

## Moving forward *With the Passion to Succeed*

### TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Performance by 12A
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ride2School Day
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Round 4 Lightning Premiership Sports (Years 5/6)
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sausage Sizzle/Vegie Burger Special Lunch
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photos
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Raffle tickets due back at school
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Afternoon 2:15-3:05pm in the Staffroom
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Performance by PC
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	EASTER RAFFLE drawn at assembly
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Showcase: Inquiry 2pm – Years 3-6
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Exhibition: Inquiry 2pm – Prep-Year 2
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Walk to School Day
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly –Performance by 56M
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1

### Key Messages from this Newsletter:

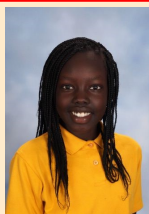
- Retirement: Mrs Maryanne Haber
- Annual Report to Community Meeting
- Professional Learning
- Masterplan
- Blocking Neighbour's Driveways
- Corner Milk Bar
- Meeting Children Afterschool
- Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
- Extend OSHC
- ICT Acceptable Use Agreement
- Supervision After School



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### A Word from Our Captains



Hello Again,

Only 2 and a half more weeks of term1.

Last Tuesday was Pancake Day! The students enjoyed some very yummy pancakes. Thank you to the parents for coming in and making all the pancakes for us to enjoy.

Ride to School is this Friday (tomorrow) and we hope everyone can support this event by riding a bike or scooter to school.

Next Wednesday is School Photo Day. Bring your best smile on the day.

Anyang & Tarkyn



Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Melton West PS we value the school-home partnership and know that when parents/carers work with the teachers and Principal Class to solve issues, we get positive results much quicker than if we are expressing differing views about how to deal with situations. One of a parent's biggest concern is around 'bullying'. We have a no tolerance approach to bullying and intervene as soon as we become aware of any problems. In saying this, however, it takes us longer to restore student relationships when students decide to retaliate to a situation. It would be most helpful if you could explain to your children, that instead of reacting they should inform a teacher so that the incident can be investigated and strategies put in place. The best way to deal with an on-going bullying issue is through a Restorative Conversation facilitated by a teacher. This provides children with the opportunity to tell the other person how their behaviour is affecting them. This gives the child a real sense of being heard and for the other child to make amends if appropriate. At times, when I have personally facilitated these discussions, children have come out with a heartfelt apology, genuinely expressing sorrow and remorse about how their behaviour has impacted another person. This strategy was highlighted in the ABC Show which aired last night called 'Bullied'. It is important for all adults supporting the child to remain calm and open to hearing the child's point of view. Please let us know if your child is having issues with another child, as we would like to be able to deal with this as appropriate. Sometimes children do not open up to staff at school, so we often rely on their parents to let us know.

Following on from this, ongoing Communication at our school is important to us. We like to hear about what you think we are doing well, what you're happy with and how your child is going, but most importantly, we want to hear from you when something is not going as expected. We find, at times, when parents finally do approach us, they have a long list of things they are concerned about, often dating back a few years. By not speaking up when an issue first arises it is difficult for us to respond, change or explain why things are done a certain way. Please provide us with feedback, we want to hear from our community.

**Retirement:** Mrs Haber informed me earlier this week that she is retiring from teaching at the end of this term. Currently she is our longest serving staff member, who has been at the school since 1984. Maryanne has educated many, many children over the years with great passion and dedication. She has had many roles whilst working as a teacher including a PE teacher role. We wish Maryanne all the best as she ventures into the next phase of her life and thank her for the work and commitment she has shown here at Melton West PS.

**Annual Report to Community Meeting:** The Annual Report to Community Meeting which will be held on Monday 27th March. Please feel free to attend this meeting if you would like to hear about the 2016 Annual Report or alternatively, copies of the Annual Report will be available at the office after 27th March and will be published on our website after this date.

**Professional Learning:** On Tuesday we held a Curriculum Day around the teaching of maths, specifically around having a whole school approach to Problem Solving and Number Sense. Teachers and aides spoke about the importance of having a seamless, whole school approach which should eliminate gaps in children's mathematical knowledge, helping them to be fluent by the time they reach secondary school. When we talk about fluency in maths, it's about knowing the 10 number facts, doubles, the multiplication tables and being able to recall them in an efficient way so they can be used to help us solve a problem. This day was facilitated by the Numeracy Consultant, Ms Christine Botheras, who has been working with us since last year. She has a good understanding of how we teach maths and works with teachers to ensure there is consistency across the school.

**Masterplan:** We continue to welcome various people to our school who are doing tasks such as soil tests, storm water drain checking, etc which I take as a positive sign that the Masterplan is developing. I will continue to keep you up to date as we get further information and/or confirmation of funding,

which, I believe, could be part of the State Budget in May.

