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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.21

15th December, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR 2016		
December	16 th	Grade 6 Adventure Park Excursion
	16 th	Grade 5 Three Sixty Trampoline Park Excursion
	19 th	Grade 6 Graduation Tabcorp Park
	20 th	Assembly 1:00pm
	20 th	LAST DAY TERM 4 School finishes 1:30pm
February	1st	2017 Grade 1-6 students classes commence 8:50am
	2 nd	2017 Prep students start school 8:50am

Key Messages in the Newsletter:

Mr Misiano’s Baby: Congratulations to Mr Misiano and his wife Rachael on the safe arrival of Ella.

School Starts 2017: Years 1-6 1st February, Year Prep 2nd February

Meet the 2017 Teacher: Today students had the opportunity to meet their 2017 teacher

Graduation: On Monday 19th December the Grade 6 students will be celebrating their graduation

Last Day Assembly: School finishes at 1.30pm after an assembly starting at 1.00pm

Staff Changes 2016: I have included a list of teachers leaving this year as well as our new teachers



Dear Parents and Guardians

The year is closing to an end very quickly. We have much to do, in very little time. It has been a busy year and we have achieved so much. Thank-you for having trust in us, trust that we have all children’s best interest at the centre of what we do. We are educators and have chosen this career because we want to make a difference in the lives of children by providing them with the best educational opportunities we can. It is important that the home-school relationship is strong and that we work as a team to achieve the goal of children striving for and achieving their personal best.

Next year school for Years 1-6 resume on WEDNESDAY 1st February and for 2017 Year Prep on THURSDAY 2nd February.



Mr Misiano’s Baby Girl:
 I would like to congratulate Mr Misiano and his wife Rachael on the safe arrival of their second child, a daughter Ella, who was born on Friday 2nd December at 9:00am. Both mother and daughter are both

doing well, although he did tell me she likes to start partying at about 11:30 pm and has already picked her favourite top, a Collingwood jumper.

Meet the 2017 Teacher: Today our students met their teacher for 2017. Most teachers new to the school next year were able to attend, however for those who were unable to, our current staff stepped in. Your child should receive a slip of paper indicating their teacher’s name and the room number. Please keep this safe for reference next year.

Graduation: On Monday 19th December we will be holding our Annual Grade 6 Graduation at Tabcorp Park. We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone in the students’ educational journey and wish them all the best as they head off to high school. Each year at Graduation, we invite a past student to speak to the students, sharing their journey since leaving primary school. This provides the students with the possibilities that await them, encouraging them to continue to do their best at school.

Last Day Assembly: Tuesday 20th December is our final day of school for 2016. We always finish with a final assembly where awards are presented for 100% attendance for the year and the Grade 6s perform their graduation song. Other awards will also be presented,

as well as the School Captains for 2017 announced. The assembly will start at 1.00pm and children will be dismissed at 1.30 pm.

Staff Changes 2016: We have a number of teachers who will be moving to new schools, or taking break from teaching for the time being. We wish them well as they enter the next phase of their teaching career and look forward to some of them returning after a year or 2. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for the work they have done here as part of the Melton West PS Community.

The following teachers will not be with us in 2017: Liam Devlin, Sarah Rousset, Michael Willie, Veronica Boase, Emma Snow, Melissa Damnic, and Jeffrey Knolder. Shae Battye and Holly Meikle are support staff who are also not returning. Thank-you all for your work and support of the students at Melton West PS.

We have searched far and wide to find teaching staff to replace those leaving and to cover the new roles we have in 2017. I am very happy to welcome the following teachers to our staff for 2017: Katie Hawke, Joanne Agius, Emma Keyes, Mallory Bland, Kristen Tatum, Kerri Fraser, Tina Stamoulis, Charlene Waldron, Kate Bytheway and we welcome back Jacinta Thunell. These teachers range in experience from 12 years to new graduates. I'm sure each will have something positive to bring to Melton West PS and I'm sure we will all make them feel very welcomed. I have included a table of who is teaching where next year, for your information.

