

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	Friday 16th	House Colour Day
	Friday 16th	Assembly 9am Performance by 12C
	Monday 19th	Teeth on Wheels
	Tuesday 20th	Prep Scooter Clinic
	Thursday 22nd	SCHOOL PHOTOS
	Friday 23rd	Assembly 9am Performance by Prep C
	Friday 23rd	SCHOOL FETE 3-6pm
	Thursday 29th	END OF TERM 1 SCHOOL FINISHES 2:10pm
APRIL	Monday 16th	TERM 2 BEGINS

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Attendance
- School Council 2018
- Annual Report to Community
- Pick Up After School
- Parent Helpers Induction Meeting
- School Fete
- 5/6 Canberra and Somers Camp



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are nearing the end of term 1 and it is lovely to see our Prep students settle so well into their school life. A relationship has developed with the year 6s who have been matched up to be buddies for the Preps. They spend some time each week in the classroom helping them with their reading and by all accounts all children are enjoying these interactions.

Attendance: It is very important that children attend school EVERY day. Attendance is one of our school focuses for 2018 and we are trying very hard to help children understand that being at school, learning, is the most important thing they can do to get the results they need to be successful into their future. Please ensure your child comes to school every day, because "It's Not OK To Be Away". This includes late arrivals and early leavers. We have a growing number of families who pick their children up early, without a valid reason. The end of the day and the start of the day are times where key messages are shared with students and important learning is still happening. In Term 2 we will be organising parent meetings with children who have high absenteeism, including early leavers, to work through ideas and strategies as to how we can support them to be at school for the whole day.

School Council 2018: Our new School Council has all the allocated positions thanks to the following people who nominated themselves. Mrs Jenny O'Connor, Mr Jayden Spudvilas-Powell, Erin Dober, Charlene Lindsay and Maria Robinson, who will join Janet Young, Fiona McKenzie, Geu Athel, Kathy Cvitkovic and myself. We do have a casual vacancy for a member in the parent category and one in the community member category. These will be filled at the first meeting of the new council on Monday 26th March. I would like to thank the staff and parents who have volunteered for these roles, as they are an important part of governance for the school

Annual Report to Community: Each year we are required to hold a Public Meeting where the Annual Report to Community is presented. This will be held prior to the June School Council meeting, with more details to follow. I encourage all members of our school community to attend this most important meeting.

Pick Up After School: As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, school finishes at 3.05 pm each day. Staff are on yard duty until 3.20 pm, where they ensure all children are collected or exit the school in a safe and orderly manner. Any children not collected by this time will be placed in our After School Care from MONDAY 19th March, where a fee may be charged by the company. If your child is waiting for siblings from the local secondary college, please speak to your older child about getting to school by 3.25 pm **AT THE LATEST**. Any children waiting for their siblings from the high school will be taken to After School Care at 3.30 pm, where a fee may be charged. If this is an arrangement you have with your children, please talk to the older sibling about their responsibility to get to our school as quickly as possible.

Parent Helpers Induction Meeting: Today Mrs Cvitkovic led a group of very keen parents through our Parent Helper Induction Course, which we require all parent helpers to complete before helping in the classrooms. We welcome and encourage parent help and support within our classrooms. It's a great way to be involved in the school and research says that parents who are active within a school community have better outcomes for their kids

School Fete: Don't forget our School fete next Friday 23rd March from 3.00 pm. Come along and join the fun. There will be plenty of free activities as well.

5/6 Canberra Camp and Somers Camp: Early next term some children from year 5 and 6 will be attending either the Somers Camp or Canberra Camp or both if they're lucky. I look forward to joining them on the Canberra trip, which is such a wonderful experience for our young children. I went a few years ago and was blown away by the knowledge and experiences the children got to experience, as well as having fun on camp.

Michelle Costa
Principal

MWPS - High Levels of Learning for All

It is the mission of Melton West PS to work collaboratively to ensure high levels of learning for all.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

Hello MWPS,

We hope we are all looking forward to House Colour Day tomorrow . Hopefully all our preps have discovered which house colour they are in and are ready to go.

We would also like to congratulate the students who represented Melton West Primary School in the swimming. It is little things like this when people do new things or great things that we need to tell them "Good Job" or "Well Done" or something nice and little to make them feel good about themselves.

Well done to everyone in this school for either making it to grade 6 or starting prep. No matter what, we all respect each other and love each other whatever we go through.



Alana



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Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy 2 weeks at after school care! We had a movie week and a cultural week. Children enjoyed making Emoji face masks, Minion popcorn cups, Fairy floss troll heads and they enjoyed watching the movie Home. They had lots of fun playing Mario Kart and sports on the Wii that educator Kiera brought in for some fun. Cultural week we made and learnt all about Boomerangs, Native American totem poles, Mexican Gods eyes and Hawaiian Leis.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK.. NATURE WEEK!

