



*Moving forward **With the Passion to Succeed***

TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	Friday 3rd	Assembly – Performance by 56N
	Friday 3 rd	Lightning Premiership Round 2
	Thursday 9 th	Coffee Afternoon 2:15-3:05pm in the Staffroom
	Friday 10 th	Assembly – Performance by 34S
	Friday 10 th	Lightning Premiership Round 3
	Monday 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 14 th	Curriculum Day – No School
	Friday 17 th	Assembly – Performance by 12A
	Friday 17 th	Ride2School Day
	Wednesday 22 nd	School Photos
	Wednesday 22 nd	Easter Raffle tickets due back at school
	Thursday 23 rd	Coffee Afternoon 2:15-3:05pm in the Staffroom
	Friday 24 th	Assembly – Performance by PC
	Friday 24 th	EASTER RAFFLE drawn at assembly
	Friday 24 th	Showcase: Inquiry 2pm – Years 3-6
	Monday 27 th	Exhibition: Inquiry 2pm – Prep-Year 2
	Monday 27 th	School Council Meeting
	Wednesday 29 th	Walk to School Day
	Friday 31 st	Assembly –Performance by 56M
	Friday 31 st	End of Term 1

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- School Council/Annual Report to Community Meeting
- School Review
- Pancake Day
- Master Plan
- Help with Transport
- Blocking Neighbours Driveways
- Professional Learning
- Corner Milk Bar
- Meeting Children Afterschool



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A Word from Our Captains



Hello,

I hope you all enjoyed the first few weeks of school. We've noticed that everyone is settling in well.

At the last assembly the rest of the school's official leadership roles were announced such as JSC and eSMART

leaders .

The Play Pod and the Buddy Stop will start again next week and will be run by the captains and members of the JSC.

Thank you to everyone that came to our Family Fun Night. Everyone looked like they were having a great time.



Anyang & Tarkyn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week I received notification that our school has been deemed to be a high performing school in a low socio economic demographic. This notification was received as we were invited to be part of an Australia-Wide Network of schools given a similar tag. This will provide us with the opportunity to learn from others about what works well in their schools and for us to share the work we have been doing as well. I am very proud to lead this school and to be acknowledged for the work we do in supporting and developing students to be the best they can be. The partnership with parents and carers is an integral component of this success and we look forward to strengthening the partnership we have with each and every family at our school.

School Council/Annual Report to Community Meeting: Our new School Council has been formed with 4 parent nominations received for the four parent vacancies and 1 nomination for the Department of Education Employees. I would like to thank and welcome Janet Young, Natalie Borg-Jarman, Michael Patience, Meryem Ziya and Kathy Cvitkovic for nominating themselves. Our first meeting coincides with 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 this report or alternatively, copies of the report will be available at the office after 27th March.

School Review: As I mentioned earlier in the term, this is a year of Review for our school. There will be sessions held in early term 2 to get feedback from parents and carers about our data. More information will come through this newsletter and through separated notes.

Pancake Day: On Tuesday the Parents and Friends group made over 1200 pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, otherwise known as Pancake Day. This was a popular fundraising event and I would like to thank the team of parents, mums and dads, and some of their children who stayed back at school till quite late on Monday, preparing for the day. Your efforts were AWESOME and I know the kids LOVED them. Thank-you

Masterplan: I had another meeting with the architects about the masterplan including the construction of the "PE Hall" (Gym) last week. We spoke about ensuring there was a stage planned into the Gym, so that we can hold our school concerts here in the future. We will find out for certain in the May Budget if we have been allocated funds to complete the project, meanwhile we will continue to liaise with the architects to ensure the plans meet our needs.

Help with Transport: We have a Grade 2 child who lives up near Roslyn Park Drive who needs support getting to and from school each day. If you live up that way, and think you could help this family, please let me know and I will put you in touch with each other to make arrangements amongst yourselves.

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.

