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| OCT | Fri 11th | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| | Mon 14th | School Council |
| | Wed 16th | Year 3/4 Rugby Payment due. No late Payment will be accepted. |
| | Fri 18th | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| | Fri 18th | Grade 5 Ceres Excursion due. No late Payment will be accepted |
| | Fri 18th | Year 3/4 Rugby |
| | Tues 22nd | Grade 5 Ceres Excursion |
| | Fri 25th | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Teeth on Wheels Presentation |
| | Tues 29th | Year 5/6 Rugby notes due. No late payment will be accepted |
| | Wed 30th | Grade 4 CERES excursion due. No late payment accepted |
| | Thurs 31st | Year 5/6 Rugby |
| NOV | Fri 1st | Grade 4 CERES excursion |
| | Fri 1st | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| | Mon 4th | Curriculum Day—No school |
| | Tues 5th | CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| | Fri 8th | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| | Fri 15th | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| | Mon 11th | School Council |
| | Tues 19th | Prep 2020 Transition Session 1 2:15-3:00pm |
| | Fri 22nd | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| | Tues 26th | Prep 2020 Transition Session 2 2:15-3:00pm |
| | Fri 29th | Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome |
| DEC | Tues 3rd | Prep 2020 Transition Session 3 2:15-3:00pm |
| | Tues 11th | Prep 2020 Transition Session 4 9:30-10:45 am |
| | Fri 20th | Last Day of Term 4 Early dismissal 1:30pm |

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.



Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Classes for 2020
- Special requests for 2020 Class
- Assembly Term 4
- No Hat No Play
- 2020 Prep Enrolments
- Parent Opinion Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. I hope you and your family had a very relaxing break and enjoyed some quality family time. Holidays are a great way to stop and recharge so that we can return to school with an increased vigour for learning. Term 4 always proves to be a busy term, with lots of reflection on how well we achieved our school goals and vision, planning for the next year to ensure we continue to grow, develop and improve as a school. It is always a time for teachers, students and parents to marvel at the growth the students have made over the year, as they prepare the students for the next year. We deliver high quality transition programs for both our Year 6 students, who head off to secondary school, and our new preps for 2020, as they experience 'school' for the first time.

Classes for 2020: We are about to begin the process of forming new class grouping for 2020. Over the next few weeks each teacher will ask their students to choose 3-4 children they think they work well with. The process will ensure that each child gets at least one person of their choice. If you know your child will not be attending Melton West Primary School in 2020, please let us know by completing the attached slip so that we can ensure that any of your child's friends are not disadvantaged if your child is their only friend allocated to their new class. **If you are unsure at this stage, please put in the note and write "POSSIBLY". This will not mean you cannot come to Melton West PS next year, it will just give us an indication of what is possible.**

Special Requests for 2020 Class: In addition, if you have any concerns or requests about whom your child should or shouldn't be with please put these in writing before **Friday 25th October**. Any requests received after this date **WILL NOT** be able to be considered, due to the flow-on effect that any changes to classes already made has across the board. I will need to stick to this timeline quite tightly to ensure the process runs as smoothly and as efficiently as possible. Please note, requests for specific teachers will not be considered. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to this process, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment to speak with me.

Assembly Term 4: We usually have assembly in the morning during Term 1 and Term 4 due to the hot weather in the afternoons and the fact that we have had to have assemblies outside. With the near completion of the gym we have decided to keep assembly at 2.30, even when we are still holding them outside. To avoid confusion, assembly will begin at 2.30 pm throughout term 4. We love having our families be part of this weekly celebration.

No Hat No Play: We have a Sun Smart policy which outlines when hats need to be worn outside during recess and lunch and during sport events and sessions held outside. I have attached a copy with this newsletter for your information. Please ensure your child has a school approved royal blue, broad-brimmed hat, available at Lowes at Woodgrove Shopping Centre before Monday or they will be directed under a shady area by the yard duty teachers, for their protection. During Term 1 we had many children disregard the direction of the teacher to move to a shady area if they were not wearing the correct hat. This term we will make contact with the parent if your child refuses to do as directed and would appreciate if you could have a conversation about the importance of being sun safe to support us and your child by ensuring they have an appropriate hat. Please ensure they have their name clearly marked on the hat. If a child continues to refuse after contact with a parent has been made, they may need to spend their lunch break supervised inside.

2020 Prep Enrolments: 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.

Parent Opinion Survey: Thank-you to the parents who completed the yearly Parent Opinion Survey this year. Names are chosen at random by the computer and invitations are sent to these parents to complete an online survey. This year 35 parents completed it, which was a slight increase from 2018. I am very pleased to share with the school community that we have made significant improvements on last year's results in all areas except a few. School Connectedness and Non-Experience of Bullying, which decreased slightly from 2018. Please be aware we have a non-tolerance to bullying policy, and we encourage children to inform an adult if they are feeling unsafe in the yard. I think it's also important to re-iterate the Department of Education's definition of bullying so that we are all aware of what and what doesn't constitute bullying.

