



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY	Friday 14th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Friday 14th	5/6 swimming payment due. No late payment will be accepted
	Monday 17th-Fri 21st	5/6 Swimming week
	Wednesday 19th	NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS
	Thursday 20th	Payment due: Year 3&4 swimming No late payment will be accepted.
	Friday 21st	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Friday 21st	Summer Sports (Round 1) Selected students year 5/6
	Mon 24th-Fri 28th	Year 3&4 swimming week
	Tuesday 25th	District Swimming
	Wednesday 26th	NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS
	Wednesday 26th	Payment due: 1/2 swimming No late payment will be accepted.
	Friday 28th	Summer Sports (Round 2) Selected students year 5/6
	Friday 28th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
MARCH	Mon 2nd-Fri 6th	1/2 swimming
	Friday 6th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Friday 6th	Summer Sports (Round 3) Selected students year 5/6
	Monday 9th	LABOUR DAY– NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 10th	Divisional Swimming—selected students
	Thursday 12th	Payment due: Prep swimming No late payment will be accepted.
	Friday 13th	Ride to School Day
	Friday 13th March	Lightning Premiership– Selected students year 5/6
	Friday 13th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Mon 16th– Fri 20th	Prep swimming week
	Thursday 19th	School Photos
	Friday 20th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Mon 23rd	Inquiry Showcase
	Friday 27th	Assembly 9am All Welcome
	Friday 27th	END OF TERM 1 SCHOOL FINISHES @2:10pm
APRIL	Tuesday 14th	TERM 2 BEGINS

Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- School values
- Communication
- Child Safety Standards
- Mobile Phone Policy 2020
- Meet the Teacher Interviews
- Whole School Focus on Reading
- Attendance
- Swimming Program

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was very exciting to see the Melton West PS Playgroup start-up again this year. It's a great opportunity for parents, with their pre-school children, to come to socialise with other parents and young children. It also helps the young children feel comfortable in the school environment. The sessions operate on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00 – 11.00. If you would like to come just ask the office for details and remember that families who do not attend Melton West PS are also welcome.

School Values: I thought it was important to remind our community of our **School Values** and how they are reflected in the behavioural expectations of all. The following table outlines our values of **Communication, Respect, Teamwork** and **Trust** and includes a definition of what each value means and how we all, staff, parents and students, should demonstrate it:

MWPS Values	What does it mean?	We demonstrate this through:
Communication	At MWPS we communicate openly and honestly in different ways ensuring our message is understood.	Listening, being interested and having an open mind. Our positive body language and giving eye contact to others.
Respect	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.
Trust	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 with each other.
Teamwork	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.

Communication is key to developing successful relationships and we are very keen to ensure we keep the lines of communication open at all times. If you have a question or concern that you'd like to talk to your child's teacher about, it is best to make an appointment with them. Staff meeting nights are Tuesday and Wednesday so all staff have a commitment on these nights. Please also be aware that from 8.50 am in the morning staff need to be attentive to the children as they enter the room, so that is not a good time. Making an appointment ensures everyone is tuned into the issue at hand and can give it their full attention.

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Child Safety Standards: At Melton West Primary School, we are committed to acting in the best interests of our students and keeping them safe from harm. The School regards its child protection responsibilities as being of the utmost importance. This means that in practice we are focussed on providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection legislation and regulations; and to maintaining a child safe culture.

The following principles underpin our commitment to child safety at Melton West Primary School:

