

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March	Friday 29th	Assembly 9am Performance by 3A All Welcome
	Friday 29th	Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly
April	Monday 1st	Inquiry Showcase (Years 1-6) 9:00-10:00am All Welcome
	Tuesday 2nd	Playgroup 8:50am—11:00am
	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:

- End Term1 Celebrations
- Master Plan/ Building Works
- Rebranding Melton West PS
- SVA Conference
- Speaking to Other Children
- Respectful Behaviours
- Attendance

Hello everybody,

The end of Term 1 is nearly here. On that note, a reminder that Term 1 finishes on Friday 5th April at 2.10pm. It has been a busy term with lots going on both inside the classroom and out. The building works are continuing and Mrs Costa tells us we are still on track for our new gym and art room to be completed around September/October.

Next Monday, we have our Inquiry Showcase for Years 1 to 6 at 9.00am to 10.00am. We hope a lot of parents and carers can attend and see the fantastic inquiry work we have been doing.

This week, the preps have been participating in the Swimming Program at Melton Waves. We surveyed the prep students to find out what they liked about this week. Forty-seven of our prep students said they would like to attend swimming again next year. Six students said they liked learning how to dive, five students enjoyed going under water and four students said they were excited about learning how to swim.

Have a great week!

Kalais and Mason



Dear Parents and Guardians,

End Term 1 Celebrations: As I write this newsletter, my final for term 1, I reflect on everything that has gone well on 2019. Our swimming program was changed from term 3 to term 1 and I think this has been positive. The children who attended enjoyed their experience and the weather was very kind. We have held our Community Engagement Evenings across the school, some better attended than others, unfortunately. For those who attended, we hope you found a deeper understanding of the work we do and your children's learning opportunities. Our Teaching and Learning coaching program is up and running, with teachers continually learning and developing. As educators, we are continual learners, learning something every day. The research around effective teaching practice is always evolving and as such, we need to ensure we are evolving, changing and adapting along with it.

Master Plan/Building Works: We are marching along with the building works, which are all on schedule. It is so exciting seeing the foundations laid and seeing it starting to take shape. It is a REALITY. When speaking to people who have been associated with the school for a long time, including some who have since left, they all talk about how getting a full-sized gym has been a dream for over 20 years.

Rebranding Melton West PS: As part of the building works, the address will change to Rathdowne Circuit, where the entry to the school will be relocated, which means our stationary needs to be updated with the new address. School Council thought it would be a perfect opportunity to look at whether we should look at rebranding our school. I will send out a survey early next term, which will be able to be completed online and in paper form, whichever you prefer. We will also set up a working party made up of interested parents and staff, which I encourage you to think about joining us. Any changes that are decided, need to be made through extensive consultation with our community and approved by School Council.

SVA Conference: Over the past few days, Mrs Cvitkovic, Mrs O'Connor and I attended the first of the final 4 SVA Conferences. Our commitment to this network was a 3 year commitment and this is our final year of involvement. We continue to meet and learn from educators from across Victoria, NSW and SA and have found that it has opened many opportunities for us as a school.

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.

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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.
- Library at Lunch – is open every day at recess and lunch as a quiet space for children to read and engage in board games

Attendance: It is very important that children attend school EVERY day. Attendance is one of our school focuses for 2019 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. At 10.30 am each day an automated text message gets sent to the parent listed as Parent A informing them that their child is not at school. It is important that your contact details are kept up-to-date whenever there is a change, or a late pass is collected for any children arriving after 9.00 am.

Michelle Costa
Principal

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END OF TERM 1

Friday 5th April

SCHOOL FINISHES

@2:10pm





What's on at Extend.

1st April - 5th April

Monday

Easter baby chick craft and Egg hop relay

Tuesday

Easter hat craft and Easter egg and spoon race

Wednesday

Easter bingo, Easter bunny craft and Easter races

Thursday

Easter egg cup craft and Easter bunny tag

Friday

Easter egg hunt, movie day and group games

The Extend Superstar is...

SUSAN ERJOK.. For always helping staff and her fantastic behaviour at after school care.

What's Been Happening?

The past couple of weeks children have had a lot of fun playing outside in the sunshine on the playgrounds and playing group games on the basketball court. Children participated in a STEM week which involved paper plane craft races, marble mazes, rainbow fizzies, shaving cream painting and penny spinners. We have also had a lot of fun with some cooking activities making ants on a log, frozen yoghurt cups with fresh fruit and yummy pikelets.

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PLAYERS WANTED! NEW junior basketball club



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-  Under 8 Mixed
-  Under 10 Girls
-  Under 10 Boys

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