



# Melrose Primary School

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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  
6.00pm

### FOR ALL SCHOOL INVOICES

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## Week 6 Term 1

### Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

Our first assembly for the year was held last Tuesday a week ago. Thank you to the families and friends who came. This year we plan to have assemblies in the morning when the weather dictates, commencing at 9am, to coincide with dropping off students. We hope this time will suit.

Talented singers – Lilly, Olivia, Peyton, Grace and Jade led us with the singing of the National Anthem and Miss Wanda's class gave the Acknowledgement of Country which they had written themselves.

The semester 1 SRC group was announced to the school, a welcome to our Reception students was made and school awards presented based on our four school values – Responsibility, Respect, Excellence and Honesty.

Artwork was also presented from both classes.

We also welcome to our school Miss Georgia Foulis, who is undertaking her final teaching practice in the Junior Primary class.

### Leaders Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

This Monday I attended the annual Principal/Leaders Day in Adelaide and on Tuesday attended the department's Numeracy Summit. These two days are invaluable to learn of the latest directions of the education department and what support we can expect as well as what we need to do to continue to deliver a quality education to our school communities.

The Leaders Day focussed on the theme of building a world-leading education system. During the day we worked in teams discussing the complexity of what's shaping our learners' contexts. We looked at current educational research, social analytics and trend data, SA's early years, digital learning, the world of work, rethinking equity, and the role of public education in South Australian society.

### Numeracy Summit Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The day was based on the work of the day's keynote speaker Peter Sullivan Emeritus Professor of Education, Monash University.

The address detailed goals of education and in particular numeracy, including facilitating student agency and fostering inclusion. Strategies were outlined to support ongoing improvement in mathematics. This included:

- ways professional learning can focus on classroom experiences that are productively challenging
- importance of teaching practices that foster inclusion
- contribution of sequences to consolidate learning
- centrality of positive classroom culture
- student-centred structured inquiry in engaging all students to think for themselves and see struggle and risk as normal aspects of mathematics and numeracy learning.

### Student Free Day

You are reminded of our student free day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, yes this day is after the Monday holiday.



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### Governing Council

Our Governing Council AGM is fast approaching and will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 6.00pm in the school's Community Room. You will find a nomination form included in this newsletter. If you have an interest in what happens in our school, please think seriously about nominating for Governing Council.

### Congratulations to the appointed SRC members for Semester 1

Congratulations to the students who have been appointed to the SRC for this semester. I am looking forward to working with this group to improve our school over the coming two terms.

Members of the Semester SRC group are our three school leaders – Grace, Sol and Anna and the Junior Primary class reps Harlow and Stella.

We look forward to their plans for this semester.

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

Sports Day is this week, and students have been practising for this big day. Our two-House Captains for the Reception to Year 4 primary competition are:

Jade (Captain) Wyatt (deputy captain) – Rogers

Dunstan – We have no students in Years 3 or 4 in Dunstan so have left the captaincy positions to the Wilmington and Booleroo Centre schools.

**I remind you to take your children to the Booleroo District School** as no staff will be at our school on this day. Staff are required to be at Booleroo much earlier than the start to help set up for the day. Attached to this newsletter is the program for the day.

Recently Ms Crawford from the Booleroo Centre District School forwarded me some information about the origins of the names of the two-house teams.

*Mr W.H Dunstan, the First President of the Booleroo Centre School Council, donated a House Shield in 1934. The other schoolhouse was named after Mr F Rogers, also active in the school's affairs. The house system was introduced with the establishment of the new school in 1930. Both Mr Dunstan and Mr Rogers were both active community members who, back in 1931, combined forces with Booleroo Centre Parents Association and the High School Council to protest strongly against the closing of country High Schools.*

*W.H Dunstan was president of the High School Council from 1932-1934 and F Rogers president of the High School Council from 1934-1941.*

### Thank you!

Thank you to Sarah G, Tess, and Kerri for organising the cookie jar fundraiser and to the parents who have organised and will cook at tomorrow's first tuck day of the year. Now post-covid it is great that we are getting back into doing things that have made our school a wonderful place to be.

### Policies

We have attached a copy of the Mobile Phone Policy and School Dress Code which have been recently ratified by our Governing Council. We thank the Governing Council members in working together with our staff and leadership to align our school with the Department for Education's position and vision. We will continue to inform you of policies that have been ratified.

