

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	Fri 24th	Year 5/6 winter sport round 2
	Fri 24th	Chloe's Challenge—Casual clothes Gold coin donation
	Fri 24th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 4B. All welcome!
	Wed 29th	Payment Due Grade 5 Parliament Process Incursion No late payment accepted
	Thur 30th	State School Spectacular Rehearsal
	Fri 31st	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Prep B. All welcome!
	Fri 31st	National Sorry Day—Casual Clothes Day
	Fri 31st	Grade 5 Parliament Process Incursion
	Fri 31st	Year 5/6 winter sport round 3
June	Fri 7th	Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership Winter Cup—selected students only
	Fri 7th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 1H. All welcome!
	Mon 10th	Queens Birthday— NO SCHOOL
	Fri 14th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 3C All welcome!
	Fri 14th	Payment due Prep Excursion—Collingwood Children's Farm No late payment accepted
	Fri 14th	School Disco
	Mon 17th	School Council 7pm (sub committee 6pm)
	Tues 18th	Prep Excursion—Collingwood Children's Farm
	Thurs 20th	SCIENCE NIGHT
	Fri 21st	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Prep G. All welcome!
	Fri 28th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by 5J. All welcome!
	Fri 28th	LAST DAY TERM 2. SCHOOL CONCLUDES @ 2:10pm

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

- Annual Report to Community
- Social Media
- Rebranding survey
- School Policies
- Professional Practice Days (PPD's)
- Speaking to other children
- NAPLAN
- Communication with Teachers
- Emergency Contact Numbers
- Child Safety Standards

Hello Melton West P.S,

Today the Parents and Friends held one of their many fundraising events for the year – a sausage sizzle! The smell of barbequed sausages wafting through the school corridors was mouth-watering. The Parents and Friends Committee is an amazing group of parents who work hard to raise money to make our school even better than it already is. Tomorrow, the Junior School Council is holding a 'WEAR SOMETHING BLUE' Out of Uniform Day and Donut Day. The event is called "Chloe's Challenge 2019". Chloe is a local student who has challenged all schools in Melton to hold events to raise money to fund programs which aim to increase the awareness and understanding of online bullying. There is a grand prize for the school who raises the most money. At this stage, we need to beat \$1000! The cost is a monetary donation for being out of uniform, and we will be selling donuts for \$1.00 at recess and lunch. These donuts were kindly donated to us by local supermarkets. We look forward to seeing everyone wearing blue and eating donuts.

Have a wonderful week!

Kalais and Mason



Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Annual Report to Community:** Each year I am required to write a report about the successes of the previous year. This report is called the Annual Report to Community. I am also required to hold a public meeting where this report is presented to interested members of the school community. This meeting will be held immediately prior to our next School Council meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm. I invite all parents, guardians and friends of our school community to attend this meeting. It is generally not a long meeting, usually finished within 15 minutes. If you are planning on joining us, please RSVP to the school office by 4 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Copies of the Annual Report will be made available on our website after this meeting, or you can pick up a copy from the office.

**Social Media:** It has come to my attention that some children are on social media sites at home that encourage them to give personal information such as photos of themselves or are receiving unwanted photos from others. It is VERY important that children of primary school age are monitored very closely when on these sites as it is very easy for them to be tricked by others. Please chat to your children about the games they play and who they are connected to online.

**Rebranding Survey:** Thank-you to the parents who completed the survey, either in paper form or via the google form that was available through a link. The results were presented to School Council last Monday and the following was decided after a robust discussion. Most people were in favour of a new look for Melton West, with the majority of people (students, staff and parents) wanting a new logo, however although changing the school colours was very popular with the students, it was not so with staff or parents, so School Council decided to keep the colours as they are. We will look at getting some updated designs and hold another vote in the near future.

REBRANDING SURVEY RESULTS	Students (number: 437)	Staff (number: 43)	Parents (number: 100)	Total Average
Are you in favour of a new look for MWPS?	Yes – 90% No – 10%	Yes – 77% No – 23%	Yes – 65% No – 35%	Yes – 77% No – 23%
Do you think we should upgrade our logo?	Yes – 87% No – 13%	Yes – 88% No – 12%	Yes – 61% No – 39%	Yes – 79% No – 21%
Do you think we should change the colour of our uniform?	Yes – 85% No – 15%	Yes – 33% No – 67%	Yes – 47% No – 53%	Yes – 55% No – 45%
Would you be prepared to pay more for the uniform if it was better quality?			Yes – 30% Maybe – 17% No – 53%	Yes – 30% Maybe – 17% No – 53%

**School Policies:** School Policies are reviewed regularly and most are passed through School Council. Some policies are available on our website and I encourage you to view them at your leisure. At our last School Council meeting the Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) Policy was passed. If you have any questions about any of the policies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Professional Practice Days (PPD):** In the last Teaching Agreement, all teachers were allocated one day per term where they can focus on developing their professional practice. These days provide our teachers with an opportunity to continue to work together, developing their skills and knowledge. Over the past few weeks and into the next few, teachers are working in teams for this term's PPD. Your child will have a Casual Relief Teacher during this day.

