

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June	Thur 20th	Science Night
	Fri 21st	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by Prep G.
	Mon 24th	Melbourne Museum—Koorie Club
	Thur 27th	Student Led Conferences 2:00-6:30pm
	Fri 28th	Assembly 9:00am Performance by 5J.
	Fri 28th	LAST DAY TERM 2. SCHOOL CONCLUDES @ 2:10pm
July	Mon 15th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Hey Melton West Primary School,

The Student-led/3-way Conferences are getting closer. Students are busy preparing their work samples to share and showcase the wonderful learning they have done in Semester 1.

In other news, our school received an Olympic shirt from the 2016 Rio Olympics that has been signed by our gold medallists from these games. We were given this gift as a token of appreciation for our participation in Chloe's Challenge 2019. It will look fantastic framed and hanging in our new gym.

Tonight night we holding our annual Science Night. We hope the attendees enjoy conducting the experiments and learning how science works. Thank you to Mr Armstrong and Mrs Devine for organising another fun-filled night!

Mason and Daniel



Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Master Plan
- Student Reports
- Student—Led/ 3-Way Conferences
- Annual Report to Community
- Riding Bikes and Bike Helmets
- South Western Victoria Regional Principal Conference
- Social Ventures Australia Conference
- School Disco
- Science Night

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.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Master Plan: As you would have noticed the building works are well and truly moving along. The brick work looks fabulous with the red 'toffee apple' shiny bricks a feature, which will continue along the other buildings. The roof on the gym is due to be put on next week.

Student Reports: Over the past few weeks, your child's teacher has been busily writing the June Academic Reports, based on the assessment and observations they have had of your child's learning over this semester. These will be sent home on Monday 24th June. Please take the time to read over them and congratulate your child on the achievements they have shown.

Student-Led/3-Way Conferences: To complement the formal written report, parents have the opportunity to share in their child's learning through the student-led conferences for children in Years 5 and 6 and the 3-Way conferences for children in years Prep – 4. The children have been busily preparing for these meetings and really look forward to having their parents in their classroom, showing a genuine interest in their learning. Notes on how to book these appointments were sent home last week. It is an online booking system. If you need help accessing this please speak to the ladies in the office who can book a time on your behalf if required.

Annual Report to Community: The Annual Report to Community was presented at a Community meeting on Monday. It is available on the website if you would like to read it.

Riding Bikes and Bike Helmets: It is great to see so many children ride their bikes or scooters to school. These are locked in the bike shed during school hours for safety. A teacher opens the gate whilst on yard duty at the end of the day, so the bikes are not left unattended at the end of the day, however this area cannot be supervised before school. Can I encourage you to supply your child with a locking device so that no one can take the bike/scooter before the gate gets locked at approximately 9.10 am? May I also remind you that it is a legal requirement for ALL bike riders to wear a helmet whilst riding their bike? I often see children leave the area without the helmet. Please follow this up with your children, ensuring they are aware of this requirement. I have included a flyer as part of this newsletter.

South Western Victoria Regional Principal Conference: A few weeks ago Mrs Cvitkovic, Mrs O'Connor and I attended the Regional Conference held over two days. We got to hear from some world renowned educational researchers and leaders about best practice in education at the moment. We had time to reflect on our work here at Melton West PS and walked away confidently that we are doing the right work. We have continued to have a strong focus on reading this year, working towards consistency across all classrooms and most of our ongoing learning is around how people learn to read. The conference was a great opportunity to network with other Principal Class teams from schools across Victoria, share our work and hear about what they're also doing.

Social Ventures Australia Conference: Last week Mrs Cvitkovic, Mrs O'Connor and I attended a conference in Adelaide. This network is made up of schools from NSW, SA and Victoria and will give us an opportunity to compare our work with interstate schools. We were asked to present how we worked with Melton City Council to establish a very successful Playgroup. Being part of this network is a privilege and honour, as it is not a network you can ask to join. To be part of this network the school is identified as doing fantastic work across a range of areas, making a difference to the lives of children. It is a 3 year commitment and this is our final year to participate. Being part of this network has provided us with opportunities to connect with people beyond schools, to help in a range of areas, including staffing.

