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Week 11- Thursday 15th December 2016 - Term 4

PRINCIPAL REPORT



Dear Melrose families and friends,
 Although the school year is just about over, I am really looking forward to what's in store for Melrose in 2017! We have recently completed all of our recruitment processes and interviews and are very excited about the new staff joining our team.

Firstly, I would like to announce the appointment of Mr Darren Clough as our new Assistant Principal from 2017 onwards. Those of you who have had the opportunity to get to know Darren and work alongside him in supporting your children, will see the passion that he has for Melrose, and his incredible commitment and capacity to support and build upon the strengths of our wonderful school.

In working alongside Darren in an acting capacity for some time now, I have no doubt what an incredible asset he quickly became and will continue to be, however I would like to take this opportunity to officially farewell his predecessor – Ms Maree Geoghegan. Although not an easy decision by any means, Maree has recently resigned her position at Melrose Primary and will continue to build a new future up in the sunny heart of Queensland. We wish Maree all the very best, and offer her our incredibly sincere thanks for everything that she has given to our school over many years. Although a great loss to our school, she has left a legacy that will be fondly remembered by staff and students.

We have now appointed the final three people joining our teaching team in 2017, and are very pleased to welcome Mr Angus Penney, Miss Nerilee Pace and Ms Carol Mann to our staff. We also welcome back Mr Henry Huon, who will be resuming his position as our Primary Welfare Officer. Henry has gained some invaluable experience in his recent career roles, and will return with renewed passion and capacity to support students and their families into the future.

There will be 16 classes once again at Melrose in 2017, with the following staffing and class structures in place:

Foundation – 3 classes (approx. 17 students each)	Junior Unit – 4 classes of Gr 1/2 (approx. 22 students each)	Middle Unit – 5 classes of Gr 3/4 (approx. 21 students each)	Senior Unit – 4 classes of Gr 5/6 (approx. 24 students each)
Area 16 – Rachel Ellis & Megan Sutton Area 15 – Kelsie McWilliams Area 14 – Steph Kovacs	Area 13 – Nerilee Pace Area 12 – Kevin Williams Area 11 – Bec Clarke & Marie Condon Area 10 – Mary Couston	Area 8 – Angus Penney Area 7 – Josh Thorp Area 6 – Amy Musgrove Area 5 – Jane Scott Area 4 – Teaghan Jones	Area 3 – Terri Johns Area 2 – Andrew Patton Area 1 – Katie Skinner Area 17 – Carol Mann & Megan Locke

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DECEMBER	Friday 16th Tuesday 20th	Yr. 6 Graduation Ceremony -McAuley Arts Centre Catholic College 9.20am - 10.15am Foundation End of Year Celebration - Inflatable Fun house 12-3pm A3, A4, A5, A6, A7 students going to WAVES swim lessons/class party Last day of term - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM *Out of School Care is open from 1-6pm (bookings essential)
JANUARY 2017	Tuesday 31st	All students return for their first day of 2017 School Year - Foundation students have Wednesdays off school for all February
FEBRUARY	Monday 6th - Friday 10th	Swimming Program for 2017 Year 5/6 students - permission notes will be sent home week 1 in Term 1, 2017

Specialist and support teachers

Art – Kerrie Holt
 LOTE – Italian (1-6) – Pat Pooley & AusLan (F) – Megan Sutton
 Phys Ed – Sam Jannisen & Tamara Steinhauser
 Literacy Intervention – Alison Fraser
 Numeracy Support – Marie Condon
 Koorie Support – Kerrie Holt

Leadership roles:

Literacy Teaching & Learning Coordination – Jane Scott & Kelsie McWilliams
 Numeracy / Professional Learning Community coordinator – Bec Clarke
 EQ Teaching & Learning Coach – Heidi McKay
 Integrated Studies/Rich Projects – Kevin Williams
 Digital Technologies – Andrew Patton & Katie Skinner

At this point there is no definite decision made regarding the Principal position at Melrose, but I will continue in the Acting role until the beginning of next year and hope to have confirmation and a full leadership team in place from early Term 1.

Fond Farewells:

It is with sadness that we are saying 'We'll be seeing you...' to a number of our current staff who are heading out to new adventures and experiences for the 2017 school year. Adam Flinn and Jack Andrews are both taking twelve months to travel and build upon their teaching experience and capacity, while Rhys Dempsey has taken on a teaching experience in New South Wales for 2017 and Carly Begley will be taking the full twelve months on family leave. We wish them all the best and hope to see them all back again in 2018!

Clare Martin has decided to return to teaching at Osborne's Flats Primary School in 2017, and in saying farewell. We'd like to thank her for all that she has brought to our school and our Foundation team this year. We also have a number of Education Support staff who have worked in casual roles over the year who I would like to sincerely thank, and look forward to working alongside them in the future.

