



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11 March
ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday – Friday
13 - 15 March
NAPLAN

Wednesday 13 March
Finance Meeting
9.00am

Friday 15 March
BCDS Sportsday

Thursday 19 March
Governing Council AGM
6.00pm

Thursday 28 March
Early Dismissal
2.20pm

Friday 29 March
GOOD FRIDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 1 April
EASTER MONDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 12 April
End of Term 1
Early Dismissal 2.20pm

FOR ALL SCHOOL
INVOICES
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Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

We have been super busy with some exciting events over the last few weeks. We enjoyed perfect weather for Swimming in Week 4, Year 5/6 BCDS Sports Day Practice and our assembly in Week 5 and Year 6 Aquatics and a puppy visit in Week 6. These things would not be possible if it wasn't for the additional work from teachers and support from volunteers and parents. Thank you.

Our Student Free Day was a great opportunity for the staff of Melrose Primary and Wilmington Primary to learn different ways to teach and learn mathematics together. We had a guest facilitator Anna Rogers from the Mathematical Association of South Australia join us at Melrose Primary and lead us through many problem-solving activities which we can use with the children to enhance their ability and curiosity through mathematics.

Over the next couple of weeks, our year 3 and year 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. This can be an anxious time for some students as they feel the pressure of the testing conditions and performing well. Please remind them to just do their best and let them know it is not a good reflection of everything they can do or the types of people they are.

With the hot weather continuing, we have been spending a bit of extra time in the classroom at break times. We have been encouraging the students to spend half the break time playing various games together before they can access the iPads. Students have enjoyed the time to work together on Kahoots, Reading Eggs and other learning games during this time.

We have our AGM coming up on Thursday 19th March at 6pm. It would be great to see all continuing parents returning as well as new parents joining up to be part of such a positive and supportive Governing Council group.

JP CLASS

The JP class have been busy learning about phonics and spelling. They have been focusing on 3 new sounds a week and have been practicing writing on the lines and forming letters correctly. They all have been doing a fantastic job.

Well done,
Ms Capurso.



