



Melrose Primary School

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Week 2 Term 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th May

Choir Practice
Jamestown

**Monday - Friday
May 30th – 3rd June**
Reconciliation Week

Tuesday 31st May
Biggest Morning Tea
10.30am
Everyone welcome

Tuesday 7th June
Assembly 9.00am

Monday 13th June
Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June
STUDENT FREE DAY

**FOR ALL SCHOOL
INVOICES**

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Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

Welcome back to term 2. On Wednesday school photos were taken. It was a fun morning with students looking their best. We now look forward to seeing the photos in a few weeks' time. Due to a few students being absent the photographer is returning on Thursday 30 June to complete all photos. This week the Years 3 and 5 students have commenced their NAPLAN testing. All tests except the year 3 writing task are completed online, meaning the online tests are tailored to individual students. Online NAPLAN automatically adapts to a student's test performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. All students start on the same level, but depending on whether a question is answered correctly or incorrectly, the next set of questions may be easier or more difficult. Luckily our students were not affected by the state-wide internet outage as they had completed their test in the morning beforehand.

Welcome to our new students

We welcome the Clarke family to our school. Sadie and Wyatt in the Junior Primary class and Peyton in the Upper Primary class along with parents, Sarah and Craig. We trust your time at MPS will be a positive and rewarding one where new friendships are made and much learning achieved.

COVID Classroom, Close Contacts and Positive Cases

The following directions are from SA Health and Department for Education.

Positive case:

A student who has tested positive to COVID-19 can attend school, preschool or an early childhood setting once they have completed their 7-day isolation period. This is regardless of whether a member of their household is an active positive COVID-19 case who is still in isolation.

After isolation if you had COVID-19

If you have recovered from COVID-19, you will not be considered a close contact for 12 weeks after your release from isolation. After 12 weeks, you will still be considered a close contact if you are exposed to COVID-19 and meet the close contact definition.

Close contact:

A student is a close contact if they were supported by an SSO or teacher who has tested positive for COVID-19, for a cumulative period of 4 hours, indoors, in close physical proximity and face masks were not able to be worn.

Students who are deemed a close contact must follow the [SA Health close contact advice](#).



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Classroom contact:

All students and children (aside from the positive cases) without symptoms can continue attending school, preschool and childcare. No rapid antigen testing (RAT) is required.

If students, children or staff develop any symptoms (even mild), they must not attend school, preschool or childcare. It's recommended they get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Parents and Families **must** notify the school if their child is a close contact or tests positive and register their positive result with SA Health.

- Mask wearing indoors is strongly recommended by the Department for Education for years 3-6 and mandatory for years 7-12
- If you or your child are close contacts or show symptoms you must register with SA Health for RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) collection
- A child with symptoms must undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over the 7 days after your exposure date (with at least 24 hours between tests and one test on day 7). It is not our role to police this – we are working on a trust policy.
- If a child is showing symptoms or is unwell please do not send them to school, if they do show signs or symptoms whilst at school, we will contact the family to pick up their child

Please remember we are all trying our best to keep everyone safe.

School Crossing Monitor Training

On the first day back at school this term the Upper Primary class attended in a school monitor crossing training workshop with Senior Constable Nicholas from the South Australia Police Road Safety Division. I believe the students learned some valuable road safety information from this presentation and how to be safe school crossing monitors. Our next step is to seek permission from families for those students who attended the training to become crossing monitors with teacher supervision.



SAPSASA Cross Country

Last Wednesday Anna, Eva, George, Grace, Lily O, Maisie, Olivia, and Myah represented our school at the regional cross-country competition at Wilmington. Well done to our students who competed. We congratulate Olivia and Eva on winning their divisions.

A bigger congratulations to George, Grace, Olivia and Sol who have been selected in the North Eastern SAPSASA/Mid North Zone Cross Country team which will compete at Oakbank in June.

Regards
Murray

Melrose Bike Art Competition

Almost all our students completed works and entered in the art competition presented by Over the Edge Melrose. Students were able to choose their medium and we managed to showcase a variety of techniques. Works were received from all around the state.

Melrose Primary School were winners in all categories we entered.

Congratulations to:

R-2 - Maggie

3-4 - Neve

5-6 - Lily O

Our winners collected their prize money from OTE. Well done to all the budding artists.

Ms Wanda



Leadership

Thursday 5th May saw our year 6 students take part in the GRIP leadership day in Port Augusta together with student leaders from Wilmington Primary. Students took part in lots of high energy, fun filled, engaging task to further their leadership skills in order to prepare for their leadership role in their final year of primary school. Students learned about being a role model, listening to others, showing initiative and having integrity



Wonder Recycling Rewards

Melrose Primary School is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards school program. Please start collecting your empty bread bags. Through this program schools can exchange bread bags for sports equipment, it is part of an incentive to encourage people to recycle more bread bags. The bread bags can be any brand and DO NOT have to be Wonder White bread. Bags need to be free from crumbs. In the next fortnight we hope to receive our collection boxes which will be placed on the veranda of the front office. We will be collecting bread bags for all of Term 2 and most of Term 3.