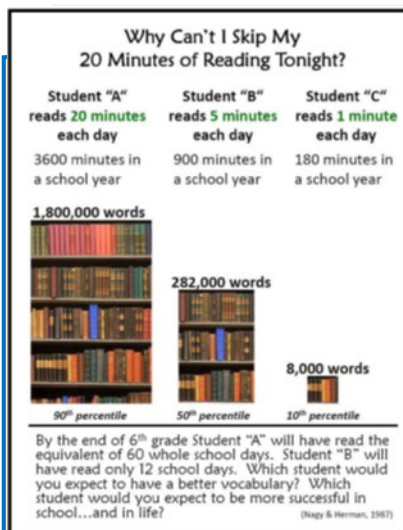
- All students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- Our school works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that they are engaged in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on child safety and protection.
- All students have the right to a thorough and systematic education in all aspects of personal safety, in partnership with their parents/guardians/caregivers.
- All adults in our school, including teaching and non-teaching staff, volunteers and contractors as well as the broader school community have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.
- The policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of students are based on honest, respectful and trusting relationships between adults and children and young people.
- Policies and practices demonstrate compliance with legislative requirements and cooperation with governments, the police and human services agencies.
- All persons involved in situations where harm is suspected or disclosed must be treated with sensitivity, dignity and respect.
- Staff, volunteers, contractors, parents/guardians and students should feel free to raise concerns about child safety, knowing these will be taken seriously by school leadership.
- Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or pastorally.

Melton West Primary School is committed to the continuous improvement of our Child Safe Program. The Program is regularly reviewed for overall effectiveness and to ensure compliance with all child protection related laws, regulations and standards. Our Child Safe Policy is available from the office and on our website. Please make an appointment to speak to a member of the Principal Class Team if you have any concerns about a child's safety.

Mobile Phone Policy 2020: As you may be aware, the Minister of Education announced last year that from 2020 mobile phones are banned from being used in schools. I have included the current policy with this newsletter, which is also available on the School Website. The guidelines say that the phones should be securely stored if brought to school, and the office area can ensure they are safe. If you have any concerns or believe your child needs to be granted an exemption please make an appointment at the office to discuss this with me.

Meet the Teacher Interviews: On Wednesday 19th February we invite all parents and carers to a "Getting to Know My Child" Parent-Teacher Interview. This is an opportunity for you to talk to the teachers about your child so that they can best meet the needs of your child. Please take the opportunity to attend, even if it's just to introduce yourself.

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Whole School Focus on Reading: Each year I like to share with the School Community the importance of reading at home with your child. An interesting fact about the amount of time children read outside of school makes a huge difference to their reading over time. I have included a visual representation that outlines the more children read at home, the more exposure they get to new words, which helps them with their overall learning by developing an extensive vocabulary.

Attendance: As we are aware, children need to be at school all day every day for them to reach their full potential. We are continuing our major focus on attendance this year with a specific focus on late arrivals and early leavers. There are often important messages disseminated in the classroom at the start and end of the day and it can be very unsettling for

students to miss these. It can also be very hard for children to enter a classroom when all children are settled and working, worried that they will become the centre of attention as children watch them enter. Please ensure children are here before 8.50 and make appointments for children to attend after 3.05 wherever possible. An automated message gets sent to all parents whose children have not attended school and we have not been notified by 10.30 am. Please ensure your contact details are kept up to date by contacting the office. If your child arrives AFTER 9.00 am, they will need to collect a late pass from the office. Staff will make contact with you if your child is absent and we have not been informed. Please be patient with us if you get multiple phone calls. We care about your children and want them at school.

Swimming Program: This term, all students have the opportunity to participate in our annual swimming program. Notes went home this week and payments are being collected at the moment. Please take this opportunity to send your child to swimming lessons at the local Melton Waves Swimming Pool. We received constructive feedback about the program last year and have worked very closely with the pool to improve their service and the experience for the children. If you attend any of the lessons and have any feedback, positive or negative, I would be most interested in hearing it, so we can ensure we give our children the most fantastic swimming program they deserve.

MWPS - High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

Hello and welcome to the 2020 school year,

It has been a busy, but enjoyable, start to the year. The preps seem to be settling in, as do the other new students to our school.

Each class has been 'Learning to Learn'. This is a set of lessons whereby we set the scene for a great year. We focus on what our school values look like, sound like and feel like. We develop classroom agreements and unpack the expectations for behaviours and learning in our classrooms and school. This week our 2020 JSC, eSmart and house captains were selected and they will be presented to the school community at assembly on Friday.

