




# Newsletter

17th September, 2020  
Issue 15

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	Fri 18th	<b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>
October	Mon 5th	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 4</b> <b>(Remote Learning continues for all students)</b>
	Mon 12th	<b>Year PREP –2 students return to school</b>
November	Fri 6th	 <b>School Photo Day</b> <b>(Prep-2 confirmed)</b> <b>(Years 3-6 to be confirmed)</b>
Nov-Dec	Mon 30th — Fri 4th	<b>Year 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP—CANCELLED</b> <b>Information regarding the process for refunding payments will be sent out in Week 1 of Term 4</b>
December	Friday 18th	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4</b>

### Key Messages from the Principal

#### in this Newsletter:

- Term 4—Return to School
- Staggered Start/Finish Times
- Grade 5/6 Camp
- Grade 3/4 Camp Refund
- School Photos
- Spoonville
- iNewsletter
- Prep Enrolments

Happy Holidays  
stay safe  
wear a mask  
wash your hands

### 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.

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to start this newsletter by CONGRATULATING each and every one of you for all that you achieved along with your child during remote and online learning this term. The support you provided your child to get them online each day, as well as answering their questions was very supportive and helpful to our teachers. I'm sure no-one expected the 2020 school year to look so different to what we have always envisaged school to be, but it is what it is. Our collective ability to adapt and adjust was remarkable. We were able to continue to provide valuable learning experiences for all children by working in partnership with you, their parents, carers and guardians. Thank-You.

**Term 4 - Return to School:** As you may be aware, the Premier announced late last week how term 4 will look for schools. At this stage ALL children will continue remote learning for the first week (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 9<sup>th</sup> October). From Week 2 (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October) ALL children in years Prep – 2 should return to school for on-site learning, whilst children in Years 3 – 6 will continue to learn remotely, with their teacher online. The date when the Years 3 – 6s can return to on-site learning will be announced in due course and we will let you know as soon as we hear.

**Staggered Start/Finish Times:** As the children progressively return to school, it is imperative that we keep up the social distancing requirements until we are told that it is no longer necessary in order to manage the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Therefore we have developed a plan to limit the need for parents to be in close contact with each other. We reviewed the approach we used last time and have adjusted it accordingly. This time we will have two starting/finishing times and have directed students to enter through the gate dedicated to their House Colour. Please take advantage of the closest parking available at the gate your child should enter in. Prep children will be walked to their allocated gate until they have developed the confidence to find their way there independently. We will have staff members on duty to help the students find their allocated gate at the end of the day where you can be waiting for them. If you are unsure which House Colour your child belongs to please contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo – this will be the same as last time. Please see the attached map for further details.

**Grade 5/6 Camp:** Unfortunately we have cancelled the 5/6 Camp to Canberra that was already postponed to the end of November. This is a decision that was out of our hands. Whilst we understand how disappointing it is for the Year 6s to hear this news, we have decided that the 2-year cycle of camp will now be on the odd years, so we envisage next year's 5/6 students will have the opportunity to go to Canberra in 2021.

**Grade 3/4 Camp Refund:** Please contact the office if you have not yet received the refund for the cancelled 3/4 camp. Again, we have booked a camp for next year's 3/4 students to attend Kangarooobie in 2021.

**School Photos:** These are scheduled for Friday 6th November. Please look out for further information when we return to school in term 4. If the children in years 3-6 have not returned to on-site learning by that date, it will still go ahead for years P-2, with family photos taken for families with only students in these year levels. We will find another date for when the 3-6s return and family photos involving students in these year levels will occur then.



