

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug	Fri 16th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Fri 23rd	Whole School Book Week Dress Up Day
	Fri 23rd	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Thurs 29th	Prep—Year 2 Athletics
	Thurs 29th	Father's Day Stall
	Fri 30th	3-6 Athletics
	Fri 30th	Father's Day Breakfast
	Fri 30th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
Sept	Tues 3rd	Payment Due MPSSA Year 5/6 Basketball No late payment accepted
	Wed 4th	Payment Due Grade 2 Melb Museum. No late payment accepted
	Wed 4th	Payment Due Student Disco. No late payment accepted
	Thurs 5th	Permission Notes due Dream Big Festival – No late forms will be accepted
	Thurs 5th	MPSSA Year 5/6 Basketball
	Fri 6th	Grade 2 excursion: Melbourne Museum
	Fri 6th	Whole School Student Disco—Prep-2: 5:00-6:30pm / Years 3-6: 7:00-8:30pm
	Mon 9th	Dream Big Festival—Koorie Club students
	Mon 16th	School Council 7:00pm
	Fri 20th	Assembly 9:00am All Welcome
	Fri 20th	HOUSE SPIRIT DAY CELEBRATION
	Fri 20th	Last Day of Term 3 Early dismissal 2:10pm
OCT	Mon 7th	Curriculum Day—No School
	Tues 8th	Students return to school for TERM 4

### Key Messages from the Principal in this

#### Newsletter:

- Welcome
- Book Week
- Curriculum Day
- New School Logo
- Building Works
- Parking in Neighbours Driveways
- State School Spectacular
- Parking

### 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.



### 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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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have almost hit the mid-point of the term already, which is crazy. Schools are such busy and vibrant places, with so much happening all the time. Our busy-ness this term is also compounded by the building works (which we are still very excited about) and the anticipation of us actually using these spaces. I personally CAN NOT wait until our assemblies can be held in our gym rain, hail or shine at the same time each AND every week.



**Welcome:** I would like to introduce you to baby Karlo, the son of Steph from the office and her husband Sime. Karlo was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10.23am weighing 3.49 kg and 49 cm long. Mum and baby are doing very well. All the best Steph and Sime as you embark on the most important job in the world – being a parent.

**Book Week:** Next week we will join in the celebration of the CBCA Book Week Celebration. The theme for this year is “**Reading is my Secret Power**”. Traditionally we have held a Book Week Parade where the children come dressed as their favourite book character. This year, however, due to the ongoing building works, causing limited outdoor space and the cold weather we have been experiencing we have decided not to have a parade. Children are still encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character on this day.

**Curriculum Day:** Each year the school can have 4 Student-Free days often referred to as Curriculum Days, where staff participate in professional learning. So far this year we have had 2, which were at the very beginning of the year before the students started school. Our next 2 are both in term 4. The next Curriculum Day will be held on the first day of Term 4 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. All staff will join 6 other Melton Schools learning about using Mentor Texts (books) effectively to teach Reading and Writing. The final one is Cup Eve November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please mark these dates in your diary.

**New School Logo:** At School Council on Monday we discussed the results of the survey we sent out about our new logo. Much discussion was around the results and which groups preferred which logo. We decided to send the Sunburst style back to the designer for further work, which includes the suggestion that instead of having one person in blue, alternating the people around the circle as blue and yellow. We are still working on the font. At our next school council meeting in September, we should be able to decide on the new logo and will then share that with the community. Please be assured, you will be able to wear any school uniform with the original logo until your child outgrows the clothing item. We do not expect you to discard any uniform that is still usable because it has the original logo.

**Building Works:** The building works is moving along at a cracking pace. We may be able to use the new student toilets next week. We have continued to reinforce the proper use of the toilets and will be closely monitoring student use. Unfortunately we continue to have some students who graffiti the toilets, so we are hoping to find out who they are and put consequences in place. The School Wide Positive Behaviours Committee are developing a matrix for students to refer to about the correct way to look after our toilets. We will share this in the upcoming newsletter when it is complete. Please talk to your children about looking after the school property and treating all areas with respect.

**Parking in Neighbours Driveways:** Please be aware that it is not okay to park in our neighbours driveways at any time, even if for a short time to drop off your child. Our neighbours need to be able to access their properties whenever they need to and some are finding it difficult to get to work on time due to cars parked in their driveway or blocking their driveway entrance. Please show them the courtesy you would expect if you lived in close proximity to a school.

