

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	Thursday 1st	Payment due SCHOOL SPECTACULAR no late payments accepted
	Friday 2nd	Assembly 9am Performance by 56D
	Friday 2nd	Payment due for SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER no late payments accepted.
	Monday 5th	Payment due for 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP no late payments accepted
	Tuesday 6th	SPECIAL LUNCH DAY
	Friday 9th	Assembly 9am Performance by 34S
	Monday 12th	LABOUR DAY—NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 13th	Prep Western Water Incursion
	Thursday 15th	Division Swimming
	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:

- Bike Shed
- National Apology Day
- Parent Teacher "Getting to Know Your Child" Interviews
- School Fete
- Crossing Coburns Rd near Melton SC
- Yard Supervision
- Supervision After School



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Jessica Li, one of our Speech Pathologists, welcomed her new baby son, Hamish Owen Nianlong Li, to the world last Thursday 22nd February. He weighed 3.80 kg (or 8 pounds 6 oz). They are all doing well and are enjoying their first week at home! Jessica sent a gorgeous photo of little Hamish that they were happy for me to share with our community



Bike Shed: It is fantastic to see so many children riding their bike or scooter to school each day, which is a great form of exercise. Although we lock the gate each day between 9.05 and 2.50 we suggest that your child also locks their bike to the bike stands to ensure no one can take their bike before they get to the bike shed. We did have an expensive bike go missing a few weeks ago because it was not locked within the bike shed. If you are aware of a bike that does not belong to your family, please contact me at the school so we can determine if the bike belongs to the student who had his stolen. If your child rides a bike or scooter to school please talk to your child about the importance of wearing a bike helmet. The protection it provides can help save serious long term head injury if they have an accident whilst riding their bike. I have included a pamphlet about the importance of wearing a bike helmet for your information.

National Apology Day: I forgot to mention in my last newsletter that we held a special assembly to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples on Tuesday 13th February. It is an important event we hold each year to help our students understand the significance and reason for the Apology. The children were very interested in the message and were a terrific, respectful audience.

Parent Teacher "Getting to Know Your Child" Interviews: Thank-you to the parents and guardians who took the time to come to meet their teacher last Thursday. Communication is one of our school values, which we take very seriously and this was one forum in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. If you have any concerns or information that you think we should know in order to provide the best learning opportunities for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher. If an issue persists please make an appointment to see Mrs O'Connor (P-2 Assistant principal) or Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic (3-6 Assistant principal) and they will be able to follow through and work through the issue with you and the teacher.

School Fete: Our School Fete for 2017 was scheduled in December last year, however we needed to cancel it due to the weather forecast. We have decided to hold it in Term 1 instead and it is scheduled for Friday 23rd March. Please put this date in your diary and we look forward to a fulfilled event. If you are able to help out in any way please contact the office and we will put you in touch with your parents and Friends, who would greatly appreciate your support.

Crossing Coburns Rd near Melton SC: We have recently been advised that due to the early finish of Melton Secondary College on Wednesdays, the Coburns Road crossing positioned directly outside Melton Secondary College will be manned from 2:15 pm-3:15 pm each Wednesday and not the 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm as per the other 4 days. If your child uses this crossing please talk to them about using the one closer to the roundabout near the Milk Bar and Wave Pool, which is manned until 3.30 pm.

Yard Supervision: We have staff on yard duty before school from 8.40 am and afterschool until 3.20 pm. We have a number of children arrive before 8.40 am which is not encouraged UNLESS they are attending the Breakfast Club from 8.15 am, Rad Readers from 8.30 am or Digi Grow from 8.30 am. Please talk to your children about why they need to be at school so early, and arrange for them to arrive at the appropriate time.

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 an 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.

Michelle Costa

Principal

MWPS - High Levels of Learning for All

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SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Hello MWPS,

On Monday the SVA people came to our school. The Captains showed them a classroom of each year level and how they learn. We talked about what good learners look like in our school and how we know we are successful at our learning tasks.

The SVA helps schools to ensure everyone has an equal chance at learning and achieving their best.

It felt nice to show other people around the school, how it works, and what our teachers and students are learning. I am proud of this school and each and every one of us for always doing our best.

Alana



Dear Melton West,

I hope you love this school very much. On Monday your captains had to greet these lovely people that came over to have a view of our school and our learning. We showed strength and courage teaching the Principals and others and showing them around the classrooms.

The captains had to answer questions. The main focus was reading so remember to continue reading and that will open more opportunities in life.

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CONGRATULATIONS MELTON WEST SWIM TEAM

On Tuesday, 27th February, 5 of our students represented Melton West PS at the District Championships held at Melton Waves.