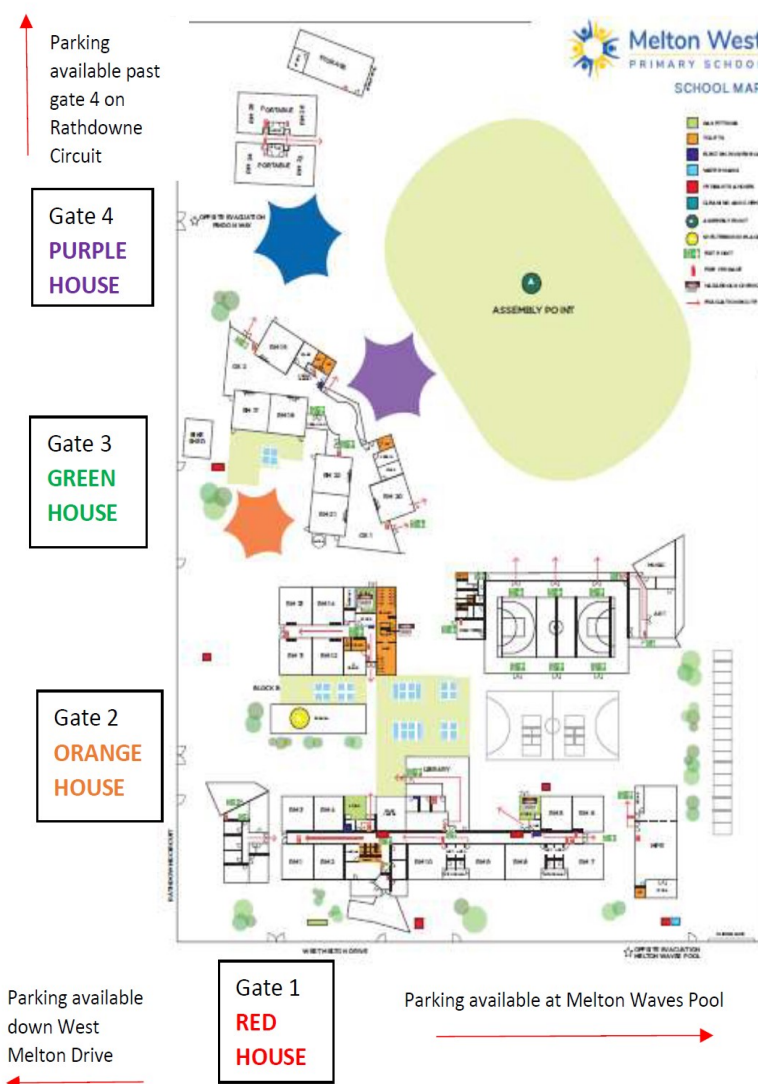
**Spoonville:** We are starting our own Spoonville in the garden bed in the corner of West Melton Drive and Rathdowne Circuit. If you would like to add to the village please bring your decorated spoon when we return to school, or drop it in at the office if you pass the school as you go on your daily exercise. Thank-you to Miss Fichera for making the sign and to those children who have already contributed.

**iNewsletter:** Next term we are excited to announce that we will be trialling having our newsletters available online through a company called iNewsletter. One of the added features to presenting the newsletter in this way is that it is available to be translated in many of the languages that represent our school community. This is a natural extension on how we have been predominantly communicating with families during Remote Learning in term 2 and 3. More news will follow on how you can access it as soon as we are ready to launch and will be communicated through our usual social media tools such as Skoolbag, Facebook, Class Dojo and through the Sentral email. We will trial this in term 4 and seek feedback from families on how they are finding it towards the end of the year.

**Prep Enrolments for 2021:** If you have a child in preschool, or is turning 5 before 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## High Levels of Learning for All

Michelle Costa  
Principal



### Staggered Start/Finish Time:

All children will need to enter/exit through the gate allocated to their House Colour – see map

### Start Time:

8.40am – P-2 students with surname of parent starting with A-K

8.50am – P-2 students with surname of parent starting with L-Z

### Finish Time:

2.55pm – P-2 students with surname of parent starting with A-K

3.05pm – P-2 students with surname of parent starting with L-Z

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HAVE  
YOU



# ENROLLED For PREP 2021

MELTON WEST PRIMARY  
SCHOOL IS NOW TAKING  
ENROLMENTS

Please contact the school office for  
more information



Address: 2 Rathdowne Circuit,  
Melton West, 3337  
Phone: (03) 9743 5818  
Principal: Mrs Michelle Costa



COMMUNITY CONNECTOR HUBS

# EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

If the COVID-19 pandemic has caused you to struggle to feed your family, Council's Community Connector Hubs are providing food relief to those in need. Our hubs will also provide information on how to connect with other emergency support services.

Each hub provides relief on certain days of the week.

Available only to City of Melton residents.

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**WEDNESDAYS:** Kurunjang Community Hub

**WHERE:** 33 Mowbray Cres, Kurunjang

**PHONE:** 9747 7339

**APPOINTMENT:** Phone between 9am – 11am for appointment that day

**THURSDAYS:** Timber Top Community Centre

**WHERE:** 1 Timber Top Parade, Aintree

**PHONE:** 9747 5761

**APPOINTMENT:** Phone between 9am – 11am for appointment that day

**FRIDAYS:** Stevenson House

**WHERE:** 10 Stevenson Cres,  
Caroline Springs

**PHONE:** 9747 7272

**APPOINTMENT:** Phone between 9am – 11am for appointment that day



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**MATT COSGROVE**

Monday 21 September • 10am • Zoom

Matt Cosgrove is the author and illustrator of the best-selling Macca the Alpaca series. Join us for alpaca laughs, excuse the pun, as he shows us how he creates his bright and bubbly characters.

