



## Week 2 - Thursday 9th February 2017 - Term 1

### PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents & Friends of Melrose Primary,

Yesterday was certainly an interesting one here at Melrose, to say the very least! We experienced a rather major flooding event... through the ceiling!

It seems a water tank on the roof burst and we had an absolute deluge of water come down through the roof in the corridor space near the middle unit classrooms. Thankfully this occurred just as the children had headed out to first break and we were able to isolate power and water very quickly, have contractors on site straight away to ensure all was safe and have the students back inside with less than ten minutes of extra play outside.

All water and power (including the much needed air conditioning) was restored with little to no impact on kids, and given the high temperatures being experienced this week, this certainly was an emergency situation that had to be resolved quickly.

There will be some clean up works happening today, and part of the corridor will be fenced off while we dry up the carpets and get structural checks completed at the affected site, but rest assured we have taken all necessary steps to ensure the safety of students is not compromised.

With the extreme temperatures continuing today and tomorrow, there has been a Heat Health Alert issued in many parts of Victoria. In line with our policies, we will enact supervised play inside classrooms at break times once the temperature rises above a certain point and will encourage students to drink water throughout the day. Can parents please try to ensure their children bring water bottles tomorrow and sun screen is carried and applied as required.

I am looking forward to hosting another Welcoming Ceremony tomorrow morning during our normal assembly time. This ceremony allows us to formally welcome new students who have transferred to our school and to offer some insight into the Melrose culture through such elements as the Tools for School and Melrose School Pledge. New families with children in grades 1-6 have been formally invited to the Welcoming Ceremony, but of course we would love to see any parents attend such events and assemblies whenever you are able to. Although our Foundation students are also new to Melrose there is a special Information Evening coming up just for the Foundation students and families, at which we will do formal welcomes and present 'Toolboxes' to the children.

Wishing you all a great weekend! Stay cool over the next couple of days!  
Kind regards,

*Kellie Thorp*  
Acting Principal



<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Friday 10th Friday 17th Friday 24th Monday 27th	Welcoming Ceremony 9.00am - Multi Purpose Room - all welcome Senior Swimming Carnival - 12noon - 3.00pm A3 EQ Assembly First full week of school for Foundation students this week Foundation students have every Wednesday off school, as a rest day, for the whole month of February
<b>MARCH</b>	Friday 3rd Friday 10th Thursday 16th	Division Swimming A2 EQ Assembly Wonga Wetlands Excursion - Year 3/4 students only

### ❖ LUNCH ORDERS

We need families to make sure that all lunch orders are brought to the canteen window before 8.55am and must be in a brown paper lunch bag with the child's name, area number and food order already completed. (Orders that are written on envelopes or pieces of paper will no longer be accepted).

### ❖ UNIFORMS

Wanted - any second hand uniforms that are still in good condition would be greatly appreciated. If you have any that you are willing to donate, could you please leave them at the school office.

### ❖ BREAKFAST CLUB



A reminder that 'The Breakfast Club' is happening again this year, every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Art Room at Melrose Primary School from 8.30am - 8.55am. This is a free program, at no cost to students and families are also welcome.

### ❖ CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSION FUND

The CSEF is an annual State Government payment made to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. Primary school funding is \$125 per year. To be eligible for this fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government School must be a holder of a current Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), or be a temporary foster parent, and submit an application form to the school by the due date (30th June, 2017). Application forms are available at the school office.

### ❖ CONTACT DETAILS

It is so important that we have the most up to date contact details for every family in our school, especially in the event of an emergency. If any of your details have changed, in particular your contact phone numbers, residential address, email address, student medical details or your emergency contacts details, please complete the form being sent home with all families today, to ensure that the details we have on our system are in fact your current contact details.

### ❖ WONGA WETLANDS

On Thursday 16th March, Year 3/4 students will travel by bus to are to participate in activities that explore macro invertebrates and wetlands habitats as part of our topic this term: Environmental Science/ Sustainability. Students must be in full school uniform and bring school hat, footwear suitable for bushwalking, snacks, lunch and drinking water. Cost for this excursion will be \$8.00. This cost is covered if you have paid your child's 2017 cultural fees, or have completed a CSEF application form asap - before the date of the excursion.

Permission notes will be sent home shortly to students in Year 3 and 4 only. Please return this permission form, plus payment, to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 10th March.

