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As the Melton West PS Community, we are collectively striving to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students to achieve their full potential. We will do this through an engaging and inclusive curriculum, with high expectations of students as individual learners and thinkers, who become valued members of the wider community.

NEWSLETTER NO.9

14<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

**EVENTS CALENDAR 2016**

|               |   |                                 |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>JULY</b>   | Wednesday 27th  | Book Club due                   |
|               | Thursday 28th   | 3/4 Camp – 2nd payment due \$50 |
|               | 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | Prep - Body Safety              |
|               | 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | Grade 1/2 - Body Safety         |
|               | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15th              | Grade 3/4 - Body Safety         |
| <b>AUGUST</b> | Thursday 25th   | LSV Open Water Excursion        |
|               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> | Grade 5/6 - Body Safety         |

**Key Messages in this Newsletter:**

**Morning Routine:** Programs available before school to keep out of the cold. Children will not be allowed to bring their bags in before 9.00 am  
**1. Breakfast Club:** Breakfast is available to Mon-Thur  
**2. Rad Readers:** The Library is open every morning from 8.30am  
**3. Digi Grow:** Miss Brett's (3/4 B) Classroom is open each morning for Digi Grow.

**Attendance H.E.R.O.:** Miss Dearing has diligently developed an incentive based program to encourage regular, daily attendance at school.

**Mrs Waterman's Baby:** Mrs Waterman gave birth to a healthy baby girl Millie Grace on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 3.15am.

**Aboriginal Language Program:** During the holidays, Melton West PS was featured on the 774 Melbourne Radio Program for NAIDOC Week about our Indigenous Language Program taught in Prep.

**Online 'Pokémon Go' Craze:** Children as young as primary school aged should be closely monitored by their parents if they are using this game.

**Berry St Training:** On Monday, the first day of Term 3, the staff participated in the third day of a four day program run by Berry Street.

**Body Safety Program:** Students from Years 1-6 will learn a range of protective behaviours and the importance of talking to trusted adults about everything that happens in their lives.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a relaxing time with your family. We are all looking forward to a great term of learning. Please remember if you would like to speak to a staff member you will need to make an appointment through the office.

**Morning Routine:** At the beginning of the day, classrooms are not open until 8.50 when the music begins and we would like to start keeping the corridors clear, so children will not be able to enter to hang their bags. We do have a number of before school programs children can access if they are feeling cold before school.

**1. Breakfast Club:** Breakfast is available to all children on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.15am in the BER Building.

**2. Rad Readers:** The Library is open every morning from 8.30am for children to come in to read to younger students or an adult. This is an incentive based program and children are rewarded with certificates, vouchers and books when they attend for a certain number of times.

**3. Digi Grow:** Miss Brett's Classroom is open each morning for Digi Grow. A range of technology is available for children to use in a safe and supportive environment. Children can dance to the XBox360 moves, use Nintendo DSs and iPads. This is open from 8.30am.

All these programs are designed to encourage students to come to school and to be at school on time.

**Attendance H.E.R.O.:** Miss Dearing has diligently developed an incentive based program to encourage regular, daily attendance at school. This is the number one factor in ensuring children make progress with their learning. Coming to school every day, on time is VERY

important. H.E.R.O. stands for Here Every day On Time. Miss Dearing and her Attendance Helpers Mikayla Street and Nellie Kaio have created a beautiful display in the main foyer.

Please remember it is important for you to inform the school of your child's absence and the reason why. If your child returns to school without an explanation you will receive a note from the class teacher asking you to provide a reason. Please return these promptly for our record keeping procedures, as required by the Education Department.



**Mrs Waterman's Baby:** Mrs Waterman gave birth to a healthy baby girl Millie Grace on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 3.15am. Everyone, including dad, are doing well. I have included a couple of photos she sent and she is adorable.



**Aboriginal Language Program:** During the holidays, Melton West PS was featured on the 774 Melbourne Radio Program for NAIDOC Week. Mathew Gardiner, our WoiWurrung Language Teacher was interviewed by the Station Reporter Clare Rawlinson. I have attached the article to this newsletter and put the link in for people who'd like to hear the radio interview. I will attempt to have it placed on our website, Facebook, Twitter and our Skoolbag Ap too. Feeling very proud to have this fantastic program at Melton West PS.

<https://soundcloud.com/774-abc-melbourne/woi-wurrung-in-primary-school>

**Online 'Pokémon Go' Craze:** As you may be aware Nintendo has launched a new online game people can play from their portable devices called Pokémon Go.

Please be aware that if your child signs up to join this game, their location through the GPS tracking device the game requires makes them visible to others online at all times. There have also been reports of broken bones and other accidents occurring as the user is distracted by the game. For children as young as primary school aged, parents should be closely monitoring the use of such a game. There was an article in the Herald Sun on page 13 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July outlining these concerns.

