



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd May
National Simultaneous
Storytime 12.00pm

Thursday 23rd May
UP Excursion
Mt View Homes

Friday 24th May
UP Students
Choir – Jamestown

Monday 27th May
R-6 Shekere Beats
Wilmington

Mon 27th May – Wed 29th May
SAPSASA AFL Football

Wednesday 5th June
UP Excursion
Whyalla – Cuttlefish

Friday 7th June
STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 10th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Kings Birthday

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

I hope everyone had a beautiful Mother's Day on Sunday and got spoilt.

It has been a lovely start to Term 2 with some beautiful weather allowing for some great break time play outside. With the colder weather on its way, Mr Ian Darling (our PCW) has started some indoor play activities at lunch break in the Community Room on Monday and Tuesday which has already been a hit with some of our students.

With the change in weather, we have also noticed a bit more sickness going around the community and neighbouring schools and remind parents to please keep their children home if they are unwell to prevent the spread of illness amongst the other children and staff. We can find it difficult at times to get relief teachers in so we would like to try our best to avoid needing days off for illness if possible.

A few timetable changes were made over the school holidays to allow for targeted spelling groups based on student data. With two staff currently Sounds-Write trained and the remaining staff to be trained throughout the year, we look forward to a full implementation of a school-wide agreed phonics program by the end of the year. We can see the changes have had a positive impact already and we are looking forward to monitoring student progress with this new way of working.

We have some upcoming excursions this term for the whole school or just individual classes. This includes the whole school excursion to the Shekere Beats performance at Wilmington Hall as well as the UP excursions to Mt View Homes to sing songs in German and the excursion to Point Lowly/Whyalla to see the cuttlefish. We have been lucky enough to fully or significantly subsidise the cost of these excursions using our Wellbeing grant (2023) funding and other country funding that we have been granted.

We have been lucky enough to have Elin Rowe return to Playcentre again with her starting back this week. The JP class are looking forward to sharing some activities with Playcentre later this term.

I'd just like to remind parents to park in the appropriate designated areas for pick up and drop off please. The space in front of Rural Care has a yellow line to ensure the safety of the students so please park a little further away to keep that area safe.

It was great to meet with parents at the end of last term and discuss your child/ren's learning. We are now aiming to implement any feedback we were given to ensure the best outcomes for our students. Please let us know if you have any further feedback that you think will support and progress your child's learning as we are committed to doing the best we can for our children at Melrose Primary School.

Mrs Jenna Macdonald



UP CLASS

German- Deutsch

Last year all students researched and created a poster in German about a building in the German state of Brandenburg or about a fairy tale originating from Brandenburg.

This competitions run by the South Australian German Teacher Association. They we inundated with entries this year and it was a very strong competition between all students who learn German in South Australia.

Emma - won an honorable mention.

Students will enter in this competition again this year. Each year a different state or landmark is chose as the topic for students to create a poster in German on thus expanding students cultural awareness about Germany while completing their project.

Next week Upper Primary students are going to visit the residence at Mount View home to sing songs to the residents. A special request was made for our students to come specifically to come sing songs in German as two of the residents originate from Germany. We will sing songs with props similar to our Assembly song students sang at the end of term 1 to allow people who do not speak German to also enjoy the performance. We hope to share some photos in the next newsletter and on seesaw of our visit to see the residents.

GRIP LEADERSHIP

On Friday last week Mrs Taylor took the year 5/6 students to Port Augusta GRIP leadership conference to help develop their leadership skills. Students learned that a good leader; listens to others, that to be a leader sacrifice is needed, commitment and sometimes to be a good leader you need to follow.

George- I enjoyed getting to know students from other schools and sharing ideas about how we could improve our schools or communities. It was presented really well and there were lots interesting on stage activities.

Jade- Being a leader means helping when I see a need. It was lots of fun, we played games and got to win badges.

Chloe- Being a leader means befriending others. The conference itself was surprisingly fun, there was lots of activities.

Olivia- To be a leader you need to try new things, make friends and give up something for the greater good. I thought everyone did a great job when on stage, no one backed out. Everyone gave it a go, even though being on stage in front of lots of people can be scary.

Lilly- To be a leader you need to be yourself. That leaders give up their own wants for more important matters. A good leader expresses their ideas clearly but also listens to others ideas.

JP CLASS

The JP students have been busy using natural items in their maths lessons. The students have been counting and sorting objects connecting to various attributes (colour, size, shape and how many) and representing their findings in numerals.



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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

BOWERBIRD BLUES

WEEK 4 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

COULD ALL FAMILIES PLEASE BRING ALONG SMALL 'BLUE THINGS' TO HELP CREATE OUR BLUE ART FOR THE EVENT.

SMALL THINGS = SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND.

**E.G. PEG, BREAD TAG, LEGO, STRING, SEQUENS –
BE IMAGINATIVE AS YOU CAN.**

ITEM'S CANNOT BE RETURNED.

**ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BLUE COLLECTION TUB IN
THE LIBRARY AT ANY TIME.**

Missing Library Book

Has anyone seen this Flinders Mobile Library book? It has been borrowed out by the JP class, and we are unable to find it. Hoping someone may find it at home.

Thanks Kass

