



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 28 – March 4

Week 5

Swimming at Wilmington PS

Tuesday March 1

Pancake Day

Tuesday March 8

Assembly

Thursday March 10

Yr 6 Aquatics Day

Friday March 11

Combined Sports Day at BCDS

Monday March 14
Public Holiday
Adelaide Cup

**FOR ALL SCHOOL
INVOICES**

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Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

Welcome to the 2022 school year! I hope you had a great holiday break with family and friends.

Firstly, we welcome Ms Wanda Rainsford to our teaching staff. Wanda will be taking the Junior Primary class. On this note we will certainly miss Brooke as over the past five years Brooke has been significantly instrumental in making our school the great school that it has become. We wish Brooke well in her time away from Melrose and look forward to her return in 2023.

We also welcome Mr Liam Thomas who joins our staff as a student support officer. Liam will be working with students from Monday to Wednesday.

Of most importance we especially welcome our new Reception students Harlow, Wyatt, Elsie, and Colin. Also a big congratulation to Elsie's family who have welcomed the birth of Lucy in the holidays. We can't wait to meet Lucy.

Our first two weeks have gone well with students coming to school enthusiastic and glad to see each other while others have done an earnest job with their online learning. This year we have at this stage twenty-five students enrolled from Year 1 to Year 6. Our Year 6 leaders for this year are Maisie, Eva, Lily O, Lily M and Lara.

Next week marks Week 3 of Term 1 and the return of all students in all year levels to face-to-face learning.

I acknowledge and thank Kate, Wanda, Emily, Elin, Jodie and students who have patiently and positively engaged in the South Australian hybrid education model which saw some students return in Week 1 for face-to-face learning while other students have engaged in remote learning.

Please be assured that our school will continue to follow the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry into and transmission of COVID-19 in our school environment.

This means that a number of school activities continue to be postponed. Specifically,

- Inter-school sports competitions and instrumental tuition and ensembles remain on hold;

- Assemblies and other school gatherings and events have been postponed; and,

- Entry to our school site will continue to be confined to essential visitors only (who will be required to wear a mask and check in using our COVID Safe QR code).

The most important control against COVID-19 impacting our school community is for your child to stay home if they are unwell. If your child displays even mild symptoms associated with COVID-19, please arrange for a PCR test and follow SA Health directions. Where your child has been confirmed as COVID-19 positive, please contact the school immediately.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

If we are notified that a person who attended our school subsequently learns they are COVID-19 positive, we will communicate this with classroom contacts in line with the approach approved by SA Health.

Please be reminded that all children aged 5 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, all aged 16 and older who have received two courses of the vaccine, are now eligible to receive a booster. Families are encouraged to make arrangements for your child to be vaccinated by visiting <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>

It is wonderful to be at the stage where all students can connect with their teachers and peers in person, and we look forward to all students attending school from Monday 14 February 2022.

During the holidays we experienced several changes.

I thank:

- Jodie and Shane for helping clear the classrooms and office for the new carpet, watering the front garden and restoring one of our garden tables.
- Ruth for helping clear the classrooms and office for the new carpet, moving furniture back into the class rooms and for the painting done in both classrooms and the office building.
- Elin for being on hand to open school buildings for tradespeople and IT personnel.
- Wanda and Kate for watering the raised garden beds and fruit trees.

Another significant change is our school's introduction of German as our language of study. Mrs Taylor (Kate) in a previous iteration was a German language teacher. Kate will be teaching German to both classes.

School staff for 2022

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

Mrs Jodie McCallum – School Administrator

Ms Wanda Rainsford – Junior Primary class teacher

Mrs Kate Taylor – Upper Primary class teacher

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

Ms Elin Griffiths – Play Centre Leader

Mr Liam Thomas – Student Support Officer to the Upper Primary and Junior Primary classes

Mr Greg Peacock - Grounds person

Ms Kate Retelsdorf – Music teacher

Anaphylaxis

This year we have a student with anaphylaxis caused by peanuts. Can all parents be very mindful when packing your child's lunch box to minimise this risk to our student. All students will be learning about food allergies, including the importance of our school being an allergy aware school and keeping everyone safe. Your vigilance with this matter will help support our students.

Playcentre

Playcentre commences next week – Wednesday 16th February. 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 community group, as we would love to see as many children and families access this service as possible.

