Greetings Melrose Family and Friends,

It has been a terrific week in regard to both school happenings and the weather we have been experiencing! Students are really enjoying the sunshine when playing outside and those hats are most definitely needed, with the UV ray levels continuing to increase.

On Tuesday, our Senior Students all headed off to Cricket events, playing against teams from across the local area and having a very enjoyable and successful time together. All day long, staff were reminding children about keeping hats on heads and applying sunscreen, but we still saw some rosy red colouring by the end of the day. I would highly recommend students apply sunscreen at home in the morning, and even carry a roll on supply in their bags for reapplication later in the day.

Our next two major events will definitely require good sun protection... the Walkathon tomorrow and our Melrose Cup Trivia morning next Tuesday. Please make sure that students are well covered, have the correct hats and have sunscreen to apply on both occasions, as we will be out in the sunshine for several hours.

Preparations for the walkathon are really gearing up now, with the event taking place tomorrow. After a short assembly in the morning the entire school will be walking down to Willow Park for a 10.00am start. Given our traditional Halloween theme, many classes have already enjoyed our specially designed ‘Haunted House’ experience and there is much excitement around planning for costumes! With heaps of prizes, community groups participating, special activity stations, free water bottles and a sausage sizzle, I am confident it will be a hugely enjoyable day - check out the information further on in the newsletter!!

Can I remind parents though that this is a major fundraiser for our school, so we can purchase online programs to support your child’s education... even a small donation from every family will help us achieve our fundraising goal and every $15 raised by your child will earn them a chance to win some great prizes!!!

A reminder to parents that next Tuesday 1st November (Melbourne Cup Day) is not a PUBLIC HOLIDAY for Victorian Government schools. Students will be required at school on Tuesday, as normal. Wodonga Government Schools now take Wodonga Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY, which will be on Friday 25th November this year.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Willow Park tomorrow!

Kind Regards,    Kellie Thorp - Acting Principal
**2017 CLASS STRUCTURES**

At present, we are starting the planning process for 2017 classes. We are still determining class structures for 2017, as we are still receiving enrolments. If you have a Foundation student commencing with us next year, it is imperative that we receive your enrolment details as soon as possible. We will be starting our Foundation transition days next month, so we are reliant on accurate numbers for class placements. Any families or students who will be leaving us next year will also impact upon planning, so please be sure to contact class teachers or the office to let us know.

Staff have begun the vigorous task of organising class placements for next year by asking students to identify peers that will support their learning in their future class. Please be aware that these requests for preferred classmates will be duly considered, but not all students may end up being placed with their first choices as very careful consideration is given to the final composition of classes with a number of factors being considered.

Should parents have a specific request they wish to be considered for 2017, please put this in writing addressed to the Principal. Requests should be received no later than Friday, November 13, 2016 and will be duly considered but not guaranteed. Requests should only ever be made in exceptional circumstances such as when siblings are in the same unit or if placing particular students together may not be in their best interests.

**LIBRARY**

A reminder to all students, we have over 70 books that are now overdue!!! Some of these books have been overdue since Term 1 and 2!! Can you please have a good look at home and in your classroom for your books. All students get 2 weeks to read their book and then must return it. If you have not finished your book then Kimmie will renew it for you so you have another 2 weeks to read it. If you have lost your book or it needs repairing, please see Kimmie in the Library. Letters were sent home last week as reminders and only 4 books have been returned! Thank you, Kimmie

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER !!!**

EQ and School Captain photos are available to view at the front office window. Please note that this is the last chance to purchase these photos. Please see Wendy at the office to place your order. Order and money must be at the school office no later than next Thursday 3rd of November.

**POND EXCURSION AREAS 1,2 &17**

Students from Areas 1,2 & 17 will have the opportunity to walk to and explore a local habitat and investigate the creatures and plants that live in the pond at the corner of Melrose Dve and Felltimber Creek Rd. They will identify food chains and the effects of humans on the habitat. Students will depart Melrose at 9.30am and return to school at 12 noon. Students must be in full school uniform, suitable walking shoes, hats, sunscreen, drink bottle and snack for the activity. (No lunch orders on the day please). Permission forms are going home with students today and need to be returned by Tuesday 1st November. There is no cost for this excursion.

