



Melton West Primary School News

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Issue 8

Moving forward *With the Passion to Succeed*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	Friday 19th	NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
	Friday 19th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34L
	Wednesday 24th	Last Day for Payment—5/6 Winter Sport NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED
	Thursday 25th	Coffee Afternoon—Staffroom All Welcome 2:05pm
	Friday 26th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by DRUMBEAT
	Monday 29th	Last Day for Payment Island Dreaming Incursion (Whole School) NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED
	Tuesday 30th/ Thursday 1st	Island Dreaming Incursion
	Wednesday 31st	Walk to School Day—Meet at Navan Park
JUNE	Friday 2nd	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 12T
	Monday 5th	Last Day for Payment—5/6 Soccer NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED
	Tuesday 6th	5/6 Soccer
	Friday 9th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by PS
	Monday 12th	Queens Birthday—NO SCHOOL
	Wednesday 14th	Prep-2 Athletics
	Wednesday 14th	Year 5/6 Mathletics Evening
	Thursday 15th	Years 3-6 Athletics
	Thursday 15th	Fundraising Meeting 2:30pm Staffroom ALL WELCOME
	Friday 16th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 56T
	Monday 19th	School Council 6.15pm
	Wednesday 21st	Science Night 6:30-7:30pm
	Thursday 22nd	Coffee Afternoon—Staffroom All Welcome 2:05pm
	Friday 23rd	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34B
	Thursday 29th	Parent/Teacher Interviews (3 Way Conference)
	Friday 30th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 12P

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- School Review
- National Walk to School Day
- Mother's Day Breakfast & Stall
- Parent Engagement Evenings
- Supervision
- Toys
- Supervision After School



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A Word from Our Captains

Welcome to Week 5, Term 2!
5/6 Interschool Sport—Football, Netball & T-Ball is coming up. Last year our Netball team placed 2nd and our Football team placed 3rd. Good Luck to this year's participants. We recently had representatives from year 3-6 take part in the District Cross-Country trials. Everyone ran well and did our school proud!
Our Prep students recently hit 60 days of school which means they only have 40 days left until they celebrate 100 Days of schooling.



Anyang & Tarkyn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Review: As part of enhancing and building quality education in our school we look to find ways in which to obtain authentic and valid information and data. One such way is through the surveying of teachers, parents and students. When data is gathered for school use please be assured that internal surveys are used and all responses are confidential and will not be made public. This year, as part of the school review process, our school will be participating in surveys managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). In the case of the School Self-Review survey, we ask parents, teachers and students to undertake the survey to better inform us in relation to the curriculum, teaching and learning offered by the school. The reports the school will receive will contain no reference to individuals or identify them in any way. Although the school may seek to explore trends in the data, individual responses will not be made public and are for internal use only.

Students will complete the survey in class-time. In addition, parents and teachers are invited to participate in the survey. We hope the parent survey will help us to determine if the school is managing the wellbeing of your child. Parents who have provided an email contact address will receive an email from Dr Jean Thompson at RADII with an invitation to respond to the survey online. All responses go directly to RADII and are not identifiable by the school, unless you wish to indicate that you want your feedback to be identified. We encourage you to respond to the survey. When the surveys are completed we will share the findings with you. Thank you for supporting the survey process.

National Walk to School Day Friday 19th

May: This Friday is NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY. Schools across Victoria will be inviting their community to walk their kids to and from school tomorrow as part of this National Day. Staff will be meeting students at the roundabout on the corner of Coburns Road and Centenary Avenue at 8:30 am. You could drop your child at that spot, because even part way is okay. If you come from a different direction, you could park the car further away than usual and walk part way. Hope to see many children and their families walking to school tomorrow.



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. In the past we have held a Mothers' Day morning or afternoon tea within the classrooms. It feels that they were attended by more parents however we had feedback that some mums would have preferred the breakfast that we have been doing for Fathers' Day for a number of years. We welcome your feedback as to whether you would prefer a Mothers' Day Breakfast or a Morning/Afternoon Tea session. Please let us know.



Parent Engagement Evenings: We have held three out of the four sessions so far, with the 3/4 team focusing on the Writing Process this week and the 1/2s showcasing their Literacy Activities last week. We have had such a terrific turnout to each of these events and have seen some of the same families at each event because they have children across those year levels. I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing what they do in class with their families. Thank-you for taking the time to join us. I also need to thank the staff who have stayed behind to be part of the evening. The 5/6 Team are holding their evening in June. Please look for details around this and we hope to have many parents and children attend this session as well.



Supervision: I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that yard duty (active supervision) **commences at 8:40am and concludes at 3:20pm** on school days.

Please do not drop your child off at school prior to this time. If you must drop your child at school prior to 8:40am, please enrol your children in the before school care program "Extend OSHC". Once students arrive at school, they should not leave the grounds again until the end of the school day (unless other arrangements have been made). I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to:

1. ensure that your child arrives to school safely and are in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day
2. ensure that your child is collected from the school premises at the end of the school day, or that alternative arrangements have been made for your children

Toys: We have a number of children who are bringing toys to school to play with during break time, however these have started to migrate into the classrooms and become a distraction to the child, their learning as well as others' learning. We have a Play Pod outside, with lots of interesting things children can use for creative play.

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. Enrolment Packs are available at the office. We have staff on yard duty before school from 8.40 am and afterschool until 3.20 pm.

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Michelle Costa
Principal



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



Friday 5th May

PM	Makanaka M / Dut A
12A	Joel C / Chloe C
12D	Agoot M / Stephanie L
12G	Layla W / Ivy A / Sophie A
12P	Aiden V / Tiahana J
12Z	Emma Y / Yakub K
34A	Olivia B
34B	Steve E / Isabella H
34H	Milica A
34J	Fred G
34K	Grace C / Benjamin C
34S	Isaac C / Nicole S
56B	Endrias M
56N	Riley M
56S	Cerys L
56V	Charlie G / Raimi R

Friday 12th May

PC	Atem D / Sydney J
12A	Leticia H / Robinson D
12P	Seth T / Jessica H
12T	Keanu W / Xavier A
12W	Ayak M / Kale N
12Z	Vedaant D / Peyton S
34A	Sara C
34H	Ahmet D / Solin A
34J	Richella T / Zander T / Mason K
34K	Jai M / Jemma L
34L	Mikaylah C / Seth P
34M	Vanessa O / Alysha T
34S	Haylee G / Bior D
56F	Chelsea C
56v	Chaise H / Brody L



Cultural Club,

On Tuesdays at recess we have a 'Cultural Club' which is for all children to participate. Our largest group of children in the group derive from a Maori, pacific island, or indigenous cultural background, but it is open to any children willing to learn about different cultures.

In Cultural Club, we learn and explore about other cultures around the world. We talk about our country and about our culture. We learn about our traditional dances and costumes. We do cultural dances and practice our dances for performances in the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask if any parents would like to join in and support our cultural group. If you are interested in sharing some of your traditions, please contact Mr Tolley (our Community Engagement Officer).

We would like to thank Mrs Naidu, Mr Tolley and Ms Jankowski for the wonderful help with the cultural club.

From Monique Culliver and Olivia Nguyen.



Prep Enrolment 2018

We are now taking enrolments for 2018.

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 2018 and who lives in our zone please ask them to call the office: 9743 5818 to make an appointment for a school tour.

Marla family fun day

Come and Join MARLA Womens group in
a day full of fun for **FREE**



Fairy floss

Show bags

Face painting

Aussie farm animals

Pampering for parents

Jumping castle

Dream time stories

And much more

26 EXFORD ROAD

MELTON SOUTH

30 OF JUNE 2017

DEVONSHIRE TEA

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FREE LUNCH , COFFEE, TEA , MILO AND WATER

TIME 11:00am-2:00pm