**Blocking Neighbours Driveways:** I had word last week that some people are parking awkwardly whilst dropping off or waiting for their children, including blocking our neighbours' driveways. Please be respectful of their right to enter and leave their property at all times. Remember the Council encourages families to park at the Melton Waves, cross at the supervised crossing on Coburns Road and walk the short distance to school. We support their plan and encourage children to take this option to get some exercise as part of their day.

**Corner Milk Bar:** Our canteen is required to be quite strict with the type of food they sell, limiting high fat and sugary foods. This is a requirement from the Education Department. The goodies they have on sale have been carefully vetted by the company, ensuring any muffins, cakes and other goodies are of the highest quality. We have a number of students who visit the milk bar at the end of the street purchasing lollies, soft drink, including high energy drinks. Some children even leave the school grounds before school after their parents have watched them enter the school grounds, which is very unsafe. From Monday, we will be banning children from consuming any food bought from the milk bar. It will be taken from them and returned at the end of the day, unless it is accompanied by a permission note from a parent. If you give your child money to spend at the canteen, please talk to them about not spending it at the shop. Your support in this matter is most appreciated.

**Meeting Children Afterschool:** We will be asking parents to wait for their children outside the buildings. Please choose a spot with your child where they can meet you and/or wait for you. Having parents and carers in the corridors at the end of the day can make the exiting of the building quite hectic. Part of our role as educators is to build independence in the children and this is one way that we can help them.

#### Other important information for this newsletter:

**Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF):** Students of families, who have an eligible Health Care Card, can apply for a grant from the Government of \$125. Please bring your current Health Care Card to the office and complete the form.

**Extend OSHC:** We have a Before and After School Care Program that families are encouraged to use if they need to get their child to school very early – before 8.30 or need care afterschool. Yard duty finishes at 3.15 each day, so children should be cleared from the playground by then, unless they are with an adult.

**ICT Acceptable Use Agreement:** earlier in the term each child brought home the Acceptable Use Agreement for ICT. Students need to bring back a signed permission form before they will be able to access computers and iPads in the school. The document outlines the expectations of behaviour when using the internet. Please go through this with your child as you sign it. Please return as soon as possible so that we can start using ICT in classrooms, as they are intended.

**Supervision After School:** As you may be aware, there is a park on the corner of Coburns Road and West Melton Drive, where a number of students wait for their parents afterschool. Please be aware that the school is not able to provide teacher supervision in this area. I therefore suggest that you consider an alternative location at which your child waits to be picked up. Can I also remind you that we have a Before and After School care facility run by Extend that is safe and well supervised and children can attend at a minimal cost. Please contact the school if you would like further information about Extend. Enrolment Packs are available at the office. We have staff on yard duty before school from 8.40 am and afterschool until 3.20 pm.

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Michelle Costa

Principal



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



### Friday 3rd March

PB	Sienna Babecki-Sweet
PS	Emily Jarrott Abel Fletcher
12A	Chloe Condie Leticia Hi
12D	Chingath Kuol John Gai
12G	Jaydan Crawford
12W	Benjiman Baskin Melyn Yeanay
12Z	Ajah Maker Frank Bason
34A	Cheyenne Gerard
34H	Sarah Braszell
34J	Shylah Beavis
34K	Benjamin Chekole Cianna Cartwright
34L	Lucas Murray Kayla Chapman
34S	Sheldon Leonard Ashton Pirota
56M	Lontina Kashindi
56T	Duol Nyuon
56V	Chantelle Gunn

### Friday 10th March

PB	Amity Shilling
PC	Destiny Gwin Atem Deng
PM	Seth Stuart Brookelyn-Rose Williams-Kelly
12A	Solomua Savea Robinson Doek
12D	Charlotte Crawford
12G	Shae Allen Sorenson Muavaa
12T	Keanu Waipouri Christopher Wheeler
12W	Ayden Barnard Jessica Herbert
12Z	Michael Bayles Mankeert Bal
34B	Kingston Connell Victoria Mauga
34J	Reese Gray
34M	Sieanna Jackson-Ives Anna-Louise Bason Dario Sanza Geroni Lay
34K	Tyler Corrie Luatangi Haunga
34S	Foni Tija Cooper Lawrence
56F	Matthew Williams
56M	Adrian Casimiro
56T	Nellie Kaio
56V	Joanna Jeyakumar Charlie Goninon



### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

**Wednesday 22nd  
March**

Spare Individual and Family Photo  
Envelopes can be collected from the  
office.



## Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Extend Before and After School has been a hive of activity with the children enjoying many group games. In particular we have had fun playing, The Simpson's, Tiggy, Red Hot letter, Dodge ball and getting out playing on the playground equipment. We have enjoyed learning and making some great origami lady birds, pelicans, puppy dogs and twirling birds. We built cubby houses and enjoyed playing with our construction toys. Hama beads have been popular and the children have made some interesting designs.



### Upcoming Activities

Monday 21st – Make a bracelet

Tuesday 22nd – Recycling plastic into useful items

Wednesday 23rd - Aliens

Thursday 24th– Make a chocolate ripple cake

Friday 25th – Puppetry

### 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](http://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](http://extend.com.au)

## AMART SPORTS ~ FUNDRAISING

Our school is participating in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program.

Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, (online or in store), select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports.

You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend.

We have a bonus 20% off storewide shopping day coming up too!! Be sure to join Team Amart so you can get this extra bonus too!

Thanks for your support.



### EASTER RAFFLE

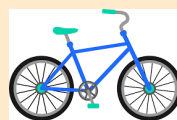
**REMINDER:** Raffle tickets are due back at school by **Wednesday 22nd March.**



Thank you to the families that have already returned their books & money.

Raffle will be drawn at Assembly on **Friday 24th March.**

### FRIDAY MARCH 17th: Ride2School Day



We encourage all our students to take part in this statewide event by riding to school on this day.



### Sausage Sizzle/Veggie Burger Lunch Order

**TUESDAY 21st MARCH**



Last day to order is tomorrow 17th March.



No late orders will be accepted.





## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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- Do you have community leadership experience?
- Are you committed to developing your leadership skills?

If yes, then Council's Community Leadership Program is for you!

The Community Leadership Program is aimed at developing new leaders, who will be skilled to take on leadership roles within the community.

Participants will develop new networks and mentoring relationships, and gain a better understanding of personal and community resilience.

For more information and form, visit our website at: [melton.vic.gov.au/communityleadership](http://melton.vic.gov.au/communityleadership)

### FREE PROGRAM

Five sessions  
Saturday and Sunday  
30 April to 3 June 2017

WHERE:  
Melton, Caroline Springs,  
Eynesbury and Toolern Vale

Applications close:  
Wednesday 29 March 2017

To find out how you can get involved, email:  
[sunitam@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:sunitam@melton.vic.gov.au)  
or phone 9747 7127.

APPLY NOW! Don't miss out!



FREE  
ART & CRAFT  
GIFTS

Free Art & Craft holiday program for  
parents and kids of all ages

Art can be a great way to connect and have  
fun with your child

The session will focus on strengthening the  
bond between parents and children  
through creativity and fun

Parent/carer to attend with child/ren  
Places are limited  
RSVPs essential

When:

4th April  
10:00am - 12:00pm

6th April  
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Where:

Melton

Cost:

Free



Salvation Army Social Housing and Support Network



Funded by the Australian Government  
Department of Social Services.  
Visit [dss.gov.au](http://dss.gov.au) for more information.

To register:

Head to our website: [www.capss.org.au](http://www.capss.org.au)

Email us via: [capss@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:capss@aus.salvationarmy.org)

Call us on: 9311 9542

**Bacchus Marsh EasterFest**  
Bringing Community Together

**Easterfest**  
GOOD FRIDAY 14TH APRIL | 9:00AM-4:00PM

Maddingley Park, Station st, Bacchus Marsh

Easter Egg Hunts (1-18+years) | Easter Bonnet Parade | Rides and Amusements | Visits from the Easter Bunny | Stage Entertainment | Markets | Food

Purchase tickets at: [www.ticketabo.com.au/BMEF2017](http://www.ticketabo.com.au/BMEF2017)  
Email: [bm.easterfest@gmail.com](mailto:bm.easterfest@gmail.com) facebook: BM.EasterFest Web: [bacchusmarsh.easterfest.yolasite.com](http://bacchusmarsh.easterfest.yolasite.com)

Logos for CHILDREN AT PLAY, Lindt, and djerriwarr health services are also present.

Melton Secondary College  
invites all parents  
and students  
to join us for our  
Information Night.

**Information Night**  
Thursday 23 March 2017

**School tour: 5.30pm - 6.30pm**  
**Presentation: 6.30pm - 7.00pm**

Department of Education endorsed  
Science Specialism School  
Additional Specialisms include  
the Arts and Sport

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If your family are yet to discover  
Melton Secondary College and  
you are unable to join us for  
our Information Night, we  
warmly invite you to contact  
the office on 9743 3322  
to arrange a convenient  
personalised tour of the College  
conducted by a member of  
our leadership team.

Academic Excellence