



# Melrose Primary School

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## Week 1 Term 4 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary,

### Welcome to Term 4

This term is going to be an extremely busy time for staff and students alike. Many activities are planned and we hope that our final term for 2018 will be one of hard work and fun at the same time.

### Welcome

We firstly welcome Lily (Year 2) and Beau (4) and Jean and Alan to our school.

### Change of date for Presentation Night

Due to a clash of dates for our concert we have changed the date to Wednesday 5 December.

### Assemblies

We have two assemblies at which you are invited this term. Assemblies commence at 2.45pm and are held in the Community Room. Upper Primary led assembly, Thursday 1 November Junior Primary led assembly and Annual Awards Assembly 13 December. The aim of assemblies is to celebrate student success and also share learning that has been happening in the school.

### Flinders Partnership Schools Staff Meeting

We had our final combined Flinders Partnership schools staff meeting for 2018 this last Tuesday afternoon. The purpose of these meetings has been for all teachers and leaders of schools to:

Build consistency of teacher judgements about student learning, specifically building capacity of teachers to moderate student work to ensure consistency of teacher judgement when assessing work and further developing learning opportunities for students that challenge every learner.

As a small school these meetings have been very beneficial to Julianne, Brooke and myself as they have also allowed us to share ideas and expertise with others who teach the same year levels.

The following statement is true for Julianne, Brooke and myself.

*Planning can be done in many ways, but the most powerful is when teachers work together to develop plans, develop common understandings of what is worth teaching ... and work together to evaluate the impact of their planning on student outcomes.*

**John Hattie, Visible Learning for Teachers: Maximising Impact on Learning.**

## DATES FOR YOUR

### DIARY

### TERM 4

### ANTI POVERTY DAY & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gold coin donation

### ASSEMBLY

Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>

### YEL FORUM

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### ASSEMBLY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### BANKING DETAILS

For all school invoices:

BSB: 065-509  
ACC: 10039517



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

### Primary Mathematics Association Competition Winners

Congratulations to Lily O, Grace and Myah for each winning a Highly Commended Award in this year's state Mathematics and Numeracy Challenge.

All three have been invited to the presentation ceremony in Adelaide where they will be presented with their award from the Minister for Education, Hon. John Gardner.

Their inquiry projects were titled:

Lily O – Symmetry Overview

Grace – Circle Symmetry

Myah – Symmetry

### 2018 PMA Powerful Learners: Mathematics & Numeracy Challenge

Yr	Category	Name	Result
1	Individual Set Investigation 1	Myah Cains	Highly Commended
1	Individual Set Investigation 1	Grace McCallum	Highly Commended
2	Individual Set Investigation 1	Lily Omahen	Highly Commended

The Presentation Ceremony is **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018** in Adelaide with the Minister for Education John Gardner, awarding the prizes. Congratulations.

### Holiday happenings

During the holidays the painting of the Library and Multi-purpose room was completed. A few trees were pruned in preparation for the coming fire season.

Thank you to Elin and Nessie for helping by being our school's first point of call while this work was happening.

Thank you also to Lacey and Brooke for doing a 'weed and feed' on our lawn area and keeping the garden areas watered.

### Operation Christmas Child

Please refer to the below for ideas on what to pack and not to pack. We are supporting this charity this month. Thank you to Brooke for organising this.

This year the Melrose Primary School has again decided to support the work of Jan Moulton and take part in **Operation Christmas Child**, organised by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1993 more than 147 million shoeboxes have been delivered in over 150 countries.

Last year the school had 4 shoe boxes that were overflowing with fun and practical items, and we hope to have the same outcome this time round. There will be a box for a **girl and boy aged 5-9 and 10-14**. The student leaders will pack each shoebox to ensure there are a range of items.

**Please read carefully all DO NOT INCLUDE information.**

Donations can be given to class teachers up until **Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>**, when we will have a **casual clothes day** for a **gold coin** in recognition of the rights of children as part of the recent Children's week, and also anti-poverty week.

Regards,  
Murray.

## Fundraising

### **CAR BOOT SALE \$10 PER SITE 12pm - 4pm Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

If you would like to have a site, please contact school as soon as possible. If you do not want to hold a site but would like to donate some items to the school, we would be very appreciative and we are taking donations now. All donations for the school can be dropped off to the Community Room in readiness for the Car Boot sale day. For further information, please contact Sharee McCallum or call into the front office.

### **MELROSE SHOW**

Also, a very big thank you to our volunteers who cooked, packed and worked at the Melrose Show on our Bake Sale/White Elephant Stall. Every year this proves to be a fantastic fundraiser, well done and thank you. We raised a whopping \$616.30.

### **RAFFLE – CHEFS TOOLBOX**

There will be a raffle book coming home to each family very soon. Our Chefs Toolbox Demonstrator Meridee Groves donated some items that we could raffle. Raffle books will also be placed in Store 54, Over the Edge Bike Shop, and Landmark. Tickets will be available at our concert and drawn at the end of the evening.

## **Bushfire ready**

Parents are encouraged to access a new brochure which provides important information about what our schools/preschools will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Bushfires can occur at any time during summer. It's important that our families understand our Site Emergency Plan are prepared and have a plan in place for their family when these situations arise.

For an electronic copy of the brochure visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au) and search 'bushfire brochure'. A hard copy will accompany this newsletter.

This school will close on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating within the affected fire ban districts. To confirm the current fire danger rating in each district visit the [CFS website](#).

Country Fire Service (CFS) - Information about current fires, or fire danger ratings can be obtained from the CFS.

CFS Emergency Hotline: 1300 362 36

Website: [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/countryfireservice](https://www.facebook.com/countryfireservice).

Twitter: [@CFSAlerts](https://twitter.com/CFSAlerts)

## **From yesteryear**

### **Melrose Primary School Sports Day 1990**



## GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- ✓ **SOMETHING TO WEAR:** T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO LOVE:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.



## DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT:** (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough
- ✗ **FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND:** (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
- ✗ **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:** (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
- ✗ **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- ✗ **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD:** including Halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
- ✗ **GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS:** including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- ✗ **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:** including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)