



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY	Friday 28th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
MARCH	Friday 6th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Monday 9th	LABOUR DAY– NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 10th	Divisional Swimming—selected students
	Friday 13th	Ride to School Day
	Friday 13th March	Lightning Premiership– Selected students
	Friday 13th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Friday 13th March	FAMILY FUN NIGHT
	Mon 16th– Fri 20th	1/2 Swimming
	Thursday 19th	School Photos
	Friday 20th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Mon 23rd	Inquiry Showcase
	Mon 23-Fri 27	Prep Swimming
	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:

- Mrs Kerby's Baby
- School Council
- Feedback—Hopes and Dreams for My Child
- Head Lice
- School Photos
- Professional Practice Days (PPD)
- Speaking to Other Children

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have nearly reached the half-way point of the term ALREADY!!! How fast has that time flown? I am pleased to report that the children have settled well and all programs are up and running, including swimming. This week the Year 3s and 4s went, last week was the Years 5s and 6s and during the last 2 weeks of the term it is time for the Preps and Year 1/2s. I know a few children missed out on attending due to the cap we needed to put on numbers, and would appreciate if people who missed out would return the slip on the note that was sent home last week regarding this so that we can make plans for 2021 that involve as many children as possible.



Mrs Kerby's New Baby: Mrs Kerby (Miss Bland) just had her third baby, another boy named Fyfe Kingston Kerby. He was born on Valentine's Day 14/02/2020 at 9:39 pm, weighing 2.7kgs. He came a little bit early but mum and baby are doing well. He and his two other children are really enjoying being a big brother and sister to him.

School Council: Nominations for the 2020 School Council closed at 4.00pm on Monday 24th February. We had 3 vacancies in the Parent category and 2 in the DET Employee categories.

We had the correct number of nominations as vacancies so I am pleased to announce the following: Charlene Lindsay, Maria Robinson and Amanda Shaw are our Parent Representatives and Jenny O'Connor and Bernadette Stepnell are our DET Employee Representatives. Thank-you to those people for your commitment to the school. If you are interested we still have a 1 year casual vacancy as one of our parents is no longer eligible as her child headed off to High school this year. If you would like to find out more please make an appointment to speak to me.

Feedback - Hopes and Dreams for My Child: At the Curriculum Day at the start of the year I asked my staff, who have children what their hopes and dreams were for their child/children the first time they sent them to school. The list was interesting and a thought was raised about hearing from our Community what your hopes and dreams are for your own child/children. If you are interested in giving us your thoughts around this we would be very interested to understand how your hopes and dreams can meld with the way we work with you, your family and your child/children. Please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible.

Head Lice: Unfortunately since returning to school after the summer holidays, head lice has continued to be an ongoing problem not only for our school but for many schools across Victoria. Sherrie Brezina, our school first aid officer, checks children's hair regularly throughout the year. She sends home notes to the family when nits or lice are found to all families in the class where they were found. She monitors the children the following morning to check children have been treated effectively. We believe this goes a long way in helping ease this ongoing, frustrating problem, however it relies on a commitment from all families to complete the entire treatment.

When hair is first treated, this usually kills any lice present, however if any nits (eggs) are not removed with a specially designed comb, they will remain in the hair and hatch between 7-10 days later. Therefore it is important to recheck children's hair after one week to ensure no lice have hatched. It takes 7-10 days once the lice have hatched for them to be mature enough to lay more eggs, so if they are found in the very early stages of their life, they have not yet had the opportunity to lay more eggs, therefore breaking the cycle and stopping the problem and spread amongst the community.

It takes a commitment from all to ensure we beat this ongoing problem. Many families do the right thing and treat their children thoroughly when they have been identified as having lice, however, this will not stop the problem unless everyone is committed to ensuring they treat their children effectively. A trick I learnt towards the end of my children's primary school years was to smother the dry hair with a cheap conditioner then comb through with the special nit comb. I repeated this every 7 days for about a month, finally breaking the cycle. Using the conditioner ensures the comb glides through the hair easily, and the lice get stuck in the gooey substance.

Thank-you for your patience, perseverance and commitment to working as a community to help deal with this school wide problem.