### ❖ ORGANISATION NOTES

Schools are very busy places, to assist in the smooth running of our school, can you please take note of the following points:

- **Cash Payments:** Please forward these, along with any signed permission forms, in an envelope labelled with your child's name, room number and event that you are paying for, written clearly on the outside of the envelope, and send directly to the class teachers so that they can be forwarded to the office for processing. For larger sums of money or to pay by EFTPOS, this can be done at the school front office.

- **Lunch orders:** We need families to make sure that all lunch orders are brought to the canteen window before 8.55am and must be in a brown paper lunch bag with the child's name, area number and food order already completed. (Orders that are written on envelopes or pieces of paper will no longer be accepted).

- **Late arrivals and early departures:** Because of our duty of care, it is important for student arrivals and departures that occur outside regular times to be processed through the office. Please report there before sending or collecting your child from their classroom, so that they can be signed in or out.

- **Absences:** All student absences must be accounted for in writing upon return to school.

We have enclosed a copy the school absence note in today's newsletter for you to use, or a hand written, dated and signed note from home is also acceptable.



### Family Problem Solving Tips

It's normal to have problems that need to be discussed as a family. Doing this calmly and respectfully together teaches your children how to manage problems that will come up in their own lives.

- Find an alright time and schedule it to problem solve together. Try to avoid times when people are too tired, hungry, or already upset.
  - Focus on one problem at a time
  - State problems clearly
- State the desired behaviour. Is the goal realistic?
- Express your feelings using "I" statements; don't criticise or blame.
  - Admit role in the problem.
  - Look to the future
  - Be brief

### BRAINSTORM!

- Be open to new ideas! Don't judge or criticise
- Encourage imaginative suggestions
- Be future-oriented
- Postpone details

### MAKE PLANS

- Review your brainstormed ideas. What might be the consequences of different solutions?
- Evaluate the possible solutions, being realistic
- Write down a plan. Be specific!
- Schedule next family meeting
- Praise your efforts

*Adapted from Carolyn Webster-Stratton*

## MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTE

Name : .....

Year Level ..... Area .....

This student was absent on

.....

(insert dates)

APPROVED REASONS (please circle one)

- 200 Medical
- 201 Illness
- 205 Medical Appointment
- 209 Dental
- 211 Funeral
- 807 Parent Choice
- 804 Extended Family Holiday
- Other (Comment below)

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Parent/Guardian signature .....

Date .....

### REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Please be vigilant around pick up /drop off time in the areas of Silva Drive and Schultz Court.

**The school crossing is to be used at all times** when crossing Silva Drive to ensure everyone arrives and leaves school safely.



## Welcoming Ceremony

Tomorrow we are welcoming our new students and families to our school community at assembly.

Invitations were sent home this week to our new families. The Welcoming Ceremony is our way of formally welcoming parents and children to our school community. Being a student at Melrose is a privilege and means entering a belief system and culture that strives for high standards both personally and academically. Children will be asked to pledge their allegiance to our belief system and ideals during the ceremony. We would like to take photos afterwards of each child with their parent/s, to display on our new student welcome board. Assembly will start at 9.10 am and you are most welcome to attend. The following new students will be welcomed:

Jasmine Monte A8 - Stephanie Brown A17 - Declan Strong A10 - Joshua Strong A17  
Bryce Strong A3 - Ben Hemphill A8 - Wyatt Doyle A17 - Kiesha Taylor A3 - Jessie Harris A4  
Tulinabintu (Emmanuel) Kamushonda A11 - Tylan Masterson A11 - Campbell Woodward A5  
Nabindu (Happiness) Zipora A5 - Kipendo (Loveness) Marushane A17 - Lucas Wilson A11 -  
Nicholas Meiklejohn A8 - Rhiannon Van Dinther A6 - Stephanie Van Dinther A3 -  
Tayah Coleman A3 - Leteica McDowell A11 - Xavier McDowell A13 - Kade Taylor A11



**NOTE:  
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING  
EVERY FRIDAY**

**Students need to have their bank books to the school office by 9.30am EVERY FRIDAY.**

**Student banking packages are available at the school office if you would like your child to join.**



**Hume Bank**



- \* Know Yourself
- \* Choose Yourself
- \* Give of Yourself



**MUSIC LESSONS 2017**

If you are interested in your child having private guitar, keyboard, piano or piano accordion lessons in 2017, 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.**

Parent Name: .....

Student Name: .....

Contact Ph: .....

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