Monday 19th: Nature headbands / Iceberg

Tuesday 20th: Zombie leaf craft / Simpsons

Wednesday 21st: Stick wands / Pony express

Thursday 22nd: Leaf people / Dodgeball

Friday 23rd: Pet rocks / Knock out

THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS.. Jethro Andrews

For his fantastic behaviour at ASC and always helping everyone.

For all new enrolments or bookings please visit www.lookedafter.com



Photo Day: Thursday 22nd March.

Please ensure all photo envelopes are returned by Photo Day.

No envelopes will be accepted at the office after Thursday 22nd

March.



2018 GRADE 6 JUMPERS

All orders for 2018 Grade 6 Tops/Jumpers are due by Friday 23rd March. No late orders will be accepted.

\$15 deposit is required for each item ordered.

Order forms are available at the office.



Vacation Care Program

Autumn Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm

Location

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

Cost

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

Enrolments Open

8.30am Monday, 5 March 2018

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 23 March 2018
Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$20 late enrolment fee

Contact

E: vaccationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au
Ph: 9747 7200 Website: melton.vic.gov.au

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



Monday, 2 April

Program Closed

Public Holiday

Tuesday, 3 April

It's Autumn

Let's enjoy this special time of year with a local nature walk and some autumn arts and crafts.

Wednesday, 4 April

AMF Bowling

Bring along your socks and your best aim; it's bowling time.

LIMITED PLACES

Thursday, 5 April

Princess and Pirate Day

We celebrate fairy tales today, bring your costumes and imagination for fun adventures.

Friday, 6 April

Sand Art

Today we are making some indigenous sand art creations.

Monday, 9 April

Vacation Care Games

Ready, Set, Go! Today we will hold a variety of events at the athletics track.

Tuesday, 10 April

Slime Time

Supreme Incursions will join us to explore the world of slime.

Wednesday, 11 April

Werribee Zoo

Let's go on a safari and learn about some amazing animals.

LIMITED PLACES

Thursday, 12 April

Can You Build It?

It's all construction. What will you use, what will you build?

Friday, 13 April

Book Day

What's your favourite book? Come dressed as your favourite book character and share your story.

* Activities are subject to change.

House Colour Day

Friday 16th March.

Wear your school house colours.

There will be recess and lunch activities lead by your school captains.

Not sure what house you are in?

Check with the office.

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Second instalment is now overdue.

Please make payment at the office.

Enrolling into Secondary School

State Secondary Schools in Melton are bound by the Neighbourhood Schools policy. For families seeking enrolment of their children into a state secondary school, the following guiding principles underpin the policy and enrolment process and requirements.

The Neighbourhood Schools Policy seeks:

- To provide each child with the right to a place in a designated neighbourhood school.
- Enrol students with a sibling at the same school at the same permanent address who are attending school at the same time.
- To contain enrolments in each school within the limits of available resources.

If you are unsure of which your designated neighbourhood school, please visit:
<http://melbourneschoolzones.com/schools>



2018 Secondary School Open Night Information

KURUNJANG SECONDARY COLLEGE

Kurunjang Secondary College's vision encapsulates the essence of the 21st Century of instilling in students the need to constantly evaluate new knowledge, work innovatively with peers, think flexibly in an international setting, and value diversity.

Our culture of Learn, Grow, and Achieve Together ensures our students demonstrate High Expectations, Respect, and Perseverance as they develop into responsible and dynamic citizens.

The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program offers an enriched learning environment with classes operating from Years 7 to 10. AVID is an evidence based system, designed to critically engage and prepare students for tertiary education.



Open Night

Thursday 22nd March
 Tours commence at 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm
 & 6 pm and conclude at 7 pm



MELTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

Melton Secondary College STARR Values Success, Teamwork, Ambition, Respect and Responsibility are visible throughout our curriculum.

We offer specialism programs in Science, The Arts and Sport, but at Melton Secondary College, Academic Excellence is not just a motto, the results speak for themselves.

Over the past four years, our Year 12 VCE scores have improved steadily and last year three students achieved ATAR scores of over 90.

Our vision of "A flourishing learning community achieving high levels of academic growth and bright futures for every student." is becoming a reality.

Open Night

Thursday 22nd March
 Tour 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Presentation 6:30 pm-7pm



STAUGHTON COLLEGE

At Staughton we foster a culture where ambition meets excellence. This is a culture where students develop academically, socially and personally to become the best versions of themselves, through a focus on teaching about effort, learning and respect. Students are actively engaged in their passions and interests, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program, as part of The Academy Of Accredited SEAL Schools, is available to cater for our gifted, talented and high achieving students.



Open Night

Thursday 22nd March 6 pm-7:30 pm