**MELROSE CUP TRIVIA MORNING**

Next Tuesday 1st of November, at approximately 9:30am, Melrose Primary School will come together to hold the 6th Annual Melrose Cup Trivia Day. The day aims to bring students and staff together to share in the joy of learning, teamwork and great fun! The day will promote our students understanding and appreciation of learning. Learning makes us grow as individuals, makes us interesting and gives us choices and opportunities to be the best we can.

This year, families will again have the opportunity to spectate the day’s events and cheer on their children. The day will involve trivia surrounding Melrose general knowledge and classroom learning across all year levels and subjects. The winning teams (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will each receive their very own Melrose Cup Trivia Certificate!

Having dressed up for the Walkathon this year, a Race Day Hat Parade will be part of our Melbourne Cup Day celebrations this year. Students are encouraged to bring their Race Day Hat that will be made in Art with Mrs. Holt next week, or they are free to wear their own hat creation/fascinator. Mystery judges will award certificates to the winners of the Melrose Cup Hat Parade.

***Please note students must be in school uniform for this day. As this event will be held outside, students are to wear school hats and sensible footwear as per our school policy. If your child wishes to wear a fancy hat/fascinator, they are to be worn over the top of their school hat. There will be lots of on the spot prizes and great fun for all!***

Many thanks,

Jack Andrew, Rhys Dempsey and Josh Thorp

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**REMINDER**

- **Student Banking**
  - every **Friday**

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**SENIOR SCHOOL MELBOURNE EXCURSION**

Students in Years 5 & 6 will travel to Melbourne for an overnight excursion to: Melbourne Museum, Melbourne Aquarium, Science Works, participate in an MCG tour and Ten Pin Bowling.

Leave Melrose: Wed 16th Nov at 6.30am
Return Melrose: Thurs 17th Nov at 8.00pm

Thankyou to those parents who have paid their entire balance of camp fees as these were due by 16th September (last term). If you are still yet to pay for the balance of camp payments, this needs to be done no later than today. If you are unsure of what balance you may owe, please contact Wendy at the school office.

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**SENIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY**

The senior team are preparing the graduation ceremony for current Year 6 students. We ask that parents of any Year 6 student who was not at Melrose Primary in prep or year one, to send your child’s prep photo into the school. The photo will be scanned in to form part of a short slide show. Alternatively, you can email a copy of your child’s prep photo to: graduation@melroseps.vic.edu.au

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**SENIOR GRADUATION DINNER - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note that the date for the Senior Graduation dinner has changed from Thursday 15th December to now be held on **Tuesday 13th December**. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM - JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Monday 28th November - Friday 2nd December
A8/A13 Leave Melrose: 12.30pm -2.15pm
A15/A11 Leave Melrose: 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Monday 5th December - Friday 9th December
A16/A10 Leave Melrose: 12.30pm - 2.15pm
A14/A12 Leave Melrose: 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Students will walk to and from the Leisure Centre and must be in school uniform and bring hat, towel and swimmers on their swimming days.

Permission notes (sent home closer to the time) and $30 must be returned to school no later than 25th November. Note: For Parents who have qualified for CSEF, this amount may be covered.

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM - MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Group 1: Leave Melrose: 12.30pm - 2.10pm Lesson at 1.00pm - 1.45pm A04 & A07
plus some A03 - year 4s

Group 2: Leave Melrose: 1.15pm - 3.00pm Lesson at 1.45pm - 2.30pm A05 & A06
plus some A03 - year 4s

Lessons from: Monday 12th December to Friday 16th December. Students will travel by bus to Waves Swimming Pool Wodonga and must be in school uniform, bring their swimmers, towel and school hat on swimming days. Permission notes (sent home closer to the time) and $30 must be returned no later than 8th December. Note: To those Parents who qualify for CSEF, this cost may be covered.