Although she is not leaving us quite yet, Vicki Price will be retiring from teaching in March next year. It will be lovely to have her work alongside us for some of term one, before she heads off on exciting travels and her

ATTENDANCE STARS LEADERBOARDS



F-2 Attendance Leader Board

	Classroom	Number of school days missed by students
1 st	Area 16	63
2 nd	Area 15	91
3 rd	Area 10	100
4 th	Area 14	107
5 th	Area 11	110
6 th	Area 13	111
7 th	Area 8	118
8 th	Area 12	178



3-6 Attendance Leader Board

	Classroom	Number of school days missed by students
1 st	Area 6	104
2 nd	Area 5	108
3 rd	Area 4	110
4 th	Area 7	116
5 th	Area 2	122
6 th	Area 3	151
7 th	Area 17	154
8 th	Area 1	180



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cherished grandmother role, but given the short time frame she will be providing extra support to the senior team rather than starting in a specific classroom.

Tomorrow we farewell all of our Grade 6's in our official Graduation Ceremony, and we have a number of families finishing up at Melrose or moving on to new places. We wish them all the very best and hope they forever carry a little of the Melrose magic in their hearts.

Kindest Regards and sincere wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year to you all!

Kellie Thorp - Acting Principal

❖ FOUNDATION - INFLATABLE FUN HOUSE -

Friday 16th December - Students in Areas 14,15 & 16 will be travelling by bus to Inflatable Fun House Wodonga for their end of year celebration. Leave school: 12.00 - Return: 3pm.

❖ HOME READERS -

Home readers are now due back at school. No more can be taken home after Friday 2nd December. To help students to bring back all readers/library books that are languishing at home, we are having a MONSTER raffle. Every book that is returned earns one raffle ticket into the draw. There are 3 monster gotcha bags to be won as prizes. Please search at home for all books belonging to the school. They are quite expensive to buy and we really appreciate their return.

❖ K-MART WISHING TREE APPEAL

Thank you to Area 14, Area 15 & Area 16 who raised \$117.35 for the K-Mart Wishing Tree Appeal. What an amazing effort!

These are the toys that were purchased with the money:

- * Bowling game
- * Dreamtopia Barbie
- * Nerf toy
- * Pokemon cards
- * Pom Pom Wow craft activity
- * Hot Wheels Hyper Racer.



We hope the children who receive these toys have a Merry Christmas.



Melrose Vacation Care Program

Our holiday program has been sent home with the eldest child in each family. There are lots of fun activities and excursions planned. All bookings and payment must be made by Friday the 16th of December please. See Wendy at the school office to book and pay for the care.

NOTE: Please fill in a new enrolment form for the 2017 year, as each child must have a new form for each year.

NOTE TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

This Friday 16th of December, **ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF** will walk across to Wodonga Catholic College McAuley Arts Centre to celebrate the Year 6 students' Graduation Ceremony.

Students and staff will Leave Melrose at 9.20am and Return to Melrose 10.15am

There is no cost for this event.

Students must be in full school uniform including their school hat.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND WITHOUT PERMISSION

PERMISSION NOTES MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER BEFORE THE EVENT – PHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE MADE HOME TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO FORGET TO BRING IN THEIR PERMISSION FORM BEFORE THE DAY.

*****Parents, relatives and friends are welcome at the Ceremony.***

❖ BREAKFAST CLUB

Today was our last breakfast club for 2016. A big thank you to those who have helped out during the year.

❖ SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017 – Year 5/6 students

Students in Areas 1,2,3 & 17 (in 2017) will participate in 5 swimming lessons of 45 minutes with a qualified instructor. Dates: Monday 6th Feb – Friday 10th Feb.

Group 1: Leave 11.50am (lesson 12.15pm)

Return 1.30pm

Group 2: Leave 12.35pm (lesson 1.00pm)

Return 2.15pm

Cost \$30.

Note: If you have paid your swimming fee of \$30 for the 2016 year the cost is covered. If you qualify for CSEF and have lodged your 2016 application form at the school office, the cost is covered.

Permission notes will be sent home day 1 of term 1, 2017. Please return the note and payment /CSEF form to your child's classroom teacher no later than Monday 6th of February 2017.

❖ PARENT PAYMENT STRUCTURE 2017

CSEF APPLICATION FORMS – Healthcare/Pension Card must be valid by the beginning of Term 1, 2017.

The above forms have been sent home with the eldest child in each family with their school reports. Payment options are available and the fees are due and payable from the beginning of Terms 1, 2017.

2017 Victorian Term Dates

Term 1

Teachers return 30 January
Students start: 31 January - 31 March

Term 2

18 April - 30 June

Term 3

17 July - 22 September

Term 4

09 October - 22 December

ATTENTION BUS TRAVELLERS

Please note that school finishes at 1.00pm on the last day of term, Tuesday 20th December. We have been notified that buses will not run until 2.30pm, therefore alternate arrangements for collecting students at 1.00pm will need to be made. There will be no teacher on bus duty on Tuesday afternoon, nor staff supervision of students available after 1.15pm.

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Acting Assistant Principals:

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