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The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

Student Leadership Report

Welcome back to Term 4,

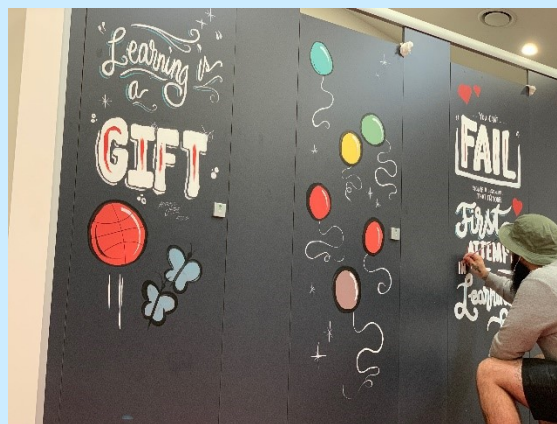
Over the holidays the new toilets were painted by a local artist named Jesse. He painted the toilet doors with inspirational quotes which were chosen by the SWPBS team and the JSC. We hope the students enjoy reading the quotes and continue to be respectful when using this new space.

The gymnasium is looking fantastic and we are ever so close to it officially be opened. Victor and his workers did an amazing job over the holidays getting so much done. A big, big thank you from all of us!

On the 22nd October the Year 5 students are going on an excursion to the Ceres Community Park whilst the Year 4 students were go on this same excursion in Week 4. The excursions connect to our Inquiry Units: Year 5 – Climate Change and Environment and Year 4 – Go Green. Please return the signed permission forms and payment by the required date.

Have a great week,

Daniel and Akur



PLANNING 2020

Please complete and return to school if your child **WILL NOT** be returning to MWPS in 2020.

At this stage, I am anticipating that my child **WILL NOT** be attending Melton West Primary School in 2020. We are transferring to (write name of school):

child/ren's Names:

Grade (2019):

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Exciting news! **Teeth on Wheels** will be returning to our school for the children's 6 monthly dental visit's.

To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your Child's consent form online by following the link below.

It only takes 5 minutes to complete and by reducing the amount of paper being used, we will be helping the team out by being more environmentally friendly.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform>

The date of the children's dental visit will be starting on **Tuesday the 12th of November 2019**, so please ensure if you didn't complete a form at the start of the year to have this completed ASAP!

If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child's dental appointment please don't hesitate to contact the **Teeth on Wheels** team on (03) 9338 1191.

Our school is lucky enough to have Australia's **ONLY** accredited mobile dentist attend every 6 months

OUCH!

Seeing the dentist every 6 months is so important for children. A recent Royal Children's Hospital study highlighted the following:

- 1 in 10 Children have had at least one decayed tooth extracted before the age of 9 years
- 1 in 3 children between the ages of 5 and 6 years have symptoms of decay in their baby teeth
- 4 in 10 children aged 12 – 14 years have decay in their permanent teeth.

Studies have confirmed that poor dental health impacts on the growth & development of the child along with chewing, swallowing, speaking and can disrupt sleep and productivity. Over time, dental decay has been linked to heart and pulmonary disease, respiratory tract infections and chronic ongoing pain.

Great news – you maybe eligible for free dental! You may not be aware but the Government supports Oral Health via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) – providing 2 years of free dental up to the value of \$1,000 per child, aged between 2 and 17 years. To be eligible you must be receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A. Complete the Teeth on Wheels consent form and our team can advise of your eligibility or contact Medicare General Enquiries direct on 132 011.

We are making the dentist even easier!

Follow the link below to complete your child's online consent form today. By filling out your consent form online you are saving yourself time and helping the Teeth on Wheels team become more environmentally friendly.

teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

Remember that consent forms only need to be filled out once per calendar year unless your details have changed.

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Community Homework Club

Calling all Koorie Kids!

Need some extra help with your homework? Check this out!

Every Tuesday

&

Thursday

during school terms

3.30 – 6.30pm

Starting Tuesday May 7th, 2019

Kirrip House

26 Exford Rd,
Melton South



Need an iPad for school? Work hard and you never know what might happen!

Show this bit to the grown up in your house!

Homework Club is not only a chance for the kids to get a hand with their learning; it is also a great opportunity to access services available to families. So, whilst your kids are hitting the books, take the opportunity to grab a cuppa and have a yarn with Auntie Charmaine, who can hook you up with assistance with school uniforms and other costs associated with sending kids to school.

It's thanks to the Salvos!

Contact: Charmaine Hamilton 0475 976 071

Children's Week

Free Family Fun Event



Celebrate National Children's Week

Arts and crafts, animal farm, sports, story time, roving performers and more! BYO picnic lunch.

Free childhood immunisations available: no bookings required.

Free child restraint fittings: bookings essential, contact jessicamc@melton.vic.gov.au

Please note children attending events must be supervised by an adult at all times.

This Children's Week activity is presented by Melton City Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Tuesday 22 October 2019

WHERE: Melton Community Hall, 232 High Street, Melton

TIME: 10:00am – 1:00pm

COST: Free

For further information:
visit.melton.vic.gov.au/events
or call 9747 7200



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