**State School Spectacular:** A group of students and some staff are representing our school at the annual State School Spectacular on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. I have been before and the performance is outstanding. Tickets are available from Ticketek if you are interested in attending.

**Parking:** Please be mindful of the safety implications when parking around the school. Too many times I have witnessed or heard about near misses, including using the bin area to turn around or drop children off. I also have noticed people stop outside the front of the school, in the middle of the road, to drop a child off, then wait while they enter the door. This holds up the traffic behind them or forces them to overtake the stationary vehicle. Please remember as adults we are role models in every way to our children, who are watching and learning from us. When they see bad habits, it is often hard for them to break them when they become old enough. Please do the right thing and keep EVERYONE safe.

### High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa  
Principal

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## CBCA Book Week Celebration

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

The theme is 'Reading is my Secret Power'

The following activities have been organised for next week:

### Book Week Dress Up Day- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Come dressed up as your favourite Book Character. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed in each year level.

### Book Week Quiz - throughout the week

Running daily during recess or lunch eating time, question for P-2 and 3-6 will be announced. Students can pop their responses with their name and grade into the boxes in the library at break times. Alternatively a representative from the class can drop the entries in. I will send the quiz questions out beforehand with the answers so teachers can put the questions up in their rooms if they wish

Children have the opportunity to answer Quiz Questions about books each day at recess and lunch. There will be a new question each day. Children who want to participate can write their answer in their class and put it in the box in the library at recess or lunch. Good luck testing your general knowledge about BOOKS!

### Classroom or team display - completed by the end of the week

Classes or teams are encouraged to create a display related to the theme of Book Week or just with reading in general. They may create a wall or window display in their classroom, decorate their door, or use up some of the display board space in corridors. Keep your eyes open around the school for some creative displays.

### General Book Week Activities

A range of other Book Week activities will be part of the classroom programs throughout the week.

Hello Melton West Primary School Community,

Last week our grade 4 classes went on their Melbourne Museum Excursion. From all accounts everyone had fun and learned something new.

Peyton (4B) – It was a lot of fun. I liked looking at the tools and equipment the aboriginals used and was amazed by the 'old things' on display.

Cameron (4B) – I liked looking at the Earth's timeline. I also went inside a theatre and got a photo on a roller-coaster.

Tonson (4M) – I liked looking at the weapons the aboriginals used. It was great stepping back in time to see the history of Australia and what it was really like for the First People of Australia.

Miss Moore (4M) – What a busy and exciting day! I really enjoyed visiting the First Peoples Exhibition and learning about the story of Aboriginal Victoria.

Finally, you cannot go to the museum without seeing Phar Lap. Haris (4W) was excited to track him down.

Have a great week!

Mason and Kalais





## OLD MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Your playground equipment has just arrived in Railuli. It was offloaded in front of the original school which was torched in 1999, during Indonesia's withdrawal from Timor Leste.

The rest of the pictures were taken last week during the new school's official opening ceremonies. Here is an edited extract of Kris's email that came with the pictures, I think it says it all!

*The school is at the top of a hill after an hour of really rough driving basically over rocks for an hour. It's in a great spot with breezes and a view down over to Indonesia which is only 4km away. It feels like it is at the end of the earth - which I think is why it had been forgotten for so long.*

*The school looks fantastic - it was hard to get a good photo as they'd built a temporary palm shelter for the opening in front of it. The water (which is coming about 1.5km) is working really well and the toilets look great too.*

*The Railuli community felt very relaxed and incredibly happy to have their new school - there would have been a party late into the night after we left. There were lots of long speeches, but also some great dances from the kids and lots of lovely moments.*

*It was great to stay at the Fort for a couple of nights – it's such a beautiful atmospheric place.*

*Thanks so much for your help in getting this project done - I think it's one we should feel really proud of.*



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The last 2 weeks at ASC we have been learning all about plants for our Enrichment Program. Children took part in learning how plants grow, what they need to grow and had fun creating their own plant displays. We made Forky from Toy story which turned out fantastic, all children got involved in this and were excited to take these home to share with their families.

We have been using a lot of our recycled goods for craft and are in need of some more. If you have any recycle boxes, containers, jars, lids we would love to have them!

## What's on at Extend.

### 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

All about me activity (bee theme) and Silly bananas

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Enrichment Program – How leaves breathe (science activity) Learning about different seeds (sensory activity) and Obstacle course

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Super Mario bros craft and Pony express

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Will it float (science activity) Hot air balloon craft and Cone soccer

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Bow and arrow craft and Simpsons

### THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE WEEK IS.. LIAM.M

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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.



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