Collecting children at end of the day

We have instructed all students that they are not to leave the school grounds until the duty teacher is present to supervise the crossing. We also ask that our young students be collected at the front gate. The continued safety of our students has necessitated this situation.

******A reminder that the Rural Care carpark is reserved only for Rural Care families to use ******

School Instrumental Program

This year we will continue to provide instrumental music lessons with our district music teacher, Ms Kate Retelsdorf. Letters have gone home with the Upper Primary students who are being given the opportunity to learn either the flute, clarinet, or saxophone.

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 **twelve 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.

Newsletters will be sent out on Fridays, even weeks during Term 1.

Reminder Consent forms - Would you return all consent forms for your child/ren to the front office by next Monday 14th February at the latest.

Kind regards

Murray

School Mural

Last year we were fortunate to have Mr Scott Rathman work at our school to produce a mural from funding we received. The mural pictured below depicts bringing our community together to a place where we all belong, creating a sense of pride through beautification and shared values.

Consent forms

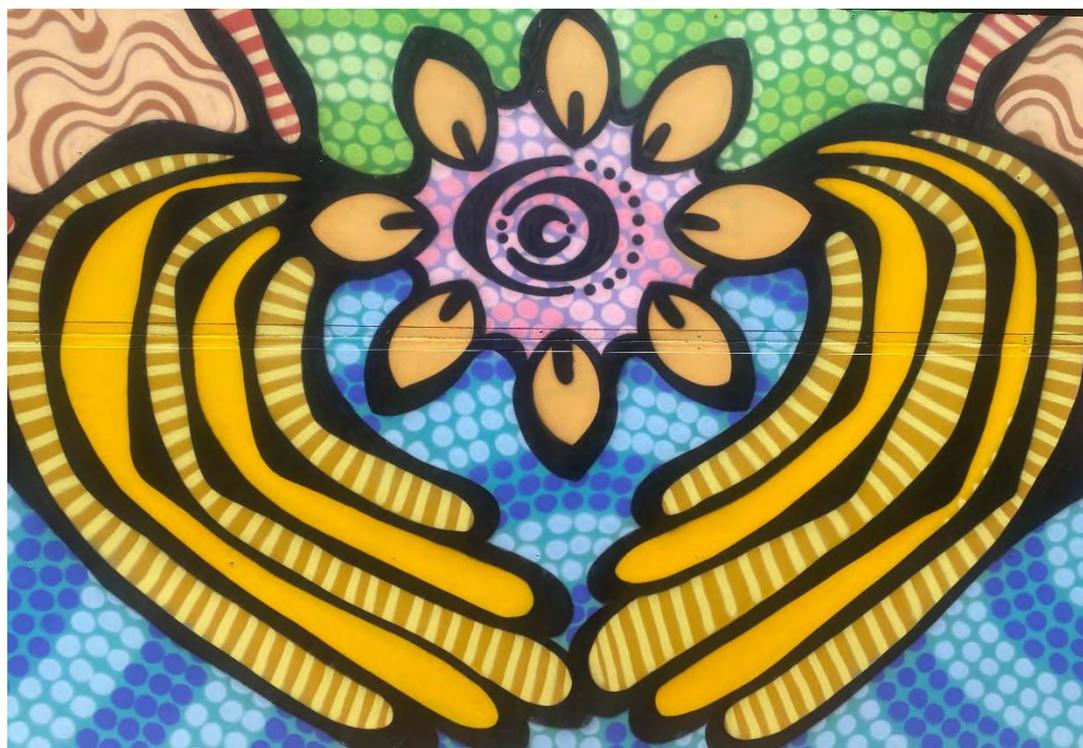
Thank you to those families who have returned their child's consent forms. However there is still quite a few outstanding. Please ensure your child brings this information with them Monday at the latest, so we can have their current permission/consents on file.

SAPSASA

SAPSASA notes have gone home for multiple sports, nomination is now done by parents via QR code.

Lunch Orders

Lunch Order day remains on Fridays for 2022, a copy of the available menu from Store 54 was in your child's learning pack. Store 54 has kindly developed this menu in conjunction with the school and we thank them for this service. It would be appreciated if the lunch orders can be brought to school in a zip lock bag/envelope with child's name and order on it with the money enclosed. Extra copies of the menu are available from the front office.



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