



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th November
Year 6 Transition Day BCDS

Tues-Thurs 7th - 9th November
SAPSASA Cricket

Tuesday 7th November
Assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday 8th November
Performance at Wilmington

**Friday 10th
November**
STUDENT FREE DAY

Mon 13th – Fri 17th November
Swimming at Wilmington PS

Wednesday 15th November
Tuck day

Tuesday 21st November
Crazy Day at School!

Tuesday 5th December
School Market Day

Friday 8th December 2pm
Awards Assembly

FOR ALL SCHOOL INVOICES

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Term 4 Week 3

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

Planning for 2024

During the previous term, the groundwork commenced for the 2024 academic year, focusing on the potential structure of the upcoming school model. The process of determining the staffing arrangements is also underway.

As soon as we are able to, I aim to share the details of our staffing plans for the upcoming year to the school community. Should you have any academic or social considerations which you think we need to take into consideration in our planning please send an email to Jodie on Jodie.McCallum169@schools.sa.edu.au prior to Monday 6th November. When an email is received, you will receive a confirmation of receipt of email from Jodie. If you do not receive an email within 24 hours, please make contact again.

Competition Winners

GREEN CITIES OF THE FUTURE CALENDAR COMPETITION

This state-wide competition was organised by the Hon Robert Simms, MLC, Parliament House, and South Australia.

Congratulations to:

Grace - Her artwork has been selected as the winner of the Calendar Art Competition and will be on the cover of the 'Green Cities of the Future' 2024 Calendar.

Chloe and Olivia - Their artwork has been selected to be featured in the same calendar.

PRIMARY MATHS ASSOCIATION - POWERFUL LEARNERS: MATHEMATICS & NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to:

Elsie, state winner in the Year 1 Individual Category with her work titled, 'Grab some maths and go'

Chloe, state winner in the Year 5 Individual Category with her work titled, 'Why we still need the Melrose Post Office'.

Grace - highly commended award in the Year 6 Individual Category for her entry titled, 'Australia's Most Beautiful Flowers'.

Elsie, Chloe and Grace have been invited to attend the 2023 Presentation Ceremony next Friday to receive their awards from the Minister for Education, Training and Skills, the Hon Mr Blair Boyer.



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PREPARING FOR BUSHFIRE

Our school has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe on catastrophic fire days or in the event of a bushfire. To help us keep your child as safe as possible, you can prepare for the fire danger season by:

- making a bushfire survival plan with your family
- providing us with your up-to-date contact details
- advising the school if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance
- talking to your child about what will happen in a bushfire emergency
- liking the CFS, SES and SAPOL pages on Facebook
- adding the emergency information hotline 1800 000 279 to your contacts.

Parents and caregivers should also read and save the new [bushfire and your child's school or preschool](#) brochure. This resource explains what our school will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Last Friday you will have received a printed copy of the brochure 'bushfire information'. This can also be found at www.education.sa.gov.au.

Attendance

We pride our school on achieving excellent student attendance however it is timely to mention and highlight the importance of attendance towards a successful education for all students.

It is an expectation that students attend school every day from the time they turn 6 until they turn 16. Regular attendance and participation in schooling is an important factor in educational and life success. Students who miss school are at risk of alienation from education that can lead to decreased options for future pathways. Our current attendance rate for the year is 88% which is below what we have achieved in previous years.

The department analyses attendance of all students and categorise poor attendance as Habitual or Chronic. Habitual is when a student has 5 to 9 absences for any reason in a term (average of 1 day per fortnight). Chronic is when a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

Valid reasons for parents to keep student/s away from school include:

- the student is too sick to leave the house or has an infectious disease like chicken pox, mumps or measles
- the student has an injury preventing movement around school
- the student is going with his or her parents on a family holiday which cannot be arranged in school vacations. This should be arranged with the Principal prior to the absence by applying for a school exemption
- the principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the student's attendance.

Principals have the authority to approve temporary exemptions of up to 1 month for family travel/holidays, participation in elite sport, medical disability, and behavioural reasons. If the exemption is for more than one-month approval must be sought from the Education Director via the school principal. Please make sure that you submit an exemption form for your child / children if going to be absent for an extended period. Forms are available from the Front Office.

Remembrance Day – 11 November

This year Remembrance Day is on Saturday and I thank students and parents for being involved in the service which will be held at the monument on Saturday morning commencing at approximately 10:30am.

Thank you

Thank you to Tess and Sarah for organising and running a sausage sizzle at the recent referendum voting day at our school.

Thank you to Jodie and Shane for revamping the front garden bed with new plants, fertiliser and mulch.

Regards

Murray

Governing Council News

Working bee – Sunday 26th November 9am-12pm

Tuck Day - Wednesday 15th November more information to follow. If you're available to help please let us know.

