

Dec	Fri 20th	Assembly 1:15pm All Welcome Grade 6 Graduation song and farewell
	Fri 20th	Last Day of Term 4 Early dismissal 1:30pm
Jan	Thurs 30th	First Day of School 2020 8:50am

Key Messages from the Principal
in this Newsletter:

- Farewelling 2019 Staff
- Tears 2020
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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.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'd also like to thank the families who have worked with us over the year to ensure your child received the best education possible. By working together and sharing the same message we are able to achieve great things. Communication and Trust are two of our school values that help with this. By trusting that we have your child's best interest in mind and by keeping the lines of communication open, any situation can be worked through and sorted with a positive outcome for all. This may mean that your child receives a consequence for their behaviour, and may seem like the outcome is not positive for them due to the consequence, however it is the learning about how every action has consequences and that it's never ok to bully or hurt people no matter how upset, disappointed or angry you are. The positive outcome may be that they start to use the strategies we teach them to de-escalate and are more able to self-regulate their emotions. The greatest difference we make with children at the fastest rate is when parents and teachers work in tandem. We look forward to continuing the work with you and your children in 2020.

Farewelling Staff for 2019: At this time of year we always need to farewell staff for various reasons.

- On the top of the list is **Mrs Margaret Campbell**. Mrs Campbell is retiring after 10 years at Melton West supporting students and families in too many ways to mention. She has been instrumental in ensuring students are looked after in a wellbeing sense, which enables them to be 'ready to learn' when they enter the classroom. She has taken on many varied roles over the years and has personally been a great support to me and my leadership team.

All the best Margaret as you embark on the life of a retiree where there are no more bells. Enjoy the travel you are freed up to do now!

Ms Sarah Nolan has accepted a job at another school for 2020 which offers her an ongoing position within the Department of Education ensuring greater security for her future.

Ms Emma Keyes is heading to Queensland to be closer to family.

I wish to thank both these teachers for their fabulous contribution to the Melton West PS community. Both have been instrumental in ensuring the children they taught over the years benefited from a great classroom program.

Mrs Limin Huang, our Chinese LOTE teacher, is moving to NSW to fulfil her visa requirements. As the inaugural teacher of Chinese she has delivered a rich program for the students which had a strong emphasis on culture as well as the language.

Ms YoYo Leung, one of our Speech Pathologists, is moving to the other side of the city to find work in her field. She has done an amazing job this year supporting many students and families as well as teachers to support students in their class.

And finally, **Mrs Cherrie Taverner**, one of our experienced ES staff members is moving to another school in the area due to our dwindling numbers of students who need additional support. Cherrie has shown care and compassion to the students she works with and has been a great support to the teachers she works with as well.

We wish all these staff members the best as they venture into the next phase of their careers.

Teachers for 2020: New staff to join us in 2020 include 4 classroom teachers. **Ms Maddison Nicholls**, **Ms Zeinab Mehrez**, **Ms Liberty Lockwood** and **Ms Jess Fichera**. Jess and Liberty were part of our school during the year as 4th year student teachers. They loved the children and the school so much they were keen to join us as first year teachers. All of these new teachers have spent some time at the school over the past few weeks and met their class as part of "Meet the Teacher" this morning. If you see them around the school, please make them feel welcome as they are very excited to be part of our vibrant school community. We are currently in the process of interviewing a replacement LOTE teacher for 2020 and I should have some news about this in the first newsletter next year.

