

# Newsletter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	Thurs 13th	<b>Years 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews</b> <b>via Webex or phone</b>
	Wed 12th-Fri 14th	<b>Year 3/4 CAMP KANGAROOBIE</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>  (Please forward your information to the school for a refund)
November	Fri 6th	<b>Rescheduled:</b>  <b>School Photo Day</b>
Nov-Dec	Mon 30th— Fri 4th	<b>Year 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP</b>  (Camp will be confirmed early Term 4 in regards to the COVID-19 situation)

### Key Messages from the Principal

#### in this Newsletter:

- Technology Issues
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wearing Masks
- Changes to School Crossings

### 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,

Thank-you for your efforts in supervising your children during remote learning 2.0. Please remember any effort you make, whether it is simply to help your child log on to WebEx each day to talk to their teacher, or whether they help you in the kitchen cooking, or whether you watch a movie or read a book together and you ask them questions about characters and their feelings, or motives, or pause to guess what might happen next, you are helping your child. You are not expected to 'teach' your child in the formal sense, we just need you to make sure they are safe, and supervised through-out the day. If they are reluctant to get online, reach out to your teacher through Class Dojo or Showbie and we will arrange for someone to call you and speak directly to your child, offering encouragement and support. Please know that if your child completes just one task a day for a week that is success and something to build upon. Perhaps the following week they might attempt two tasks.

As we move into the Stage 4 restrictions the government has recently introduced, we need to remember we are in a Health Emergency, not an Educational Emergency. The priority for EVERYONE is to work together to help stop the spread of the virus and we can all play our part by staying home unless ABSOLUTELY necessary. School is available for on-site supervision ONLY for children whose parents are in a job that has been deemed 'permitted' by the government. Also children in out of home care or who are currently involved with Child Protection and other agencies that support vulnerable families are also eligible to be supervised on-site as are children with a disability that also fit that category. The Principal Class team is happy to chat to any parent/guardian about their individual circumstance.

**Technology Issues:** During Stage 4 restrictions we will still be able to support you and your child if you have unexpected technical issues. Please contact your teachers via the learning platform or if you cannot access that due to the difficulties please call the office and they will send a message to the teacher on your behalf. In the event that the problem persists, we will be able to assist you at school. Again please call the office to let us know you need on-site help.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews:** Thank-you to the families who have booked an appointment with their child's teacher for the 3-way conferences. These began yesterday and will be completed today for students in Years Prep – 2 and are scheduled for next week for Years 3-6. They look a bit different as we conduct them through WebEx or via a phone call. We hope you take the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher for these important conversations.

**Wearing Masks:** As you would be aware, wearing masks when you are not in your home is now mandatory. 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>

**High Levels of Learning for All**

Michelle Costa

Principal



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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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