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**MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION**

Year 1/2 - Thursday 3rd of November

Year 1/2 students will be travelling by bus to Melbourne Zoo on Thursday 3rd November. Students will depart Melrose at 6.40am and will be returning at approximately 7.30pm.

Students must be in full school uniform including school hat, and are to bring their lunch, morning and afternoon snack and a water bottle.

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**Praise and Encouragement**

Praise and encouragement are great ways to help kids feel good about themselves, and learn the behaviours that are valued in your home. It’s easier to notice the ‘bad’ behaviour than the ‘good’; the yelling rather than when your child is quietly reading a book or drawing. Try to pay attention to the good behaviour too! The behaviours we pay attention to we will see again.

- Catch your child being good – don’t wait for everything to be perfect.
- Be specific in your praise and describe exactly what it is that you like. For example, ‘I love the way you shared your Lego with your brother just then’, or, ‘You’ve done a great job with your picture. You really know how to put colours together’. Describing what it is that you like is more genuine and helpful for learning new behaviours than vague praise like “good girl”.
- Praise immediately.
- Praise with smiles, eye contact, and enthusiasm.
- Label your child’s feelings about their personal accomplishments
- Help your child recognise the changes and progress they are making
- Praise and encourage the ‘process’ of their learning, not just the end product. Encouragement is praise for effort, e.g. “I can see you worked really hard on that homework”
- Try making your praise dependent on your child’s behaviours, rather than on your feelings.
- Model self praise and positive self talk. Children notice how we talk to ourselves about our own challenges and achievements.

Adapted from the Raising Children Network and Carolyn Webster-Stratton
2017 FOUNDATION STUDENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Beginning school is always an exciting time – for both the parents and students. We aim to support you in ensuring that your child enters school with confidence and ease.

Melrose Primary School conducts an Orientation program in Term 4 that will assist your child to become familiar with our school environment and transition successfully.

The dates for transition sessions are:
- Tuesday November 15th
- Tuesday November 22nd
- Tuesday November 29th
- Tuesday December 6th

Further information about these sessions will be sent home prior to these dates.

Our school will continue to visit pre-schools over the coming months to meet our new students and talk to pre-school teachers. This is an important part of building a positive relationship with your child and our school.

Comprehensive information around our school is available via our school website – www.melroseps.vic.edu.au

Please contact our school if you no longer require the enrolment or have further questions.

Looking forward to working in partnership throughout your child’s educational journey.

If you are still needing to enrol a 2017 Foundation student, please contact the school office on 60591955, as we require enrolment forms to be completed as soon as possible to assist with transition and planning.
**LUNCH ORDER REMINDER**

Can students please ensure all lunch orders are handed into the canteen by **9.00am each morning**. Any LATE orders must be handed into the office by **9.15am**. Thank you for your co-operation.

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**BORDER RELAY FOR LIFE**

Students and staff from Melrose helped this year’s Border Relay for Life reach one of its best ever fundraising totals.

The Border Relay For Life is now the largest event of its kind in Australia! This year there were over 2,800 participants, 131 teams and over $407,000 was raised.

The event was held at Birallee Park on Saturday. It was cold and windy, but we all walked on regardless. Some jogged laps, walked towards a lengthy goal or raised money through selling food and lucky dips.

Mr Flinn raised $250, when he joined in to the Miss Relay Pageant.

Relay for Life is a 24 hour community-based event that raises vital funds to support local cancer prevention programs, support services as well as investing in world-class research in the fight back against cancer.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

Our senior students participated in Kanga 6’s and Kanga 8’s on Tuesday. Kanga 6’s had 65 teams participating throughout the day, a big focus for all students was showing a high level of sportsmanship. At the end of every game each umpire was able to award extra points to each team, for working well, being kind to their team mates and the opposition and overall good sportsmanship. 4 out of our 6 teams were in the top 10 for high sportsmanship throughout the day. What an amazing effort by our students.

