

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	Fri 19th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Fri 26th	State School Spectacular Rehearsal
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	Mon 29th	Prep 100 Days of Prep Celebration—Dress Up Day
	Wed 31st	Last day for payment Year 1 Sovereign Hill Excursion No Late Payments accepted
Aug	Fri 2nd	Year 1 Sovereign Hill Excursion
	Fri 2nd	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Fri 2nd	Last Day for payment Whole School Salaka Drumming No late payment accepted
	Tues 6th	Whole School Salaka Drumming
	Wed 7th	Last Day for payment Year 4 Museum Excursion No late payment accepted.
	Fri 9th	Year 4 Melbourne Museum Excursion
	Fri 9th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Mon 12th	School Council 7pm
	Fri 16th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Fri 23rd	Whole School Book Week Parade
	Fri 23rd	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Thur 29th	Prep—Year 2 Athletics
	Fri 30th	3-6 Athletics
	Fri 30th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
Sept	Mon 16th	School Council 7:00pm
	Fri 20th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Fri 20th	Last Day of Term 3 Early dismissal 2:10pm

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Parent Opinion Survey
- New Logo
- Master Plan
- Absence Messages
- 2020 Prep Tours and Enrolments
- Staff Leaving
- Supervision



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Melton West Primary School after the recent school holidays. It was terrible weather over the break, but lovely to have some rest and relaxation time. It has been terrific seeing all the students back at school, eager to continue their learning. We have had a really settled start to the term and are looking forward to a great, yet busy, term.

**Parent Opinion Survey:** In the next few weeks, a random sample of families will receive a survey asking for their opinion about all elements of school. The survey is designed to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. We are asking anyone who receives an email or letter inviting them to participate to think about supporting us in this way so that we can get a true indication of our parent's perception. Last year we sent out surveys to over 90 families and only 32 completed it. In terms of data sampling, the results are not a true indication of the parent community as a whole. Our 35% participation rate in 2018 was an improvement from 2017 which only had a 24% participation rate. Please contact the school if you receive an invitation to participate but are finding it difficult to access a computer or understand the questions. We would be more than willing to assist you with this.

**New Logo:** During Term 2 we had our first vote about 'rebranding' the school. The results are listed below. At the May School Council Meeting, based on the results of the survey of staff, parents and students, it was decided by School Council that we would keep the Melton West PS colours of Royal Blue and Yellow, however we would change the logo.

REBRANDING SURVEY RE-	Students	Staff	Parents	Total Average
Are you in favour of a new look	Yes – 90%	Yes – 77%	Yes – 65%	Yes – 77%
Do you think we should upgrade	Yes – 87%	Yes – 88%	Yes – 61%	Yes – 79%
Do you think we should change	Yes – 85%	Yes – 33%	Yes – 47%	Yes – 55%
Would you be prepared to pay			Yes – 30%	Yes – 30%

Thank you to the 108 families who have completed the survey about the new logo design so far, either via the link on Facebook and Skoolbag or by returning the form sent home earlier this week. If you would like your thoughts to be considered, please ensure you have your vote on the samples we are using at the moment. The idea is that whichever is the most popular, the designer will work on it further to ensure it meets our needs.

**Master Plan:** For those parents who come into our school on a regular basis you will have seen the buildings are all starting to take shape, with the external walls almost complete. The gym is a magnificent building that can be seen from Coburns Road. The anticipated finishing date, at this stage, is early term 4. We are all very excited and can't wait for it to be finished.

**Absence Messages:** We continue to use the system of alerting parents via SMS if their child is not at school by 10.30 without an explanation. This is a Department of Education requirement, so that you are aware your child is not at school, especially if you think they SHOULD be. Thank-you to the parents who make a follow-up phone a call to the office, explaining their absence, or to check that they are at school. I apologise for those occasions when they are actually here, but the message has been sent. One of the reasons this occurs is if the child arrives close to 9.00 and has not collected a late pass from the office. We ask teachers to mark their rolls between 9.00 and 9.10 and send children to the office for a late pass if they arrive after 9.00. Thank you for your patience with this.

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**2020 Prep Tours and Enrolments:** Mrs O'Connor and 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 pre-schooler 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.

**Staff Leaving:** Mrs Leonie Hooke, who has been at Melton West PS since 2012 has accepted a classroom teacher position at a school closer to home. She started there this term, however came back yesterday to complete the 3-Way Conferences with her class. We wish her all the best at her new school. Miss Olga Adamou has taken over 1H. We welcome her to Melton West and are confident that she will take all the opportunities that come her way.

