



## Newsletter

11th June, 2020  
Issue 11

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|         |                   |                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| JUNE    | Fri 26th          | <b>END OF TERM 2: FINISH TIMES</b><br><b>ORANGE HOUSE: 2:30pm</b><br><b>RED HOUSE: 2:45pm</b><br><b>PURPLE HOUSE: 3:00pm</b><br><b>GREEN HOUSE: 3:15pm</b> |
| JULY    | Mon 13th          | <b>TERM 3 BEGINS:</b> staggered start times as per Term 2                                                                                                  |
|         | Thurs 23rd        | <b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b> (to be confirmed)                                                                                                         |
| AUGUST  | Wed 12th-Fri 14th | <b>Year 3/4 CAMP KANGAROOBIE</b>                                                                                                                           |
| Nov-Dec | Mon 30th—Fri 4th  | <b>Year 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP</b>                                                                                                                              |

#### Key Messages from the Principal in this Newsletter:

- School Start Times Term 3
- Social Distancing
- Kindergarten Carpark
- Semester 1 Student Reports
- 3-Way Conferences/Student-Led Conferences
- Water Bottles/Drink Taps
- Prep 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wow! What an achievement. We have made it to the end of term 2 without incident and managed, quite successfully, to continue our strong focus in student learning both in the classrooms and remotely for a few weeks. Again I wish to thank you for facilitating the learning from home, and my staff for showing such resilience as they supported the students and their families throughout the term.

**School Start Times Term 3:** I have had many people comment on how smoothly the staggered start and finish times have worked, and how independent it has helped ALL children, including the Preps, to be. We are so proud of the children and how easily they adapted to this change of routine. I have also had a few queries about whether the staggered start and finish time will continue into term 3. At this stage, in the given circumstances, we will start term 3 with the same start and finish times as this term.

**Orange House – 8.30am – 2.30pm**

**Red House – 8.45am – 2.45pm**

**Purple House – 9.00am – 3.00pm**

**Green House – 9.15am – 3.15pm**

Please remember we will not be letting children enter before their designated time, so please do not come too early to wait. It is better to be 5 min late at morning drop off than too early causing you to wait around.

**Social Distancing:** As the research around Covid-19 continues, it is important that the social distancing measures we have put in place remain strictly adhered to until the signs are no longer displayed. This is the safest and most effective way that we can help curb the spread of the virus. These measures are most relevant for adults, so when you are bringing your child to school, or waiting to pick them up, PLEASE ensure you keep that 1.5m distance AT ALL TIMES. The flags we have displayed at all gates indicate the 1.5m distance, so please use this as a guide.

**Kindergarten Carpark:** Please note, with our staggered start and finish times, we have created a clash with the Try West Kinder start and finish times, especially between 8.15 – 8.45am and again at the end of the day between 2.15 – 3.00pm. Please be mindful of this and ensure you leave this space free for the kindergarten parents to drop off their little ones safely and do not park there.

**Semester 1 Student Reports:** You should have received your child's school report on Monday and noticed it looked very different to previous ones. This was because of how things needed to be altered during remote learning and this style reflected the change we all experienced.

## 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.

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**3-Way Conferences/Student-Led Conferences:** We are planning to hold the follow-up Parent/Teacher interviews for semester 1 in the form of Student-Led conferences for years 5 and 6 and 3-Way conferences for Prep – 4 on Thursday 30th July. The logistics of this will depend on the Covid-19 situation at that time and more details will be available first week back of term 3. We should be able to provide families with options of face-to-face meetings, Webex meetings or phone interviews, but we will work out the finer details early next term.

**Water Bottles/Drink Taps:** Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to have drink taps available for the children to use if they are thirsty. It is **VERY** important that children drink water regularly throughout the day for their brain to function effectively and for their overall general health. Can you please ensure your child brings a **NAMED** drink bottle to school each day? We do have taps available for them to refill their bottles if they are empty, or if they forget to bring them home and need to refill them. Ensuring they are named means they can be returned to their rightful owner in the event that it is lost or misplaced.

**Prep 2021:** At the moment we are still unable to conduct school tours for 2021 Prep Enrolments, however we are able to start accepting enrolment forms. If you or a friend you know has a pre-school age child who is starting school in 2021, you can collect an enrolment pack from the office. If you would like to join a tour when they recommence please let the office know and they will add you to our list. We will contact people when they resume.

### High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa  
Principal

**To our wonderful students and  
our MWPS community,  
We wish you all a safe and healthy holiday  
break!**



**See you in Term 3 on  
Monday 13th July.**



HAVE  
YOU



ENROLLED For  
PREP 2021

MELTON WEST PRIMARY  
SCHOOL IS NOW TAKING  
ENROLMENTS

Please contact the school office for  
more information



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CURRENT STORE TRADING HOURS – MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9am – 5pm, FRIDAY: 9am – 6pm,  
SATURDAY: 9am – 5pm, SUNDAY: 10am – 5pm

**HOUSE SPIRIT DAY**

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY 26TH JUNE**

**WEAR YOUR HOUSE  
COLOURS TO SCHOOL**

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