

Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	Thurs 6th	Years Prep—2 Parent/teacher Interviews via Webex or phone
	Thurs 13th	Years 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews via Webex or phone
	Wed 12th-Fri 14th	Year 3/4 CAMP KANGAROOBIE CANCELLED (Information regarding refunds will be available soon)
Nov-Dec	Mon 30th— Fri 4th	Year 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP (Camp will be confirmed early Term 4 in regards to the COVID-19 situation)

Key Messages from the Principal

in this Newsletter:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wearing Masks
- Changes to School Crossings
- Support for Parents from DET
- Getting Ready for Remote Learning 2.0

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,

Welcome back to Term 3, even though it is one week after the initial scheduled starting date and the fact that we are all back to working remotely and flexibly. Our staff spent many hours last week reviewing the feedback we received from parents, students and staff to see how we could improve on the delivery and implementation of remote learning this time around.

One of the biggest changes we have made involve the Year 3/4 students moving to Google Classrooms. We hope all children and their families in the Year 3/4 area have transitioned smoothly to this new platform. If you are having difficulties, please reach out to your child's teacher for support. We would like all students to be connected successfully as soon as possible.

Another major improvement this time around is to supply all children who do not have their own device at home with one loaned from school. We received additional devices from the Education Department late last week and purchased some additional supplies ourselves to ensure that ALL children who need a device have access to their own. Last time we had enough to ensure every family had a device in their home, however we recognised that difficulties arose when children needed to share the device with siblings, in terms of having access to their teacher for support.

In ensuring every child has their own device, we have also been able to have all teachers available via WebEx from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm daily to offer support and guidance as required HOWEVER, just like in a classroom, they may not be available as soon as a problem arises. They may be involved in teaching a small group with students or be conducting individual reading conferences. Once your child has indicated they need help, they will need to be patient while they wait for their teacher to be able to help.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: We are planning for these to occur in week 4 for Years Prep – 2 and week 5 for Years 3-6. They will look a bit different as we will conduct them through WebEx or via a phone call. Booking a time will remain the same and details will follow shortly. Instructions on how to use WebEx will be available, however a phone call will work just as well. Please keep checking our communication channels for further information. We aim to let families know all important information through Class Dojo, Facebook, Skoolbag and via an email from Sentral

Wearing Masks: As you would be aware, wearing masks when you are not in your home has become mandatory as of today. All staff will be wearing one when at work, apart from when they are involved with teaching or supporting students. (First Aid exempt). If you need to come to school for any reason, please ensure you follow the social distancing signs and directions around the school and that you are wearing a mask. Thank you for your co-operation.

Changes to School Crossings: In line with the mandatory wearing of masks, minor changes have been temporarily introduced for our Crossing Ladies. Wearing a mask makes it impossible to blow a whistle, so they will instruct children that it is safe to cross by saying 'WALK' instead of blowing a whistle. Please speak to your child if they are using a crossing at this time so they are aware of the change.

Support for Parents from DET: The Department of Education have some terrific supports available online to help parents and students. Please take a look at the link if you would like to find out more. <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx>

Getting Ready for Remote Learning 2.0: I have attached a copy of a document we created as a quick guide for Remote Learning 2.0. We hope this helps all understand the expectations and responsibilities of parents, students and teachers. If you have any questions or concerns about it please contact your child's teacher.

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa

Principal

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GETTING READY FOR REMOTE LEARNING 2.0

A guide for optimum learning



THE SCHOOL DAY

The optimum times for learning are from 9-1 everyday. These are also the times teaching staff can be contacted to support you with online learning. Teachers mark attendance daily based on interactions with students. The teacher will notify you or your child when they will be working one on one with them or in a small group via Webex. Please let teachers know if your child will not be able to make this time.

LEARNING SPACES

Learning spaces at home are really important for optimal learning for students. Working on a table in a comfortable chair will help your child to remain engaged and to maintain learning stamina. They should be seated so that you can see them at all times for adequate & proactive supervision. We recommend students wake up to be ready for a 9 am start and have started their day with breakfast.

if you need school supplies such as paper, pencils or books please contact the school and we will be happy to supply you with some.



SUPPORT AND HELP

Teachers are online via Webex from 9-1 everyday so please contact the classroom teacher ASAP, if your child needs help with the learning task. Technology can sometimes be tricky to navigate. If you are needing assistance with your device please contact the school and someone will be able to support you.

PARENT AND TEACHERS ROLES

During remote learning parents and teachers are working together to assist their child. Parents please remember your role is to supervise, which may require you to read out instruction to your child. Teachers are the educators and are available to help during 9-1.



REQUIRED HOURS OF LEARNING PER DAY FOR PREP-2

Prep-2 Students are working for 2.5 - 3 hrs a day.

Learning Program Daily consist of:

Literacy 45-60 minutes

Numeracy 30-45 minutes

Play Based Learning 30-45 minutes

Physical Activities 30-45 minutes



REQUIRED HOURS OF LEARNING PER DAY FOR GRADE 3-6

Grade 3-6 Students are working for 3.5 hrs a day.

Learning Program Daily consist of:

Literacy 45-60 minutes

Numeracy 30-45 minutes

Physical Activities 30 minutes

Inquiry: 90 minutes

SCHOOL STAFF WILL:

- make regular contact to check in with parents and children.
- set tasks daily
- give feedback regularly, however it may not be for every piece of work
- monitor children's progress, including assessing
- conduct regular conferencing and small group instruction



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

- communicate with teacher everyday
- try their best to complete all tasks set
- be sensible online, including during Webex times

CYBER-BULLYING

If your child experiences inappropriate messages from other children whilst working remotely please try to take a screenshot and report to the classroom teacher ASAP.

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SCHOOL IS NOW TAKING
ENROLMENTS

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more information



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