

Dec	Fri 6th	Assembly 2:20pm 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 2:20pm All Welcome 2019 Captain's Tree Planting Ceremony
	Tues 17th	Year 6 Adventure Park—9:00am-4:00pm
	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

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- Ms Santucci's Baby
- Classes for 2020
- Assembly
- Parent Club Fundraising
- Graduation
- Supervision

MWPS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please return raffle books to the office by Wednesday 11th December.

Raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December during assembly.

TICKETS: \$1.00

More books are available at the office.



Melton West Primary School is a Child Safe School

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.



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,

We are quickly coming to the end of year, with lots happening including Step-Up Day. Step-Up Day will be on Tuesday 10th of December and is an opportunity for students to spend a day transitioning to their new year level for the day. They will experience what it is like with a new group of students and hear about the year ahead. The allocation of teachers to classes has yet to be made, although we are acutely aware that this time of year, with change and uncertainty it can be difficult for some children and their families. We are aware of these individuals and as soon as teachers are allocated to a class, we will start an additional transition process for these children. All other children will get to meet their teacher on Thursday 19th December from 9.30 am – 11 am. Your child should receive a note on that day outlining their teacher's name and the classroom they will be in. All children resume school in 2020 on Thursday 30th January 2020.

Ms Santucci's Baby: Ms Santucci and her husband have announced the safe arrival of their son Emanuel Mario Abela who was born on 27/11/2019 (which is actually my birthday) at 12.19am. She reports that everyone is well and doing great and mum and dad are very happy and relieved to share this news. Congratulations Ms Santucci.



Classes for 2020: In 2020 we will combine our Year 1 and Year 2 classes together to make 7 Year 1/2 composite classes due to the numbers of students in each year level. If we were to continue with Grade 1s and Grade 2s separate next year, the size of one group would be quite large (approx. 26 - 27 in each class) and the other quite low (approx. 20 - 21 in each class). Our specialist subjects in 2020 will also vary slightly. All classes will have PE, Art and Science. I am planning to have only Years 1 – 6 continue learning Chinese as part of the Language Other than English, however this needs to be discussed at School Council next week. If this is agreed upon the Prep students will be having Music classes.

Assembly: It was fantastic to finally hold our first assembly in the gym last Friday. The choir performed beautifully and the sound was amazing. Prep B showcased some new art smocks that Adelaide's mum made for the school. These will stay in the new Art Room, which will be operational from 2020 and be used regularly by students in years Prep – 2. They are bright and colourful and I wish to thank Liz Burnet – Adelaide's mum, for making these for our school. It was a great experience for all. There are plenty of chairs available for parents to be part of this weekly event – a celebration of learning and life at school so please join us. Assembly will be held from 2.20 each Friday afternoon RAIN, HAIL or SHINE – Yippee!!!!.

Parent Club Fundraising: Our dedicated group of mums and dad have worked tirelessly over the year to provide many fundraising opportunities for the students. The sausage sizzle, which is held each term, is very popular with the children and a great way to make some money for the school. Yesterday they held the Christmas Stall which was a huge success. If you have any spare time, please consider volunteering to help out next year. They have a great system where small working parties are set up for each activity, which ensures the workload is spread. If you can only help on the actual day that is fine as well.

Graduation: Plans for our Year 6 Graduation celebrations are well underway. The program consists of our Year 6 students joining staff for dinner, then parents coming later for the awards presentation. Each year, our students make us feel very proud on how they present themselves and behave on this special evening. We look forward to celebrating with them.

Supervision: I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that yard duty (active supervision) **commences at 8:40am and concludes at 3:20pm** on school days. Please do not drop your child off at school prior to this time unless they are attending Breakfast Club from 8.15 am, or Rad Readers in the library from 8.30 am

Once students arrive at school, they should not leave the grounds again until the end of the school day (unless other arrangements have been made). At our next school assembly we will be reminding students that they are not to leave without permission. We encourage you to also have this discussion with your children at home.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to:

1. ensure that your child arrives to school safely and are in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day, and
2. ensure that your child is collected from the school premises at the end of the school day, or that alternative arrangements have been made for your children

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

It is the mission of Melton West PS to work collaboratively to ensure high levels of learning for all.

Hello Melton West Community,

Next Tuesday is a very exciting time for all students. It is 'Step-up Day' and a sign that 2019 is nearly over. Our Year 6's will spend the day at their Secondary Schools and our 2020 preps will spend a few hours at school whilst everyone else moves up a level. This is important to help everyone have a smooth transition to this new stage of their life.

Last week we held our first ever assembly in the new gymnasium. The new gym is equipped with a fantastic sound system which includes a cordless microphone and two massive Bluetooth speakers. No matter how softly spoken the speaker is, they will still be heard. Miss Henaway has held some of her P.E lessons in the gym this week and the students have been very happy with our new learning space.

Next week also sees our Year 6's attending their Graduation to celebrate the end of their primary school years. This ticketed event will be held at TabCorp Park on Wednesday evening. We wish them well.

Akur and Daniel



Next week is all about Christmas! The next two weeks at After School Care children will be participating in some Christmas art and craft and some special Christmas cooking to take home and share with family over the Christmas break.

What's on at Extend: 9th December - 13th December

Monday 9th December: Snowflake Tree Ornament Craft + Guess my Christmas Drawing
Tuesday 10th December: Snowman Christmas Tree Ornament Craft + Dodgeball
Wednesday 11th December: Clothes Peg Reindeer Craft + Charades
Thursday 12th December: Christmas Tree Painting + Simpsons
Friday 13th December: Reindeer Headband Craft + Knock Out

16th December - 20th December

Monday 16th December: Snowman Craft + Christmas Tic Tac Toe
Tuesday 17th December: Santa Craft + Christmas Snowman Bowling
Wednesday 18th December: Lollipop Photo Christmas Ornament Craft + Christmas Races
Thursday 19th December: Christmas Cookie Decorating + Put the Nose on the Snowman
Friday 20th December: End Of Year Party and Games

Enrol and book now: [Extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)



Melton West
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENTS

INQUIRY SHOWCASE

Monday the 16th Of December
at 2:05PM

In your child's classroom

**Come and see what your child has
created during Inquiry this term.**