



# Melrose Primary School

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ASSEMBLY

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1.45pm

### EARLY DISMISSAL

Last Day of Term  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2.20pm

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July –  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### SCHOOL RESUMES

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

### FOR ALL SCHOOL INVOICES

BSB: 065-509

ACC: 10039517

## Week 10 Term 2

### Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

SPELD Workshop – Oral Language and Vocabulary

Last Thursday afternoon teaching staff attended a workshop presented by a SPELD educator on the topic of oral language and vocabulary.

The message I gained from this was how important that we as students, families and educators must work together for all students to successfully learn to read and therefore be successful in one's life journey.

Oral language and vocabulary form the foundational strands to reading, being essential for strong reading comprehension. Oral language encompasses the spoken words, expressions and syntax we use to communicate our thoughts and ideas. It involves fluency, clarity, and the ability to comprehend and respond to verbal cues. An oral language base facilitates the development of vocabulary, the words that we understand and use to convey meaning. Vocabulary encompasses not only words but also their meanings, nuances, and context.

Expanding vocabulary is crucial for decoding unfamiliar words during reading, grasping abstract concepts, and expressing oneself effectively. Together, oral language and vocabulary provide the building blocks for proficient reading as they shape the comprehension skills needed to be a successful reader.

Below is a well-known diagram called the Reading Rope which provides a visual of the complexities involved in becoming a skilled reader.



Figure 1.9 Reading Rope (Scarborough, 200)

### Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports were sent by post last Friday. Please contact the relevant teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress or have any questions about the report. Both Ms Wanda and Mrs Taylor will be available next term.



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## Literacy Prize

Our annual Literacy Prize Competition has once again produced some excellent work. All students were asked to write an information report on a building or landmark in Melrose. Because of the impressive research gone into this competition students will have two weeks next term to complete their work and pass up to me. I'm sure the judging panel will find deciding the winners a very difficult task.

## Operation Christmas Child

The SRC are continuing to ask for donations for **Operation Christmas Child**, organised by Samaritan's Purse. The SRC hope to fill 6 shoe boxes, a **girl and boy in each age group, 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14.**

SRC are looking for donations of both fun and practical items. Please read carefully the 'do not include' information before donating to ensure items are suitable then drop them to the front office.



# Shoebox Gift Ideas

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old  
5-9 Years Old  
10-14 Years Old

**Girl**

**GIRL 2-4**

- Pencils
- Colouring book
- Exercise book
- Safety scissors
- Watercolour set
- Stuffed animal
- Doll
- Blanket
- Dress
- Hat
- Scarf
- Mittens
- T-shirts and tops
- Pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes
- Toothbrush
- Facewasher
- Soap
- Comb or brush
- Balls
- Cars, trucks, boats
- Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise
- Tote bag/purse
- Blocks
- Finger puppets
- Board or cloth books
- Sunglasses
- Plastic tools
- A note from you!

**GIRL 5-9**

- Pens, pencils and sharpener
- Exercise book
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Colouring book
- Dolls
- Doll bed
- Stuffed animal
- Dress ups – crowns, fairy wands, etc.
- Toy jewellery
- Ribbon wands
- Balls with pump if necessary
- Lego
- Puzzles
- Hand puppets
- Plastic toys
- Yoyo
- Dress
- Pants
- Hat
- T-shirts and tops
- Socks
- Shoes
- Underwear
- Pants
- Soap
- Underwear
- Facewasher
- Toothbrush
- Comb or brush
- Hair ribbons, elastics, etc.
- Sunglasses
- Illustrated books
- Bag
- A note from you!

**GIRL 10-14**

- Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser and sharpener
- Exercise books
- Scissors
- Books
- Dolls
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Backpack
- Stuffed animal
- Skipping rope
- Doll
- Balls with a pump if necessary
- Puzzles
- Yoyo
- Musical instruments
- Dress
- Skirt
- Hat
- T-shirts and tops
- Socks
- Shoes
- Underwear
- Pants
- Soap
- Facewasher
- Toothbrush
- Comb or brush
- Hair ribbons, elastics, etc.
- Sunglasses
- Kaleidoscope
- Bag
- Sewing kit
- A note from you!

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old  
5-9 Years Old  
10-14 Years Old

**Boy**

**BOY 2-4**

- Pencils
- Colouring book
- Exercise book
- Safety scissors
- Stuffed animal
- Blanket
- Hat
- Scarf
- Mittens
- T-shirts and shirts
- Pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes
- Toothbrush
- Facewasher
- Soap
- Comb or brush
- Balls
- Cars, trucks, boats
- Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise
- Tote bag
- Blocks
- Finger puppets
- Board or cloth books
- Sunglasses
- Plastic tools
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Duplo
- A note from you!

**BOY 5-9**

- Pens, pencils and sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Exercise books
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Backpack
- Stuffed animal
- Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc) with a pump if necessary
- Plastic dinosaur, animal or action figure (no war-related toys)
- Lego
- Cars or trucks
- Puzzles
- Frisbee
- Musical instrument
- Yoyo
- Soap
- Facewasher
- Toothbrush
- Comb or brush
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Underwear
- Shoes
- T-shirts and shirts
- Pants
- Socks
- Scarf
- A note from you!

**BOY 10-14**

- Pens, pencils and sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Exercise books
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Backpack
- Stuffed animal
- Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc.) with a pump if necessary
- Books
- Kaleidoscope
- Cars or trucks
- Puzzles
- Frisbee
- Musical instrument
- Yoyo
- Soap
- Facewasher
- Toothbrush
- Comb or brush
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Underwear
- Shoes
- T-shirts and shirts
- Pants
- Socks
- Scarf
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The SRC will pack each shoebox to ensure there is a range of items for the children in need. Donations will be accepted until **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> to the MPS front office.**

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Items that leak or melt
- Religious literature
- Gambling related items, including cards, dominoes, and money
- Items that could scare a child.
- Second hand or damaged items
- Breakable items  
food of any kind

### Thank you!

Our recent Tuck Day was a great success. Thank you to the parents who catered for this lunch.

I wish you a relaxing break and look forward to the achievements we will together make in Term 3.

Regards Murray