



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th February
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15PM

Tuesday 11th February
Finance Committee &
Governing Council

Wednesday 12th February
Information Night

Friday 6th March
BCDS Combined Sports Day

Tuesday 10th March
Student Free Day

Friday 20th March
Harmony Day

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

Welcome to the 2020 school year! I hope you had a great holiday break with family and friends.

Firstly, we welcome Ms Emily Piggott to our teaching staff. Emily will be working at the school on Fridays, teaching in both classes.

Staff worked last week to ensure teaching programs and classrooms were ready to go for this week. Greg also spent time during the break keeping plants and the lawns growing despite the very hot and dry conditions we have been experiencing and undertaking lots of maintenance jobs.

The stone building and rails were also painted during the holidays. The exterior painting of the whole school is now completed and I must say the school is looking really good.

Commencing Monday 10 February work will commence on the new perimeter fence extending along the northern boundary to the caravan park mesh fence boundary. The new fence will keep out kangaroos and make for a much safer place for all.

Our first week has gone well with all students coming to school on Tuesday, enthusiastic and glad to see each other. We have 30 students from Year 1 to Year 7 so sadly no Receptions at this stage. Our Year 7 leaders for this year are Kiera, Oliver and Kaleb.

Sadly we farewelled Craig at the end of 2019. During the holidays Craig won a position with the SANFL as an Umpire Administrator. His office is at the Adelaide Oval however he will be doing a lot of travel to country areas so hopefully we will see Craig from time to time. We certainly wish him well in his new career.

School staff for 2020

Mr Murray Koster – Principal and teaching in the Upper Primary class

Ms Brooke Gamlen – Junior Primary class teacher

Mrs Kate Taylor – Upper Primary class teacher

Mrs Julianne Curtis – Junior Primary class teacher and support teacher to the Upper Primary class

Mrs Emily Piggott – Teacher in both Upper Primary and Junior Primary classes and teacher-in-charge of Library

Mrs Jodie McCallum – School Administrator

Ms Elin Griffiths – Play Centre Leader

Mr Greg Peacock - Grounds person

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.



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Department for Education

Information Night Wednesday 12 February

Please make time to attend the Information Night to hear your child/ren's teachers speak about programs and plans for this year.

5.30 pm Junior Primary (Ms Gamlen and Mrs Curtis)

6.00 pm Upper Primary. (5.45pm class open to meet with Mrs Taylor and Mr Koster)

Student Representative Council (SRC) Elections

On Wednesday 5 February the Semester 1, SRC elections are being held. The process involves students self-nominating during Term 1, Week 1 and writing a speech using nomination guidelines of which they are given a copy when self-nominating. Student nominees will present a speech on Wednesday 5 February to the selection panel consisting of the Year 7 leaders, Ms Gamlen and Mr Koster. The SRC body is announced following the interview process and an 'Induction of the SRC group' is conducted at the school's next whole school assembly.

Student Representative Council Nomination Guidelines

To be eligible to be considered for membership to the Student Representative Council (SRC) you are asked to write a speech being no longer than three minutes to be presented to a panel of two teachers and the nominated Year 7 leaders. The panel will decide who will form the SRC.

What students are asked to include in their speech

- Why you want to become a SRC rep
- What qualities make you suitable for representing your class and the school, taking into account the school values of: **Respect | Honesty | Responsibility | Excellence**
- Share a fundraising idea with the panel
- The speech should show evidence of thought, detail and is practised.

School Instrumental Program

This year we will continue to provide instrumental music lessons with our district music teacher, Mrs Sarah Bull. Letters have been sent home with students who indicated an interest to learn either the flute, clarinet or saxophone. Unfortunately, Mrs Bull has decided to retire but has agreed to stay on until a replacement teacher is found.

Premiers Reading Challenge

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

The Premiers Reading Challenge website is worth a look.

<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.

Important Dates

Early Dismissal - 2.15 pm Tuesday 11 February – A combined staff meeting for Flinders Partnership Schools at Orreroo

Governing Council Meeting - Tuesday 11 February 6.30pm

Information Night Wednesday 12 February JP class 5.30pm, UP class 6pm

Sports Day – Friday 6 March - Annual district sports day will be held at Booleroo Centre District School

Student Free Day – Tuesday 10 March for Flinders Partnership schools. Staff will be involved in professional learning on learning design and moderation.

Harmony Day – Friday 20 March - Harmony Day school activities

Newsletters will be sent out on Fridays, 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 4 February.

Kind regards

Murray

Junior Primary Class



This week the JP Class explored the changes to the vegetable garden. Some things were taller and bushier, some had vegetables and some had died.

The students planted potato seeds at the end of 2020 but no one expected the crop to produce so well!



Lilly guessed a yield of 20 potatoes, some students thought it would be a bit more, some a bit less. In total Jack counted a whopping 58 potatoes.

It took teamwork to dig down in the hard soil and around the bigger potatoes. Now the class will learn how to store them and explore some healthy recipes to try out.

Community News

