

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	Friday 1st	Assembly 9am Performance by 2K All Welcome
	Friday 1st	Round 2 Summer Sports –Selected students year 5/6
	Mon 4th-Fri 8th	Year 3&4 swimming
	Tuesday 5th	Grade 3/4 Community Engagement Evening 5:30-6:30pm
	Wednesday 6th	Playgroup 8:50am—11:00am
	Friday 8th	Assembly 9am Performance by 3S All Welcome
	Monday 11th	LABOUR DAY– NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 12th	Last day for payment 5/6 swimming (numbers capped @80students)
	Wednesday 13th	Playgroup 8:50am—11:00am
	Wednesday 13th	Grade 1/2 Community Engagement Evening 5:30-6:30pm
	Friday 15th	Whole School Incursion—Circus of Life
	Friday 15th	Lightning Premiership– Selected students year 5/6
	Friday 15th	Assembly 9am Performance by 1S All Welcome
	Mon 18th– Fri 22nd	Year 5 & 6 swimming
	Monday 18th	Last day for payment Prep swimming (numbers capped @60 students)
	Wednesday 20th	Playgroup 8:50am—11:00am
	Thursday 21st	School Photos
	Friday 22nd	Assembly 9am Performance by 6S All Welcome
	Mon 25th-Fri29th	Prep Swimming—Melton Waves
	Wednesday 27th	Playgroup 8:50am—11:00am
	Friday 29th	Assembly 9am Performance by 3A All Welcome
April	Monday 1st	Inquiry Showcase 2:15—3:00pm
	Wednesday 3rd	Playgroup 8:50am—11:00am
	Friday 5th	Assembly 9am Performance by Prep R All Welcome
	Friday 5th	END OF TERM 1 SCHOOL FINISHES @2:10pm
	Tuesday 23rd	TERM 2 BEGINS

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- School Council Elections
- Building Update
- School-Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB)
- Parent Teacher: “Getting to know Your Child” Interviews
- Hats
- Playgroup
- Sausage Sizzle
- Swimming
- Yard Supervision
- Supervision After School

Hello and welcome to Week 5 of Term 1,

On Tuesday, eleven of our students represented our school at the MPSSA Swimming Carnival. We are very proud of their efforts – win, lose or draw. Today, the PFA held our first special lunch for the year, a yummy sausage sizzle with a divine smell of BBQ sausages wafting through the school. Tomorrow some of our Year 5/6 students are competing in the Interschool Sports finals. We wish them the best of luck. This week we interviewed Seth and Deng from 4M, and asked them what they are looking forward to when the construction is complete:

Seth – I am looking forward to the bigger gym so we no longer have to cancel assemblies. I also can’t wait for all the dust to be gone.

Deng – I hope no one climbs on the new toilets, and that the new toilets will be treated respectfully. I am looking forward to the new gym, art room and upgraded canteen.

Thank you and have a wonderful week,

Kalais and Mason



Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Council Elections: Last Thursday the call for nominations for the next School Council closed. I am pleased to announce that we had the correct number of vacancies in each category, so a ballot is not required. The following people will begin a 2 year stint from 18th March 2019: Ms Anupama Dev; Ms Megan Andrews; Ms Janet Young; Ms Fiona McKenzie and Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic.

Building Update: The building works are continuing to progress well. The builders poured the concrete slab for the art room and music room at the far end of the building, where the carpark used to be, last Friday. The oval was out of bounds for the day, so children were required to stay in for either lunch or recess. We have limited space when the oval is inaccessible so we share the turn of the P-2 staying in or the 3-6 staying in. Each area does get the opportunity to go outside for one break.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB): People who have been around the school before or after school may have heard me and others on Yard Duty reminding students to walk. SWPB involves explicitly teaching students the appropriate behaviour, then rewarding those who are doing it. I usually hand out 3-4 bands each morning to people I see exhibiting the behaviour the school is currently focusing on – walking in all areas of the school, running on oval. The SWPB Team will monitor the data to see whether there is an improvement and decide the next area to focus on. You should find a separate article outlining the current whole school focus in each newsletter.

