



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 3 Term 3 2024

PLAYCENTRE

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12pm

Mon – Tues 12th - 13th August

Upper Primary Camp
Adelaide

Mon – Fri 12th - 16th August

Science Week

Mon – Fri 19th - 23rd August

Book Week

Wednesday 21st August

Book Week parade

Monday 26th August

Melrose PS Mini Olympics

**Thursday 29th August &
12th September**

Gymnastics Port Pirie

Friday 30th August

Art with Joel Plevin

Wednesday 11th September

Yr 5/6 students in Port Pirie
Yr 3 Students in Appila

**FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
STUDENT FREE DAY**

&

**MONDAY 16TH
SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

**FOR ALL SCHOOL
INVOICES**

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Thank you to the wonderful family and friends of Melrose Primary School in coming out and supporting our busy bee. The fathers managed to put up the colourful fence around the playcentre activity room. We will be needing a further busy bee to complete a few more tasks, stay tuned.

We are looking at setting up our community gardening project ready for spring with the warmer weather approaching.

Our plan is in term 4 to have a trolley set up after school for our students to sell plants and fresh produce. Students will be making food wraps and kokedama plants to sell also.

We would love for any contributions from families and friends to support this venture.

We need the following items:

- Scraps of fabric (food wraps)
- Bee's wax
- Plant clippings such as succulents for kokedama's
- Glass jars

The funds made will go back to keep the garden running and into the school with student input on what is needed. This will be made transparent through the student involvement and learning.

Assembly will be on Friday, Week 5 at 2:45 in the Community Room. We will be announcing our new Junior Primary SRC representatives.

Now that I have settled into the Principal role, I am happy to catch up with family for any discussions about your student. Please make an appointment with myself on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Stay warm,
Mrs Michelle Fay



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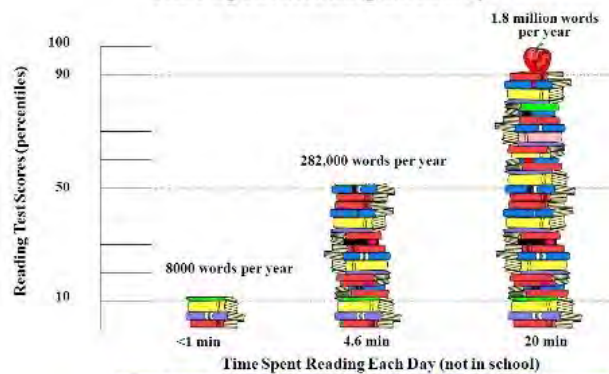
Colourful Day

On Friday the 28th of June the schools' leaders held colourful day. The leaders organised activities for students to complete. We had tattoo's, nail painting, colouring in, beading, face painting and hair braiding. Everyone had a wonderful day filled with many activities. Thank you to Liz for braiding everyone's hair. You definitely did an awesome job.

Mrs Piggott, Liz, George, Chloe, Olivia, Lilly and Jade



Time Spent Reading Each Day



Good readers spend more time reading each day so they read many more words in a year compared to poor readers.

Figure 26 in "Improving Dyslexia", Sally Sheppard, 2009

Reading is great for the whole family....

Read together as a family!

When you read to your child from an early age it has a lasting positive effect. Reading together can:

- increase your child's vocabulary
- create an environment for learning together
- give you things to talk about later.

Have your child read to you. It's a safe and nurturing way for them to practise and learn.

Tell your own stories

Share stories from or about your family. Tell stories that have been passed down for generations. Share the stories that are part of your cultural heritage.

Read and talk about books and stories with your child

Ask about your child about favourite character in a book. Talk about what they think might happen next in the story. Ask what they liked or didn't like about a story.

Aim high — believe in your child's potential

When a parent holds high aspirations for their child, they do better at school. Showing your child you believe in them and their ability is powerful. It builds their confidence and helps them see themselves as someone who can do well.

Research shows there's a link between what parents believe about their child's ability to do well and their actual achievements.

Praise your child for trying hard, not just for doing well. Celebrate the little successes.

Talk to your child about their dreams for the future. This is important at any age. Talk to your child often about their hopes or ideas for the future.

Book week

Wednesday 21st of August is our book week parade. Parents are welcome to come to school at 9am to see student's costumes, Reading is Magic is the theme. Students can come dressed as any character from a book. There will be 4 prizes awarded for best costumes.



The importance of reading

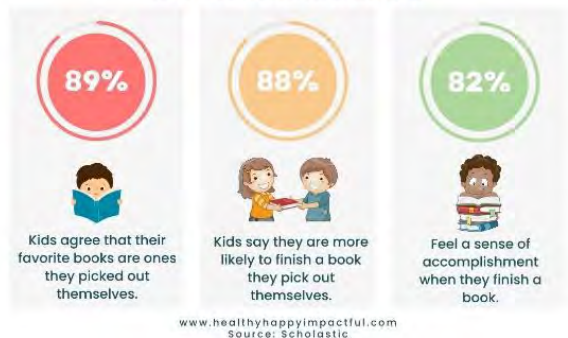
Reading has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety, it is one of the most calming and relaxing activities children can do.

There is a direct link between the minutes of reading (outside of school) with increase vocabulary and improve literacy skills.

Children are more engaged in books that they are allowed to choose themselves. Reading books without pictures requires more decoding skills, however if the only book that motivates a child to read are picture books or graphic novels, reading any book is better than reading no book.



KIDS' THOUGHTS ON READING BOOKS



Library News

Book Week is fast approaching. The theme this year is 'Reading is Magic'.

The nominated books for the 'Children's Picture' book of the year and the 'Young Reader' book of the year are in the school Library.

A range of activities will be conducted with these books over the next few weeks in the lead up to Book Week.

Emily



The First 100 Days of School

On the last day of term 2 the whole school was buzzing with excitement. The celebration theme of the day was connected the first 100 days of school. Many students aged a lot overnight and came to school dressed in their finest grandma dress ups. During the day we shared some food and participated in some activities connecting to 100. A fun day was had by everyone, it was an exciting way to finish the end of Term 2.

The students in the JP class helped plan the event, I thank all parents who donated food for our celebration. Thanks Ms Capurso



Today is the
100th
Day of School

Lunch Orders

A reminder that we only do lunch orders on a Friday. Store 54 orders can be placed no later than Friday morning from our special student menu.

Over the Edge orders must be placed no later than Thursday from our special student menu. No late orders will be accepted.

Thank you

BCDS Soccer Carnival

Booleroo Centre District School hosted 5 a side soccer Wednesday. A big congratulations to our girls who won their age group, well done. Thanks to everyone who supported who supported the team.



Operation Christmas Child

A colorful poster for Operation Christmas Child. At the top, it says 'DUE DATE 12TH OF SEPTEMBER' and 'DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE'. The main title is 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD' in large blue letters. Below the title, it lists items to bring: 'BRING HYGIENE ITEMS; HAIR BRUSH, TOOTH BRUSH SOAP. CLOTHING BOYS AND GIRLS, SMALL TOYS AND PENCILS.' The poster is decorated with illustrations of a box of toys, a bar of soap, a hairbrush, a pencil, and a toothbrush holder. The background is light blue with a subtle pattern.