

Melton West Primary School News

OCT	Fri 25th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Performance by Prep G
	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 Performance by 6C
	Fri 1st	Deposit due: Year 6 Graduation
	Mon 4th	Curriculum Day—No school
	Tues 5th	CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Fri 8th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Fri 8th	Year 6 Immigration Journey Incursion due
	Fri 15th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome
	Mon 11th	School Council
	Tues 12th	Year 6 Immigration Journey Incursion
	Tues 12th	3/4 Basketball due. No late payment accepted
	Thurs 14th	3/4 Basketball
	Fri 15th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Performance by 1W
	Tues 19th	Prep 2020 Transition Session 1 2:15-3:00pm
	Fri 22nd	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Performance by 1V
	Fri 22nd	Final Payment due: Year 6 Graduation
	Mon 25th	Year 2 Sleepover due. No late payment accepted
	Tues 26th	Prep 2020 Transition Session 2 2:15-3:00pm
	Fri 29th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Performance by Choir
	Fri 29th/Sat 30th	Year 2 Sleepover
DEC	Tues 3rd	Prep 2020 Transition Session 3 2:15-3:00pm
	Fri 6th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Performance by Drumbeat
	Tues 10th	Prep 2020 Transition Session 4 9:30-10:45 am
	Tues 10th	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
	Tues 10th	Whole School "Step Up" Transition Day
	Wed 11th	Year 6 Graduation
	Fri 13th	Assembly 2:30pm All Welcome Captain's Tree Planting Ceremony
	Fri 20th	Assembly 1:15pm All Welcome Grade 6 Graduation song and farewell
	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.

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.



Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- New Office Admin Area
- Opening of Gym, Canteen and other Areas
- 2020 Class Structures
- 2020 Booklists
- 2020 Prep enrolments
- 2020 Classes
- Special requests for 2020 class

Dear Parents and Guardians,

New Office Admin Area: When the new admin block is opened sometime in Term 4 access to the school during school hours will only be available from Rathdowne Circuit. A security feature will be added to the entry foyer, which means that entry to the school grounds during school hours will be through a buzzed-in system through the office. Access to the school in the afternoon prior to the external gates opening will not be possible as it is far too impractical for the office staff to buzz parents through early to wait for their children in the courtyard area. The external gates will be opened from 2.55pm which will still give parents ample time to enter the grounds to wait for their children. If you need to collect your child early for a scheduled appointment, they will be asked to come to the office where you will be waiting for them.

Opening of Gym, Canteen and other Areas: We are edging closer to the opening of the buildings, with final touches to be added over the next few days. I still DO NOT have a confirmed date, however I will let our School Community know when our first assembly is due to be held in the new gym.

2020 Class Structures: Traditionally, our class structures have been based on composite classes, except for the Prep Year. In 2019 we made a decision to have all straight grades. In terms of the teaching and learning, whether children are in composite classes or straight classes, there is no difference as teachers plan for children's individual level of learning based on data and information they see in the work the children produce. In composite classes, children may work in groups with students across the year levels. In straight classes they will work with students in the one year level, who are at their level of learning. In terms of the work the children are engaged in, it would be the same no matter whether they are in a straight class or a composite class. In composite classes, we rarely say Year 3 students do this and Year 4 students do that. The only exception is for preparation for Year 6 events or the organisational requirements for NAPLAN. The decision to operate as composites or straight grades is purely based on the number of students at each level and whether there is an even spread across the classes. In 2020 we are anticipating a mix of numbers across the year levels so will be forming classes based on this. It looks as though we will have Year Preps, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 operating as straight grades and will have the Years 1 and 2 as composite 1/2 classes. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

2020 Booklists: At our recent School Council meeting, we had a discussion around the cost of booklists for 2020. You will shortly receive your child's booklist for next year, which outlines the equipment your child will need. In the recent past, we have been able to offer Health Care Card and Pension Card holders the booklist at no cost, as our funding structure supported this. However we are finding the costs associated with running the school ever increasing so we are asking these families to pay half the cost. I believe we continue to be the school that can offer the lower cost for the booklist in the area, yet still able to provide a high quality education. Please note we require payment by the **12th November 2019**.

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. Please ask your friend to check at the office if they are unsure as to whether they fit within our area.

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 children 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.

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

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Student Leadership Report

Hello Melton West Community,

Welcome to Week 3. Some of our happenings from this week include an excursion to CERES Environmental Park and a Year 3/4 Rugby event against some of the other local schools.

We spoke to Joel, Mordecai, Bailey and Willis from 4M about the rugby. They told us they finished 4th, winning one of their games against Melton South and tying with Arnold's Creek. A total of 10 students attended, with Miss Henaway and Janet (parent of Emma 4M) cheering them on from the sideline. It was a fun event with a lot of sportsmanship, teamwork and communication on display.

We have been told the new gym will be functional very soon. The gym floor has had its final coats of varnish and we can't wait to finally use it. Miss Moore is really excited because there is a netball court as well.

Coming up the Year 4's are also going to CERES and the Year 6's are having an incursion about Immigration.

Have a great week,

Daniel and Akur



The last couple of weeks at ASC we have been enjoying lots of time outside on the playgrounds and playing games outside such as the "floor is lava" Our Enrichment Program this term is learning all about Aboriginal culture. Children will participate in learning about traditional games, learning about different clans, learning the meaning behind different symbols and creating some traditional art and craft.

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!

We have a Sun Smart Policy which outlines when hats need to worn outside during play. This requires children to have a hat during Term 4 and Term 1 next year.

Please ensure your child brings a spare hat to After School Care if you do not want them taking their school hat from the classroom. We have a spare hat tub located in the OSHC room that hats can be left in.

What's on at Extend: 28th October- 1st October

Monday 28th October: Halloween Witch house Craft + Monster Freeze

Tuesday 29th October: Enrichment Program – Traditional Aboriginal Dance and Games

Wednesday 30th October: Halloween Frankenstein Craft + Halloween Guess Who Game

Thursday 31st October: Halloween Tic Tac Toe Craft + Wrap The Mummy Game

Friday 1st November: Monster Craft + Heads Down Thumbs Up

Enrol and book now: Extend.com.au

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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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Creations Studio of Dance is running free dance classes for all ages and experience levels to come and have fun! We are also having many of our talented students perform and a raffle! All attendees of the event are also entitled to 1 free trail lesson per class at our studio! We believe this is a great opportunity not only to get kids active but to bring the community together!

Date: Sunday 27th Oct

Time: 11:15am - 4pm (During this time we will be running a variety of class and performances)

**Address: Melton Amphitheatre Palmerston Street, Melton 3337
(Behind Visitors Information Centre 323 High Street Melton)**

Creations Studio Of Dance

Address: 2/39 Eucumbene Drive, Ravenhall.

Website: <https://www.dancestudiomelbourne.com.au>

To book a trial at the studio please contact us on 0448 013 707 or email creationssod@gmail.com

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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