STUDENT STAR AWARDS

2nd December: Matilda



Street, Skyler Homburg, Ashley Lane, Cloe Flaherty, Chaise Hamilton, Emma Young, Shaianne Kaio, Ricky Finger, Hayden Mepstead, Kenny Ho, Ada Huseyin, Chanel Fuimaono, Te Ramaroa Grant, Aysenur Yildiz, Andrew Denney, Matilda Milroy, Luatangi Haunga, Ashton Lambley, Angeline Tuionetoa, Robinson Doek, Amelia Tuionetoa, Ruby Russell, Santiana Katopau, Jaxen Dennis, Eric Brough-King, Shayleigh Shilling, Brooke Lamberton, Samuel Mendoza

9th December: Thomas Johnson, Bailey Goninon, Adrian Pamilacan, Baran Shnkie, Nyiel Wal, Gurveer Kohli, Herjok Garang, Charlee Mowlam, Cerys Lewis, Marlee Leetham,

STUDENT READING AWARDS

2nd December:

150 Nights: Shaye Howard PZ, Chloe Condie PZ, Danielle Kuhnert PZ

200 Nights: Tyler Russell PZ

250 Nights: Patrick Tyrell

9th December: 200 Nights: Chloe Aquilina



2017 MWPS TEACHING STAFF

PC	Liz Cassar/Sarah Ralph
PM	Mallory Bland
PB	Keili Burns
PS	Rebecca Salem
PT	Kristen Tatum
12Z	Dani Zuniga/Leonie Hooke
12A	Aira Agarano
12G	Gordon Webb
12D	Jenna Davies
12T	Monica Todarello
12P	Lydia Parker
12W	Charlene Waldron
34J	Jayden Spudvilas-Powell/Jess Pfister
34S	Nicole Spiteri
34M	Maryanne Haber
34L	Lyndon Smith
34A	Joanne Agius
34B	Sarah Barnes
34H	Katie Hawke
34K	Emma Keyes
56N	Nadine Mills/Liza Dearing
56M	Matthew Misiano
56B	Kate Bytheway
56V	Vanessa Moore
56T	Jacinta Thunell
56F	Karri Fraser
56S	Tina Stamoulis
Year 1-6 Art	Nichole White
Year 1-6 PE	Deena Henaway
P-2 Science	Ashlyn Butcher
3-6 Science	Ryan Bird
Prep Art and PE	Sally Shoebridge
PWO	Marg Campbell
LT – Literacy	Sarah Marshall



Moving forward With the Passion to Succeed
Kathy Cvitkovic
 Assistant Principal



Extend OSHC at MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Special Note From Kiera

I'm just writing a quick message to let all parents and children know that I'll be stepping down as Team Leader as of next year to focus on my studies. It has been a pleasure being the team leader of the program over the last year and a half and I have enjoyed my time immensely. I will still be around at the program but casually and as an assistant. I wish everyone the best.

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and children that have used the service this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy new year.

BOOKINGS FOR 2017

Please note that your current current bookings will not roll over for 2017. Please ensure you make your 2017 bookings before Term 1 begins at extend.com.au

EXTEND SUPERSTAR AWARD GOES TO ALEXANDRA PROCOPIOU, KALE NEVE AND ASHLEIGH BOLTS... For their willingness to try new things and trying their best in group games. For great behaviour and helping Kiera and Kimberley at OSHC.

Recap of activities:

The last couple of weeks have been all about Christmas.

- Reindeer craft
- Santa craft
- Pin the nose of Rudolph the reindeer
- Snowman craft
- Snow globe craft
- Snowman knock down
- Snowman Christmas biscuits
- Christmas guessing games

For the 2 days next week lots of Christmas craft will be continued and a Christmas picnic will be held for the end of term party which the children have decided on.

The Djerriwarrh Health Services Djaambi Aboriginal Men's Group of Melton proudly support all community use of the culturally safe space at Melton Botanic Gardens created by Djaambi Men's Group in partnership with Friends of the Melton Botanic Gardens. Below is Information about an Aboriginal business running a community event at Melton Botanic Gardens. RSVP details below.



WAYAPA WUURRK SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Wayapa Wuurrk Aboriginal Wellness Foundation invites all of our cultural program participants and their families to join in our End of Year Celebration, honouring the summer solstice.

Activities will include:
Traditional Dance-Off
Wayapa, Earth Connection Practice
Storytelling
Traditional Games
Free BBQ

Date: Wednesday 21st December 2016
Time: 5pm to 8.30pm
Location: Melton Botanic Gardens,
1 Tullidge St Melton

RSVP
info@wayapawuurrk.com
or call 0488767761

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Wayapa Wuurrk logo and other partner logos are visible at the bottom of the poster.