Parent Teacher “Getting to Know Your Child” Interviews: Thank-you to the parents and guardians who took the time to come to meet their teacher last Wednesday. Communication is one of our school values, which we take very seriously and this was one forum in which you can communicate with your child’s teacher. If you have any concerns or information that you think we should know in order to provide the best learning opportunities for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. If an issue persists please make an appointment to see Mrs O’Connor (P-2 Assistant Principal) or Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic (3-6 Assistant Principal) and they will be able to follow through and work through the issue with you and the teacher.

Hats: Please remember students are required to wear a broad-rim hat during Term 1 due to our Sun Smart policy. Please ensure you child has a suitable hat, that is clearly named.

Playgroup: Please remember that we have a Melton West PS Playgroup operating onsite on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9.00 – 11.00 am each week. Any families with preschool aged children are most welcome to attend.

Sausage Sizzle: Today the Parents and Friends Group held a Sausage Sizzle. Thank-you to the parents who volunteered their time to get the children their sausages on time. If you have a few hours to spare a couple of days each term, please let us know. Helpers are always welcome.

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Swimming: This week our yearly swimming program commenced, with the Years 1 and 2 swimming each day. They walk to the pool for a 45 min lesson each day. The children have really enjoyed the experience. For the other year levels, please be mindful of the cut-off dates as late notes cannot be accepted. This year we have a cap of the number of students attending for each Year Level. This is purely so that we can ensure the correct amount of instructors have been booked. If we thought every child within the team was attending and not all did, we would be charged for the additional instructors, admission fee and lane hire, that would not be required, but we would not have raised enough funds to cover the cost. Our estimates are based on the previous year's attendance and we will monitor closely the amount of people on the waiting list so that for next year we can adjust the figures. I know the 1/2s did not have anyone on the waiting list, but the 3/4s do.

Yard Supervision: We have staff on yard duty before school from 8.40 am and afterschool until 3.20 pm. We have a number of children arrive before 8.40 am which is not encouraged UNLESS they are attending the Breakfast Club from 8.15 am.

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 an After School care facility run by Extend that is safe and well supervised and children can attend at a minimal cost? Please see flyer attached for further information about Extend.

Michelle Costa

Principal

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******* M W P PLAYGROUP *******

We warmly welcome all families to our 2019 Playgroup.

**Come along to the GP room/After School Care area every Wednesday
from 8:50am – 11.00am.**

**Our playgroup is open to families and friends of our school and is a FREE experience
with morning tea provided.**

**As a significant note, and given the huge success of our 2018 year, we will run a
second group to be held each Tuesday, and will commence on the 5th March.**



Any inquiries, please contact:

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ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

APPLICATIONS OPEN 13 MARCH 2019 FOR THE 2020 KINDERGARTEN YEAR

Melton City Council Kindergarten Central Enrolment program will be accepting applications for 2020 from Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Visit melton.vic.gov.au/kindergarten to find out more about kindergarten and complete the online application form. Here you can find the kindergarten booklet which families should read prior to applying. It contains important information about which year your child is eligible to attend, the enrolment process and how to apply for a place.

HOW TO APPLY

Parents or guardians can apply for kindergarten online, in person, or mail by completing one form per child. There is a \$29 enrolment fee which applies to each application. (This may be waived in exceptional circumstances)

melton.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Hard copy Forms can also be collected or posted to you and submitted in person at the following Council sites:

Melton Civic Centre	Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub	Melton Library and Learning Hub
232 High Street Melton	193 Caroline Springs Blvd Caroline Springs	31 McKenzie Street Melton

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BENEFITS OF KINDERGARTEN

Children who attend kindergarten spend 15 hours per week with qualified staff and other children of similar age. There are many benefits of kindergarten for your child including opportunities for your child to:

- ▶ develop language (talking and listening) skills
- ▶ develop independence
- ▶ learn and practice social skills
- ▶ build self-awareness and respect for others
- ▶ be creative
- ▶ discover the joy of learning
- ▶ make new friends

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN IN 2020?