We look forward to being your school captains in 2020.

Have a great week!

Nyawath and Luatangi



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What's on at Extend.

17th February - 21st February



Monday 17th February: All about me activity + Markers Up

Tuesday 18th February: Enrichment Program – Water Bag Science, Why does no water leak if it's pierced with pencils? + Playground games

Wednesday 19th February: Minecraft creations + Knock Out

Thursday 20th February: Yarn bracelet knitting + What's the time Mr Wolf

Friday 21st February: Monkey Craft + Bean Bag Toss

24th February - 28th February

Monday 24th February: STEM - Building with marshmallow and tooth picks + Farmer Sam

Tuesday 25th February: Flying bat craft + Dodgeball

Wednesday 26th February: Enrichment Program – Coke and Mentos Experiment + Simpsons

Thursday 27th February: Popsicle stick superhero craft + Iceberg

Friday 28th February: Kinetic sand sensory tub creations + Fruit Salad

Enrol and book now: Extend.com.au

***** Melton West Primary PLAYGROUP *****

Welcoming All Families to our Playgroup sessions!

We are located in the After School Care room on

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 8:50am – 11.00am.

Our playgroup is open to families and friends of our school and local community.

2020 SESSIONS BEGIN ON TUESDAY 11th FEB.



For any inquiries or further information, please contact:

Maria Robinson – Playgroup Facilitator: robinson.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Or phone our school on: (03) 9743 5818

Date May 2019	MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY
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NOTE: On 26 June 2019 the Minister for Education announced mobile phones will be banned for all student at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020, with some exceptions. Our Mobile Device Policy will be updated when this new policy comes into effect in Term 1 next year.

1. PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Melton West Primary School's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal mobile devices by students, at school or during school activities.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Melton West Primary School and,
2. All personal mobile devices that have not been approved by Melton West Primary School and/or classroom teacher for the purpose of carrying out and engaging in the teaching and learning of the curriculum.

Personal mobile devices are portable computing and communication devices such as smartphones, and smart watches.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

Melton West Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile device to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

- During school hours, personal mobile devices must be switched off, and locked securely in the school office. Phones are to be handed in to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.
- Students **are not** permitted to access their personal mobile devices during lunchtime or recess, unless they have sought and been granted an exemption to this Policy by the Principal.
- If students are found to have devices in their possession these will be confiscated and stored securely at the school office. Students can pick the device up at the office at the end of the school day.

Personal mobile devices must not be used:

- during class or assemblies or in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets,

Students who use their personal mobile device inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and/or *Bullying* policies.

Students are responsible for their personal mobile device. Please note that the Melton West Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including personal mobile devices that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their personal mobile device on overnight school camps or excursions. Melton West Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including personal mobile device.

Supporting Documents and references

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)
- [School Policy and Advisory Guide: Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on May 2019 and is scheduled for review in February, 2020

Date Reviewed: (School Council Endorsement)	
Date of Last Review	May 2019
Next Review Due Date	February 2020
Responsible for Review	Assistant Principal
Frequency of Review	3 year review cycle
References	Victorian Government Schools Policy Advisory Guide

