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SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

- 22/08 East of the Ranges Choir Concert - Port Pirie
- 22/08 Junior Primary Sleepover
- 23/08 2:30 pm Early Dismissal
- 24/08 Book Week Assembly and Parade (Dress Up)
- 04/09 Monday - Pupil Free Day
- 08/09 Premier's Reading Challenge - Completed forms due back.
- 15/09 Entries Close for Student Prize Essay Competition (End of Week 8)

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Term 3 Overview

Week 9

2.30pm Early Dismissal
Tuesday 19th September

NEWSLETTER ~ Term 3 Week 4 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary School

There is so much happening at present; our school is certainly an exciting place to be. Last week was the combined Upper Primary Camp with Wilmington Primary School at Illawonga via Swan Reach. The staff at Illawonga Camp were very impressed with our students. Both Wilmington and Melrose students were great ambassadors for both our schools.

Week 4's special activities included East of the Ranges Choir rehearsal at Jamestown on Tuesday, Questacon Science Circus at Wilmington on Thursday for all students and on Friday at Orroroo the Young Environmental Leaders Forum for Year 5 students.

Next week is Book Week. The theme for this year is **Escape to Everywhere!** Details of our Book Week activities are included in this newsletter.

This week we have also launched our **Melrose Primary School Students Prize Essay Competition** with details of this also contained within this newsletter.

Working Bee

Thank you to those who gave their time on Sunday 13th of August to spruce up the school grounds and undertake some much needed maintenance work. It was a fantastic effort with so much achieved. The school is continuing to look really good.

The new wicking beds are now in place and I am sure will be producing impressive amounts of organic vegetables very soon.

We now have new football goals and netball rings. We are also erecting a very large net behind the football goals to hopefully prevent footballs from going into the museum grounds or onto the road.

The cubby house is starting to take shape with the new lawn area. The tank is connected at the cubby house and ready for the herb garden to be planted. The fruit trees were pruned, the sleepers re-erected around the Adventure playground and soft fill bark chips was spread under the play ground equipment.

The above initiatives are part of our planned upgrading of school facilities over the next year.

Thank you to Tess, Joel, Jess, Jessica, Sharee, Lachie, Sarah, Melita, Joe, Brooke, Chris, Julianne and Noel.

East of the Ranges Choir Concert

Tickets for the East of the Ranges Choir Concert can now be purchased through the Northern Festival Centre in Port Pirie on 8633 8500. Prices are \$15 adults, \$12 concession and \$10 for students/children under 17 years. Students performing in the choir do not need to purchase a ticket. The final performance is on Tuesday 22nd of August commencing at 7.30pm.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is quickly drawing to a close. All students need to ensure they have read the required 12 books and completed their forms by the 8th of September. We are anticipating a 100% participation and completion rate for our school.

\$67.5 million funding boost to accelerate student achievement

The State Government will provide a \$67.5m funding boost to public school students who have been identified as needing more help to lift literacy and numeracy across the state.

Primary school students who are not achieving expected standards or growth will benefit from dedicated intervention funds provided to their school.

Under the 4 year \$67.5m *Literacy and Numeracy First* plan, schools will use extra funds on high-impact teaching strategies to lift student achievement. Schools will use a range of evidence-based teaching strategies, including extra teachers, literacy and numeracy coaches or targeted programs. Improvement strategies will be overseen by a newly-established independent panel of education experts.

The recent NAPLAN results show there has been improvement in numeracy across all year levels in the state, but more work is needed to lift achievement to a higher level for all students in numeracy and in literacy.

The targeted funding – for students in public primary schools – is designed to lift achievement and modernise the state’s public education system to prepare young South Australians for jobs of the future.

For more information [visit the department's website](#).

Pupil Free Day

Governing Council has approved the following date as a pupil free day - Monday 4th September. DECD has given schools this day for Learning Design, Assessment and Moderation professional learning for teachers. We will be working with other schools in our Flinders Partnership.

Early Dismissal Days for Term 3

Governing Council also approved a 2.30pm early dismissal for Wednesday 23rd August and Tuesday 19th September, so that teachers can attend combined staff meetings with other Flinders Partnership schools for assessment and moderation of professional learning. These combined staff meetings are being held in Orroroo.

Hat Reminder

A reminder for all students/parents regarding the Sun Smart Procedure

All students and staff in DECD schools are required to wear hats in Terms 1, 3 and 4 when outside, and during Term 2 when UV levels reach 3 and above. Further to this, Governing Council ratified our updated Sun Smart Policy at the Governing Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th August.