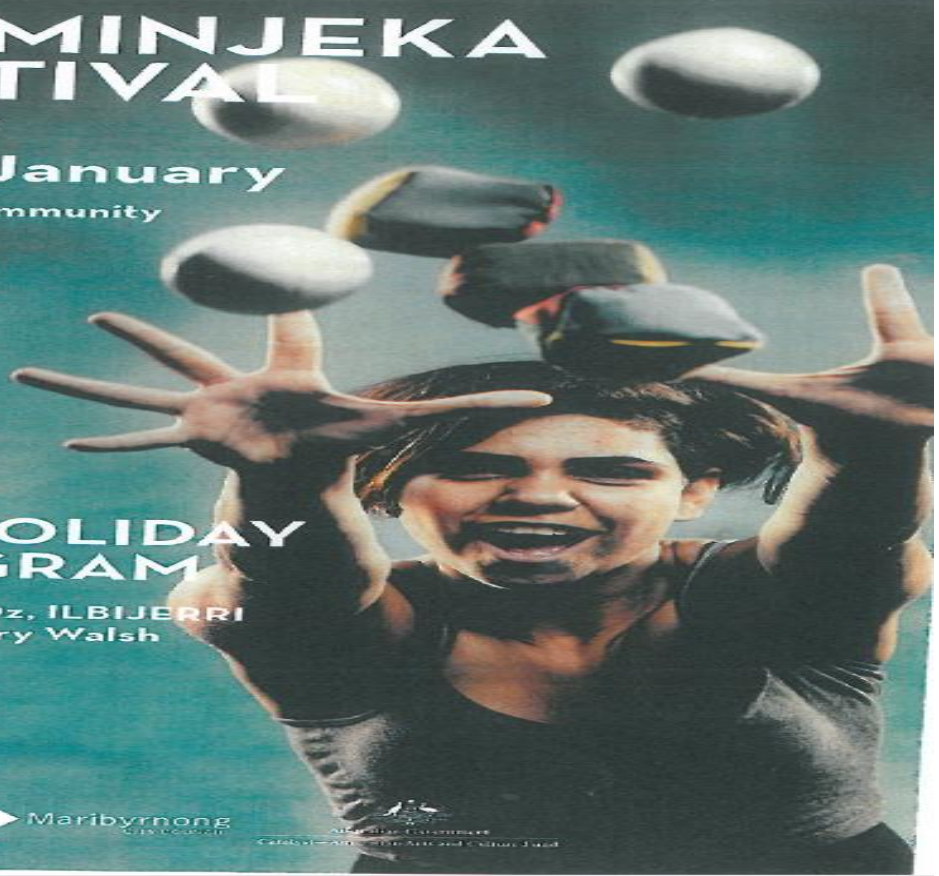




WOMINJEKA FESTIVAL 2017

14 - 21 January

Footscray Community
Arts Centre



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARTS PROGRAM

with **BLAKflip** - Circus Oz, **ILBIJERRI**
James Henry, Uncle Larry Walsh

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARTS PROGRAM

BLAKflip FROM CIRCUS OZ with DAVEY THOMPSON

Davey Thompson will be facilitating the workshops with Indigenous circus trainers from the **Circus OZ** team. Children will learn the **BLAKflip** circus ways of tumbling, acrobatics, juggling, hula hooping, devil sticks and other games that introduce the skills and movement patterns of the circus world.

Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 January, 6 - 12 yrs

ILBIJERRI THEATRE COMPANY with KAMARA BELL-WYKES

Delivered by leading Indigenous theatre artists from **ILBIJERRI**, Australia's longest running Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Company, the workshop provides an opportunity for participants to work with Indigenous performing artists in interactive drama activities to develop a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture and the contemporary lived experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 January, 6 - 9 yrs

STORIES AND ANIMATION with UNCLE LARRY

Uncle Larry Walsh and **David Pennay** combine surreal stop motion animation techniques with storytelling to help children create their own stop motion animation. A senior Elder with a passion for using storytelling to ensure the cultural continuity of his ancient oral traditions, Uncle Larry loves working with the younger generation and sees them as the torch-bearers of the future.

Tuesday 17 January, 6 - 9 yrs

PHOTOGRAPHY with JAMES HENRY

Participants will use a combination of multi-coloured lighting techniques, projectors and photo editing to make interesting creations using their DSLR or even a phone camera.

Thursday 19 January, 10 - 12 yrs

WEAVING AND BUSH TOY MAKING with BRONWYN RAZEM

Bronwyn Razem will be teaching the kids some of her traditional weaving styles that have been handed down from generation to generation, making bracelets, other jewellery objects, bush toys and household ornaments.

Wednesday 18 January, 10 - 12 yrs and Thursday 19 January, 6 - 9 yrs

WHEN: Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 January, 10am - 3pm

VENUE: FCAC

COST: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants: Free, bookings essential (includes before and after care, and transport if required).

General public participants: Earlybird (until 4 December) 3 days \$180 / \$150, Single day \$90 / \$70. Standard (from 5 December) 3 days \$210 / \$170, Single day \$100 / \$80

Before care 8:30am - 10am: \$8. After care 3pm - 5pm: \$15

Wominjeka Festival 2017 School Holiday Arts Program is supported by



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