

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March	Friday 13th	Ride to School Day
	Friday 13th March	Lightning Premiership– Selected students
	Friday 13th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Friday 13th	Koorie Club excursion notes due back. No late returns will be accepted
	Friday 13th March	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2:15 –5:00pm –<u>Postponed until term 2.</u>
	Mon 16th– Fri 20th	1/2 Swimming
	Tuesday 17th	Koorie Club Excursion
	Wednesday 18th	Young Leaders notes due. No late notes will be accepted
	Wednesday 18th	Whole school Incursion Asia Raya notes due. No late payment will be accepted
	Thursday 19th	School Photos
	Friday 20th	Assembly 2:10pm All Welcome
	Friday 20th	Young Leaders Day (School Captains)
	Friday 20th	Whole School Incursion—Asia Raya
	Mon 23rd	Inquiry Showcase
	Tuesday 24th	Whole School Incursion—Yarn Bark. Harmony Day Payment due. No late payment will be accepted.
	Mon 23-Fri 27	Prep Swimming
	Thursday 26th	Whole School Incursion—Yarn Bark. Harmony Day
	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:

- Coronavirus/Covid 19
- Unofficial Opening
- Complaint and Parent Disputes Policy
- School Crossing Supervisor Nomination
- Swimming
- Dreams for Your Child
- Resilience Meeting with ACT
- Chinese Incursion
- Harmony Day Incursion

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I begin this newsletter with an update on the Coronavirus/Covid 19 situation. I get regular updates from the Department, which reflect the Department of Health advice. I know the threat of this virus is concerning to many in our community because they are concerned about exposing older or unwell relatives to the virus if their child inadvertently caught it at school, however the advice from the Department is that unless a child has had direct exposure to a confirmed case all children should attend school as per usual. Current advice includes that the Commonwealth Government has updated travel restrictions this week. The extension to existing travel restrictions now applies to visitors from Republic of Korea, Iran and mainland China. Visitors who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants, will not be allowed entry into Australia. The Commonwealth Government has also advised that visitors from Italy will also be subject to enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements. Some of our students and families may be affected by the travel advice, and I'd encourage you to support each other. Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene. Here are some tips that we all can follow:

1. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
2. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
3. Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, including after using the toilet, and before eating.

Please refer to the Department's coronavirus web page for the latest advice and information. If you have any health-related questions, please email: health.advice@edumail.vic.gov.au I will continue to provide up-to-date information as the advice changes.

Unofficial Opening: Due to the weather forecast and the predicted showers and thunderstorms occurring in the afternoon, we have decided to postpone this event until early Term 2. Details of a future date will be relayed to the school community as soon as it is finalised.

Complaint and Parent Disputes Policy: This is one of many policies available on our website. If you have any concerns, please refer to the website for a copy. If you would like a printed copy please ask at the office and they will print one for you.

School Crossing Supervisor Nomination: I was recently informed that nominations are currently being received for the School Crossing Supervisor of the Year. These awards give people the chance to reward the active role the supervisors play in the safety of school children. Seven finalist from around the State will be chosen. Nominations are open until 8th May and can be found on the following website www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au The supervisors that keep our children safe are Pam on Rathdowne Circuit, Carol on West Melton Drive and Susan on Coburns Road.

Swimming: Next week the Year 1/2s are attending swimming, with the Preps attending the following week. Their lessons are from 11.30am – 1.45pm for 1/2's and 11.30am – 1.00pm for the Preps. Your child's teacher will inform you via Dojo of the exact time if you wish to attend. Please remember the children are supervised by school staff and the pool staff, so if you have any concerns you need to speak to one of them, not to any other child.

Dreams for Your Child: Thank you to the parents who completed the tear off slip in the last newsletter asking for your Hopes and Dreams for your child as they started school. We are interested in hearing from a wider range of people so please feel free to complete it and send to the office. I will collate the findings and share with the community early in term 2.

Resilience Meeting with ACT: This week we had an open invitation for any parents interested in hearing about how they can help develop resilience in their child. The meeting was facilitated by the Australian Childhood Trauma Group and was well received by the parents who attended. Please look out for future session that will be held from 2.00pm– 3.00pm.

Chinese Incursion: Next Friday we are hosting Asia Raya, a dance company that will share a range of Chinese cultural experiences, such as dance, puppetry etc. Please encourage your child to attend as it greatly supports the learning of our LOTE program.

Harmony Day Incursion: Harmony Day is on the 21st March each year, which happens to fall on a Saturday. We have arranged for an incursion on Thursday 26th March called Yarn Bark, which provides exposure to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Culture and History. This is a very worthwhile experience and we encourage all children to attend.

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 have received an envelope 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.**

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

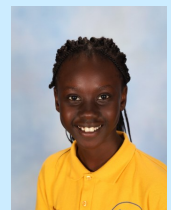
Hello Melton West,

We have a few reminders for you this week. Firstly, school photos are coming up on Thursday 19th March, week 8. Secondly, the Parent Club has organised a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser. Orders and money for the hot cross buns are also due on Thursday 19th March.

Next week, Mrs Cvitkovic and Miss Moore are taking us and the vice captains to National Young Leaders Day. We hope to come up with some ideas for a project that we can implement in our school.

We want to leave you with this today: "Mistakes are proof that you are trying". Stay positive and never give up!

Nyawath and Luatangi - School Captains



-----Return 27/3/2020-----

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 _____

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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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meltonwest@extend.com.au

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Games	Colourful Magic Art	Origami	Who Am I	Sun Flower Craft
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Butterfly Craft	Rice Bubble Monsters	Silly Face Biscuit Decorating	Playground Games	Ants On A Log

DISCOVER



LEARN



PLAY



STAR OF THE WEEK!

CYRUS

For being so helpful at after school care, always willing to try new things and his amazing behaviour. Keep up the great work!

The last 2 weeks at after school care we have enjoyed playing outside on the playgrounds and playing games on the oval. Children had lots of fun experimenting with oil, water and food colouring last week which when added in to a jar it looked like fireworks, everyone got very excited about this experience and fascinated watching all the colours fall.

We will be making some delicious treats over the next couple of weeks at after school care, come join us for some fun!

We hope to see you there.

Kiera

Service Coordinator

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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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BRIMBANK MELTON EARLY YEARS KOORIE FAMILY FUN DAY!!

WHEN SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020

**WHERE KOROROIT CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEICHHARDT AVE
BURNSIDE HEIGHTS VIC 3023**

TIME 11.00 am to 2.00pm

FREE ACTIVITIES

Sausage Sizzle, AFL Auskick,
Jumping Castle, Music, Face
Painting, Koorie Art corner
and lots more!



Victorian Local
Aboriginal Networks



Education
and Training

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Market Day

March 28th | 9am - 2pm

100 Coburns Rd, Melton South



**SOMETHING FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**



**FOODBANK
MELTON**

foodbankmelton.org.au/marketday

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