



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19 - 23 February
Swimming at Wilmington PS

Monday 26 February
STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday 6 March
Year 6 Aquatics Day
Pt Augusta

Friday 8 March
Combined Sports Day
BCDS
ROGERS
DUNSTAN

Monday 11 March
ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday – Friday
13 - 15 March
NAPLAN

Friday 29 March
GOOD FRIDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 1 April
EASTER MONDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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

Welcome back to another exciting school year here at Melrose Primary School. I hope this message finds you all refreshed and ready for the adventures that lie ahead. As we embark on this journey together, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our recent successful Parent Information Night and share some of the exciting activities planned for the upcoming term.

I want to extend my gratitude to all the parents and guardians who attended our Parent Information Night. Your presence and engagement truly make a difference in our school community. It was wonderful to welcome new families into our fold. Your commitment to your child's education is invaluable, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

During the Parent Information Night, we had the opportunity to discuss our goals and expectations for the year ahead, as well as provide insights into the curriculum, extracurricular activities, and resources available to support student learning. It was heartening to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of our teaching staff as they shared their plans for creating engaging and enriching learning experiences for our students.

As we look forward to the term ahead, I am thrilled to announce a range of exciting activities and initiatives that will further enhance our children's educational journey. From hands-on science experiments, instrumental music and choir to swimming and sports carnivals, there will be no shortage of opportunities for our children to explore their interests, develop new skills, and forge lasting friendships.

Additionally, we are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every child feels valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential. Our dedicated team of educators are here to provide guidance, encouragement, and personalised support to ensure that each child thrives academically, socially, and emotionally.

I encourage parents and guardians to stay connected and involved in their child's education by attending school events and maintaining open communication with teachers through our many approved communication methods. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our students and contribute to their success. I am truly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to partnering with you in nurturing the growth and development of your children.

Jenna Macdonald



JP CLASS

The Junior Primary Class have started the term getting to know each other. We have been working together supporting everyone to feel included and supporting everyone to feel like they belong in their new environment. We have been learning about class expectations, our school rules and the Melrose Primary School values of Respect, Honesty, Excellence and Responsibility.

A majority of our learning has been focused on our individual student's personal words. This will contribute to their sense of identity, connecting to our school community, and feeling like they belong in their new environment. We have been learning by listening to stories about starting school and connecting to our own experiences. Additionally, we have been investigating our five senses (sight, sound, touch, smell and taste) connecting to the world around us.



Our new reception students, they have had a great start to school and we welcome them and their families to our school community.

Ms Capurso.



UP Class

Year 6 students were very excited to receive their year 6 shirts. Thank you to Governing Council and the Fundraising committee for subsidising the cost of the shirts.



Drums

George had his first drum lesson with Liam (Wednesday, week 2) while the rest of the class practiced for Choir. It was great to hear them jamming and Liam commented that George had a great start and had picked it up quickly.

Science

In Science in the UP class, we have been learning about the states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and how the states can change when heat is added or subtracted from the substance. We investigated this through a science experiment involving making Jelly and completing a practical report. Through this experiment, we also learnt the importance of following the method carefully and ensuring our measurements are accurate. Most of the students found their results were successful and were pleased with the jelly they created. As it was a science experiment, the jelly could not be consumed at school.



Mrs Macdonald



Upper Primary Narratives

The Upper Primary class have started working on narrative writing, developing more descriptive writing. Here is a taster of some of the students' stories as they are still a working progress.

Ashton

Once upon a time there was a kangaroo called Billy. He skated to the ice cream shop because it was so hot. He put the ice cream in his pouch while he was skating home. He got distracted by talking to his kangaroo friend and was late for dinner.

George

One day I was sitting in my room minding my own business and then Dad came and yelled " We are going to the world cup" We rushed to the airport and got on the plane. " See you in 14 hours" said Dad as we both fell asleep. I woke up in India and got off of the plane. The people were dressed so weird. It was also stinking hot. We left the hotel and got into the taxi to head to the cricket The taxi driver said " Namaste" " What did he say?" questioned Dad. "I think he said hello " I said to Dad.

Olivia

Along time ago there was a huge farm with huge chicken coops and there was a chicken called Debra. The farmers adored Debra, she was the best-looking chicken. The next day it was Halloween, the farmers did not know what they should dress up as. They found what they were going to wear, so they left. While the farmer was out trick or treating some kids broke into the farm with some spray paint and they sprayed Debra with purple and blue paint. When the farmer was coming back from trick or treating the kids ran like the wind. The next day the farmer went to check on Debra and she had babies. There was 8 babies' but 7 of them were normal and 1 was coloured like how Debra was from the spray paint. The farmer sighed and said "Debra needs a bath".

Chloe

One dark and stormy night a bolt of lightning struck the ground and spawned a tiny purple fuzzy thing. As the tiny fuzzy thing looked around its surrounding, it was surrounded by nothing but dry fields. The next day Lina and her Dad went to start seeding in the same field that the fuzzy thing had landed in. " Dad, Dad STOP!" she yelled. Lina climbed down out of the tractor and bent down " AWW" she cooed as she picked up the small fuzzy thing. " I think I will name you Fuzzy Wuzzy" she whispered.

Swimming

Don't forget it is swimming next week, please refer to your note that went home. We are extremely lucky that we are able to use the Wilmington Primary School pool, and thank them very much. We also thank Connor Hogan our instructor who makes himself available every year, thank you Connor. Thank you to Denise and Raelene for driving the bus for us.

Thank you

Thank you to Gweneth McCallum, who continually supports our school with kind donations. Also a big congratulations to Gweneth, as she won our Christmas Raffle at our End of Year Presentation concert.

Lunch Orders

A reminder that lunch orders can be made for Friday lunch time each week from Store 54. A menu has been sent home.

Assembly

Our first school assembly for the year will be held on Friday 1st March at 2.45pm. Please see attached flyer designed by Lilly, congratulations Lilly it looks fantastic.

Contact details

We do realise from time to time contact details change. If your contact details such as home phone, mobile phone or email address have changed, please notify the school so the most current contact details can be stored on your child's file.

Yr 6 Aquatics Day

Yr 6 Aquatics day will be held on Wednesday 6th March. A note and consent form will be coming home soon outlining the expectations of the day. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for organising this excursion.