

Melton West Primary School News Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	Friday 15th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 34H	
	Monday 18th	5-6 Inquiry Exhibition (Session 5 - 12:30-1:25pm)	
	Tuesday 19th	3-4 Inquiry Exhibition (Session 6—2:05-3:05pm)	
	Wednesday 20th	WHOLE SCHOOL ART SHOW	
	Wednesday 20th	WALK TO SCHOOL—Meet Navan Park 8:30am	
	Thursday 21st	Fundraising Committee meeting @2:30pm Staffroom.	
	Friday 22nd	Assembly @ 9:00am Performance by 12W	
	Friday 22nd	END of TERM 3 School Finishes 2:10pm	
	Monday 25th September— Friday 6th October	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!	
OCTOBER	Monday 9th	TERM 4 begins	
	Friday 13th	Assembly @2:30pm. Performance by 34K	
	Thursday 19th	Coffee Afternoon @2:30pm Staffroom. All Welcome!	
	Wednesday 25th	WALK TO SCHOOL—Meet Navan Park 8:30am	

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- NAPLAN Data
- Knocking on Neighbour's Doors
- LOTE
- Staff Changes
- 2018 Plans
- 2018 Prep Enrolments



14th September, 2017

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<u>A Word from Our Captains</u> Welcome to Term 3, Week 9



Last Friday we had the student disco which was lots of fun. Thank you to the mums and staff who helped to organise the event. Some students in year 3-6 participated in a Science "Experiment" Party at Melton Secondary School.

This week the 1/2's participated in their swimming program at Melton Waves.

Yesterday Tara, Dakota, Olivia, Matai and Shaylee competed at the Region Athletics. Congratulations to them for representing Melton West Primary School.

Today & tomorrow the State School Spectacular team are at Hisense arena rehearsing for the Big Performance on Saturday 16th September. Good Luck to our Team!

Anyang & Tarkyn

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

NAPLAN Data: Recently the 2017 NAPLAN Data was released and all individual student's results were posted to the child's listed home address. If your child is in Year 3 or 5 and you have not received this important letter, please contact the office and check your mailing address. Please put these results in a safe place because they are often requested by other schools when your child is moving into Ms Todarello, who began with us a graduate teacher in Year 7 or another school system.

The overall school results were very pleasing for our Year 3 cohort this year. They showed a relatively large increase in Reading compared to last year and the number of students in the top 2 bands had increased. The Year 5 students showed an improvement in the area of high growth, which means that the number of children who were in Year 3 in 2015 experienced relative high growth in Year 5 in 2017.

These positive results are due to the continual approach to ensuring there is consistency of practice across the school and that all teachers are provided with support and coaching to continually improve their practice.

Knocking on Neighbours Doors: Unfortunately we have had a message form one of our neighbours on Coburns Road that someone has been knocking on their door at afterschool time, then running off before they have a chance to open the door. It has started to become a problem because it has happened many times. Please chat to your children about respecting people and their property. I have spoken to the children at assembly about how this kind of behaviour has a negative effect on our school's reputation.

LOTE: Our Indonesian Teacher, Bu (Miss) Sarah, has tended her resignation to focus on her personal business pursuits. The Indonesian language classes currently held for Years 2 – 4 students will finish at the end of next week. We thank Sarah for her work and commitment over the years as she passionately engaged the students with the language and culture of Indonesian. All the best for your future Sarah. We have decided not to replace her for Term 4 and will work with School Council to determine the Language Program for 2018.

Staff Changes: I would like to officially welcome Mrs Brooke Slopak, who has taken over 5/6B this week replacing Miss Bytheway, who did not return after the term 2 break. She is an experienced teacher with a passion for teaching and learning. Brooke met the class yesterday and

is working on quickly establishing routines and expectations so that the class operates as an effective learning community. I would like to thank Ms Kylie Walters who took on the role of their teacher from the start of term as we conducted an extensive recruitment process. She has been a stable influence on the class and ensured that the children felt safe and supported throughout this term.

2014, has tended her resignation early last week. She said her decision came after much deliberation, however believes the experience she has had at our school has provided her with a strong foundation for her teaching career. She is seeking further experiences, in the Pre School Sector and we wish her all the best. Ms Georgia Cobbledick has been employed to replace her. Georgia will join us next week for the 1/2 planning days and to meet the children. She will take over fulltime after the holidays. Please make both our new staff members welcome if you see them.

2018 Plans: We will be beginning the process of forming new class grouping for 2018 early in Term 4. In order to know how many classes we will need, I have attached a tear off section to complete if your child WILL NOT be returning to Melton West PS in 2018. If you are unsure at this stage, please complete the note and write "POSSIBLY". This will not mean you cannot come to Melton West PS next year, it will just give us an indication of what is possible.

2018 Prep Enrolments: I have been conducting school tours for parents who have children due to start school next year in Prep. We have begun taking enrolments and encourage you to complete a form if you have a preschooler or encourage your friends to book a tour if their first child is starting school. Please be aware there are boundaries in place that designate our catchment area for new families. Please ask your friend to check at the office if they are unsure as to whether they fit within our area.