**PIE WITH MY LITTLE EYE**

Monday 21 &amp; 28 September • 11am • Zoom

Liz Skitch's live online children's show is created especially for toddlers and their carers. Join for sing songs, go on adventures, swim in oceans of jelly and eat bucket loads of imaginary ice cream! Simply play along. For ages 0-5 years.

**RACING CATERPILLARS**

Tuesday 22 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Join us to learn how to make your very own Racing Caterpillar. Get your whole family to join in and you can race them to find out whose Caterpillar is fastest.

**DRAW A VEGETABLE CHARACTER**

Tuesday 22 September • Facebook @imaginemelton

Grace Fraraccio, the artist behind our current online exhibition Vegetable Soup and Friends will guide you to observe everyday food items, and turn them into imaginary characters! Suitable for ages 8-18 yrs

**SPRINGY CUPCAKES**

Wednesday 23 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

We are celebrating Spring by making Springy Spongy Cupcakes – so put your chef's hat on, wash your hands and let's get baking.

**NATURAL INK MAKING WORKSHOP**

Wednesday 23 September • Facebook @imaginemelton

Learn to make natural ink at home using ingredients from your kitchen and garden, with Chaco Kato! Children and adults can work together to use spices such as turmeric, paprika and also vegetables such as spinach and beetroot to make paint! Suitable for 4-10 yrs.

**JESS MCGEACHIN**

Thursday 24 September • 10am • Zoom

Jess McGeachin is an author and illustrator based here in Melbourne. Join Jess as he takes us through his process of creating the beautiful artwork in his book Fly, shortlisted in this year's CBCA Book of the Year awards for New Illustrator.

**FOOD JUGGLING TUTORIAL WITH AMAZING ANSO**

Thursday 24 September • 4pm • Zoom

Learn to juggle like a pro using fruit and veggies from your kitchen, with support from a real circus coach! This workshop is suitable for all skill levels, with one on one support during the session. Limited places, suitable for 8 – 18 yrs old.

**HERB HEADS, CATERPILLARS & WATERCRESS BUGS**

Monday 28 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Spring is the best time of year to sow seeds and watch them grow. We'll share ideas on how to create fun containers to plant seeds in that the family can enjoy in the kitchen.

**SPRING GRASSHOPPERS**

Tuesday 29 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Fun fact – Grasshoppers have a row of pegs like a comb on their back legs. Tune in to hear more about Grasshoppers and how to make your own springy critters using clothes pegs.

**MAKE A PIZZA SHOP PLAYSET**

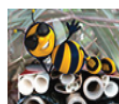
Tuesday 29 September • Facebook @imaginemelton

Craft-based designer Kitiya Palaskas will show you how to use old boxes, coloured paper and other supplies to create your very own pizza delivery shop!

**NATURE FRAMES**

Wednesday 30 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Have fun playing with nature art frames as you explore your neighbourhood. They are simple to make, fun to play with and will help you create some wonderful images.

**NATIVE BEE HOUSE**

Thursday 1 October • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Did you know that there are solitary bees that live all alone in small holes or in the ground? They don't produce honey but are great at pollinating flowers. By making a Bee Hotel, you may just get a few of these Native Bees moving in.

**BUSH TOY MAKING WORKSHOP**

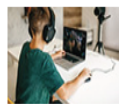
Thursday 1 October • 2pm • Zoom

Work with Taungurung artist Cassie Leatham to create bush animal toys from nature and recycled materials. Suitable for ages 5-12 years old.

**BUBBLEMANIA**

Friday 2 October • 10am • Youtube

Create bubbles galore in this crazy exploration of the world of bubbles. Investigate the shape and size of bubbles, and learn how to create even better bubbles – sculpt your own bubble mountains!

**WESTERN BACE HOLIDAY CLUB**

BACE School Holiday Club is back, providing coding and robotic opportunities for 5-15 year olds. This holidays, we'll focus on STEM, Design, and space challenges!

More information on all events at <https://meltonlibraryevents> from Wednesday 2 September. Bookings open 10am, Monday 14 September

## Art Smart Online

FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
  - The kids will produce amazing art!
  - The classes are so much fun we had to start a parents' class – Art Play for Adults. Why should kids have all the fun??
  - All age groups covered!
  - To see the activities planned for the classes click [visit our website](https://www.artsmartforkids.com.au).
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FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$12.50 a class (exc GST)

The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

LIMITED PLACES  
BOOK NOW!

To book go to  
[www.artsmartforkids.com.au](https://www.artsmartforkids.com.au)  
(don't forget the 'au' at the end)

SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS

**Monday 21st September to  
Friday 2nd October**

**Term 4: Monday 5th October**

**Remote learning for all students.**

**Monday 12th October:**

- **Prep to Year 2 students return to onsite learning.**
- **Years 3 –6 continue with remote learning.**