**Supervision:** I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that yard duty (active supervision) **commences at 8:40am and concludes at 3:20pm** on school days. Please do not drop your child off at school prior to this time, unless they are attending Breakfast Club (from 8.10am) or Rad Readers (8.30am). Once students arrive at school, they should not leave the grounds again until the end of the school day (unless other arrangements have been made). At our next school assembly we will be reminding students that they are not to leave without permission. We encourage you to also have this discussion with your children at home.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to:

- ensure that your child arrives to school safely and are in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day, and
- ensure that your child is collected from the school premises at the end of the school day, or that alternative arrangements have been made for your children

Michelle Costa

Principal

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

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you had a great school holidays with your friends and families. Can you believe that half of the year is over already!

Over the holidays, there was a lot of work done on our new buildings. They are really beginning to take shape. We are still on track for an October/November completion, maybe even earlier, and the vibe around the school is one of excitement.

This week, staff and students have been settling back into their classroom routines and getting in to the swing of learning again.

Over the next few weeks we have some year level events occurring – the Year 1's are off to Sovereign Hill and the Year 4's are going to the Museum. Please ensure signed notes and money are returned by the due date as no late payments will be accepted.

Have a great week!

Kalais and Mason



## 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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## **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.

### **Wet lëkë Melton West Primary School mēdhiēth, kōc nōŋ mithken gēēr e thukule yic ekē**

(Message from Melton West Primary School to parents who speak Dinka and their children are studying at this school).

**Acii kōc mac ajuēr ne biak de thukul nyic ke nōŋ mithii kōk ye bēn e thukulic ekee cin miēth cam ke ye bēn kene keek ebēi ken yic. Anyic ke nō ke dhal kōc ke mith ne bēi yiic, ku yen ka kōr e thukul dhol ben mith kony ago ke pioc den kuany cok ke cin guom de cōk enōŋ keek ne thukulic. Ku kōc muk ajuēr de thukul aci leu bii ye kene loi te kene mēdhiēth, ka kōc nōŋ mith ken ye pal keek bik looi.**

The school administration realizes that some children come to school without food from their homes. The school is aware that there are difficulties that may be facing some families at home and they want to find a way to support the children, but without information and contact from their parents the school cannot help them.

**Ekene ka cii Melton West primary school mat kene akutnom ye cōl South Sudanese Christian Welfare Association, ku loi ke ajuēr bii keek ya mat kene mēdhiēth, ka kōc ye mith ken ke bēn ne ye thukule yic, bii ka dhal mith ne biak de lo tuer de mith e thukulic be keek ya jamic kene kōc nōŋ mith ago mēdhiēth ka kōc nōŋ mithken thukul liēp dhol ben keek mith kony ne biak de lo tuer den de piōc tiŋ. Jam de mēdhiēth ka kōc nōŋ mithken kene ajuēr de thukul ku akutnom de SSCWA, Abe gōl ke koor ne kōc dian cit kōc kee 5-10 agut be thier wuor nom. Yen na nhia bay a ran to de kee kōc kē yiic, ke yin cōl David Gai Manyok man to ke ye ran de SSCWA ne no 0469803389 ka Tolley from Melton West primary school on 0421054848**

Melton West Primary Pchool is working in partnership with South Sudanese Christian Welfare Association and creates a parenting space for discussion in the school so that parents should allow school administration to find a way to support their children so that children continue to be success in their learning programs. Parenting communication and discussion can be in small groups 5-10 or more people. If you would like to be part of a group discussion, please call David Gai Manyok of SSCWA on 0469 803 389 or Tolley from Melton West Primary School on 0421 054 848.





\*\*\*\*\* MWP 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:

Maria Robinson ... [robinson.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:robinson.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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MELTON WEST PRIMARY PLAYGROUP'S

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE EVENT

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July

**Always a delicious way to show your support**



*Come one, come all and come hungry!!!*

149 - 169 Barries Rd, Melton

8:30am > 5:00pm



The Tuning in to Kids™ Parenting Program aims to promote the development of emotional competence and prevent behaviour problems. Provides parents with emotion coaching skills that help children learn to understand and regulate their emotions.

This program assists parents to:

- Be aware and regulate their own emotions
- Be aware of their children's emotions
- Use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Gain skills in assisting children to verbally label their emotions
- Gain skills in assisting children in problem solving
- Guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

**When:**

**Wednesdays**  
**12:30pm - 2:30pm**  
**Starting 24<sup>th</sup> July**

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>      August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**Where:**

Melton South Community Centre, 41  
Exford Rd, Melton South

**Cost: Free**

Places are limited  
Registration essential



Funded by the Australian Government  
Department of Social Services.  
Visit [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

**To register:**

Contact Greg on : 0409 608 551  
[greg.bracey@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:greg.bracey@aus.salvationarmy.org)

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