School Disco: Last Friday night our fantastic Parents and Friends groups hosted a school disco. It was a fun night by all accounts. I would like to put a warm thank-you forward to all the parents who volunteered their time to organise this event and attended on the evening.

Science Night: Tonight is our annual Science Night. As always the tickets went quickly and it is now full. I would like to thank the staff who will be staying back to ensure it runs smoothly. Please thank them for giving up some of their personal time if you attend on the night. These evenings can only occur with the support of our teachers and I wish to acknowledge the work they do above and beyond the teaching of your children.

Michelle Costa

Principal

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******* 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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PREP

ENROLMENT 2020

We are now taking enrolments for 2020.

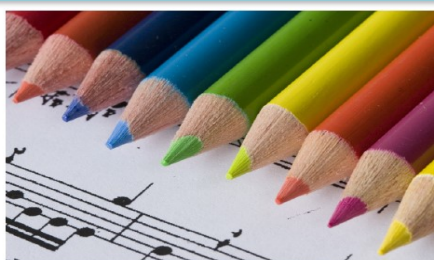
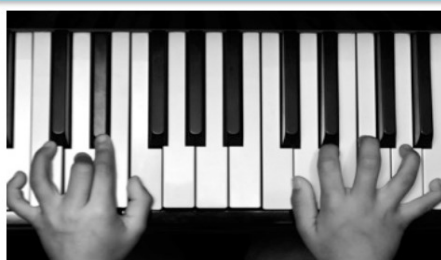
Please call at the office to collect an enrolment form if you have a child that will commence prep next year. If you wish to have a tour, please make an appointment at the office.

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.



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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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Dinka Cuisine at Melton West PS

Most of us are aware of the language of food and the origins of a 'souvlaki', 'pad thai', 'lasagna', 'wonton', 'vindaloo', 'felafel' and of course the 'hot dog'. But not many Australians have had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with...

Adiong (cous cous, spinach and beef... Yac (Cow's stomach) Casira (sagum bread) with ochre.... Dinka salad with chicken ... Acida (cornflour/sagum flour and thuo) Akop (cornflour and spinach)... Casira (w/beans)

But thanks to the wonderful generosity and good will of members of our own South Sudanese community, our staff room was graced with these traditional Dinka dishes providing a lunchtime feast on Tuesday 4 June. David G Manyok, his wife Rachiel A Geu, and her team Monique A Chol, Nyang Maker and Rachiel A Agok worked hard to prepare this wonderful array of food and welcomed critique. It was clear from the outset that each dish was prepared with much TLC, and that traditional Dinka cuisine was quite labour intensive.

Each staff member was provided with a list of the menu, and asked to rate the foods 1 (not for me) -5 (great), whilst they welcomed comments as to how they may be able to modify their cooking to respectfully integrate into the local 'taste buds'. David kindly explained the ingredients of each meal for those more inquisitive, and was very pleased at the immediate response and acceptance of the food.

I am pleased to report the ratings for each dish averaged above 4.5, and that comments reflected the gastronomical satisfaction seeking little or no addition or change to the food as presented.

For those that opted for the Yac, their curiosity was rewarded greatly and any prior wariness was allayed.

Thank you so much to our South Sudanese friends for making this possible, and David and his team invite any inquiries regarding their traditional cuisine, and information on how you can access this.

Tolley Cacavas



AFRICAN STUDENT SUMMIT 2019

Tuesday 25 June 9:30am to 2:15pm

Catholic Regional College, Melton
Auditorium, at 109-141 Bulmans Rd,
Melton West VIC 3337



"The 2019 African Summit wants to inspire and engage African Australian students in their educational pursuits and career opportunities. It will use community leaders who have been successful in the fields of art, sport, science, the law and health to build capacity and strengthen cohesion amongst the African. Australian community"

Featuring:

- Special guest speakers
- Workshops & Group activities
- Free food and Refreshments



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END OF TERM 2

Friday 28th June, 2019

School finishes @2:10pm

Please make arrangements to ensure your children are collected at this time. Extend offers casual placements for after school care. Please contact them at Extend.com.au to make a booking if you require their services.

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