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In 2020 we welcome back a few teachers returning from family leave. **Mrs Sarah Barnes** and **Ms Keili Burns** will begin in term 1 taking on some of the specialist classes. **Mrs Liz Cassar** and **Mrs Klaudia Jellis** will return in term 2, taking on various support roles. All will be part-time as they balance the very important work-life (family) time. We look forward to welcoming them back to Melton West PS

Meet the Teacher: Your child met their teacher today in the classroom they will be in in 2020. They were also given a slip of paper that can be kept on the fridge for the first day next year, which is **Thursday 30th January** for all students, including our Preps. I have included a list of teachers and the classes they are teaching for your

2020 Class	2020 Teacher	Room number
Prep S	Lyndon Smith	11
Prep R	Sarah Ralph	12
Prep J	Joanne Briffa	13
Prep B	Kristy Brockfield	14
1/2S	Nicole Spiteri	1
1/2A	Olga Adamou	2
1/2V	Jacinta Vassallo	3
1/2W	Charlene Waldron	4
1/2M	Zeinab Mehrez	21
1/2D	Jenna Davies	22
1/2G	Laurence Gatt	20
3A	Aira Agarano	17
3W	Kylie Walters	18
3C	Georgia Cobbledick	19
4L	Liberty Lockwood	7
4W	Nichole White	23
4M	Vanessa Moore	5
4S	Tina Stamoulis	6
5B	Ryan Bird	24
5F	Jess Fichera	25
5S	Jayden Spudvilas-Powell	26
6D	Liza Dearing	8
6S	Brooke Slopak	10
6N	Maddison Nicholls	9
Science	Natasha Devine, Keili Burns, Sarah Barnes	OL2
GRIN	Neil Armstrong	
Prep Art & Music	Jessica Pfister	Art Room/Music Room
2 Art/Prep PE	Lesley Condon	Gym/Art Room
3-6 Art	Sally Shoebridge	Art Room
1-6 PE	Deena Henaway	Gym
P-6 Chinese	To be confirmed	OL1

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Assembly: Our final assembly will be held in the gym from 1.15 tomorrow. What a blessing that the gym is complete given the weather forecast tomorrow. No doubt it will still be quite warm in there if the temperature reaches the mid-30 by 1.00pm, however we will be shaded from the sun and wind. This final assembly is an opportunity to farewell staff who are leaving us as well as our Year 6 cohort who will perform the song they sang at their Graduation last Wednesday night.

Merry Christmas
Michelle Costa
Principal

Hello Melton West Community,

This is it, the 2019 school year has come to an end!

On Tuesday, our Year 6's spent the day at Adventure Park as a celebration of their 7 years at Primary School. It was a great day with lots of fun and laughs. The weather was perfect for water slides and water play. Each other year level enjoyed their end-of-year class parties with the Preps having a Teddy Bear Picnic on Monday.

Miss Moore and her class 4M delivered all the gifts to Woodgrove and placed them under the Wishing Tree at Kmart. We thank everyone who donated a gold coin to purchase these gifts which will put a smile on a less fortunate child's face this Christmas. Everyone deserves to get a small present of some kind.

As this is our last newsletter, we would like to reflect on our time as vice-captains. Being a vice-captain comes with many roles and responsibilities. It gave us student voice, and we worked together with other students and the teachers to make improvements to the way things are done at our school. We offered ideas and strategies to ensure Melton West Primary School continued to be a great school. We encourage all younger students to try out for JSC, eSmart and captain positions. It was a great learning experience and has prepared us for our futures.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Akur and Daniel (2019 Vice-captains)



No lunch orders

Friday 20th December.

School finishes @ 1:30pm

There will be counter sales at recess.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2020

STAY ACTIVE, GET CREATIVE, DANCE AND MORE WITH US THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Melton City Council's Community Activity & Learning Centres are celebrating summer with a variety of free and low cost activities across the municipality throughout the January 2020 school holidays.

BOOK YOUR SPACE VIA OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US FOR ASSISTANCE.

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ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME & COST
THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2020			
School Holiday Scavenger Hunt	Explore Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre while searching for clues, tackling challenges and solving riddles.	Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill	Free 11am – 3pm (drop in any time)
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020			
Hip Hop Workshop for Kids	Learn hip hop dance moves and put it all together to family friendly catchy beats. Suitable for children aged 8-12 years.	Banchory Community Centre 17 Banchory Ave, Hillside	Free 11am – 12pm



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