



# Melrose Primary School

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## Week 5 Term 1 2019

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Pancake Day**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Yrs R-5  
(Do not bring recess)

**Sports Days Practice**  
BCDS  
Yr 6-7  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Sports Day at BCDS**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**AQUATICS DAY**  
Pt Augusta  
Yrs 6-7  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**FOR ALL SCHOOL  
INVOICES**  
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Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary,

### Leader's Day

#### Leaders and Literacy Summit

On Monday and Tuesday, I was in Adelaide for the department's Leaders and Literacy Summit. I was impressed by the keynote speakers address on reading and the directions of our education department. Rick Persse, Chief Executive, Department for Education stated that our Strategic Plan is to build a stronger future for our children by making South Australia's education system world-class. To get us there, we're going after growth for every child, in every class, in every school. Plans and support to achieve this is currently being developed and put in place.

A few quotes from Dr Jim Watterston, Dean from Melbourne Graduate School of Education who spoke on the first day include:

*Leaders which includes teachers, goal is to create a positive learning culture by*  
• *Developing a safe environment* • *Encouraging all to be the best they can be* •  
*Being creative and giving things a go.*

#### Governing Council Annual General Meeting

Yesterday 28<sup>th</sup> February, was our AGM. Parents that were present approved the Annual 2018 School Report and the 2019 School Budget. I thank all parents who attended and congratulate all present for taking on an active position or role in this year's Governing Council. Please read the Governing Council report included in this newsletter.

#### Parent Survey – Annual Presentation Night

We are seeking your opinion and feedback on last year's Annual Presentation Night Concert and request you complete the online survey using the link emailed to you this week. To get better at what we do it is important to know what you, our families are thinking and expect of us. Please note that this online survey as with any surveys we request you to complete are totally confidential.

#### NAPLAN Online

This year our NAPLAN testing will be administered online. All year 3, 5, and 7 students will take part. We are currently testing our school's capability to run the tests online. All tests will be conducted online except for the Year 3 Writing test. The NAPLAN tests are conducted early next term.

#### Sports Day

All students are currently busy practising their skills for the 2019 Sports Day to be held at BCDS next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March with Wilmington and Booleroo Centre students. Parents are expected to have their children at BCDS from 8.30am, please look for the school shade tent and your class teacher to be marked off the roll book. The R-5 students will meet in the gym at 8.45 am for an official welcome.



This will be followed by running events and a series of tabloid events. This year 6/7 students will be involved in the secondary student's section of the sports day. A programme will be sent home next week outlining the day in greater detail. With the weather reaching high temperatures this week, in preparation for Sports Day, if the temperature is 36°C or above the Sports Day will be rescheduled. If the temperature is 34°C or 35°C a modified Sports Day will run for R-5 students. This is according to the Port Pirie temperature on GTS BKN news the night before. There will be sunscreen and water available on the day. Make sure you wear your colours. **Dunstan – Red** and **Rogers - Blue**.

### **Aussie of the Month**

Congratulations to Sol for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for February.

The citation reads:

*For an impressive start to the year showing respect, care and consideration towards others. In demonstrating he is being the best he can be.*

Regards Murray

### **SRC**

SRC have met today and are planning lots of great ideas for the rest of the year. In particular, Week 11 of this term they are planning a fun day. There will be more information to follow. What a great start for them.

### **Governing Council**

Thank you to the parents who attended and placed apologies for last night's Annual General Meeting. This year we welcome some new members to our council. Our councillors for 2019 are listed below. If you would like any further information regarding Governing Council, please do not hesitate to contact Tess McCallum Chairperson or Murray Koster Principal.

#### **2019 Councillors:**

Kerrin Lee-Bruce, Lachie McCallum, Amanda Schulz, Elishia Sanders, Melita Shanks, Lydia Walter, Tess McCallum, Dina Omahen, Sarah Goldsworthy and Murray Koster.

#### **2019 Office Bearers:**

Chairperson: Tess McCallum

Deputy Chair: Lachie McCallum

Secretary: Kerrin Lee-Bruce

Deputy Secretary: Elishia Sanders

Treasurer: Sarah Goldsworthy

Deputy Treasurer: Elishia Sanders

I urge every parent to seriously consider joining the Governing Council and taking an active role within our school community. It is crucially important to the future of the Melrose Primary School, as a small school we appreciate everyone's help and enthusiasm. Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss what it's like to be on Governing Council.

Thank you.

**Tess McCallum**

**Melrose Primary School Governing Council Chairperson**

