

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	Thursday 29th	END OF TERM 1 SCHOOL FINISHES 2:10pm
APRIL	Monday 16th	TERM 2 BEGINS—8:50am
May	Monday 21st	Curriculum Day—No students at school

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- School Fete
- Fundraising
- Playgroup
- Attendance
- Inquiry Showcase
- Curriculum Day



SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

Hi Melton West

It's the end of term! It went so fast but we've all come so far and learnt so much already!

On Monday our School Captains and Vice Captains went to the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) in the city with Ms Slopak. We got to listen to some fantastic motivational speakers who shared their stories of when they were young and how they stood up for themselves against challenges.

This will help me to be a better leader for our school because I know life can be hard for us all in different ways, and we are all here to support each other.



Have a fantastic school holiday break and see you in Term 2!

Alana



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware we enacted our student safety procedures twice over the past week or so due to separate potentially volatile situations. On each occasion, for about 60 minutes, students remained in their classrooms as a precaution. Our school returned to our normal daily routine as quickly as possible. We regularly practice these procedures, and I am pleased at the manner in which all students quickly responded. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, through the school front office on 9743 5818.

School Fete: What a successful night our School fete was last Friday. The weather was perfect and everyone had an absolute ball. THANK-You to the small, but growing, group of parents who worked tirelessly to ensure everything was organised and ran smoothly. Their effort and dedication made the event highly successful and we appreciate their efforts. If you would like to support our school and help out in any way, big or small, please contact the office and they will put you onto one of them.

Fundraising: So far this year our Parents and Friends have raised almost \$7500. The money raised throughout the year will go towards the grounds, including replacing the playgrounds, if our Master Plan gets approved at the next State Budget, due to be announced in May. The money would be predominantly for the buildings, and the school will pay for the new playgrounds, that need to be relocated as part of this plan. Thank-you for supporting us in our fundraising endeavours. Some of the money raised this term was from outside sources through a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Playgroup: We have a Playgroup that operates each week on a Wednesday from 9.00 – 10.30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. It is an opportunity for parents to meet in a casual setting and play with their child. Melton City Council is supporting us to establish this and will continue working with us in Term 2. If you have a pre-schooler, please consider coming along each week. If you know anyone with a pre-school aged child, they do not need to be attached to the school, please let them know about it.

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. By the start of Term 3 we are required to message parents by a certain time if their child is not at school. We will do this through a SMS Message, therefore it is important for all contact details to be up to date. If your phone number changes, please remember to contact the office to inform us. We will send out some test messages as we test this system throughout term 2

Inquiry Showcase: It was great to see many parents involved in their child's Inquiry Showcase last Friday after Assembly. This is held each term to authentically engage our parent community in to their child's learning.

Curriculum Day: In term 2, a Curriculum Day has been planned for Monday 21st May. No children are required at school that day. Please place this date in your diary. The staff will continue to develop their knowledge around working as a Professional Learning Community on this day, which involves using student data to determine an individual's next level of learning.

Have a great Easter and a happy and safe holiday. School starts Monday 16th April.

Michelle Costa
Principal

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P&F News

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS,

The first term of 2018 has gone by so quickly! Everything seemed to happen in a short space of time this term. Hopefully next term won't seem so hectic!

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to our meetings this term, or who have spoken to us about ideas or wanting to be involved. We really appreciate everyone's involvement, and hope to have lots of new faces join us this year.

Meeting dates for Term 2:

Thursday 3rd May, 9am in the Staff Room

Monday 2nd June, 2pm in the Staff Room

from the P&F Group



Fete & Raffle Sponsors



Bunnings BBQ

Our Bunnings BBQ was held on Sunday 11th February. It was a very busy and successful day, with a profit of \$ 1563.85. Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered their time to help out on the day. Even an hour of help makes a huge difference on these days.

Special Lunch

Our Special Lunch was held on Tuesday 6th March. It was fantastic to have several new parent helpers for this event and it was a great day with over 300 orders! All helpers were very much appreciated, and definitely welcome back again for next terms Special Lunch day in Week 8. We made a profit of \$1450.00 for this event.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle was drawn on Friday night at the Twilight Fete at 6pm. Congratulations to the winners of our ten amazing hampers! All winners have been notified. The Easter Raffle raised \$1184.00. A huge thank you to the families who donated items to the hampers, it helped make the hampers even more fantastic!



Twilight Fete

Our decision to trial the Fete in Term 1 certainly worked a treat with the weather being extremely kind to us this time around! It proved for a fantastic afternoon as a school community with so many families enjoying the games, stalls, inflatables, and food on offer! We had several extra parent helpers on the day, as well as donations from families for stalls, drinks, the Bake Sale, etc. Every single helper and items donated was appreciated and valued so very much! It was a great event and we hope you all had a tonne of fun!!

We hope you all have an enjoyable holiday break!



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Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

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