

Melton West Primary School News

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JUNE	Friday 29th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by 12M
	Friday 29th	End of Term2
		School Finishes 2:10pm
JULY	Monday 16th	TERM 3 begins
	Thursday 19th	Last day for Payment—E-smart leaders to AppleStore No late payments will be accepted.
	Monday 23rd	E-SMART Leaders excursion to AppleStore
	Tuesday 24th	Years 3-6 Athletics
	Tuesday 25th	Years Prep-2 Athletics
	Thursday 26th	Last day for Payment—Years 3/4 Swimming No late payments will be accepted.
AUGUST	Mon 30th– Fri 3rd	Years 3/4 Swimming
	Thursday 2nd	Last day for Payment—Years 5/6 Swimming No late payments will be accepted.
	Mon 6th– Fri 10th	Years 5/6 Swimming

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

- New Arrivals
- Student led/3 way Conferences
- LOTE
- School Choir & Drummers
- Bell Change
- End of Term



Dear Parents and Guardians,

**New Arrivals:** Earlier this term, we had 3 of our teachers leave to have their first baby. The babies have all finally arrived and are all healthy.



Mrs Kerby (formerly Ms Bland) had her baby boy on the 1st June. His name is Luca Taj and he weighed 2.53 kg

Ms Cobbledick had a baby girl on the 11th June. Her name is Dylan Bridget and she weighed 3 kg.





Ms Burns baby was due to be born on the 27th June (yesterday) however arrived early on the 17th June at 1:40 pm. She had a little girl who she called Amaya. She weighed 3.5 kg and was 53 cm long.

We wish all these new mothers and their partners a wonderful life together with their babies.

**Student-Led/3-Way Conferences**: Today we are holding our "Parent Teacher Interviews" as Student-Led Conferences for children in Year 5 and 6 and 3-Way Conferences for students in Years Prep – 4. The children have spent many hours preparing for these sessions and are all very excited to share their learning with their parents in a meaningful way. We look forward to welcoming our parent community.

**LOTE:** Our attempts to find a language teacher have been exhaustive, including contacting professional associations to advertise the job further, however we have not been successful. Because we have been finding it so difficult to find a teacher to teach Auslan, which was the most popular choice for which language to teach when we surveyed parents last year, we looked at alternatives. A local primary school has been using an interactive service via video-conferencing for a number of years with great success. At our last School Council meeting, we sat through a trial Chinese lesson with a teacher from Beijing. She showed us what a lesson in Chinese would look like and feel like for the students. It was very engaging and informative. Learning Chinese came equal 3rd in our survey and is the only language I could find that was taught in this way. One of the benefits of learning the language via video-conferencing is that if a teacher becomes unavailable other teachers can be easily found as a replacement. All children in all year levels will start to learn Chinese from Term 3. We will have a 6 month trial.



School Choir and Drummers:

Our Choir and Drumming Group performed at the Melton Try West Kindergarten this morning for the children. They were terrific. And well received by their audience.



**Bell Change:** Next term we will trial removing bells that occur in the school each day. There will still be music to start the day and for children to enter after recess and lunch. Staff will dismiss students for breaks and at the end of the day. The research behind this decision has been findings from several studies that turning off the bells creates a calmer school environment and teaches students life skills that they will use well beyond school years. In addition, principal class have visited several schools who have introduced the removal of bells and anecdotal evidence from students and staff supports the findings from research.

**End Term 2:** As is our usual practice, we will hold our assembly tomorrow at 9.00 am, and have an early dismissal of 2.10 pm. Enjoy your holidays. I know my staff and myself will be resting after a long, busy, successful term and will be ready, freshly rejuvenated when term 3 starts on 16th July.

**Michelle Costa** 

Principal

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**Contact Details** 

<u>forms</u>

Please return the contact details form, that was sent home earlier this term, to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. <u>Please see the office if you</u> <u>require a new form.</u>





## 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.

# EARLY DISMISSAL

## Tomorrow 2:10pm