Fundraisers- This term we have Jolly Soles (funky socks) for sale at the upcoming Christmas Market. Also a wine drive with Prospect Wines (fundraising wines) will be starting later next week. Order forms will go home when they are available. There will also be an online option for this.

Rowan Ramsay Award & Community Award- Nominations for these awards have been extended to next Monday 6 November. Please forward your nominations to the office before 1.30pm.

WOODHOUSE 2023

2023 WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

In the last week of term 3 students had fantastic weather for their three day camp to Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills. Upon arriving at camp the students unpacked quickly and were straight into the first activity, Challenge Hill. Challenge Hill was an obstacle course where students had to climb, balance and crawl their way through the course ending with having to cross a creek by swinging from rope to rope. Everyone ended up wet! Students had a great time tube sliding, especially with staff when they realised that the added weight of an adult meant you went faster.

On the second day students completed a second section of Challenge Hill. After recess the JPs and UPs split up for different activities. The UP students hiked the Heyse Trail, followed by rock climbing and bridge building, while the JP students made edible poo, did bug catching and went on a scavenger hunt.

Before departing Woodhouse students completed the two-storey maze. Mr Koster and Liam took the JPs to a playground in Hahndorf while Mrs Taylor and Liz took the UPs for a quick walk along the main street of Hahndorf to look at cuckoo clocks, German style buildings and to visit a German style bakery for some yummy bee sting cake. Students and staff had a great time. Students had fantastic behaviour, it will be a camp to remember.





Camp was much fun and very enjoyable because there was so much to do. It was probably the best camp we have had so far. My favourite activity was probably tube sliding because you could do it as many times as you wanted and there were two slides, one was straight and the other was curvy. For me personally I liked the curvy one. It was also really fun at Hahndorf because we got to eat German sausage and a bee sting cake. Camp was definitely the best camp yet.

Sol

Camp this year was the best camp I have had so far. The first day we arrived at Woodhouse we went on Challenge Hill 1 and did the creek crossing. We also did the tube slide, it was so much fun but I had trouble getting to sleep that night. On the second day we did Challenge Hill 2. We also did an adventure trail then some bouldering but I stayed back. This was followed with bridge building. When we got back from bridge building we had 30 minutes until dinner so we went to the flying foxes. After dinner we watched a bit of TV and then the Uppers got to play celebrity heads. On the last day we packed up our gear and travelled home. Our first stop on the way home was Hahndorf and we got to try some German cake and it was really good. **Anna**

It was so much fun at camp because there were so many activities to do. My favourite activity was the water crossing. There were four ropes you had to swing across to get to the other side. I think we all fell into the water from some of our attempts. The other things I enjoyed were Challenge Hill because there were so many fun activities to do, the rock climbing because there were a lot of challenges to do on the rock climbing wall, and the last thing I enjoyed was doing the labyrinth. I paired up with Lilly and Tilly for this. That was how good camp was. Thank you to all the teachers for organizing the camp for us. **Livvy**

On the 25 of September at 8:00am we left the school and embarked on a 4 hour journey to Camp Woodhouse. When we arrived there we went and found our rooms and then went and did our first activity which was Challenge Hill one! After that we had lunch and then did the tube slide which was a lot of fun but we always had to pull the tubes all the way up the hill which was hard work. I thought they were turning us into llamas. The next morning we got up and had a very yummy breakfast and went to the next two activities. The first was Challenge Hill 2 with the JPs. After that we split up and went on a 2 km hike. Lunch followed this. After lunch we went bouldering and then we had an extremely nice afternoon tea. We then went to build a bridge across a small creek. That night we played a game of celebrity heads. The last day of camp we did one last activity at Woodhouse. We then got on the bus and travelled to Hahndorf and ate a German cake called a bee sting then went all the way home. **Chloe**

Camp was so much fun, there were so many fun activities, but I really enjoyed going on the tube slide with everyone and going on Challenge Hill 1 and 2. I wish I could have stayed there longer because it was really great. I also loved going to Hahndorf and going into all the German shops and trying some really yummy German cake (bee sting). It was the best camp ever! **Grace**

Camp was fun. I really liked the tube sliding. All the upper class students got to stay up and play a game called celebrity heads while the juniors went to bed. This was a first for me being my first year in the UP class. I liked camp this year.