Parenting Information



parenting
in a new culture

Parenting in a New Culture program

2 hours each week
for 6 weeks

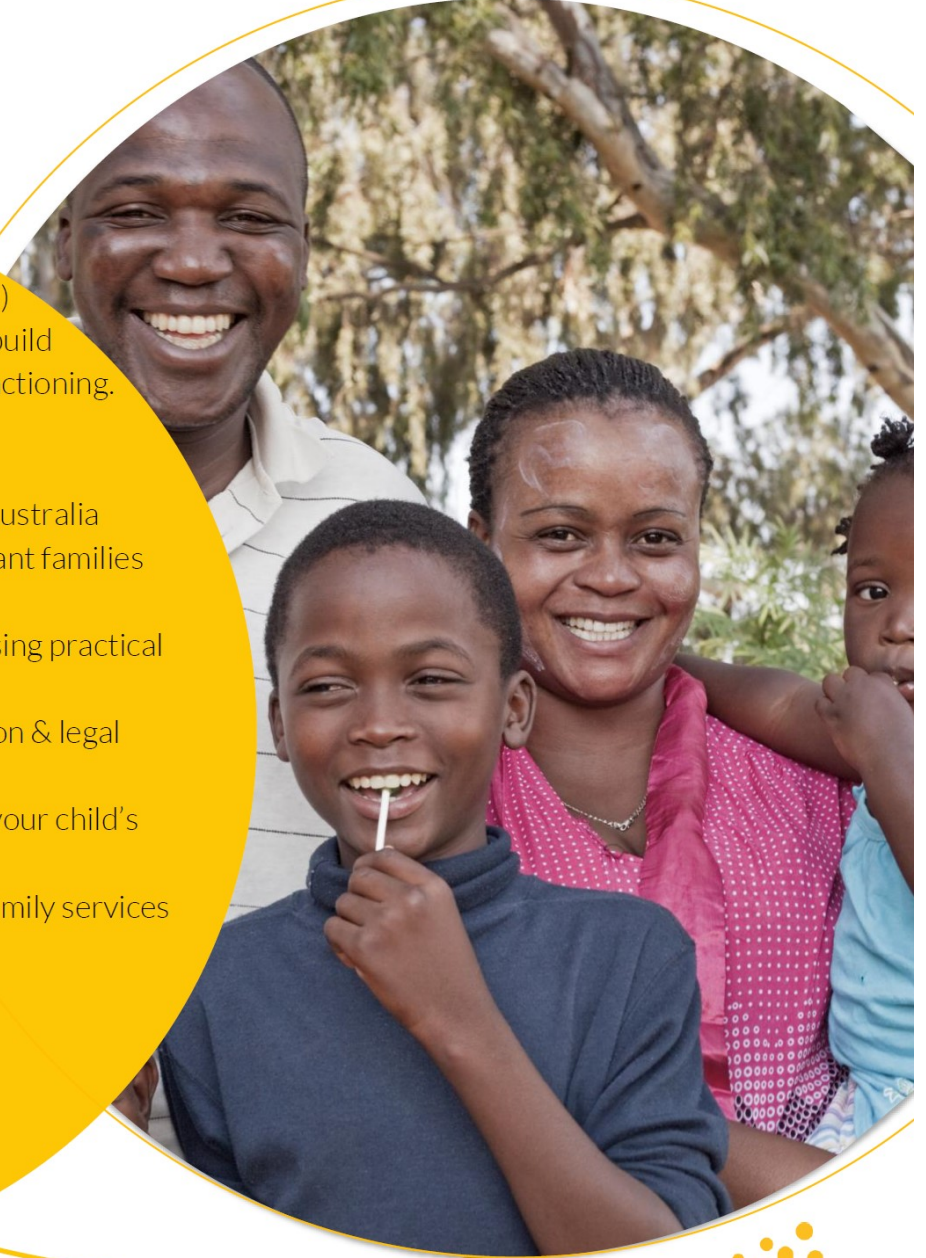
The Parenting in a New Culture (PINC) program helps newly arrived families build parenting skills and improve family functioning.

You will:

- Help your children THRIVE in Australia
- Discuss the challenges for migrant families and children in Australia
- Develop parenting strategies using practical tools
- Learn about Australia's education & legal systems
- Discuss the different stages of your child's development
- Learn about and access other family services

Included:

- All course materials
- Child-minding
- Light meal provided
- Family excursion included!



Call to book your course

☎ Irene Brown - 0417 529 195

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Salvation Army Social Housing and Support Network



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Koori Kids

Homework Club

Need some extra help with your homework?

We can help you make a Homework Plan for the week, then give you a hand when you need it.

If you need some extra Tutoring , we can provide that too

After school
snacks
and a
yummy dinner

Every
Tuesday &
Thursday
During school
terms
Prep to Uni

Homework Club is an opportunity for kids to get a hand with their learning in a Culturally safe and relaxed space. It is also a great opportunity to access services available for families.

