



# Melrose Primary School

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 29 March  
GOOD FRIDAY

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Monday 1 April  
EASTER MONDAY

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Autism Acceptance Day at  
Melrose Primary School

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April/Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> April  
Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 12 April  
End of Term 1  
Early Dismissal 2.20pm

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary,

The term has absolutely flown by and I can't believe we are at the end of week 9 already. It has been great to have so many activities (offsite and on-site) for the students to be involved in and the support from our parents and local community has been amazing.

I was proud to see the effort put in by our year 3 and year 5 students to do the NAPLAN testing to the best of their ability and thank Kate Taylor for her excellent organisation around this.

I had an absolute blast at my first combined sports day and was pleased to see how engaged and positive all the students were from all sites and how easily everyone got along. I was very grateful to see so many of our parents were able to make it and helped us out significantly on the day to ensure everyone was where they needed to be and having a good time. A special thank you to Jessica McCallum for transporting our school gazebos to and from Booleroo Centre District School and helping us to set up and pack up.

In week 8, we celebrated Harmony Week and on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The students really enjoyed the activities throughout the week and it was great to see the 'sea of orange' on Thursday.

In week 11, we look forward to seeing you all at our Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday evening as well as at our final assembly for the term on Wednesday at 2:45pm. We would appreciate you being prompt to your allocated timeslot and we hope that you understand that we will be working to share all of the information we can during your 15 minute timeslot. Please book a time separately to this if you would like to speak to us for longer about anything in particular. The students are looking forward to showcasing some of the things they have been learning this term at the assembly.

You may have noticed that we have been increasing our communication via our two main communication platforms Seesaw and Facebook. Seesaw has more informative school notes, homework information etc. whereas Facebook is used for promoting the fun events and activities that we have been up to and more general information. [Please ensure you are checking Seesaw regularly as this is the most important platform to check for important school information.](#)

I hope you have a safe and happy Easter break.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

Jenna Macdonald



“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new”

Albert Einstein

### **NAPLAN 2024**

We were very proud of our year 3 and year 5 students who sat the NAPLAN testing this year. It can be a bit of an anxious time for some students, especially for the year 3 students who were sitting NAPLAN testing for the first time. Everyone tried their best and did a great job getting through it all.

Mrs Macdonald

### **Booleroo Centre Rural Care and Melrose Rural Care**

Currently Booleroo Rural Care have vacancies for 3 years and over (not attending school) on Fridays, full time care 8am to 6pm. At Melrose Rural Care there is currently vacancies on Mondays for 3 years and over (not attending school), full time care 8am to 6pm.

Please contact us if you are interested on:

Booleroo Centre Rural Care - 0437 870 556

Melrose Rural Care - 0429 233 772

### **Visual Aids**

You may have noticed visual aids popping up around the school. Visual aids are cues which highlight information or break tasks into simple steps that we can see.

Visual aids may be used to:

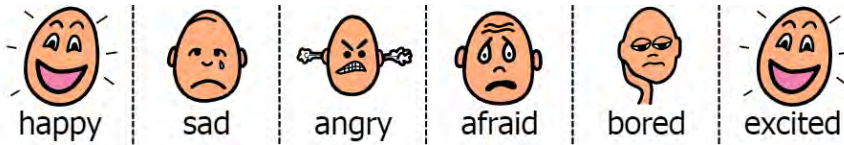
- **Highlight the steps that need to be taken when a child arrives at school**



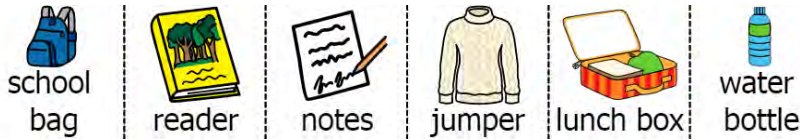
- **Break instructions down into smaller steps**



- Help students to share emotions effectively



- Remind student's what needs to go in their bag at the end of the day



Visual aids help everyone in the school community and can be used in many varied situations in everyday life. They help us with organisation, enhance communication, reduce the cognitive load, improve memory and retention and help to relieve stress and anxiety in people.

Emily Piggott

### HARMONY DAY

As part of our Harmony Week celebrations, we created different types of artwork from around the world including mosaic, mandala art and origami. The JP class also coloured in an Everyone Belongs poster after listening to the book Everyone Belongs by Heather Avis. The UP class made a Diversity Chatterbox each with facts about Australia's diversity. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, staff and students wore something orange to celebrate Harmony Day.



### UPPER PRIMARY CLASS

As part of our science unit, we made a non-newtonian fluid called Oobleck. This is a substance that can behave like a solid or a liquid depending on how much pressure you apply. We made the Oobleck orange (instead of green like in the story Bartholomew and the Oobleck) to support with our Harmony Week celebrations. Although we had a great time learning about it and making it, we did manage to make a bit of a mess.

Mrs Macdonald



**SPORTS DAY**



Diversity is our STRENGTH



Friday, April 5th, 2024

## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY

Melrose Primary School will share activities and information to promote Autism acceptance in our community on this day.

### **Governing Council**

Vounteers Wanted - Looking for experienced community members interested in doing workshops with Melrose Primary School student leaders. Police check required. Please call the front office for more information.

Melrose Primary School students have the special option of a second menu for Friday lunches during the school term. As well as Store 54, Over the Edge have come on board and have a selection of yummy options to choose from depending on your palette. A menu to be coming soon.

### **Veteran Car Club of SA**

#### **Keep an eye out!**

Melrose Primary School Oval  
Sunday the 14th of April 2024

*Up to 20 vintage cars over 105 years old!*



Come join us!  
**BECOME A BMW  
LION IN 2024!**

**WE WANT YOU!** 

 **PRE-SEASON SESSIONS STARTING THIS  
TUESDAY IN MELROSE!**

 **TEAM SELECTIONS IN MARCH**

 **SEASON STARTS APRIL 20TH**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR SECRETARY - KIM:

[BMWNETBALLCLUB@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BMWNETBALLCLUB@HOTMAIL.COM)

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## JUNIOR TRAINING



*Junior & Senior Colts*

Junior & Senior Colts training commences  
Wilmington Oval - Wednesday 27th March 4.30pm

*Cubs, Subs and Minis*

Cubs, Subs and Minis your training kicks off at  
Wilmington- Thursday April 11th 4.30pm

**RETURNING & NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

**Melrose Primary School  
wish you all a happy and  
safe Easter.**

