



# Melrose Primary School

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **School Swimming**

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Week 4

### **Assembly**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am

### **Lawn Bowls**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 17<sup>th</sup>  
and March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Combined Sports day**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
BCDS

### **Public Holiday**

**Adelaide Cup**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Pupil Free Day**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Finance Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.00am

### **Governing Council AGM**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
6.30pm

## **Week 3 Term 1**

### **Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary**

Our first two weeks have gone well with students coming to school enthusiastic with routines and work expectations having been established. All students and staff are also glad to see each other. Currently we have twenty-four students enrolled from Reception to Year 6. Our Year 6 leaders for this year are Sol, Anna and Grace.

**Playcentre** has commenced with six families attending. Elin has planned some exciting activities for the term. We hope to see as many as possible join this group as there are vacancies.

### **Parent Teacher Information Night**

Thank you to families who attended the information night this last Wednesday. Wanda, Emily, Kate and myself went through our plans and student expectations for this year. The partnership between school and home is an important one as it is by working together that the best possible learning outcomes for your children can be achieved. If at any stage you have any queries or questions, please feel free to contact the school to organise a meeting with the relevant teacher.

### **Governing Council AGM**

If you have an interest in the governance of the school, you are strongly encouraged to nominate for Governing Council. Please complete the nomination form included with this newsletter and return to the front office. The Governing Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 6.30 pm in the school's Community Room. All welcome.

### **Swimming Lessons**

A reminder that our swimming programme commences next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. We ask that students wear their bathers to school underneath their uniform. We need to be on the bus to Wilmington by 9 am, please do not be late. A reminder for the students who require an approved child safety car seat, parents can you please bring them into school in the morning and leave them outside under the veranda of the Junior Primary class.

### **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 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 the teacher prior. Teachers are best to talk to regarding any special dietary needs of our students.



### **Sports Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

This year the primary years sport day competition will be a Reception to Year 4 competition. The Year 5s and 6s will be joining the Senior School competition. As such our Sports Day House Leaders for 2022 are Jade - leader and Wyatt deputy (Rogers)

We have no students in Dunstan in Year 4 or Year 3 consequently the Dunstan leaders for the day will be from Wilmington and Booleroo Centre.

Please note that we ask that families transport their children to the sports day which is held at Booleroo Centre District School. A program will be sent home closer at a later date.

### **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. They last for five years.

Check out the website for more details: [screening.sa.gov.au/](http://screening.sa.gov.au/)

### **Thank you**

At the end of last year the school was very fortunate to have received three very generous donations. The school thanks:

### **Seedings at the Whim Group**

**Mrs Gweneth McCallum**

**Melrose Community Development Association.**

For their support to our school. We are currently deciding what we will put the money towards.

Thank you to Tess for painting the new Playcentre and Junior Primary outdoor furniture.

When at school next you will notice the outdoor lounge settings now in use that Greg assembled with Anna's help. These outdoor lounges were purchased with a grant from 2022, they look great.

Regards

Murray

### **JP VISIT**

We were incredibly privileged to have Nukunu Elder, Mr Thomas visit our school last week. Mr Thomas did a Welcome to Country (which welcomed us to the Nukunu Land). He told us how Mount Remarkable was made by the Rainbow Serpent and that it is a very special place for Nukunu.

We then showed Mr Thomas our Acknowledgement of Country (both, the one with actions and the one with words only). He was very touched by our commitment to acknowledging his culture.

Mr Thomas invited us to ask questions. The students asked many good questions. George asked; "What is Melrose called in Nukunu language"? The answer is **Warkalitja**.



**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 (insert name) 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 (insert name) Governing / School Council as I will no longer meet the membership requirements.

Signed.....

Date.....