Well done to Logan Sandland who proudly represented Melrose at State Athletics on Monday in Hurdles, qualifying to the final, finishing in 8th position. A wonderful effort Logan, Melrose are very proud of you.

Sam Janissen

**STUDENT REPORTS ON KANGA CRICKET**

Kanga 6’s and Kanga 8’s is an opportunity for year 5/6’s to play some cricket against other teams from other schools. We had a great day out, playing 5 games of cricket. My team was having heaps of fun hitting cricket balls and fielding. Next year everyone should have a try.

By Lucy - A01

On Tuesday 25th of October, 16 students went out to Baranduda Park for Kanga 8’s. It was very fun and tiring. You played against other schools to try and go to Shepparton. As we arrived, we set up the gazebos and mats, then we got to playing the games. It was very fun even though we did not win. We all tried our best and had lots of fun. We did very well at everything we did. A big thankyou to Kimmie and Miss Hinds for taking us down there.

By Georgie A17

On Tuesday, the senior school went out and played some Kanga Cricket and it was an awesome day. We learned so much more about cricket. Thanks to the teachers who put this together. It was funny about how the bus driver forgot about us. Thanks so much for letting us play.

By Luke

Kanga Cricket was a great experience for all grade five and six students in Wodonga. It was one of the first bright and sunny days this year and everyone was enjoying themselves. All up there were about sixty teams although we only got to verse a snippet of them. We met many different people with many different talents and skills. Almost everyone was being kind and friendly to each other so it was a great time to meet new friends for high school. The students at Melrose were trying their best and working hard. Over all it was an amazing event and will be a day I’ll remember for a long time.

By Baylea A17
Walkathon

Information for parents / guardians

Thank you to all that have supported the Walkathon so far, it is shaping up to be a wonderful event! Please be reminded that sponsorship forms are now due.

The Walkathon will be held from 10 – 12.30pm tomorrow (Friday 28th of October) at Willow Park.

Activities and giveaways include:
- Ford Exhibit
- Lucky door prizes (free entry)
  - Jetts Gym membership worth $690
  - Ford Jacket signed by Supercar racing team (valued at $200)
- Lucky number pick ($5 entry – every entry wins a prize)
- School Council Raffle with major prizes:
  - Opal pendant valued at $2000
  - Photography session with Sarah Rendell Photography valued at $200
- Sausage sizzle - supported by the Rotary Club of Wodonga West (gold coin donation)
- Numerous sporting clubs and community group exhibits.

Students need to remember: Hats, sensible walking shoes, snacks / lunch (no lunch orders available).

We are grateful for the support shown by our whole school community, and to our very generous sponsors.

See you tomorrow, Adam Flinn

Walkathon Raffle and Lucky Number Game

Tomorrow, at our Halloween Walkathon, there are chances for families and community members to win more prizes! There will be a stall set up for the Walkathon Raffle, as well as the Lucky Number Game. Prizes for the raffle include a $200 Sara Rendell Photography voucher, and an amazing opal necklace thanks to Fogarty’s Jewellers. Tickets will be available for $2 each or 3 for $5 and will be sold at the Lucky Door Prize table. So when you enter to win a lucky door prize, why not try your luck at one of the other games, with all funds going towards the Walkathon and Melrose Primary School.

*The raffle will be drawn on November 18th, 2016

Make a difference at Walkathon!!

Congratulations to all students who have raised funds for Walkathon!

We now have less than $2500 to go to achieve our goal of $6400.

We encourage all students to get behind our fundraising efforts.

Walkathon is a great chance for the whole student community to make a difference.

Because of Walkathon, Melrose students have benefitted from more iPads and software programs that enhance teaching and learning programs.

Thank you to all students who have raised funds and returned their forms.

