



Melrose Primary School

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Week 1 Term 1 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

Welcome to the 2019 school year! I hope you all had a great holiday break with your family and friends.

Firstly, we welcome Kate Taylor to our teaching staff. Kate is working at the school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings teaching in the Literacy and Numeracy areas.

Brooke, Julianne, Kate Craig, Jodie and myself worked last week to ensure teaching programs and classrooms were ready to go for this week. Greg and Craig also spent time during the break keeping plants and the lawns growing despite the very hot weather we have been experiencing.

Our first week of school has gone very well with all students working enthusiastically. Our two new reception students, Jade and Neve have also settled in well and have returned everyday happy and eager to learn.

This is also an exciting year as we have a Year 7 group for the first time since 2016.

Our school staff for 2019 are:

Mr Murray Koster – Principal and teaching in both the Junior Primary and Upper Primary classes.

Ms Brooke Gamlen – Junior Primary class teacher

Mrs Julianne Curtis – Upper Primary class teacher

Mrs Kate Taylor – Student Enrichment Learning Teacher (R – 7)

Mrs Jodie McCallum – School Administrator

Mr Craig Roberts – Student support and Library

Ms Elin Griffiths – Play Centre Leader

Mr Greg Peacock - Grounds person

Mrs Sarah Bull – Music teacher

Sensei Clifford – Japanese teacher (from Open Access College)

Playcentre commenced this week. Elin has planned some exciting activities for the term. We hope to see as many as possible join this group as there are vacancies. If you know of any children who are eligible please encourage the family to attend and be part of this group, as we would love to see as many children and families access this service as possible.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates

29th Jan – 12th April

Early Dismissal

Tuesday 5th February
2.15pm

Finance Meeting

Tuesday 12th February
9.00am

Parent Acquaintance Night

Tuesday 12th February
6.30pm

Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th February
7.00pm

Swimming Week 4

18th – 21st February

Student Free Day

Friday 22nd February



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School Instrumental Program

This year we will continue to provide all students with recorder music lessons with our district music teacher, Mrs Sarah Bull. In addition, Mrs Bull is commencing instrumental music lessons, teaching students the saxophone, clarinet and flute. This is an elective program and so far 5 students have committed to this program.

I am asking if you know of anyone who would like to loan (short term or long term) any of the above instruments would you please contact us. Any help would be much appreciated.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2019

Our school has once again committed to being part of this reading initiative. All our students are expected to participate. The Challenge is to read **12 books in total**.

From Reception to Year 7, **8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on the Premiers Reading Challenge website, and **4** of their own choice.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/staff/printbooklist/?reFlag=1>

The challenge has started and we look forward to all our students successfully completing the challenge this year.

Hot weather

It is essential that your child brings a water bottle to school. Our rain water tanks have run dry. However, we are supplying icy cold water in both classrooms for our students to access. Term 1 is also a hat term, please ensure your child has their hat at school every day and is clearly labelled.

School Bus Services

If you are using the government school bus service or you have an opinion about how the services work, then you will be interested in the review of regional South Australian government school bus services.

This review is looking at what options and implications there are for providing all students, regardless of whether they attend a government school or non-government school, a place on the school bus and for the bus to start making stops outside its normal route. The review is also looking at how moving the responsibility for school buses from the Department for Education to the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure might make services more efficient, and how buses could be available for community use.

Have your say by providing your comments through the [YourSAY website](#). You can make comments from 21 January 2019 to 15 February 2019.

Important Dates

Early Dismissal - 2.15 pm Tuesday 5 February – A combined staff meeting for Flinders Partnership Schools at Orroroo

Whole school acquaintance night – 6.30 pm Tuesday 12 February

Governing Council Meeting - 7 pm Tuesday 12 February

Pupil Free Day – Friday 22 February for Flinders Partnership schools. Staff will be involved in professional learning on Visible Learning.

Sports Day – Friday 8 March - Annual district sports day will be held at Booleroo Centre District School

Harmony Day – 21 March - Harmony Day school activities Thursday

Newsletters will be sent out on Thursdays, odd weeks in Terms 1 and 4 and even weeks in Terms 2 and 3.

Consent forms - Could you return all consent forms for your children to the front office by next Tuesday 5 February.

Thank you

Near the end of last year Mrs Avis Clarke generously donated \$50.00 to go towards something on our wish list. We have put this towards much needed kitchen utensils.

Thank you Avis for your very kind donation.

Kind regards, Murray