

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	Friday 4th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by PB
	Friday 4th	Round 1 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Thursday 10th	Mother's Day Stall
	Friday 11th	Mother's Day Breakfast
	Friday 11th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 56S
	Mon 15th—Thurs 17th	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN TESTING
	Friday 18th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Drumbeat
	Friday 18th	Round 2 Year 5/6 Winter Sport
	Friday 18th	Last Day for Payment 3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Monday 21st	Curriculum Day—No students at school
	Wednesday 23rd	3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Thursday 24th	3/4 Incursion– Democracy, Community & Me
	Friday 25th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34L
	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 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
	Thursday 28th	Prep—Year 4 3 Way Conference
	Thursday 28th	Years 5/6 Student led Interviews
	Friday 22nd	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34C
	Friday 29th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 12M
	Friday 29th	End of Term 2—School Finishes 2:10pm

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

- Positive Choices Program
- Canberra Camp
- Speaking to Other Children
- Attendance
- Curriculum Day
- Respectful Behaviours



Canberra: view of Parliament House

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great excitement that I heard the news this week that we will be receiving money to begin the first part of our long awaited for master Plan. The first stage involves building a competition-sized netball court school gym, new student toilets, renovating the Prep building and creating a new administration area and staffroom. This will free up some space in the main building for offices for our Allied health team, as well as provide our parents with a Community Hub space. My recollection as we were working through developing the Master Plan over the past few years was that it should be ready to start building in July with an estimated timeframe of about 18 months of construction. I will know more soon, when I hear from the Project Manager and the Architects. I will keep you posted.

**Positive Choices Program:** This term we introduced a new incentive program called the Positive Choices Program. Children are given a silver wrist band when they have been seen to make a positive choice in the school yard such as helping a child, putting rubbish in the bin etc, or in a specialist session. These are collated at the end of every day and a tally of the week is sent to the office. The class that has the most bands on average will get to look after the new school pet, Lizzie the Blue Tongue Lizard. Last week 1/2D had the most wristbands on average – 1.9 per person. They have thoroughly enjoyed having Lizzie in their class all week. The silver wrist bands are recycled through the school and get returned to the class teacher at the end of each day. When a child in Year Prep-2 gets 10 silver bands and Years 3-6 - 15, they receive a gold wrist band which they get to keep. When a child receives 3 Gold wristbands, they get awarded with a 'precious stone', which they also get to keep.



**Canberra Camp:** I have been in contact with the team on camp with our Year 5/6 students. All is going very well. Updates have been placed on Facebook and Skoolbag regularly, so I'm hoping parents of the campers have felt connected. They have been very busy sightseeing around Canberra and learning about our Parliamentary system, visiting both old and current Parliament House. We are expecting the children home about 5.00 pm, and we will keep you updated via Facebook and Skoolbag if there are any major delays due to traffic.

**Speaking to Other Children:** At times I know some parents feel the need to talk to a child who may be upsetting their own child, with the intention of helping ease the situation. This is NOT an acceptable practice at Melton West PS. If you have any concerns about another child, please ensure you speak to your child's teacher who can follow up and address the situation. It can be very frightening for a child to feel they are getting reprimanded by an adult other than their parent or a teacher. If you have any concerns or feel the situation is not being resolved with the class teacher, please make an appointment to see Mrs O'Connor P-2 Assistant Principal, Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic 3-6 Assistant Principal or myself. We are committed to working together to resolve all issues brought to our attention.

**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

**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.

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**Respectful Behaviours:** At Melton West PS we have put a lot of strategies and supports in place to develop the social and emotional needs of students and to help children manage their response when things don't go the way they expect such as:

- Kids Connect Program – a social skills lesson held weekly or fortnightly with a small group of students where they learn to manage their emotions, take turns, share and find other ways to respond when they are angry.
- Resilience Groups – a weekly session where children learn about dealing with issues in a more positive and proactive way, learning how to get along with their peers and respond in a more appropriate way.
- Drumbeat – a weekly session where children learn to regulate their emotions and develop a mutual respect for their peers through drumming
- Berry Street PD – all staff have participated in 4 full training days on how to support children experiencing trauma.
- Cool Down Room – a place where children can come to at recess and lunch if they are feeling overwhelmed in the yard
- Clubs Program – a variety of clubs are available every recess and lunch time which children can choose to attend. Please see a full list within this newsletter.
- Library at Lunch – is open every day at recess and lunch as a quiet space for children to read and engage in board games

It is the school's responsibility to ensure we are providing a safe and orderly environment, both in the classroom and in the school yard. Despite all the above being in place, we have a small group of students whose first reaction is to hurt someone, either in response to themselves getting hurt or seeing their friend hurt or upset. Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of aggressive behavioural incidents recently. At times, a child hits out for no apparent reason or in response to a minor incident involving a friend or because they believe that is the best way to deal with the situation. At Melton West PS we DO NOT condone any form of aggressive or violent behaviour for whatever reason.

We work very closely with individual children and their families, discussing their behaviour and alternate ways to manage situations. We find when parents and the school work together to help the child understand that this type of behaviour is unacceptable both at home and at school we get a better result, including a happy and calmer child. However for some children and their families who are not as willing to work with us to solve these issues, the child continues to find it difficult to change the way they deal with situations.