Regards
Murray

UP Primary Report

The Upper Primary Class have put together a compilation of their experiences of Illawonga Camp

The Bus Trip

On the 9th of August 2017 the Melrose Upper Primary class went on camp ‘Woo Hoo!’ but there was a twist we went with the primary students from Wilmington Primary School. I know right, I thought it wouldn’t be that good until I heard my friends were coming and then it was like ‘Yeah let’s do this’.

It was a long trip to Illawonga, about 4 ½ hours. I was excited when we went past Clare Valley Toyota and guess who I saw, Tom Redden. While in Clare we had a quick break then onto Tarlee for our recess break. We enjoyed a play in the playground. Then back onto the bus. Illawonga here we come.

Museum

On the first day we went to the Museum at Swan Reach. We were divided into groups and given a sheet and had to find things on the sheet. I was in a group with other students. We had great fun finding all the things like how many stuffed birds, the colour of a wedding dress, the age of the building and much more. We had great fun.

Caving

On Day 2 we went caving. We went 250m into the cave. There were sea animals but they were fossils. We weren’t allowed to pick the fossils out of the walls. When we were 250m into the cave we sat down and the teacher told us we could find fossils. I was like yah! I found a really cool fossil it was a hermit crab. The caving was the best part of the trip.

Yabby Farm

We went to the Yabby farm and learnt about how to tell a male and female yabby. I already knew this. They also showed us what happens when the yabby sheds its shell. We all had a chance to pick up the yabby.

Archery

When we did archery we were divided into three groups. My group was first to shoot. I hit the blue and orange in the target. The other two groups had word puzzles to work out while they waited for their turns. We had two rounds of shooting at the archery target.

Illawonga Camp Sheep Races

Late in the afternoon of Day 2 we went to the sheep races. We saw a pipe where there were two holes and guess what? There were dog's heads sticking out of the holes and they were real.

After we were seated they asked us if anyone lived on a farm, most of us put our hands up (including me). They asked us if any of us had a farm dog. A lot of us did (including me). A boy from Wilmington got picked to go sit on the pipe. I hoped I would get picked next AND I DID! We both had to sit on the holes in the pipe. The man told us that the dogs are noisy so they wanted us to sit there to block the noise, he also warned us that they lick and they did.

We watched the sheep race and a shearing demonstration then went outside to have a go at whip cracking. The man tried to use the whip to tie a student's shoe laces. We also had fun running through the maze which was spoiled a little by the owner's small child showing us the way out. It was great to see the wombats up-close as well.

Boat Tour

On the last day we had a boat tour on the river. We learnt about some of the river birds and about how the river was formed by erosion. On the way back we all had a turn at steering the boat and drove around in circles over the wake. Some of us got wet doing this it was great fun.

The camp was a great experience with the gym and caving being the highlights. Mixing with the Wilmington school was great with many friendships from out of school ventures being recognised. Our students were great and participated in everything with great enthusiasm.

Julianne Curtis

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GOVERNING COUNCIL INFORMATION

- **We have a current temporary vacancy available in our Governing Council. If you wish to volunteer your time & services, please get in touch with either Murray Koster or Tess McCallum.**

- **Still looking for further donations for the Second Hand Uniform Shop. Please drop into Donna at the Cafe, any day other than Wednesday.**

- **We are considering selling donuts at the '18hrs of Melrose' weekend, 1-2 September 2017. Does anyone want to volunteer to run the stall?**

- **Also, we'd love to have a school stall at the Melrose Show this year, thinking another Trash 'n' Treasure & Bake Sale. Looking for volunteers to work on the day, along with any donations &/or ideas.**

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Students Prize Essay Competition

For students:

Your task is to produce a piece of writing on the topic '**Remarkable Lives**'.

This is the school's major Literacy competition for 2017.

Upper Primary

Suggested topics:

- Interview a parent, grandparent, relative or family friend about their memories of growing up in Melrose.
- The writing could focus on one event and on their memories of change.

Junior Primary

Suggested topics:

- Interview a parent, grandparent, relative or family friend about their memories of growing up in Melrose.
- Toys
- Farming
- School

If you are unable to interview a local resident it is suggested that you research one of the soldiers named on the local War Memorial.

There is no word limit. Your work could include a photo or photos and can be typed or hand-written.

All students' work will be bound into a book with a copy being presented to the Melrose Local History Group.

Judging will be according to the following year levels sections:

1. Reception/Year 1
2. Year 2/3
3. Year 4/5

Entries close Friday 15 September 2017 (End of Week 8)

Winners will be announced at the Open Day Assembly on Wednesday 20th September 2017 (Week 9)