School Photos: Each year families have the opportunity to purchase a School Photo of their child. This year School Photo Day is on Thursday 19th March. All children will receive an envelope in the coming weeks to order their photo if they wish. It is common practice across all schools for **everyone** to have their photo taken **REGARDLESS** if the families are purchasing any prints. **If you DO NOT wish for your child's photo to be taken as part of the School Photos please let the office know as soon as possible so we can ensure they are not part of the class photo.**

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Parent Session – Resilience: We have been working with the ACT group for a little while now and we have the opportunity to have some parent sessions. Our next one is one Tuesday 10th March at 2.00 pm and will have a Resilience Theme. We invite you to attend, hoping that this time slot will encourage more parents to participate. If you need to bring preschoolers we can have them looked after by staff for that time if required. Please complete the attached slip to let us know you will be able to come if you are interested.

Professional Practice Days (PPD): In the last Teaching Agreement, all teachers were allocated one day per term where they can focus on developing their professional practice. These days provide our teachers with an opportunity to continue to work together, developing their skills and knowledge. Over the past few weeks and into the next few, teachers are working in teams for this term's PPD. Your child will have a Casual Relief Teacher during this day.

Speaking to Other Children: At times I know some parents feel the need to talk to a child who may be upsetting their own child, with the intention of helping to ease the situation. This is **NOT** an acceptable practice at Melton West PS. If you have any concerns about another child, please ensure you speak to your child's teacher who can follow up and address the situation. It can be very frightening for a child to feel they are getting reprimanded by an adult other than their parent or a teacher. If you have any concerns or feel the situation is not being resolved with the class teacher, please make an appointment to see Mrs O'Connor P-2 Assistant Principal, Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic 3-6 Assistant Principal or myself. We are committed to working together to resolve all issues brought to our attention

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa

Principal

-----Return 6/3/2020-----

My Hopes and Dreams for My Child

The first day I dropped my child off at school I had the following thoughts and emotions:

- My hope for my child was _____
- My dream for my child was _____
- I believed the teachers would _____
- I saw school as _____

-----Return 6/3/2020-----

Parent Session – Resilience

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Preschoolers: Yes/No

I will/will not be attending the Parent Session on Resilience held on 10th March 2020 at 2.00pm

Signature: _____

Hello and welcome to Week 5 of Term 1,

On Tuesday, seven of our students represented our school at the MPSSA Swimming Carnival. Four of our students placed fourth in their events, and one student placed fifth. We are very proud of their efforts – win, lose or draw. Today, the PFA held our first special lunch for the year, a yummy sausage sizzle with a divine smell of BBQ sausages wafting through the school. We hope you can continue to support our Parents and Friends Association by participating in the special events they organise throughout the year.

On Monday, some of the Western Bulldogs players visited our school and ran a footy clinic. Students were selected by their teachers to participate in the clinic. It was an informative and fun session where we learned important skills for AFL. Miss Moore was a bit sad to miss out as she is a fanatical Bulldogs supporter.

Thank you and have a wonderful week,

Nyawath and Luatangi



Extend is the place for your children to thrive, learn and play, so what are you waiting for? Book and enrol at www.extend.com.au

Hours of Operation

After School Care: 3:00pm – 6:30pm

Contact Details

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alien Craft	Bow and Arrow Craft	Science Afternoon	Cooking Yummy Lemon Slice	Pirate Ship Craft
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Magic Water Colour Art	Foil Painting	Origami	Enrichment Program Open Day Mini Volcanoes	Monster Bookmarks

DISCOVER

LEARN

PLAY



STAR OF THE WEEK!

Connor

For his fantastic behaviour, for being nice to others and always helping educator Kiera. Keep up the great work!

We have enjoyed some time outside over the last couple of weeks at after school care playing on the playgrounds and some ball games on the oval. Children have been using their imaginations and creativity to create some wonderful things using all the items on the craft shelf and making some paper craft.

Extend Families - On Thursday 12/02/20 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm we will be holding our Enrichment Program Open Day, we will be doing some mini volcanoes at the program so feel free to pop by and have some fun with your children!

Kiera
Service Coordinator

[extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)

Enrolling into Secondary School

State Secondary Schools in Melton work closely together to provide each and every student in our schools with an enriched and positive experience. We pride ourselves in the quality education we provide.

All government schools are bound by the Department of Education Neighbourhood Schools Policy to guide enrolments. For families seeking enrolment of their children into a state secondary school, the following guiding principles underpin the policy, enrolment process and requirements.

