contact details form, that was sent home a fortnight ago, to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

### **PYJAMA DAY**

Friday 15th June.

Gold Coin Donation

**No slippers**

Please wear runners/  
school shoes



### **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

### **STUDENT DISCO**

**FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018**

**PREP-2: 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**3-6: 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**\$5 per student (must be purchased from the front office in advance)**





<b>Policy No.</b>	<b>MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>Reviewed</b>
000	SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY	August 2013

## 1. PURPOSE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy and dress code.

## 2. POLICY STATEMENT

- a) To promote equality amongst all students.
- b) To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- c) To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- d) To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION

- a) All students are required to wear the prescribed school uniform of Melton West Primary School.
  - Royal blue windcheater – gold school logo
  - Royal blue track pants
  - Royal blue skort – (No netball skirts)
  - Royal blue bomber jacket, striped rib – gold school logo
  - Gold polo shirt – royal blue logo
  - Royal blue polo shirt – gold logo
  - Gold or royal blue skivvy
  - Royal blue shorts
  - Blue and white check school dress
  - Black school shoes or closed runners
  - White socks
  - Navy blue/grey tights (No leggings)
  - Royal blue broad brimmed or legionnaires school hat with gold logo (A plain royal blue hat is acceptable, but no logo other than the school logo should be visible)
  - Iron-on school logos will be available from the school
- b) Sunsmart hats (broad brimmed or bucket) are a part of the school uniform, but are only compulsory on a daily basis during Terms 1 and 4 while students are outside, including all physical education activities and excursions. Outside this period they may be worn if a specific request is made by the school for a nominated reason. Hats are not to be worn inside. No baseball caps.
- c) The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- d) Art smocks are required to be worn to protect the school uniform during all Art activities. They must be long sleeved and come down to the knees.
- e) Approved Australian standard (No.1067) sunglasses may be worn at school.
- f) Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

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- g) Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- h) Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- i) The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- j) School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code and School Uniform Policy.
- k) Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- l) Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code and School Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

#### **4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

4.1 This policy will be reviewed as part of our school's regular three-year review cycle.

#### **5. DEFINITIONS**

#### **6. RATIFIED**

6.1 This policy was ratified by the Melton West Primary School Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2013.



## INFORMATION UPDATE

# Bicycle helmets

## Don't ride without one

### The problem

Over 300 cyclists are seriously injured or killed in Victoria each year. Head injuries are a major cause of death and serious injury to cyclists.

Children are not the only cyclists injured, as about 85 per cent are over 16 years of age. Bicycle crashes occur in metropolitan and country locations, on quiet streets, bike paths and busy roads – in fact any place you can ride.

### Helmets work!

The foam in a helmet is designed to spread the force and absorb the energy of an impact. This reduces the risk of head injury, when your head hits an object or the road.

For information about research that show bicycle helmets reduce the risk of head injury visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/bicyclehelmets](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/bicyclehelmets)

### The Law

Victorian cyclists are required by law to wear a helmet that complies with the Australian/New Zealand (AS/NZS) 2063 standard for bicycle helmets.

If the helmet is manufactured or imported from 1 July 2012, it must be marked with the symbol of a body accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ), certifying compliance with AS/NZS 2063.

The helmet must be securely fitted and fastened. Any passenger carried on a bicycle must also wear a securely fitting helmet.

This law applies on roads, bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, footpaths, shared paths and separated footpaths. It also includes other public places such as recreational parks and car parks.

There is a fine for not wearing a securely fitted helmet. For more information visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/bicyclerules](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/bicyclerules)

### Helmet fit

A bicycle helmet will only protect your head in an impact if it is the right size for your head and is fitted correctly. For these reasons it is important to try a helmet on before buying it.

Your helmet should fit snugly on your head and be comfortable to wear. Helmets currently range in size from those for infants up to a head size of 66 centimetres.

Adjustment pads provided with the helmet may help to make it fit more comfortably. If you have to put very thick pads in your helmet to make it fit firmly or comfortably, the helmet is probably too big or the wrong shape for your head.

When fitted correctly, it should **not** be possible to tilt the helmet:

- A. backwards to uncover your forehead
- B. forwards to cover your eyes
- C. sideways to uncover the side of your head.



You may need to alter your hairstyle so that the helmet can sit properly and comfortably on your head. Try tying a pony-tail lower or removing large hair bands or clips.

### Helmet position

- Your helmet should be squarely positioned on your head.
- The rim of the helmet should sit on the forehead, just above the eyebrows, and should not be tilted back to uncover the forehead.



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# Vacation Care Program

## Winter Program Details

### Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

### Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday during school holidays.

### Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre  
260 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh

### Cost

\$67 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)  
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost

### Enrolments Open

8.30am Monday, 4 June 2018

### Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 22 June 2018

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$20 late enrolment fee

### Contact

E: [vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au)  
Ph: 9747 7200 Website: [melton.vic.gov.au](http://melton.vic.gov.au)

**BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!**

### Monday, 2 July

#### Winter Wonderland

Let's enjoy this special time of year with fake snow, can you build a snowman?

### Tuesday, 3 July

#### Cooking up a Feast

Let's cook up a feast of sweets and savouries.

### Wednesday, 4 July

#### Scienceworks

Discover all things science today at the Scienceworks Museum.

### Thursday, 5 July

#### Minute to Win it

Can you stay calm under pressure? Today is a challenge.

### Friday, 6 July

#### Pyjama Party

Stay comfy in your PJ's today, while we play board games and charades. We are fundraising for The Pyjama Foundation

### Monday, 9 July

#### NAIDOC Celebrations

It's the start of the NAIDOC week Celebrations.

### Tuesday, 10 July

#### World Cup Day

Come dressed in soccer colours as we practice soccer skills.

### Wednesday, 11 July

#### Indoor Sports

'Get Activated Stay Motivated' at the Melton Indoor Recreation Centre followed by activities at the Melton Library. Bring your library card to borrow books.

### Thursday, 12 July

#### Become a Cartoonist

Today we have Midas Cartoons teaching us drawing tricks.

### Friday, 13 July

#### Freaky Friday Disco

Come dressed as a spooky character while we dance the day away.

\* Activities are subject to change.







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POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

**\$5  
ENTRY**

# MELTON HARRY POTTER BLUE LIGHT DISCO

**FRIDAY 22ND JUNE**

**6 - 8PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$5 ENTRY**

**THE GAP ON GRAHAM 5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON**

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE HARRY POTTER CHARACTER!**

**CONTACT [STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU) OR [THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM)**  
**CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN | NO BACKPACKS | NO PASSOUTS**



**MELTON BLUE LIGHT**

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