Congratulations to all our swimmers. The results were as follows:

Ronny Cook (1st in backstroke, 3rd in freestyle)

Anjali Sharma (3rd in freestyle)

Lila Ait- Kachi (4th in both backstroke and freestyle)

Jasmine Kerrison (6th in freestyle)

Taylah Males (6th in backstroke)

Congratulations to Ronny Cook who will be competing at the next level, representing Melton West at the Melton Division Meet in the Backstroke Category.

Ms. Henaway,





Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The last couple of weeks at ASC have been lots of fun!

We had a cooking and rainbow week! We made rainbow clouds which are stuck up around our room and look fantastic. Children had lots of fun experimenting and trying to make slime. We made rainbow playdough which turned out bright and colourful. Some yummy rainbow biscuits that were decorated with colourful sprinkles and icing. The children enjoyed making funny face biscuits, lemon and coconut slice, chocolate fudge and honey joys which turned out to be very yummy treats they shared with family.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK.. MOVIE WEEK!

Monday 5th: Minion popcorn cups, Simpsons

Tuesday 6th: Fairy floss cone trolls, Star Wars, dodgeball

Wednesday 7th: Emoji mask craft, Knock out

Thursday 8th: Movie afternoon and Clay making, Races and Dodgeball

Friday 9th: Marshmallow lego, head pops, Jump the creek

THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS.. CHARLOTTE HOBBS AND DYLAN NGUYEN

Charlotte Hobbs for always making sure everyone feels included at after school care and being friendly towards everyone!

Dylan Nguyen for making everyone laugh at after school care, always having a smile on his face and his fantastic drawings!

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

FREE EVENT

WALK WITH HER

PRESENTED BY
**WOMEN MAKING
IT HAPPEN**

SUNDAY, 4 MARCH 2018

10AM REGISTRATION, WALK STARTS AT 11AM
HANNAH WATTS PARK, HIGH STREET, MELTON

LET'S WALK TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFER, MORE RESPECTFUL AND EQUAL COMMUNITY

1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15. Help change the story and show your support for a safer, more respectful and equal community with the Walk With Her event. Nominate your number of laps for the walk around Hannah Watts Park.

Led by the Women Making it Happen, supported by Djerriwarrh Health Service (DJHS). DJHS is committed to being a workforce and community leader in the prevention of violence against women. We believe it is everyone's role to challenge attitudes, beliefs and cultures that support violence.

REGISTRATIONS:

<https://healthpromotion.eventsmart.com> OR on the day from 10am.

For support and information regarding family violence phone 1800 737 732

For more information contact Bernadette:
bernadette@djhs.org.au | 8746 1508
f [healthpromotionatdjhs](https://www.facebook.com/healthpromotionatdjhs)



Proudly supported by Melton City Council, Harness Racing Victoria and Tabcorp Park

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Twilight Fete

Friday 23rd March 2018
3:00pm - 6:00pm

West Melton Drive, Melton West



Come along and join in the fun!

Market Stall Holders - for enquiries, email young.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



Supported Playgroups

POP IN FOR FREE PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES.

Become skilled at a range of parenting essentials through the evidence based *smalltalk* program

Free arts and crafts activities every week with free morning tea provided.

Contact the playgroups team to find out more
playgroups@melton.vic.gov.au

WEDNESDAY:

WHEN:
Wednesdays (during school terms)

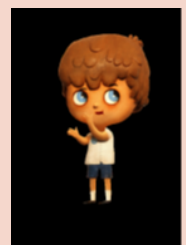
TIME:
9-10:30am

WHERE:
Melton West Primary School (gymnasium)
RSVP: Melton West Primary School 9743 5818 or
Playgroups Team 9747 7136 (or just pop in)



Too sick for school?

While this information has been checked by a pharmacist, it is a guide only.



Ask yourself:

- Is my child well enough to comfortably take part in the day's activities?
- Will my child pass on their illness to other children or staff?
- Will my child's teacher be able to care for my child without it impacting on their ability to care for other children?
- If I felt like this, would I go to work?

If you are unsure, speak to your pharmacist or doctor for advice.

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

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

Helmet fit

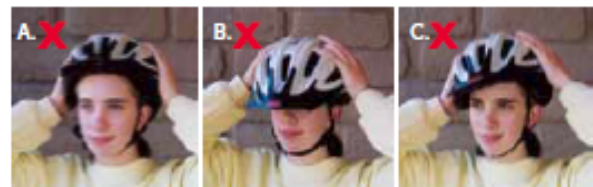
A bicycle helmet will only protect your head in an impact if it is the right size for your head and is fitted correctly. For these reasons it is important to try a helmet on before buying it.

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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