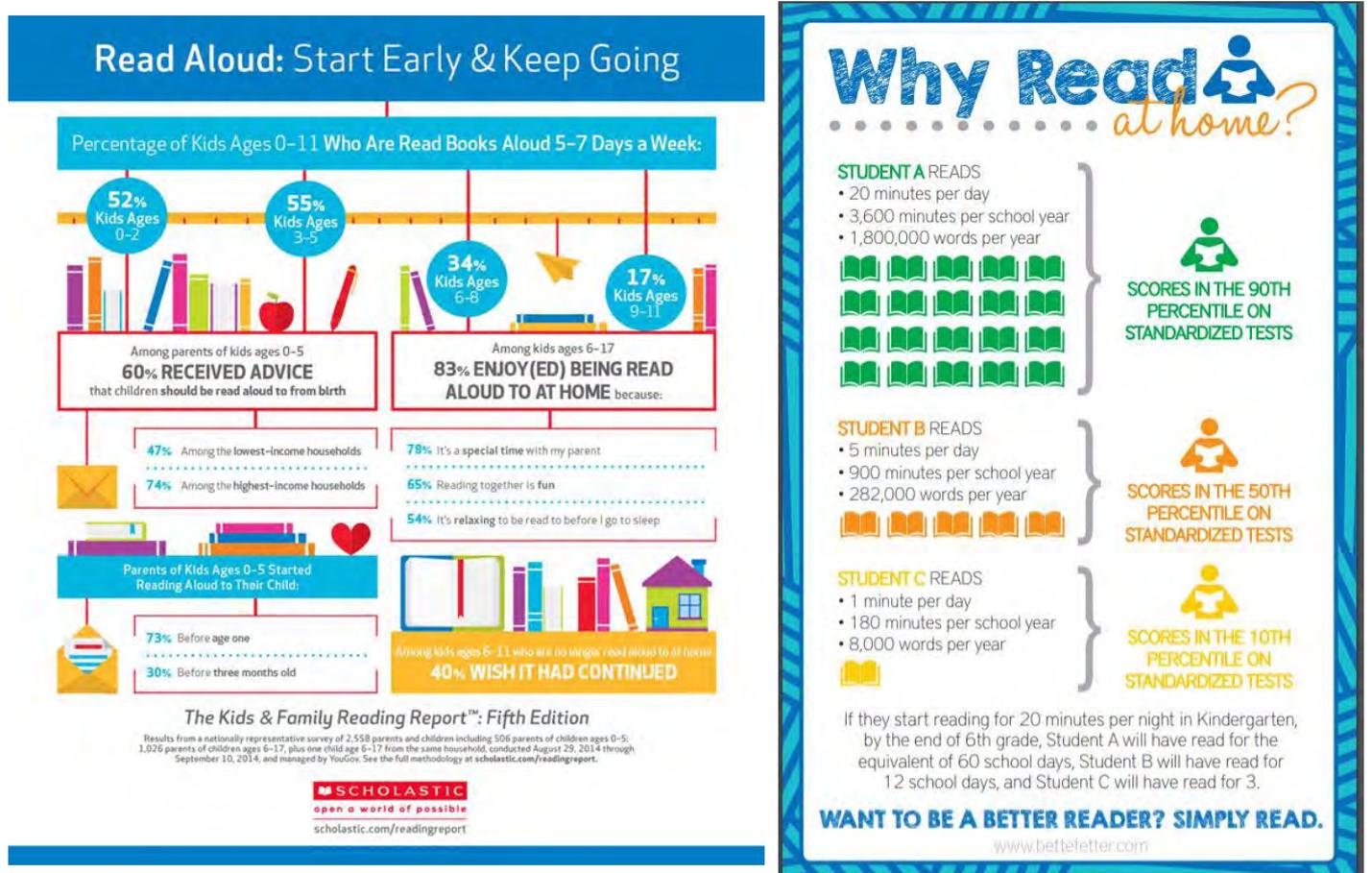
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UPPER PRIMARY CLASS

READING - At assembly last week awards were presented in the Upper Primary Class to 4 students who have already achieved 25 nights of reading and recorded this in their diaries. Junoir Primary students will start receiving their reading awards from Ms Capurso next assembly. Congratulations to Emma, Elsie, Chloe and Olivia for reading for 25 nights. The four girls were very excited to get something from the prize box. The importance of regular reading cannot be underestimated. Below are some statistics showing the direct link between student vocabulary and improved test results from reading as little as 20 minutes a day.

Research shows that even older students still enjoy being read to aloud. This is one of the main reasons why I choose a class novel each term. The students take turns to read out loud to improve their own oral skills and to read confidently. We have regular conversation about new vocabulary in the book. One of the main reasons I do a class novel is that students enjoy listening to me read aloud, modelling what good reading sounds like and reading with expression and for enjoyment.

Parents all around the world ask "What can I do if my child is struggling at school?" My biggest tip would be READ DAILY. The research alone speaks for its self.



MATHS - Upper Primary students have been collecting data and learning to calculate averages with Mrs MacDonald. Students have found this very interesting. Students played the cup stacking game and recorded how quickly they could stack the cups repeatedly and calculated their average. George and Chloe were the fastest at stacking cups. George's average time was 37 seconds and Chloe's average speed was 35 seconds.

George In cricket I worked out my run rate over the last three weeks was 21 runs.

Emma We timed ourselves to see how fast we could we go. It was fun doing the cup stack cupping game, especially when it fell. It was so much fun!

Students have really enjoyed calculating averages and even calculating other statistics from everyday life.

Chloe I read 35 books in 18 days that is an average of 1.9 books a day, which would get rounded to 2.