Professional Learning: The week all our new staff spent 2 days completing the Berry St Training we undertook last year. This is an important step in ensuring we all have a common understanding of the research based strategies that help support students to learn to self-regulate and manage their emotions and responses when things don't always go their way. It also supports them to be present, centred and grounded, ensuring they are 'ready to learn'

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 Milk Bar. Your support in this manner is most appreciated.

Meeting Children Afterschool: We will be asking parents to wait for their children outside the buildings from next week. 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.

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 3.20 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 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.

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Michelle Costa
Principal



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



Friday 17th February

PB	Aydenn Crowe
PC	Mason Milroy
PM	Alisha Qureshi Cooper Layton
PS	Kuot Rual
12A	Deng Majok Diesel Reynolds
1/2D	Stephanie Leiva Mamone Alek Deng
1/2T	Tonsonleia Ulugia Elizabeth Elacion
1/2W	Lillie Thompson Jed Wright
12Z	Courtney Kerrison Kahlil Roach
3/4A	Anjali Sharma
3/4H	Kenny Ho
3/4J	Ricky Finger
3/4K	Jemma Lane
34L	Seth Portelli Mikaylah Crawford
3/4S	Paige Bryant Cooper Herbert
5/6T	Joseph Taulamago
5/6V	Chaise Hamilton Aditya Sharma

Friday 24th February

PC	Emilia Radosevic Alexander Gillies
PM	Thomas Vasiloski Makanaka Mukundi
12A	Molly Brown Joel Chekole
12D	Annabel Winduss Achan Agany
12G	Haris Husanovic
12P	Sophie McRae Jacob Jeyakumar
12T	Matilda Milroy Jett Arnautovic
12W	Jordan Pirotta Rydhm Jakhu
34A	Nyiel Wal
34B	Tiddial Kueth Angeline Bayles
34J	Lateasha Buchanan
34K	Hailey Higgins Grace Cullum
34S	Ashleigh Bolts Liam Aquilina
56B	Blake Hodgson Alicia Drinkwater
56F	Hayley McCoombes Athuai Akok
56M	Taylan de Young Alana
56N	Jordan Higgins
56S	Dakota Leabourn-Waipouri
56V	Brody Lawrence Kali Nason

District Swimming Report

On Thursday the 24th of February, 10 students from Melton West Primary School went to Melton Waves to compete at the District Swimming Carnival. Overall we had a great day and everyone tried their hardest.

I came first in my heats but because there were 2 heats it had to be the best time to go on to the next stage. I got 2 ribbons: a 2nd place for Backstroke and a 3rd place for Freestyle. I had a great day and I got to meet a lot more people that I've never talked to.



By Tara 5/6M



Extend OSHC at MWPS

Over the last two weeks we have enjoyed exploring spiders. We constructed a web from wool and made a wall mural. We made some yummy chocolate spiders. We created some colourful pictures using scratch art sheets and added some scratch insects to our spider web.

Alice taught us all a very fast, fun version of Poison Ball. Ashleigh led the Pokemon day and we all made our own Poke Balls.



Our Extend Superstar is Alice Matwishyn for helping others and teaching us a great fast game of Poison Ball.

Upcoming Activities

Monday 6th – Flower Art

Tuesday 7th – String Peacocks

Wednesday 8th - Origami animals

Thursday 9th – Hula Hoop Challenge

Friday 10th – Make a Board Game

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.

HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?

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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

EASTER RAFFLE



Yesterday families received a booklet of 10 raffle tickets to sell for our Easter Raffle.

Tickets: \$1.00 each.

Please return any sold tickets to the school by

Wednesday 22nd March.

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

Winners will be notified.

MWPS COFFEE CLUB



Just a reminder that we hold a Coffee Club in the staffroom for parents to come to once a fortnight. It's a great way to meet other parents. It is an informal gathering and you are free to come every time, or once in a while. Please see the calendar on the front page for the dates.

Hope to see you there.

RIDE2SCHOOL

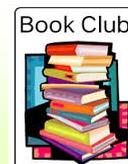
FRIDAY MARCH 17th is Ride2School Day

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



Scholastic Book Club

Orders due back at school by **Wednesday 16th March.**



New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available. For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY