



Melrose Primary School

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Week 4 Term 1

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

Anaphylaxis Reminder

We have noticed there is still a considerable amount of foods being brought from home containing peanuts.

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.

We are now in Week 4 and routines and work expectations have been established. Our Year 6 leaders have been organised and next week the Semester 1 and 2 SRC members from the JP class will be elected. Swimming lessons will be held next week, and we have commenced practising events for sports day.

Thank you to those families for your tremendous support with our Allergy Awareness policy specifically by not including peanuts or peanut products in your child's lunch boxes.

We continue to talk to students about the importance in supporting this policy and the practices that we can adopt when needed.

Parent Teacher Meetings

In keeping face to face meetings to a minimum staff are confident that contact has been made with most families this year. If you would like your child's teacher to make contact with you to discuss class routines and work expectations, please contact the relevant teacher to arrange an online meeting. Parent Teacher interviews are planned for Week 10 of this term, the method of these meetings will be subject to SA Health and the Department for Education guidelines at the time.

Student Birthdays

It is always fun to celebrate each student's birthday and is looked forward to, especially when we hear from students many days in advance in the lead up to their 'big day'. In line with our Allergy Awareness Policy and current COVID restrictions I request that if a treat is to be brought in and shared with the student's class on a birthday that this is discussed with their teacher. Teachers are best to talk to regarding any special dietary needs of students and also what the current COVID restrictions allow.

Governing Council AGM

Please find attached to this newsletter the Self Nomination for Election Form. If you're able to offer your time and expertise, your membership would be gratefully appreciated. The Governing Council meet twice a term and welcome all new members.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Working with Children Checks

I encourage all parents if you do not have a 'Working with Children Check' (WWCC) to apply for a volunteer's check (they do not cost anything). Although you do not need a WWCC check if you are volunteering in your child's class, they are handy to have, not only if you accompany students on an excursion or camp, but also if you volunteer for a sports club or other activity that involves children, they now last for five years. If yours has expired or would like to apply for one, please contact Jodie the school and she can start this process for you.

Covid-19 updates

From the start of week 5 (28 February 2022) visitors can include:

- people attending the school for specific events held outdoors (such as spectators attending outdoor sporting games)
- volunteers required by the school
- instrumental music teachers
- caregivers to attend playgroups.

All adult visitors must wear a face mask when indoors, practise physical distancing, and not attend the site if they are unwell. Continue to minimise visitors attending indoor venues and sites outside of specific events.

Sports Day Friday

Booleroo Centre District School - This year's combined sports day, the primary year's sports day competition will be a Reception to Year 4 competition. The Year 5's will be joining the Senior School competition. As such our Melrose Primary School Sports Day House captains for 2022 are:

Lilly Friend (Rogers)

George McCallum (Dunstan)

Congratulations to both students. All students will need to find their class teachers by 8.45am to be marked present on the roll book and receive the program of events. Your teachers will be located on the west side of the school gym. Make sure you come dressed in your house colours of either red or blue. A letter will be going home to parents next week with all the extra information you will require.

Accelerated Reader / Reading

Melrose Primary School has a whole school approach to reading. Reception and Year 1 students have levelled and decodable readers and Years 2-6 follow Accelerated Reader.

Accelerated Reader is a computer based program. At the beginning of each school term students complete a 'STAR Reading' assessment which gives students a reading range. The reading range highlights appropriate books for individual students to read that are within their ability to understand and comprehend. When a student completed a book they then take an online test (ranging from 5-20 questions, depending on the length and difficulty level of the book) which will test a student's comprehension of the text. Students earn points with every book they read.

Each term students are given a point target to reach by the end of the term. Point targets are worked out for each individual student. If a student's point target is met by the conclusion of the term students will be rewarded.

Through a student reading levelled, and/or decodable readers the goal is to record reading for 40 days within the term. Reading is to be recorded in your child's Diary.

If students reach their target or nights of reading goal they will receive:

One Term: Lolly or Chocolate

Two Terms: Spy Pen/Fancy Pen and a lolly or chocolate

Three Terms: Pancake breakfast at school

Four Terms: Excursion/Incursion – to be decided by students who reach the goal

Rewards have been decided by the students. If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader or Readers please contact your classroom teacher or Mrs Piggott.

CAN YOU GUESS WHO OUR RECEPTIONS ARE?

(1 is absent but their portrait is here!)



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**MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING / SCHOOL COUNCIL
SELF NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

Parent Member Nomination

I (full name)

of (address)

**wish to declare my candidacy to be elected as a member of Melrose Primary School
Governing / School Council.**

I hereby declare that:

- I am the parent of a child attending the school or enrolled, but not yet attending the school.
- I am / am not employed by the Department for Education under the PSM Act or Education Act.
- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person, I will be required to relinquish my membership of Melrose Primary School Governing / School Council as I will no longer meet the membership requirements.

Please note: Under the Emergency Management (Education and Early Childhood Settings Vaccination Covid-19 Direction 2021); members of the governing council are considered as school staff therefore, non-vaccinated persons cannot be on governing council.

Signed.....

Date.....