- ▶ child must turn four years old on or before the Tuesday 30 April 2020.
- ▶ children who were eligible to attend the 4 year old Kindergarten program in the previous year, but deferred or withdrew from the four year old program on or before the last day of term one.

EARLY START KINDERGARTEN

Early Start Kindergarten (ESK) was introduced in response to research showing that two years of quality education and care prepares children for success at school and leads to positive impacts later in life.

ESK provides free Kindergarten for:

- ▶ three year old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
- ▶ three year old children known to Child Protection or referred from Child Protection to Child First.

Child must be aged at least three years by Tuesday 30 April 2020.

KINDERGARTEN FEE SUBSIDY

Health Care Card and eligible visa holders are entitled to 15 hours of free kindergarten

CONTACT

For further information please contact our Kindergarten Administration Team on 9747 7284





2nd MELTON SCOUT GROUP

Blackwood Drive, Melton South

5-7 Years	JOEY SCOUTS	Wednesday 5.30pm – 6.30pm
8-10 Years	CUB SCOUTS	Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm
11-14 Years	SCOUTS	Thursday 6.30pm – 8.30pm
15-17 Years	VENTURERS	Friday 7.00pm – 9.00pm
18-26 Years	ROVERS	Sunday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Membership enquiries

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Instrumental Music Lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$16.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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Welcome to Extend

About Us

Since 2002, our goal at Extend has been to enrich the lives of children through out of school hours programs. As a national organisation, Extend caters daily for thousands of children in Independent, Catholic and Government schools across Australia.

Our focus is *quality* for kids, *safety*, *respect*, and of course, *FUN!*

Find out more at extend.com.au

Getting started

EASY ENROLMENT

Simply set up your own account online via our Parent Portal.

SPEEDY CONFIRMATION

Receive confirmation of enrolment within 24 hours so that you can begin to manage your own bookings.

NO UPFRONT FEE

The annual enrolment fee isn't charged to your account until you make a booking.

TO ENROL, VISIT OUR PARENT PORTAL AT:

extend.com.au

To see operating hours and fees, search for your school via the 'Find my School' function at extend.com.au

Affordable Fees

MYTH:

"We won't qualify for any child care entitlements. Our income is too high."

This is **NOT** true!

Get the facts:

FACT #1

The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is **NOT** income tested!

FACT #2

50% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees

All we need

is a CRN and Date of Birth for you and each child attending.

Complete this when enrolling online or simply log in via the Parent Portal to update your details.

Read further information and try our Fee Relief calculator at our website.

If you are not receiving child care fee relief, contact our Customer Service team to discuss.



Qualified Staff

Our rigorous recruitment process ensures we maintain the best team of people to deliver an engaging program in a safe and secure environment.

Every Extend Educator holds the required qualifications, medical certifications, and relevant work experience.

Furthermore, Extend offers ongoing training, professional development, and continual support to staff.



Loads of Fun



Extend's programs are always packed with lots of active and engaging activities catered for boys and girls.

A range of activities are offered including

- art & craft
- dance & movement
- science
- cooking
- physical activity & sports
- construction
- games & play

... the list goes on!



In addition to the daily program, children are given plenty of choice and can access a variety of resources to create their own play opportunities.

Homework club can also be provided upon request.



Healthy Food Menu

We encourage **healthy eating** by providing nutritional food at Before School Care, After School Care, and Vacation Care.

This includes

- fresh fruit
- pasta
- crackers
- sandwiches
- cereal
- milk & water
- vegetables
- dips
- and other healthy nut-free variations.

Families of children with specific dietary needs are asked to speak with the service Team Leader to ensure that an appropriate menu can be provided that is inclusive of all children.

Check out our FAQ at extend.com.au

**What are
you waiting
for?**

**Enrol
Today!**



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Follow us at
Extend After Care



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