The Neighbourhood Schools Policy seeks:

- To provide each child with the right to a place in a designated neighbourhood school.
- Enrol students with a sibling at the same school at the same permanent address who are attending school at the same time.
- To contain enrolments in each school within the limits of available resources.

If you are unsure of which is your designated neighbourhood school, please visit:
<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>



**2020 Secondary School
Transition Information
Evening
Tuesday 17 March 2020**

KURUNJANG SECONDARY COLLEGE

Kurunjang Secondary College's vision of achieving success for our community through respect, responsibility and collaboration encapsulates the essence of the 21st Century of instilling in students the need to constantly evaluate new knowledge, work innovatively with peers, think flexibly in an international setting, and value diversity.

Our culture of Learn, Grow, and Achieve Together ensures our students demonstrate our values of Respect, Achievement and Responsibility.

The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program offers an enriched learning environment with classes operating from Years 7 to 10. AVID is an evidence based system, designed to critically engage and prepare students for tertiary education.

Transition Evening

Tuesday 17th March 6pm- 7pm



MELTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

Melton Secondary College STARR Values, Success, Teamwork, Ambition, Respect and Responsibility are visible in every classroom and wherever students are learning.

A strong focus on literacy and numeracy and a broad range of programs in Science, the Arts and Sport, ensures that every student is deeply engaged in their learning. Our STARR Connect pastoral program ensures that every student is known and supported as they develop the critical skills for learning and living.

Melton Secondary College, Academic Excellence is not just a motto, the results speak for themselves. Over the past four years, our results have continued to grow reflecting the academic success of students in all year levels.

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STAUGHTON COLLEGE

At Staughton we foster a culture where ambition meets excellence. This is a culture where students develop academically, socially and personally to become the best versions of themselves, through a focus on teaching about effort, learning and respect. Students are actively engaged in their passions and interests, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program, as part of The Academy Of Accredited SEAL Schools, is available to cater for our gifted, talented and high achieving students.



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| FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY | 6-8PM |

**THE GAP ON GRAHAM - 5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON
PRIMARY AGE | \$5 ENTRY**

CONTACT STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU OR THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM



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KINDERGARTEN READINESS MONTH

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child.



KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

When Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March 2020

Time 6pm to 8pm. Dates and locations are listed overleaf. Bookings for open week not required.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn everything you need to know about the 4 year old Kindergarten enrolment process for 2021.

A Location: Melton Library and Learning Hub

Date Wednesday 11 March

Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: [kinderA.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/kinderA)

B Location: Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub

Date Wednesday 18 March

Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: [kinderB.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/kinderB)



For more information please email:
earlyyearsworkshops@melton.vic.gov.au

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DATES AND LOCATIONS

All sessions will run between 6pm and 8pm

KINDERGARTEN

ADDRESS

MONDAY 23 MARCH

Brookside Kindergarten
Springside Kindergarten
Timbertop Kindergarten
Melton Uniting Kindergarten
Bellevue Hill Kindergarten
Burnside Kindergarten

17-20 Federation Way, Caroline Springs
22-50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs
1 Timbertop Parade, Aintree
15-19 Yuille Street, Melton
14 Royal Crescent, Hillside
23 Lexington Drive, Burnside

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

Botanica Springs Kindergarten
Kororoit Creek Kindergarten
Kingsway Kindergarten
Parkwood Green Kindergarten

246 Clarkes Road, Brookfield West
130 Tenterfield Drive, Burnside Heights
1 Kingsway, Melton
88-94 Catherine Drive, Hillside

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Arnolds Creek Kindergarten
Cambrian Kindergarten
Bridge Road Kindergarten
Taylors Hill Kindergarten
Creeside Kindergarten
Mt Carberry Kindergarten
Fraser Rise Kindergarten

19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness
58-66 Cambrian Way, Melton West
260-266 Bridge Road, Strathulloh
58-60 Jacaranda Drive, Taylors Hill
3-37 The Crossing, Caroline Springs
31-41 Exford Road, Melton South
46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

Melton Central Kindergarten
Brookfield Kindergarten
Melton West Kindergarten
Rockbank Kindergarten
Diggers Rest Kindergarten

237-239 Station Road, Melton
14-16 Black Dog Drive, Brookfield
2 West Melton Drive, Melton West
26 Old Leakes Road, Rockbank
48-66 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest

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