

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	Fri 18th	LAST DAY TERM 3
October	Mon 5th	FIRST DAY TERM 4
November	Fri 6th	RESCHEDULED: School Photo Day
Nov-Dec	Mon 30th Nov — Fri 4th Dec	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
- Webex teaching Groups
- Staff Changes
- Prep Enrolment 2021
- Secondary School Placement
- Building Family Resilience



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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Principal: Mrs Michelle Costa

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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.



Melton West Primary School is a Child Safe School

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

As we move into the second part of term 3 I thought it was important to again acknowledge the work of parents and carers who are supporting the children to continue their learning remotely. Your efforts to get them onto their devices each day, to meet with their teacher via WebEx, is an enormous help and support to our staff.



Please remind yourself often of the important part you play in your child's education, but even more so during this pandemic. We know that many of you are juggling working from home whilst supervising your children, which is in itself a tremendous task. The constant balancing act between your work and monitoring your children is a huge burden, but one we can see is paying dividends as the daily reported numbers of Covid 19 are decreasing. We have come this far and we can do this when we continue to work together. Please keep communicating with our staff, so we can adapt and refine as we go in order to ensure the children are learning as independently as possible.

Parent Teacher Interview: Thank-you to the parents and teachers who participated in the 3-way conferences over the past few weeks. From all accounts it was very positive and everyone adapted quite well to the different approach – due to the pandemic.

WebEx Teaching Groups: Over the course of the week your child will have the opportunity to join a small teaching group through WebEx where explicit teaching occurs AT YOUR CHILD'S LEVEL. It is **VERY** important that your child attends these sessions. The teachers put a lot of time and effort planning the session to meet each child's individual needs, however, unfortunately, there are many times when children do not attend these sessions. Please check your classes online platform daily with your child, which will outline the time they are required to be on WebEx for the small group session. We need your help and support to get the children online at that specific time, as it has been set up specifically for the children in that group. If they miss it on that day, they will not get the opportunity for another 5-10 days. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher via the learning platform (Class Dojo, Google Classroom or Showbie).

Staff Changes: Even in a pandemic, life goes on, including people having babies. Recently we have farewelled Kec Kuol, who had another baby girl. Jess Li has left us recently to have her second baby in a few weeks and Keili Burns is about to leave to have her second baby as well. We wish all of them all the best as their young families grow. Ms Charla Akkaya will be returning next week and will take up a specialist role. She will spend the next few weeks working alongside (remotely via WebEx) as an induction back into teaching, then she will take over the Science classes Ms Burns has been taking when she goes on family leave. Welcome back Charla.

Prep Enrolments for 2021: If you have a child in preschool, or is turning 5 before 30th April 2021, we are accepting enrolments for Prep 2021. Please call the office for details. If you have family or friends with children who should start school next year, please encourage them to contact the school for a Prep Enrolment Pack. Unfortunately we cannot do School Tours until things settle down. Once we get the all clear we will let everyone know because we are looking forward to showing everyone our school.

Secondary School Placements: If you have a child in Year 6, you should have received confirmation via a letter, email or a message on Class Dojo of which secondary school your child has been accepted into for next year. If you have not heard anything yet, please contact the office for further information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office and ask for Mrs Cvitkovic (3-6 AP) to contact you to discuss next steps or your concerns.

Building Family Resilience: Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times. If you would like ideas on how to support your family's resilience during this pandemic there is a free webinar titled *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era* presented by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Tuesday 25th August from 7.30pm. Topics include your supportive role; setting the emotional tone; focusing on what you can control; how to deal with disappointment; further resources and where to get help. Please contact the school if you would like further details on how to participate.

High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa
Principal

It is the mission of Melton West PS to work collaboratively to ensure high levels of learning for all.

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Melton City Council's emergency food relief, which is now available in three Community Centres across the City.

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Phone Carly: 0402 309 321

There are 20 food packs (including a food voucher) available every Wednesday. Bookings are taken Wednesday morning 9am – 11am. Pick Up only by appointment later that day.

Timber Top Community Centre, 1 Fields Street, Aintree

Phone Inderdeep: 0439 327 716

There are 20 food packs (including a food voucher) available every Thursday. Bookings are taken Thursday morning 9am – 11am. Pick Up only by appointment later that day.

Stevenson House, 10 Stevenson Crescent, Caroline Springs

Phone Catrice: 0455 326 903

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Invitation to Try Scouting

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