



# Melrose Primary School

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**5 a side Soccer**  
10<sup>th</sup> August BCDS  
Yr 4, 5 & 6

**Ten Pin Bowling**  
12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August  
Port Pirie  
(Whole School)

**SCIENCE WEEK**  
Week 4  
15 -19 August

**BOOK WEEK**  
Week 5  
22-26 August

**MELROSE PS BOOK  
FAIR  
22-26 August**

**SAPSASA Athletics**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Jamestown

**EAST OF THE RANGES  
CHOIR PERFORMANCE**  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Port Pirie

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

This term we as a whole school are focusing on improving our practices of recycling and being responsible with what we put in general waste. Our goal is to reduce rubbish going into landfill. We are asking our students to 'Take the Pledge' by paying attention to what is placed into the correct kerb side bins to help reduce waste to landfill.

### *Practices we plan to adopt are:*

- Put all food scraps into a bin which will either go into the compost bin or to Miss Wanda's chickens
- Paper towel and pencils shavings will go into the compost bin
- General recycling into the yellow bin will include hard plastic, paper, cardboard and glass
- 10c drink containers are collected and taken to the local bottle
- Put soft plastics into a purpose bin for soft plastics.



Soft plastics can't go into recycling but can be taken to various supermarkets for soft plastic recycling options. We are asking families to join a roster to take our soft plastics to a participating supermarket.

- Polystyrene can't go into the recycling however the school is negotiating with a neighbouring council that will take this
- Invite KESAB to support us in our education program for students. We have invited a waste auditor and educator from KESAB to visit our school to assess our bin system and identify opportunities to improve the collection of materials for recycling and composting. The aim of this is to set benchmarks to achieve cleaner collections and reduce waste to landfill.

### **COVID Update**

Last week we received information from the Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier and the Chief Executive of Department for Education, Professor Martin Westwell recommending that all students in years 3 to 12 continue to wear face masks when indoors.

Although not mandatory, face masks are a practical step in reducing the risk of spreading and catching Covid-19. In addition, testing requirements have changed, with the recommendation that: Asymptomatic staff and students should use a RAT test, and symptomatic staff and students should undertake PCR testing.

Let's continue to keep our school safe.

### **Annual Wood Chop**

A big thank you to Kate for organising our Inaugural Wood chop, this event has raised \$1050 which will go towards the replacement of our sports shed. This could not have happened without the support of our Dads, Mark Taylor, Simon Blieschke, Scott Taylor, Andrew Walter, Bradley Taylor and Lachlan McCallum.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## Book Week

Our book week celebrations will occur during Week 5. We have set Wednesday morning 24<sup>th</sup> August for our book parade and our activity rotations. This will allow our Playcentre children to take part. The theme this year is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open...' so start organising your costumes. We will be taking our street parade to the community through our walk up the main street to the institute corner and back to school.



Our special guest for the morning will be Ms Kellie Bailes the Pre-school Leader for the Flinders and Whyalla Partnerships. All parents and friends are invited to our Book Week assembly which will start at 9 am.

## Regards

Murray

## Aussie of the Month

Neve is kind and respectful. She arrives at school every day with an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning and is a great leader. Neve strives to give her best with all her class learning activities. She works happily and cooperatively with all members of her class.

Neve's friendly and positive manner makes her a perfect Aussie of the Month recipient for June.

Congratulations Neve!



## East of the Ranges Choir

The East of the Ranges Choir performance at Port Pirie is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Tickets for the event are available from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, purchasing is available at [www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au).

Our next Choir practice is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Jamestown, a note and consent form will accompany this newsletter.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Fair

Once again Melrose Primary School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair during Book Week.

**When:** Book Week – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Where:** Melrose Primary School Library

**Time:** 8:15am – 4pm – we can arrange after hours viewings by phoning Jodie in the office

20% of all book sales made at the Book Fair are donated back to the school library in Scholastic Book Club credit.

Mrs Piggott



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SRC

Melrose Primary School is going to be involved in preparing 'Shoeboxes' once again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a program that sends shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and a personal note from the organisation sending the box to children in need.

Jan Moulton will be coming into to talk to the students on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August to share her personal experiences in relation to Operation Christmas Child and the smiles the shoeboxes put on children's faces.

At Melrose Primary school we are planning to send off at least four shoeboxes filled with items that will bring joy to the recipient's face. Our aim is to create a minimum of one box for a 5-9 year old girl, one box for a 5-9 year old boy, one box for a 10-14 year old girl and one box for a 10-14 year old boy.

At a minimum the shoeboxes are to contain:

- **"WOW" Item & Toy** – e.g. soccer ball with pump, doll, teddy, toy cars, skipping ropes, yo-yos
- **Clothing** – T-shirt, shorts, underwear, socks, shoes
- **Personal Care Items** – toothbrushes, washcloths, combs, hairbrushes, soap
- **School Supplies** – Pens, pencils with sharpener, textas, notebook, colouring in book, picture book, calculator
- **Accessories** – sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery, watch

Please do not include: lollies, toothpaste, gum, used items, scary or war related items, gambling items, seeds, food, liquids, medications, breakable items, aerosol cans.

We are asking families to help put the joy onto the recipient's faces at Christmas time by donating goods that will help to fill our shoeboxes. Monetary donations are also welcome as it cost \$10 to ship each shoebox. Donations can be made to Melrose Primary School Front Office.

Thanking you in advance

Mrs Piggott and the Melrose Primary School SRC



## Other SRC News

SRC Bake Sale Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Casual Clothes Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Talent Show TBA

More information on these event will be coming home soon.

We welcome Maggie and Jade to SRC for Semester 2, badges will be presented at the next assembly.

# East of the Ranges

## Choir Concert

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

7pm - 9pm

Keith Michell Theatre, Port Pirie



Students from Burra, Crafers, Orroroo, Jamestown, Kadina, Maitland, Melrose, Moonta and Wilmington will be combining their beautiful voices, for a wonderful night's entertainment. They will be joined by talented guest artists who will be performing dance, band and singing items.

Tickets will be available from the Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie  
from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Get your tickets early. Don't miss out!