**Berry St Training:** On Monday, the first day of Term 3, the staff participated in the third day of a four day program run by Berry Street. Again the information we gained was invaluable in helping us understand how to work with and support some of our most vulnerable students. One of the things we focussed on was 'Savouring'. Helping children understand how to enjoy precious moments, so they can reflect back on that time when things aren't going so well. As adults we can model this important strategy by sharing with them events that we remember fondly and the feelings we create when we think about them. This helps them understand when things aren't going so well, it is temporary, it will pass and we can have good experiences again.

**Body Safety:** Thank-you to the parents who attended the Body Safety Information Session yesterday. I know it was very useful and provided very important information. Through-out this term, all students from Years 1-6 will learn a range of protective behaviours and the importance of talking to trusted adults about everything that happens in their lives. This is a very important subject for all students to learn in order to be safe at all times.

**Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed**  
Michelle Costa  
Principal

## STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Our SSS students have been working hard so far and we are proud of their progress, and are happy to announce that tickets went on sale Friday 3 June.

Here is the info:

Victorian State Schools Spectacular – Get your tickets!

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: The Elements.

This year's Spectacular will be held at **Hisense Arena on Saturday 10 September**, with two shows at **1pm and 6:30pm**. The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets.

Talented young skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student's performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular will be available for 11 days only from 10am on Friday 3 June. Standard ticket prices will apply after then.

Early Bird tickets – available for one week only from 10am on Friday 3 June Adult – \$35 Child Under 15 – \$18 Concession – \$30 Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001) General Admission tickets – available from 9am on Tuesday 14 June Adult – \$40 Concession – \$30 Child Under 15 – \$20

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

To purchase tickets, visit [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or phone Ticketek on 132 849.

For more information about the event and program, go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

<https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular>

## BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO

1. On Friday each week students with 100% attendance for the week will receive a ticket.
2. On Monday the tickets will be handed to the students. It is then the student's responsibility to deliver their ticket into the boxes in the Prep Photocopy room during recess or lunch time.

At assembly the next Friday tickets will be drawn from each box. The students will then have the option of choosing a VIVO reward.

Students whose tickets have been drawn out will receive a certificate and a 'superhero', which will have their photo on it, to decorate. Each Superhero will be displayed on a wall.

## Newsletter item from a student:

"Ways to care for our school"

I have thought of some ideas to keep the school clean.

1. Put rubbish in the bin.
2. Pick up litter.
3. Turn off the taps.
4. Tell the teacher about dripping taps.
5. Don't spray water at drinking taps.
6. Keep off the new grass.
7. Plant new trees.
8. Look after new plants.

Thank you

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|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Monday    | Technology               | Ms Butcher              | Science Room        |
| Tuesday   | Drumbeat                 | Ms Moore / Ms Henaway   | 5/6V Classroom 9    |
|           | Yrs. 3 – 6 Dance Club    | Ms Brett                | 3/4B Classroom 21   |
|           | Yrs. Prep – 2 Dance Club | Ms Barnes               | Prep B Classroom 14 |
|           | Colouring Club           | Ms Dearing              | Art Room            |
| Wednesday | Choir                    | Ms MacDonald / Ms Mega  | Library             |
|           | Lego Club                | Ms White                | 5/6W Classroom 23   |
|           | Yoga Club                | Ms Rousset              | 5/6R Classroom 26   |
|           | Colouring Club           | Ms Dearing              | Art Room            |
| Thursday  | Colouring Club           | Ms Dearing              | Art Room            |
|           | Art club at recess       | Ms Damnic               | Art Room            |
|           | Technology Club          | Ms Butcher              | Science Room        |
| Friday    | Indonesian Club          | Ms Merry                | Library             |
|           | Minecraft Club           | Mr Spudvillas / Mr Bird | 3/4J Classroom OL1  |
|           | Colouring Club           | Ms Dearing              | Art Room            |

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Facilitated by Bright FACES  
Rolando (Qualified Trainer) & Michelle (Psychologist)

Centre of Bright FACES  
3/21 Reserve Rd  
Melton

**Sports and rec groups for kids, teens and young adults with Autism or other Special Needs.**

Thurs 4pm-5pm Primary Age  
Fri 4:30pm-5:30pm Adolescents

Commencing 21 & 22/07/2016  
x 8 weeks

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Adolescents: \$75 per week or \$500 per term with up to \$84.80 Medicare rebate per session  
Primary: \$100 per week or \$700 term with up to \$84.80 Medicare rebate per session or fully funded for clients eligible for DSS funding