



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.
	Thurs 8th	Last Day for payment District Athletics No late payment accepted.
	Fri 9th	Year 4 Melbourne Museum Excursion
	Fri 9th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Mon 12th	District Athletics - Track events
	Mon 12th	School Council 7pm
	Tues 13th	District Athletics - Field events & 1500 m
	Tues 13th	Last Day for payment Special Lunch No late payment accepted.
	Thur 15th	Special Lunch
	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 9:00am All Welcome
	Fri 20th	Last Day of Term 3 Early dismissal 2:10pm

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

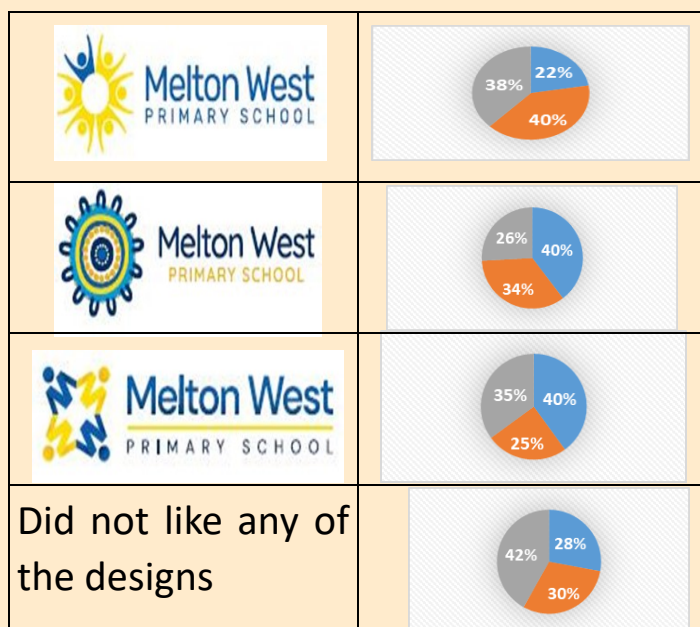
- New School Logo
- Parent Opinion Survey
- Attendance
- Playgrounds
- Courageous Principal's
- Parent Helpers
- School Values: Communication, Respect, Teamwork & Trust
- Entering Buildings Before/Afterschool
- Reading at Home

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This newsletter is on the eve of Principal Day, which is celebrated nationally on August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. It's a celebration and recognition of School Leaders across Australia, acknowledging the work they do to support students, staff and parents across a range of educational settings. I am most grateful for my Principal Class team, Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic and Mrs Jenny O'Connor, for their unwavering support and guidance. Their commitment to the school is wonderful and inspiring. The Leading Teachers and Learning Specialists, Mrs Mills, Mrs Salem, Mrs Bird, Mrs Templeton and Mr Spudvilas-Powell, are an integral part of the improvement agenda, working with the Principal Class team, supporting staff and students. On behalf of the Melton West PS Community, I would like to thank you all for your contributions, commitment and expertise.



**New School Logo Survey:** Thank you to the families who took the time to vote on the preferred Logo Design. Below are the results, with students **blue**, staff **orange** and parents **grey**. The graphs show for each design selected as the preferred one, how many students, staff and parents chose it. These results will go to School Council at our next meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> where a design will be chosen for the company to develop further.



**Parent Opinion Survey:** In the last newsletter I explained that each year a sample group of parents are randomly selected to complete a confidential survey asking parents their opinion about the school. If you were chosen you would have received an email with the link for you to click on to complete the survey. A small group of parents were called and invited to attend a session to complete it with support to overcome a potential language barrier. The completion of this data is strictly confidential however we can track the number of participants who have completed it. Currently only 12% of the surveys have been completed. If you received an email, and need help accessing it or understanding the questions we are more than happy to help. Please call the office and Ms Korrina Glen will be able to assist you.

## 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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**Attendance:** At the end of each month, we print information that outlines which children are slipping behind in their attendance. We discuss individual situations and may make an appointment for the parents to come in to discuss any issues with their AP in order to determine how we can best support you and your child to increase their attendance. The research is very clear that for children who have less than 95% attendance, which works out to be less than one day off a month, their academic progress is not as good as their peers. We want to work with families to break the cycle and will put plans in place that are achievable for all.

**Playgrounds:** All the playgrounds that were installed at the end of last year have a shade cover over them now. The last one was completed on Monday. They look fantastic!!!!

**Courageous Principals:** During last weekend, Mrs Cvitkovic, Mrs O'Connor and myself spent the weekend in the city completing an exceptional leadership program run by Deloitte, an international company, called Courageous Principals. We are very fortunate to be chosen to be part of this pilot program, the first in Australia, and will practice our learnings in our work around the school.

**Parent Helpers:** We are ALWAYS looking for parent helpers in many aspects of the school. If you arrive early at the end of the day and want to get out of the cold, your child's class or another class may appreciate you listening to 3-4 children read on a daily basis. If you have yet to complete the Parent Helpers training please book a time with Mrs Cvitkovic through the office. This will need to be done before you can help in the classroom. Another interesting piece of research is how children's learning outcomes are enhanced when their parents are actively engaged with the school, helping out in various ways. Parents and Friends are also always looking for help, so let us know if you have an hour to spare once in a while.