Regards,  
Murray

### Nights of Reading

Congratulations to Elsie and Chloe our first two students to reach '25 Nights of Reading'. Please remember to fill in diaries with the title of the book read and the continuous number of nights read. Diaries will be checked on a Friday and the number of nights recorded.

Nights of Reading	
25 Nights	Elsie and Chloe



## Junior Primary Class

Our Receptions have had a great start to their learning. They all received a certificate at the assembly to recognised their great attitude.

We would like to welcome Ms Georgia to the JP class. Ms Georgia is completing her final placement in the Junior Primary Class. We hope her learning sets her up for being a great teacher in the country!

Ms Georgia has made a start with our learning about the Chemical Sciences (Material World). The Junior Primary have been learning about what things are made of and observing things through different tools (like binoculars, telescopes, microscopes and magnifying glasses). They even made their own!

The students used their binoculars to find things that were made from plastic, wood, metal, fibre (material) and glass. They even learnt where some of these products come from. Maybe ask your child! They also had a go at using real binoculars and tried to find some birds in our trees.



The Junior Primary proudly showed off their portraits. They explained to the audience at assembly what a portrait is. A portrait is many things, it is 'even like a selfie'!





## Year 6 Aquatics

On Thursday last week our year 6 students together with year 6 students from Wilmington Primary Schools had a fantastic day out on the water at the Port Augusts Aquatics Centre. The dodge tide and wind determined which activities students completed. Students did canoeing, kayaking, snorkelling and sailing. By the end of the day students were well versed in water safety.

Sol - Sailing was my favourite thing because I got to steer and pull the ropes.

Grace - Sailing was something new and different I had never tried before. Kayaking with Anna was my favourite thing

Anna - Aquatics day was the best day ever. Sailing was my favourite.





## Bread bag recycling program

Melrose Primary are taking part in the Wonder White bread bag recycling program again. We would appreciate parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents all to start collecting bread bags. The tags are not needed, just the soft plastic bread bags. Any brand of bread is fine.



Our collection boxes have been ordered and should be at school by the end of next week. So if could start saving the bags and we will notify you parents through See Saw when our boxes arrive.

Last year we were able to choose a whole set of soccer shin guards for the school, pump needles for balls and 3 small coordination balls.

## Governing Council News

### Tuck Day

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order, Governing Council members will be at school cooking and serving the tacos.

### Working Bee

Working bees are vital to ensure our school grounds are maintained and presented well. Our grounds person does a great job, however there are many jobs that still need attending. Many hands make light work and we would like to see as many school and Playcentre families as possible attend.

A list of jobs is currently being compiled and more information about what you can do or bring – trailer, wheelbarrow etc will be sent home closer to the date.

### Cookie Jar Fundraiser

This is the second fundraiser for term 1. The jars are \$15 and available for purchase from Over the Edge bike shop. One jar makes approximately 22 biscuits. All monies raised goes to supporting our students.

### Scholastic Book Club

All of the books that parents order through the Scholastic Book Club benefit our school students and library. Every order earns rewards and our school library teacher Mrs Emily Piggott manages the rewards purchases. Our latest books barely made it to the shelves and have been borrowed already. We thanks Emily for all she does in our library to keep it up to date and bright and cheery.

### Bulb Fundraiser

Thank you to everybody who has purchased bulbs for the school fundraiser. Orders now have closed and should be delivered to you in the next week or two.

This fundraiser has raised \$531 for our school.

## SRC

### DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Melrose Primary School SRC are holding a 'Dare to be different' day on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March to raise awareness of epilepsy within our school and wider community.

On this day students will be encouraged to wear purple or something different (imagination is endless) to make them stand out in a crowd. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to aid in epilepsy research in Australia through Epilepsy Action Australia.

Students will also be involved in making educational posters about what do if someone is having a seizure.

Mrs Piggott and the SRC – Anna, Sol, Grace, Stella and Harlow



**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.....



# JOIN THE FUN!

## BMW FC Auskick Centre

Starts Term 2

Scan to register!



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

**Calling all BMW Auskickers, boys and girls born 2017 or 2018**

Auskick registration for 2023 is now open! The Co-Ordinator is Jess Koch, along with reps Matt Nottle, Henry Graetz, Alby Nicholls and Matt Nottle. Please register via the details on the flier, any questions at all please contact Jess – 0407986557.



**THANKS MELROSE PRIMARY FOR ORGANISING  
AQUATICS FOR US!**



*Student Free Day*

*Tuesday 14th March*

*Enjoy your extended long weekend*