Jade

Camp was really fun because Sol and I slept in the same room and overall the camp was a very enjoyable time. For me the most fun activities were bridge building and rock climbing. The first night Sol and I built a mattress fort and slept in it. **George**

The first day we got on the bus and left school at 8:00am sharp. The bus drive was very boring because none of us had brought anything to do. We had our first stop at Balaklava where we had our first recess on camp. When we got to Adelaide, with all the signs we went under we had to duck under the seats otherwise we died and were eliminated. When we arrived at the Woodhouse Adventure Camp we did our first activity which was called Challenge Hill. We did a rope crossing across a shallow creek, everyone fell in, and got wet. It was super fun and I think everyone loved doing it. After that we went to our cabins and started to do dibs on beds. I was above Jade. In our dorms we first changed into some dry clothes and shoes to go tube sliding. I went with Olivia, Matilda, George and Maggie. It was great fun. When we got back to our cabins we had a shower and had dinner. For dinner we had sausages, steak and marinated chicken, it was delicious, and for desert we had apple crumble with custard that was even yummiier. The boys slept in a different room to the girls. Mrs. Taylor slept in our room with us, we played truth or dare, and the boys joined in as well. The UPs were allowed to stay up a whole hour later than the JPs. We played a game called celebrity heads. Three of us would be chosen and would sit in front of the white board and Mrs. Taylor would write a person above them and each person would each take turns asking questions to try and guess who it was. After we finished we went to bed until the next morning. **Lilly**

Hot Shots Tennis – Jamestown

Chloe

At the Jamestown tennis carnival, we played 9 miniature games of tennis and I won 5 of them. The best game was when Jade and I played against Mrs Taylor and we bet her 17 to 20. It was lots of fun.

Sol

The tennis carnival at Jamestown was a really enjoyable time. I had a very short game against Mrs Taylor and won 3-2, (by one point). George and I played a game together, we scored a massive 50 points against our opponents.

Anna

Tennis was a great day and I had lots of fun playing tennis with my friends. I got better at tennis as the day progressed. This year we were told we beat the record of packing up the tennis nets the quickest at the end of the day. Our time was five minutes and forty-seven seconds.

George

Tennis at Jamestown was really fun, I was with Jade for the first game and we came back from 12 points down to only lose by 1 point. I then played a game with Grace and we won by 43 points. I played a game with Chloe, she was good at serving and I was ready for the return shot. It was good playing with lots of different people.

Olivia

On Tuesday, the 17th we went to Jamestown to play tennis. Our school went well, we hardly lost any games. The person I played most of my games with was Jade. We were a great team and she hit the ball really well. It was fun and a big thank you to the teachers for organising it.



TENNIS

Pichi Richi Excursion

George When we arrived at Quorn we had recess and then we got on the carriage that said Sturt. On the journey we saw lots of animals, such as kangaroos and emus. At Woolshed Flat we had lunch and then on the way back we played a game where you had to stand on one foot for the longest. If you won you got to choose what we would do when we got back to school.

Olivia On Thursday the 19th October we went on the Pichi Richi railway train. We set a challenge on the way back to Quorn to stand on one leg and who ever won got to choose the last lesson of the day, I ended up winning, and the train ride was so much fun, and once again another fun excursion. Thank you to those for organizing this event.



PICHI RICHI

2024 M&S Charge

The proposed 2024 Materials and Services Charge for Melrose Primary School has been verified and is listed below. The amount of \$287 is the allocated school card amount for 2024. The charges will be discussed and approval sought at the next Governing Council meeting Tuesday 28th November 2023 at the Melrose PS Community Room.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend this Governing Council meeting. In lieu of attending the Governing Council meeting you may express your view in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council Mrs Tess McCallum prior to the meeting.



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Melrose Primary School - 0253		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for Reception To Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$60.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$40.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$100.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$48.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$48.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$40.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$30.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$29.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$99.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$40.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$40.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$287.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Don't forget our Awards Assembly Friday 8th December 2pm



**TUESDAY 21ST OF
NOVEMBER 2023**

**CRAZY
DAY**

BRING A WELL WRAPPED
PRESENT - THINK CRAZY SILLY
STUPID OR SENSIBLE E.G TOILET
PAPER, SOAP, 2MIN NOODLES -
USE YOUR IMAGINATION.
REMEMBER TO BRING
SOMETHING TO PARTICIPATE IN
A CRAZY ACTIVITY.

**CRAZY IS A DAY IS A DAY TO BE DIFFERENT
AND BE CRAZY.**

COME TO SCHOOL AS CRAZY AS YOU WANT.

- CRAZY HAIR
- CRAZY SOCKS
- CRAZY CLOTHES
- CRAZY ANYTHING YOU NAME IT!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

 Christmas Market 



Undoubtedly the best drinks & yummy food you will ever have.

The most gorgeous planted pots.

Definitely the most delicious baked goods in the world.

We have all the items from beautiful Christmas cards to socks as stockings stuffers.

Cash only.

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

1:30PM - 3:00PM



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



BOULEROO CENTRE

Amateur Swimming Club

WELCOMES NEW AND
EXISTING
MEMBERS/FAMILIES FOR
THE 2023-2024 SEASON

Contact Emma on
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