**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 to 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.

**NAPLAN:** Last week our Year 3 and 5 students undertook the NAPLAN tests, which every child in those year levels across Australia also did. These tests are a snapshot of your child on a particular day, a point in time. Whilst we value the results, which when collated as a whole, provide the school with a picture of how we are going and where we need to focus our attention in the future, these do not define or determine an outcome for individual students. All teachers use a range of assessment tools, including observations, and adjust the learning plans to meet the individual needs, on a daily basis. We are very happy with how the tests were run, and the enthusiasm the students showed in trying their best. If your child talks to you about how some elements of these tests were hard, this is because each test has questions below, at and above the current year level they are testing. This is part of the test design to be able to differentiate how far above or below a child may be working at. Results are due towards the end of Term 3 and will be posted to your home address.

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**Communication with Teachers:** Schools are very busy places and teachers have a lot of preparation and planning to do to prepare for the day. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about your child, please phone the office to organise an appointment. Often parents think they only need a quick chat, but this can last longer than anticipated and may be compounded if a few other parents also just want a 'quick' chat. Please note, teachers have meetings afterschool on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which they may need to prepare for after school on these days. By making an appointment, you can be assured that they are able to give you their full attention.

**Emergency Contact Numbers:** From time to time we need to contact parents for a myriad of reasons including sick children or to pass on important information or to arrange a meeting. Very often we are unable to contact the parents as the numbers listed are disconnected and the office has not been updated. Please ensure that when you change your contact details or the emergency contact's details the office is informed immediately.

**Child Safety Standards:** At Melton West Primary School, we are committed to acting in the best interests of our students and keeping them safe from harm. The School regards its child protection responsibilities as being of the utmost importance. This means that in practice we are focussed on providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection legislation and regulations; and to maintaining a child safe culture.

**The following principles underpin our commitment to child safety at Melton West Primary School:**

- All students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- Our school works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that they are engaged in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on child safety and protection.
- All students have the right to a thorough and systematic education in all aspects of personal safety, in partnership with their parents/guardians/caregivers.
- All adults in our school, including teaching and non-teaching staff, volunteers and contractors as well as the broader school community have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.
- The policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of students are based on honest, respectful and trusting relationships between adults and children and young people.
- Policies and practices demonstrate compliance with legislative requirements and cooperation with governments, the police and human services agencies.
- All persons involved in situations where harm is suspected or disclosed must be treated with sensitivity, dignity and respect.
- Staff, volunteers, contractors, parents/guardians and students should feel free to raise concerns about child safety, knowing these will be taken seriously by school leadership.
- Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or pastorally.

Melton West Primary School is committed to the continuous improvement of our Child Safe Program. The Program is regularly reviewed for overall effectiveness and to ensure compliance with all child protection related laws, regulations and standards. Our Child Safe Policy is available from the office and on our website. Please make an appointment to speak to a member of the Principal Class Team if you have any concerns about a child's safety.

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

Michelle Costa  
Principal

#### **PROTECT**

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



#### **Melton West Primary School is a Child Safe School**

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our school and base all our decisions on what's best for the students. Please talk to a staff member if you have any concerns about a child's safety at any time.

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### **FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENT 2020**

We are now taking enrolments for 2020.

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 2020 and who lives in our zone please ask them to call the office: 9743 5818 to make an appointment for a school tour.

### **CASUAL CLOTHES DAY GOLD COIN DONATION Tomorrow, 24th MAY.**



JSC will be selling donuts for \$1.00 to raise funds for Chloe's Challenge.

### **\*\*\*\*\* M W P PLAYGROUP \*\*\*\*\***

Welcoming Families to our Playgroup sessions!

We are located in the GP room every Tuesday's & Wednesday's from 8:50am – 11.00am.

Our playgroup is open to families and friends of our school and our local community.

A FREE experience with morning tea provided.



For any inquiries, please contact:

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Tolley Cacavas... [cacavas.apostolos.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cacavas.apostolos.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) or ph. 0421054848

# **WE'RE IN TOWN**

Roll up your sleeves  
and give blood



## **Melton Mobile Donor Centre**

Community Centre, Cnr High and Smith St, Melton 3337

Appointments available:

<b>Monday 17 June</b>	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
<b>Tuesday 18 June</b>	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
<b>Thursday 20 June</b>	1.00 pm – 7.30 pm
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	8.00 am – 3.30 pm

**Make an appointment today.**

Call **13 14 95** or visit  
[donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



Hi everyone,

I hope you have all had a great week.



If you are feeling a bit bored after school and need something to do, I am inviting you to join netball at Mick's Jump'n'Play. If you and/or parents are interested, please call **0434 275 812**.

This is most suited to years 5 and 6 students. It is \$7 per game. We train on Wednesdays from 4.00 to 5.00pm, and play our games on Thursdays at 65 Reserve Road Melton.

I hope that I will see some of you there.

Kind regards,

Molli Russell 5S

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## SPECIAL EVENT

Welcome to Country  
& Smoking Ceremony

# Join in the adventure at our Family Fun Day!

Saturday 1 June 10:00am - 1pm

7 Reserve Rd  
Melton



Coffee & BBQ



Face Painting



Animal Farm



Tour the centre

For more information  
call 9216 6500

  
Early Learning Adventures

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Experience the Niño  
difference at our

# Family Fun Day!



At Niño, we make your child's  
early learning years an adventure!

Meet our educators and discover our new  
state of the art centre, beautifully landscaped  
outdoor environments and our unique  
approach to early years education where  
every child is empowered to become brave,  
creative, resilient and kind.

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