



Melrose Primary School

RESPECT ~ LEARNING ~ HONESTY ~ RESPONSIBILITY ~ EXCELLENCE

29 Stuart Street Melrose 5483 Phone: 8666 2154 Fax: 8666 2001 Email: dl.0253.info@schools.sa.edu.au Web: www.melroseps.sa.edu.au



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

NEWSLETTER ~ Term 2 Week 10 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

The term is rushing along to its natural end. We have almost reached the halfway point of the school year. As such it is timely to reflect on the many achievements we have been a part of this year. Our school community is a very human place – people are important.

Wednesday was our Tuck Day for the term. What a great lunch we had. Thank you to Deanne, Jess, Donna, Tess, Sarah, Ellie and Kris for taking the time to make this a wonderful day.

'The day we all don't want to think about'

Meridee's last day for the year is today. Meridee is taking long service leave for Terms 3 and 4 and we wish her all the best while on leave.

I am personally indebted to Meridee for her support, guidance, patience and wealth of knowledge in helping me settle into the school and for the unseen work she quietly does for us all. Meridee had planned to take leave earlier this year but postponed her plans in 2016 due to a new Principal being appointed to the school. This speaks much of Meridee's integrity and commitment to Melrose PS. I can only sincerely say, 'Meridee you will be missed by us all'.

New Melrose Primary Polo-top Shirts

Governing Council has investigated the option for a new student polo-t shirt. The new polos are on display at the school and we are hoping that you support this initiative. Governing Council voted to subsidise one polo-t shirt per student at a cost of \$10.00 and thereafter shirts will cost \$29 each.

To ensure the correct size for your child/ren it is advisable to have your child/ren try on tops at the school before purchasing. A letter has been sent home with details.

Please note that the current tops will also remain part of the school uniform.

I acknowledge the work of Jessica (McCallum) for bringing this to fruition.

Student Behaviour

Over this first semester I have been happy with the behaviour of all students in the school. I believe that Melrose students do a good job at cooperating and helping each other.

One way we remind our students of their personal responsibility towards each other is by regular reminders and discussions on acceptable and appropriate behaviour. Talks in class and at assemblies include anti-bullying strategies and how to deal with bullies.

Semester 1 Reports

Today (Friday) the Semester 1 Reports are being sent home with your child/ren. They will give you an indication of your child's learning – their achievements and their challenges. It is timely for each student to consider just how well they are taking up the challenges in their learning.

Our reports comply with government expectations and support criteria that language is in plain English, and that all year level subjects (except for Reception) are assessed by allocating a grade.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Murray

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

• 07/07

End of Term 2

• 07/07

Early Dismissal

2.15pm

• 08-11th August

Upper Primary Camp

CONTENTS

• Principal's Report

• Upper Primary Class
Report

• Junior Primary Class
Report

• Governing Council
Report

• Japanese Report

• Term 3 Overview

INFORMATION SENT HOME

• Polo Shirt Order
form

• Upper Primary Camp
notes



Nature Play Day – Melrose Showgrounds – Wednesday 4 July

Earlier this term we were invited by Wilmington Primary School to join them in a day of Nature Play. The day was a great day where students made forts, cubbies, explored nature, made damper, met up with fiends and made new friends with our Wilmington neighbours.

Thank you to the Wilmington staff and community for the organisation of the day and giving us the opportunity to be part of this learning experience. We will be able to build on experiences and friendships made, in our work back at school in the weeks to come.

Junior Primary Report

Fidget Spinners

In Week 9 the class explored the movement of fidget Spinners. As a class we discussed the features that help make a fidget spinner move and then watched a video about making fidget spinners with Lego.

It was great to have the Lego out again and to watch the class trawling through it to find the pieces they needed. There were not enough parts for everyone to share the one design solution so many students were required to think critically and creatively.

After using the Lego the class tried using cardboard to make their spinners. The students had to ensure that each arm was a similar size and weight to make it rotate without having to continually push.

We then timed how long the fidget spinners spun and recorded the results on a class chart. The students used their knowledge and understandings to draw conclusions about the results.

Brooke Gamlen
JP Teacher

Governing Council Report

Cubby House

With the new cubby house area under development, we're now on the hunt for safe kitchenware for pretend play. If you have any spare at home you're happy to donate, please send into School.

Father's Day

Also we are looking for donations of items/services to go towards a Father's Day Raffle.

Working Bee

Our next Working Bee has been scheduled for Sunday 23rd July from 9.00am. General yard maintenance, soft fall spreading & wicking bed work is planned. Please come along if you can spare some time, many hands make light work.

Sincerely

Governing Council

Nature Play Day

Upper Primary Comments

Thank you for letting us come to the Nature Play Day. My favourite thing about the day was making the cubbies, we made a tree house. The other cool thing was roasting marshmallows.

I made a cubby and it was fun. I made it with clay.

It was a great experience and gave us Uppers time to get to know the Wilmington kids for school camp.

I thought it was fun looking for scorpions with the Wilmington students and I climbed tree's.

Junior Primary Comments

- I had Marshmallows.
- I had damper and it was yummy.
- I was looking for centipedes with other students.
- I climbed the Egypt looking thing and had my own damper.
- I had marshmallows.
- I played with my friend. It was fun. We slid down the slide.
- I played with other students.
- I kicked the footy with my friends from Wilmington and it was fun.
- I went to the creek and I went up the hill and slid down.



Japanese Report にほんご Nihongo



Term 3 Overview

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 24 th July | 25 th July | 26 th July | 27 th July | 28 th July |
| 2 | 31 st July | 1 st August | 2 nd August | 3 rd August *Assembly* | 4 th August |
| 3 | 7 th August | 8 th August | 9 th August *UP Camp* | 10 th August *UP Camp* | 11 th August *UP CAMP* |
| 4 | 14 th August *Science Week* | 15 th August *Science Week* | 16 th August *Science Week* | 17 th August *Science Week* | 18 th August *Science Week* |
| 5 | 21 st August *Book Week* | 22 nd August *Book Week* | 23 rd August *Book Week* | 24 th August *Book Week* *JP Assembly* | 25 th August *Book Week* |
| 6 | 28 th August | 29 th August | 30 th August | 31 st August *Early Dismissal* 2.30pm | 1 st September |
| 7 | 4 th September *Student Free* Day | 5 th September | 6 th September *Whole School* Camp | 7 th September *Whole School* Camp | 8 th September *Whole School* Camp |
| 8 | 11 th September | 12 th September | 13 th September | 14 th September | 15 th September |
| 9 | 18 th September | 19 th September *Early Dismissal* 2.30pm | 20 th September *UP Assembly* | 21 st September | 22 nd September |
| 10 | 25 th September | 26 th September | 27 th September | 28 th September | 29 th September |