We will continue to work with families willing to engage with us and will keep trying to engage with others more reluctant to work with us to develop their child's understanding that aggressive or violent behaviour is unacceptable. However we will take the option to suspend a child if they hurt another child intentionally under the category of "Behave in such a way as to pose a danger, whether actual, perceived or threatened, to the health, safety or wellbeing of any person."

Please make an appointment to see me if you have any concerns about this

Michelle Costa  
Principal

**MWPS - High Levels of Learning for All**

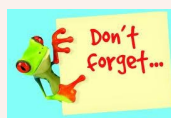


### Mother's Day Breakfast

**Friday 11th May**

**7:30-8:30am**

Please return your RSVP slip to the office so numbers can be tallied.



### Mother's Day Stall

**Thursday 10th May**

**Gifts available for purchase from \$1.00—\$15.00**



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## TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT MELTON WEST PS

### SKILLS FIRST RECONNECT STUDY AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION SESSION AT MWPS

**11AM WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2018**

I have arranged for the experts from Djerriwarrh Community & Education services to come to the school and have a conversation with the parents of children at our school about opportunities available for people aged 17-64 years to reconnect with education and employment.

We are fortunate to have access to a wide variety of FREE options available, whilst the Skills First Reconnect team can also explore outside educational and employment opportunities for interested participants.

Skills First Reconnect helps unemployed people who have left school early or did not complete high school to reconnect with education and employment.

Skills First Reconnect participants are allocated a coach who will support them to find educational or employment opportunities.

The coach will be present next Wednesday to assist participants with this process.

Please contact Community Engagement Officer at MWPS Mr Tolley Cacavas for more information or to book your spot. Places are limited so please call or text 0421054848 or email: [cacavas.apostolos.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cacavas.apostolos.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Looking forward to a chance to assist to make things happen for you.

Tolley



## Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK.. Sensory Play Week

**Monday 7th May: Crazy green oobleck, Ice berg**

**Tuesday 8th May: Gummy bear slime, Kick ball**

**Wednesday 9th May: Coloured pasta, Farmer Sam**

**Thursday 10th May: Glitter playdough, Dodgeball**

**Friday 11th May: Fluffy cloud dough, Pony express**

### THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS.. JORDAN MADDERN AND SHANIA MARR

**Jordan for her exceptional behaviour at after school care and always helping staff.**

**Shania for her fantastic behaviour at after school care and always having a smile.**

For all new enrollments or bookings please visit [www.lookedafter.com](http://www.lookedafter.com)

**WANTED BUSY MUMS WHO WANT TO GET FIT BUT  
DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME**

In light of the Victorians latest initiative,  
#ThisGirlCanVIC We at Jetts Melton are jumping on board by looking to help mums that don't have a lot of time but still want to get fit and have fun while doing it in an encouraging non-intimidating environment.

Come along and join us for our Mum's small group training sessions, which will run around 9.15am to 10am for only \$10 a session

This will allow you to come in straight after school drop offs get in a quick workout, have fun and socialise with other mums and then get on with your day.

Contact us on 8746 5335 to book your spot or email us [melton@jetts.com.au](mailto:melton@jetts.com.au)

Jetts has a very relaxed and calm atmosphere with friendly and helpful staff that are ready to answer any questions you may have. Having access 24/7 means you can also fit in a workout at anytime that may suit your lifestyle, which is great as you can then train at your own pace. A PT session will also help you to better understand which direction to head for your own individual needs and give you better knowledge as to how to use the machines alleviating any nerves or confusion you may have. As well as to give you some direction to achieve your own goals

~ Kendall, Mum of 3

Jetts has changed my opinion of a gym workout by providing an inviting environment where I don't feel intimidated by anyone or any of the equipment. All the staff are super friendly and more than happy to help out or answer questions at anytime. They will show you how to use the equipment correctly and offer alternatives to change up your workout so it never gets boring! The fact that Kirsty is now trying to set up some new classes for us mums is a testament to her commitment to our health and helping us achieve our goals

~ Vicki, Mum of 2



**FOUNDATION (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.

**PREP PARENTS**

**CSEF UNIFORM**



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

Thank you

**Parents & Friends**


























Next Meeting: **Monday 2nd June, 2pm**  
**in the Staff Room**

Your input is greatly appreciated.

**Everyone Welcome!**



## Recess and Lunchtime Activities Term 2 2018

DAY	RECESS			LUNCH			
	Library Miss Burnes 	Play Pod 	Basketball 3-6 Asphalt Mrs Slopak 	Library Miss White 	Colouring Art Room Mrs Shoebridge 	Drumbeat Room Miss Moore 	Movie Room 26 Mrs Stamoulis 
MONDAY							
TUESDAY				Library Miss Ralph 	Art Art Room Miss White 	Yoga P-2 GP Room Miss Henaway 	Minecraft Club 3-6 Room 22 Mr Spudvilas-Powell 
WEDNESDAY				Library Ms Barnes 	Technology Science Room Miss Butcher 	Soccer Oval Mr Bird 	Dance Room 3 Miss Lamanna 
THURSDAY	Library Miss Burnes 	Play Pod 		Library Mrs Hull 	Music Room 8 Mrs Mega 	Technology Science Room Miss Keyes 	Play Pod 
FRIDAY		Library Miss Ralph 		Library Ms Barnes 		Minecraft Club 3-6 Room 22 Mr Spudvilas-Powell 	Gymnastics 3-6 GP Room Miss Henaway 

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