Join the kids in a tasty meal! Or just take the opportunity to grab a cuppa and have a yarn & exchange ideas with other parent/carers .

Contact Nurture Aunt, Charmaine -0475 976 071

Kirrip House
26 Exford Rd
Melton South
Drop in any time
between 3:30-
6:30pm



It's ALL FREE ,
thanks to the
Salvo's



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MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

2020

To order: * Please write your child's name, grade and order clearly on a lunch bag

* Icy poles can be ordered in a lunch order, your child will need to bring their lunch bag to the canteen at the start of lunch to collect icy pole.

SANDWICHES-Wholemeal Bread	
NOTE: White bread available on request	
★ Ham/Tuna/chicken & salad	\$5.00
★ chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
★ Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
★ Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
★ Cheese & Vegemite	\$2.50
★ Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
★ Vegemite	\$2.00
★ Cheese	\$2.00
★ Chicken	\$3.50
★ Ham	\$3.00
★ Salad	\$3.50
Or instead of a sandwich you can have	
Roll Extra	.50c
Wrap Extra	.50c
SALADS TUBS	
★ Salads include - Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese and bread slice	
★ Plain (no meat)	\$4.50
★ With Ham or Tuna	\$5.00
★ With Roast Chicken	\$5.50
DRINKS & FROZEN TREATS	
★ Water	\$2.00
★ Milk (chocolate & Strawberry)	\$2.20
★ Just Juice: Orange, Apple, Tropical, Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.20
★ Quench: Blue Heaven, Apple & Raspberry, Lemonade	\$2.20
★ Slushie	\$2.00
★ Frozen Fruit Cup	\$1.00
★ Frozen Yoghurt cup	\$2.00
★ Paddle pop(Chocolate, Rainbow)	\$1.80
★ Icy Twist (Lemonade)	\$1.50
★ Mini Calippos (Raspberry)	\$1.50
★ Zing , TNT Icy Pole	\$1.20
★ Frozen Pineapple	.50c
★ Frozen Orange Quarter	.50c
EXTRAS	
Paper bag	.20c
sauce portion	.30c
★ GREEN - Everyday foods	
★ ORANGE - select carefully foods	
HOT FOOD	
★ Lasagne	\$4.50
★ Spaghetti Bolognese	\$4.50
★ Beef burger (oven baked)	\$4.50
★ Chicken burger (oven baked)	\$4.50
★ Sweet Chilli Chicken wrap (oven baked)	\$4.00
★ Chicken Chippie Wrap (oven baked)	\$4.00
★ Dim Sims (steamed)	\$1.00
★ Corn Cob	\$1.00
★ Hot Chicken roll (roasted chicken)	\$4.50
★ Wedges with sour cream (oven baked)	\$4.50
★ Sausage Roll	\$3.50
★ Noodle Cup Chicken/Beef	\$3.00
★ Pizza Hawaiian or margarita	\$4.00
★ Hotdog (Sauce, cheese 20c each)	\$3.50
★ Pie	\$4.00
★ Party Pie	\$1.00
★ Chicken Dinos (3) (oven baked)	\$4.00
★ Chicken Chippies (10) (oven baked)	\$5.00
TOASTED SANDWICHES	
★ Cheese	\$2.50
★ Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
★ Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
★ Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
SNACKS	
Fruit	\$1.00
★ Carrot Sticks	\$1.00
★ Homemade Muffin	\$2.00
★ Homemade Cookie	\$1.50
★ Cereal-bags	.50c
★ popcorn (cheese, chicken and S & V)	\$1.20
★ JJs (Chicken, Pizza, Burger, S & V)	\$1.20
★ Mamee Noodles (chicken)	\$1.20
★ Chips (Sea salt & honey soy)	\$1.50
LUNCH PACK: \$5.00	
Includes: Sandwich, cheese stick, carrot sticks and a piece of fruit	
Sandwich choices: Ham, cheese & tomato OR Chicken, mayo & lettuce OR Cheese and tomato	

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