Year 6 Aquatics

Wednesday 6th of March saw the Yr 6's and Mrs Taylor along with the Yr 6's from Wilmington PS head to the Port Augusta Aquatics Centre. It was perfect weather for students to try some new aquatic activities such as kayaking and sailing. A big thank you to Mrs Taylor for organising this excursion and driving students.

Lilly – I enjoyed the sailing boats best of all, I felt like Moana.

Olivia – I enjoyed spending time with my friends the most.

George – I loved falling out of the kayak and getting wet.

Chloe – I liked kayaking the best.



Swimming

In week 4, the whole school travelled to and from Wilmington each day to do swimming lessons with the best swimming instructor Connor. The students were able to learn new techniques and/or practice the ones they already knew. The weather was perfect all week and everyone enjoyed getting in the pool and participating in all of the activities. A special thank you to Connor for his patience and fabulous teaching all week and to Raelene and Denise who volunteered to drive the bus for us so that we could access this fantastic opportunity. The year 5/6 students were even lucky enough to get a high jump lesson from Denise while waiting for their swimming turn and began to learn the technique for the Fosbury Flop.

Some of the student reflections are below.

Stella

I enjoyed swimming because we got to do 'sinkies'. I also enjoyed jumping in every day and going down the bottom of the pool.

Emma

I liked that we got to do 'sinkies'. I liked it when I got the marble which is 20 points. I liked it when Connor threw us in the deep end.

Elsie

On Friday, the second marble was in Connors hand. Everyone was looking for it in the shallow end but I thought it was in his hand so I went to get it out of his hand and then he dropped it so I dove down and got it. I also liked it when I got chucked in the deep end by Connor.

Ashton

I liked 'sinkies' and 'stuff'. I liked using the pool noodles. I liked doing backwards stroke.

Sienna

I liked wearing my bathers and using my towel. I liked going in the water and playing 'sinkers'.

Isla

I liked sliding into the pool. I really liked floating with the noodle. I liked the 'sinkies'.

Lilly

The best part about swimming was on the last day when we got to tackle Connor and he threw us in the pool.

Jade

The best part about swimming this week was when Connor threw us in the pool. I think I went the furthest and the highest out of everyone.

George

I enjoyed doing breaststroke the most this week as it is my favourite stroke.

Livvy

I loved that when we wanted to do something Connor would say that we will do it later and then we actually did do it later.

Maggie

The best part was when Connor threw me really far in the pool.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Please consider being a Governing Council member. If you're able to offer your time and expertise, your membership would be gratefully appreciated. The Governing Council meet twice a term and welcome all new members. The parent member self nomination form is available from the Front Office, please consider becoming a member. The AGM is Thursday 19 March 6.00pm in the Community Room.

If you have any queries regarding Governing Council please contact Tess McCallum Chairperson or Jenna Macdonald Principal of Melrose PS.

Fundraiser

We are running a Kytons Bakery fundraising drive to raise money for Melrose Primary School and attached you will find your order form with the products available.

Kytons Bakery have been helping groups to fundraise in Adelaide for over 30 years, and are best known for their delicious, fluffy lamingtons which have won numerous local and national awards. Kytons also makes a range of other delicious goodies, including cookies, fruit crumble pies and even Belgian waffles.

Kytons use the best ingredients, traditional recipes and great care to bake products that delight.

Kytons Bakery is a family owned business and their products are well known in South Australia, so we encourage you to pass your order form around to friends, family and work colleagues. You will probably find that they are enthusiastic to purchase from you, and the more products we sell, the more money we will raise and the benefit to the children of Melrose Primary School current and future.

If every family sold just 3 packets of lamingtons, we would raise over \$180. Please return your order forms with the relevant money to the front office by **Monday 18th March**. Orders will be available for collection on **Wednesday 27th March** from School.

If you would like to know more about Kytons Bakery's products, including nutritional information, ingredients lists, or serving suggestions, visit www.kytonsbakery.com.au

Thank you in anticipation of your support for our Kytons Drive.

Sincerely,
Sarah Goldsworthy