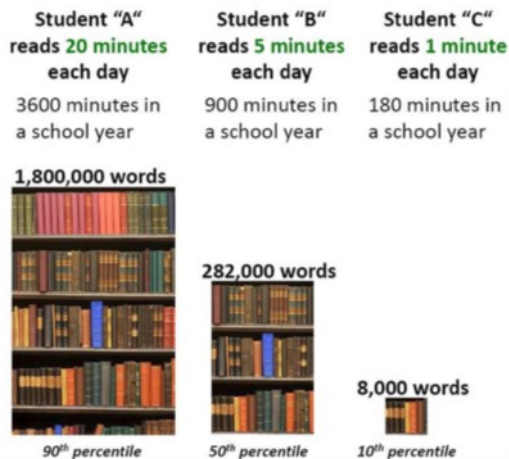
**School Values:** **Communication, Respect, Teamwork** and **Trust** are our School Values and it is important that all parts of the school community uphold these on a daily basis, with every interaction they have with others. I have included the table that explicitly outlines what the value means and how it can be demonstrated by all members of the Melton West PS Community.

MWPS Values	What does it mean?	We demonstrate this through:
<b>Communication</b>	At MWPS we communicate openly and honestly in different ways ensuring our mes-	Listening, being interested and having an open mind. Our positive body language and giving eye contact to others.
<b>Respect</b>	At MWPS we care for each other and our school by accepting and valuing each other's differences.	Listening to others when they are speaking Taking care of our property as well as others' Our positive body language Including people in all that we do.
<b>Trust</b>	At MWPS we believe in, and rely on, each other for support and honesty.	Doing what we say we will do Helping each other Doing our best Sharing our thoughts we each other.
<b>Teamwork</b>	At MWPS we work together and help each other achieve our goals.	Valuing each other's opinions Actively listening to each other's ideas Being adaptable and creative when solving problems.

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**Entering Buildings Before/Afterschool:** As you can imagine, preparation for the day ahead is critical and teachers arrive much before their expected start time to prepare. We respectfully ask that no parents or children enter classrooms prior to 8.40am and then enter ONLY if a teacher is present. We also request that parents and children stay out of buildings and corridors prior to this time, as this can cause congestion. I understand the mornings can be quite cold, but there are a number of people arriving very early. The Breakfast Club is available from 8.15 and library is open from 8.30 (accessible from outside door). Please respect us and the work we do by following these simple guidelines.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



**Reading at Home:** Home reading continues to be our whole school focus. Please take some time to absorb the information in the graphic. It points out the importance of reading at home each night, and how this has a positive impact on a child's ability to read. Research shows that children who read for 20 minutes each day at home, from Prep, will be in the top 10% of the class by year 6 and for those who only read 1 minute each day, averaged out (eg they may only read once a week for 5-7 minutes) will be in the bottom 10% of their class when they are in year 6. Please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this information and how you can support your child at home to be a successful reader.

## High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa  
Principal

Hello everyone,

Our prep students celebrated 100 days of School on Monday. The festivities began with a parade and presentation of certificates to each prep student. It was wonderful to see Mrs. Templeton, Miss Nolan, Miss Ralph, Miss Brockfield, Mr Gatt and the students step back in time by dressing up. Back in their classrooms they celebrated with a party.

Miss Higgins began as the new 6C teacher this week as a result of Mr. Cathro leaving. Welcome to Melton West PS Miss Higgins!

The State School Spectacular is getting closer. Miss Henaway and Miss Ralph continue to work hard with the girls involved to perfect their dance moves in preparation for the event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Last week they attended one of a few upcoming rehearsals for the big night.

Have a great week!

Kalais and Mason



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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.



### **\*\*\*\* 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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We have had some exciting things happening at after school care, children will be taking part in the coming weeks, with our enrichment program. This term we have decided to learn all about plants! We will be exploring how plants grow, different seasons they grow in and getting to plant some herbs and making our own pizzas with them, growing some grass heads and lots more!

Children took part in a kindness cloud activity which involved them telling someone else at after school care something they liked about them, it was fantastic to see such compliments as, you're smart, you're creative and you're friendly etc.

### **What's on at Extend. 5<sup>th</sup> of August - 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August: Spoon bugs on a branch craft and Dodgeball

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August: Winter snow globe craft and Celebrity heads

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Crazy grass head activity and Cone soccer

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August: Minecraft box craft and Fruit salad

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August: Dragonfly Q- Tip painting and What's the time Mr Wolf

THE EXTEND SUPERSTAR FOR THE WEEK IS.. Ashton Barnett  
For always going out of his way to help others and for excellent behaviour at ASC.

Enrol and book now [Extend.com.au](http://Extend.com.au)



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No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.

**Offer ends midnight (AEST) 08/08/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.**

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