

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	Friday 18th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34L
	Friday 18th	Round 2 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Friday 18th	Last Day for Payment . No late payment Accepted Year 3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Friday 18th	Last Day for Payment . No late payment Accepted Prep Incursion—Heat Kids
	Monday 21st	Curriculum Day—No students at school
	Tuesday 22nd	Prep Incursion—Heat Kids
	Wednesday 23rd	3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Thursday 24th	3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Friday 25th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Drumbeat
	Wednesday 30th	WALK TO SCHOOL—Meet 8:30am Navan Park.
JUNE	Friday 1st	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 1/2H
	Friday 1st	Round 3 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Friday 1st	Last Day for Payment . Whole School Special Lunch
	Tuesday 5th	WHOLE SCHOOL SPECIAL LUNCH
	Friday 8th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Prep R
	Friday 8th	5/6 Winter Sport– Premiership Cup
	Monday 11th	Queen’s Birthday Holiday—No School
	Friday 15th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 56T
	Friday 22nd	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34C
	Thursday 28th	Prep—Year 4 3 Way Conference
	Thursday 28th	Years 5/6 Student led Interviews
	Friday 29th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by 12M
	Friday 29th	End of Term2—School Finishes 2:10pm

### Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Curriculum Day
- Master Plan
- Communication with Teachers
- Mothers’ Day Breakfast and Stall
- Safety Standards
- NAPLAN
- Term 3 Community Event
- Annual Report to Community Meeting
- Emergency Contact Numbers

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Curriculum Day:** Monday 21st May is a Curriculum Day. Our staff will further develop their work around working as a Professional Learning Community. The day will be facilitated by Colin Sloper from Solution Tree. We have been working with Colin for the past 3 years and he has helped grow and develop our teams so that they are able to deliver the best quality education for your children. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for children on Monday 21st May.

**NAPLAN:** This week our Year 3 and 5 students undertook the NAPLAN tests, which every child in those year levels across Australia also did. These tests are a snapshot of your child on a particular day, a point in time. Whilst we value the results, which when collated as a whole, provide the school with a picture of how we are going and where we need to focus our attention in the future, these do not define or determine an outcome for individual students. All teachers use a range of assessment tools, including observations, and adjust the learning plans to meet the individual needs, on a daily basis. We are very happy with how the tests were run, and the enthusiasm the students showed in trying their best. If your child talks to you about how some elements of these tests were hard, this is because each test has questions below, at and above the current year level they are testing. This is part of the test design to be able to differentiate how far above or below a child may be working at.

**Master Plan:** I have had contact with the Architect and the Department of Education about the building project. We do not have a firm starting date, but I envisage it will be sometime in term 3. This will involve a bit of disruption to some classes, at some time, but we will aim to keep that to a minimum as much as possible. I'm sure you will agree, the minor disruption will be worth it in the end.

**Term 3 Community Event:** Over the past few years we have held celebratory community events during term 3. Last year we held our inaugural Art Show and prior to that we had a School Concert for a number of years. The plan was to alternate these 2 events, with one year an Art Show and the following a School Concert. With the new gym, we will be able to hold the School Concert on our own grounds, rather than renting out Wedge Park PS Gym. Because of the building works that are due to start sometime in term 3, and the disruption this will cause, including the removal of the Art Room, we have decided to postpone one of these events for this year. We are planning to offer children the opportunity to showcase their individual talents at assembly during Term 4, once every class has had the opportunity to perform.

**Communication with Teachers:** Schools are very busy places and teachers have a lot of preparation and planning to do to prepare for the day. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about your child, please make an appointment through the office. Often parents think they only need a quick chat, but this can last longer than anticipated and may be compounded if a few other parents also just want a 'quick' chat. Please note, teachers have meetings afterschool on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which they may need to prepare for after school on these days. By making an appointment, you can be assured that they are able to give you their full attention.

**Annual Report to Community Meeting:** The Annual Report to Community Meeting which will be held on Monday 18th June starting at 7.00 pm. Please feel free to attend this meeting if you would like to hear about the 2017 Annual Report or alternatively, copies of the Annual Report will be available at the office from the 19th June and will be published on our website after this date.

**Mothers' Day Breakfast and Stall:** Last Friday we invited our mums, grandmas and special female friends of our students to a Mothers' day Breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches and cereal. It was great to see the children interact with their mums and enjoying the light breakfast provided. Thank-you to the visitors who braved the weather to join us and to the teachers and staff who came early to cook up the feast.

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**Emergency Contact Numbers:** From time to time we need to contact parents for a myriad of reasons including sick children or to pass on important information or to arrange a meeting. Very often we are unable to contact the parents as the numbers listed are disconnected and the office has not been updated. Please ensure that when you change your contact details or the emergency contact's details the office is informed immediately.

**Safety Standards:** At Melton West Primary School, we are committed to acting in the best interests of our students and keeping them safe from harm. The School regards its child protection responsibilities as being of the utmost importance. This means that in practice we are focussed on providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection legislation and regulations; and to maintaining a child safe culture.

**The following principles underpin our commitment to child safety at Melton West Primary School:**

- All students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- Our school works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that they are engaged in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on child safety and protection.
- All students have the right to a thorough and systematic education in all aspects of personal safety, in partnership with their parents/guardians/caregivers.
- All adults in our school, including teaching and non-teaching staff, volunteers and contractors as well as the broader school community have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.
- The policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of students are based on honest, respectful and trusting relationships between adults and children and young people.
- Policies and practices demonstrate compliance with legislative requirements and cooperation with governments, the police and human services agencies.
- All persons involved in situations where harm is suspected or disclosed must be treated with sensitivity, dignity and respect.
- Staff, volunteers, contractors, parents/guardians and students should feel free to raise concerns about child safety, knowing these will be taken seriously by school leadership.
- Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or pastorally.

Melton West Primary School is committed to the continuous improvement of our Child Safe Program. The Program is regularly reviewed for overall effectiveness and to ensure compliance with all child protection related laws, regulations and standards. We have developed three documents that will be discussed and ratified at our next School Council meeting. If you would like to view these documents copies are available at the school office and will be available on the School's Website once they have been ratified.

Michelle Costa  
Principal

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## **PREP PARENTS**

### **CSEF UNIFORM**

If you **HAVE** received a CSEF Prep Uniform Notice and have not returned it to school, please hand it in to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you



### **PREP ENROLMENT 2019**

We are now taking enrolments for 2019.

Please call at the office to collect an enrolment form if you have a child that will commence prep next year. If you wish to have a tour, please make an appointment at the office.

If you know of any one who has a child that will commence Prep in 2019 and who lives in our zone please ask them to call the office: 9743 5818 to make an appointment for a school tour.

### **TERM 2 SPECIAL LUNCH**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE/VEGIE BURGER

**Tuesday 5th June.**



**Last day to order:**

**Friday 1st June**

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY**

**21st MAY**

### **Parents & Friends**

Next Meeting:

**Monday 2nd June, 2pm**

**in the Staff Room**

Your input is greatly appreciated.

**Everyone Welcome!**