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Footy Colours Day- Friday, 22nd September



Melton West Primary School will

be helping to support the "Fight Cancer" Foundation by holding our own 'Footy Colours Day' on Friday, 22nd September.

In order to support the foundation, children are able to wear their favourite football team's colours in exchange for a gold coin donation. This could include any football, soccer or rugby jersey of a professional or local team. Scarves, beanies and general coloured clothing representing favourite teams are also appropriate. 'Official' sports jerseys are not required in order for children to be a part of this great cause.

As they can sometimes cause particular issues, we respectfully ask that hair dye and face paint is left for the games on the weekends, as students will be undertaking regular classroom learning sessions.

Please remind your child to make their gold coin donation to their teacher next Friday, 22nd September, to help our school kick goals for the "Fight Cancer" Foundation.

-Junior School Council, 2017

Congratulations to the following students for completing Nights of Reading:



100 Nights: Dolly PC, David PC, Sorenson 12G, Jok 12G, Tobie PM

150 Nights: Vedaant 12Z, Vaibhavi 12Z, Seth PM, Imogen PM

200 Nights: Emma 12Z, Mankeert 12Z, Matilda PM, Thomas PM

Congratulations to the following students who were



awarded





Friday 1st September

PM	Caleb	Seth
PP	Ryan	Chol
12D	Xavier	
12G	Alexandra	Kamya
12T	Matilda	Keanu
12W	Awan	Melyn
12Z	Tracey	Peyton
34J	Lateasha	Isabelle
34K	Sienna	Vivi
34L	Marrisalucy	Alexander
34S	Ashlea	Connah
56T	Quinnie	Melissa

Friday 8th September

PB	Amity	Zakk	
PM	Dut	Levi	
PS	Zeniff	Chaise	Ayaan
12D	Agoot		
12G	Gop		
12P	Seth	Andrew	
12T	Shaye		
12W	Cheryl	Fisiihone	
12Z	Courtney	Brooke	
34A	Mary	Nyiel	Isabelle
34B	Kingston		
34H	Kalais	Samuel	Ashton
34J	Jayden		
34K	Grace	Jemma	
34L	Hayden		
34M	Angela	Abeid	
34S	Liam	Foni	
56T	Akuany	Adam	
56V	Shrishti		

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Dear Students of 5/6V.

Thank you for your persuasive correspondence on why Melton West Primary School needs a new gymnasium.

I am very impressed with the strong arguments raised in your persuasive correspondence. When there is bad weather, Azarel and Monique made it clear that not everyone can fit in the gymnasium for assembly. Brody and Raimi explained that sports are cancelled when it rains because the gymnasium is too small for students to play netball and volleyball. Shrishti and Sarah outlined how inconvenient and unfair it is to move school concerts to Wedge Park Primary School. Rebecca has very neat writing and I liked Joanna's drawing of the soccer ball. Jasmine told me about how she is dreaming of a new school gymnasium.

The students of 5/6V have put a lot of effort into writing the persuasive correspondence. It is important that Melton West Primary School has adequate facilities for students to attend assembly, perform in school concerts and play indoor sports. I have referred your correspondence to the Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino, for his consideration.

Thank you for highlighting the current situation with the gymnasium at Melton West Primary School.

Yours sincerely Tim Pallas MP

Treasurer

11 SEP 2017









Clinic Class Thankyou for visiting us.





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DRUMBEAT GIRLS 'WOW' MELTON WEST PRE-SCHOOL

On 30 August our Drumbeat pro-



gram set up at Melton West Preschool to perform their wonderful routines in preparation for their final performance at 1 September MWPS assembly. Thank you so much to Ms Mega and Ms Moore for their ongoing commitment to this wonderful program and how well they had prepared this group as a special team making such great rhythms and beats possible.

It was very clear that the pre-school community enjoyed this 'rhythmic blast' as evidenced by their lovely acknowledgements. They tell us that they were so inspired that they are going to try and make their own drums.



Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination - so please enrol ASAP

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Bag / Pencil case craft
- Nature painting
- Slime
- Abstract art
- Paper towel dying
- Insect headbands

SUPERSTAR AWARD

This weeks Superstar award goes to.. GLORIA POLLIZI for exceptional behaviour at before and after school care. For always willing to help other children and staff and for brightening up the program with her smile! Keep up the great work.

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.

OUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.





- Treasure Hunt Prizes to be won!!

Enjoy the Willows this summer!

COST: FREE RSVP: Dale Email: daleh@melton.vic.gov.au Phone: 9747 7200

For more information, visit **melton.vic.gov.au**

Planning for 2018

Please complete and return to school if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to MWPS in 2018.

At this stage, I am anticipating that my child **WILL NOT** be attending Melton West Primary School in 2018. We are transferring to (write name of school):

Child/ren's Names:

Grade (2017):

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