We are grateful for your efforts.
**Greg Mortimer**

**Name:** Greg Mortimer  
**Born:** 10th December 1952  
**Country of birth:** Australia  
**Occupation:** Mountain climber  

**Interesting facts:** He didn’t do it alone he did it with Tim McCartney Snape, he climbed without oxygen, and he also is the first Australian to climb Mount Vinson and Mount Minto and he was born in Sydney on December 10th 1952.

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**What you need to climb a mountain**

- Ski glasses, heavy jacket/heavy pants, warm drinks, spiky shoes, pickaxe, rope, backpack full of surplus, tent, beanie, knife, binoculars, camera and food supplie.

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**Greg Mortimer’s childhood**

At the age of six, he contracted bronchiectasis, a lung infection causing a build-up of fluid needing to be regularly drained.

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**Why he climbed the mountains**

Because he wanted to be the first Australian to climb Mount Everest in the Himalayas, Mount Vinson and Mount Minto in Antarctica.

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**Andrew Lock**

**NAME:** Andrew Lock.  
**BORN:** 26/Dec/1961.  
**COUNTRY OF BIRTH:** Wagga Wagga/Australia.  
**OCCUPATION:** Explorer.  

**INTERESTING FACTS:** Andrew Lock was the first human to climb all 14 8000m peaks, his first ever 8000 was K2 in Asia/Nepal, he was going there not just getting to the top it was also challenges that he wanted to complete.  
**DIED:** Present.

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**Andrew Locks Climb**

In 1993 Lock decided to climb all 14 8000m peaks around the world. His first mountain to climb was K2 at about 8,611 meters. He was interested in climbing when Greg Mortimer had showed a slide show to Lock about K2. It was dangerous there could be some avalanches or not getting enough air from the thin air in the mountains and also frost bite. Lock bought supplies to stay alive. Lock was also more comfortable climbing in short groups.

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**By Harry Hoodcamp**
Jessica Watson

Name: Jessica Watson (1993)

Country of birth: Queensland

Occupation: Explorer

When 16-year-old Jessica Watson sailed into Sydney Harbour on 15 May 2010, to become the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted around the world, she inspired a nation.

Jessica Watson was born on Queensland’s Gold Coast on 18 May 1993, the second of four children to Roger and Julie Watson.

For five years, the Watsons lived on board a 16-metre cabin cruiser. During this time, Watson’s mother chose as a bedtime story Jesse Martin’s book about his solo circumnavigation on Lionheart.

Over the next four years, she completed 6000 coastal miles and 6000 ocean miles sailing experience, and gained qualifications in offshore safety, diesel engines, radio operation, sea and safety, First Aid and yacht master theory.

Her departure generated much controversy. Perhaps it was because someone so young was setting off alone on what many considered to be the Everest of sailing.

By Jaida Haigh

Hamilton Hume

Biography

Name: Hamilton Hume.

Born: 19 June Australia

Country of birth:
Parramatta Sydney New South Wales.

Interesting facts:

Hamilton Hume was an early explorer of the present-day Australian states of New South Wales and Victoria.

Died: 19 April 1873 Yass New South Wales Australia

The expedition

Hamilton Hume was an early explorer of the present-day Australian states of New South Wales and Victoria. Along with William Hovell in 1824, Hume was part of an expedition that first took an overland route from Sydney to Port Phillip near the site of present-day Melbourne. Along with Sturt in 1824, he was part of an expedition of the first Europeans to discover the Darling river. On 19 June 1797 Hume was born at seven hills (his father’s property).

By Andrew Huggins
COMMUNITY NEWS

Acting Principal:  Kellie Thorp
Acting Assistant Principals:  Darren Clough, Heidi McKay
School Council President:  Paul Barker

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
MUSIC LESSONS 2016

If you are interested in your child having private guitar, keyboard, piano or piano accordion lessons in 2016, please complete the reply slip below so we can pass your details on to the private tutor. Lessons are held at school during school hours. If you wish to speak to her direct you can contact Heather Wilson on 60256480.

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