



## Week 3 - Thursday 16th February 2017 - Term 1

### PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Families and Friends of Melrose,

We are well and truly back into the swing of things as we reach the end of week 3, and staff have been totally committed to getting to know your children and building the basis of strong, respectful and positive relationships.

There have been exciting happenings with regard to Emotional Intelligence, with Heidi McKay taking on a part time EQ coordinator role this year. She has spent considerable time already supporting staff with EQ essential components such as EQ games, class meetings and mindfulness strategies, not to mention role modelling in classrooms and upskilling new staff in the school – all of whom have already shown a natural affinity and passion for the important role of EQ in being successful at learning, relationships and life in general. The permanent return of Henry Huon as a full time Primary Welfare Officer on the 27<sup>th</sup> February will see an enormous increase in the capacity to support our Melrose children and families even more effectively.

Along with Student Engagement and Wellbeing, Melrose will also have a strategic focus on Effective Teaching & Learning – looking to further improve the progress and achievements of all students within our classrooms. Bec Clarke will be driving professional learning and improved student growth in Numeracy this year, supported by Marie Condon, and we have Jane Scott and Kelsie McWilliams leading direction and strategic improvement in Literacy.

Our commitment to the Wodonga Federation of Government Schools action groups - Wellbeing, Engagement, Achievement, and Student Voice – as well as our involvement in the Department's Professional Learning Communities Pilot Program will bring exciting opportunities not just for our students, but also for our staff, families and the wider Wodonga community.

More information will follow in the next couple of weeks around the Leadership structures at Melrose Primary in 2017, as well as the collectively identified priority goals of the Wodonga Federation of Government Schools. There is also a Parent/Teacher interview and open classroom opportunity being planned in the next few weeks. Please look out for these details, and I shall say farewell with the hope of seeing many parents and friends at tomorrow's 9.00am assembly, to congratulate and encourage our newly elected EQ Executives and Buddies who will be presented to the whole school in the morning.

Kindest regards as always,

*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 at Wod Leisure Centre A3 EQ Assembly First full week of school for Foundation students this week
<b>MARCH</b>	Friday 3rd Friday 10th Monday 13th Tues 14th & Wed 15th Thursday 16th	Division Swimming A2 EQ Assembly Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL - NO MOSC Hip Hop Workshops - Whole School Cultural Performance Wonga Wetlands Excursion - Year 3/4 students only

### ❖ 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 and need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

### ❖ 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 today 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.

### ❖ SLAPPED CHEEK

We have had a case of Slapped cheek reported at the school. Slapped cheek is caused by a virus and antibiotics will not work to treat it. Symptoms can vary between children but many won't even know they have had it because the infection shows up with very few symptoms. Once there is a rash on the face, the child with the rash is not infectious and cannot spread the infection to others. They can go to school or play centre as usual.

### ❖ HIP HOP WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March, students from all classrooms will attend a Hip Hop Workshop presented by the Stomp Dance Company. Each year level will learn a dance. At 2.30pm on 15th March, the whole school will come together to perform their dance. Students must be in full school uniform. NOTE: This cost is covered if you have paid your school cultural fees. If you qualify for CSEF and have filled in an application, this cost is covered. Forms are available at the school office. Permission forms will be sent home with students today. Please return the permission slip and payment to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 10th of March.

### ❖ A NEW FACE



You may see a new face around the school from this week. Ms Gayle Cameron is a Liaison Principal from the North Eastern region and is here to assist the administration team until an additional Acting Assistant Principal is employed at Melrose Primary School. Ms Gayle Cameron has been a Principal for many years and is happy to assist the students and staff at Melrose Primary School to achieve their goals.

### ❖ HELP NEEDED

Do you love constructing flat pack furniture? We are after a parent volunteer to help put together some flat pack furniture that we have purchased for the school. If you are available to help out, please contact Wendy at the front office for further instructions.

### ❖ MOSC / VACATION CARE PAYMENTS

Please ensure that ALL PAYMENTS are now made directly to the school front office by either cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Arrangements for direct deposits can also be accommodated through discussion with Wendy if required. This will enable correct receipting and allocation of your payments to your MOSC accounts and also enables us to ensure we are meeting auditing requirements.

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW



Please join us tomorrow at 9.00am for a special assembly, where we will have the presentation of the newly elected



"EQ Executives and Buddies"



# ATTENDANCE STARS LEADERBOARDS

Week 2, Term 1, 2017  
F-2 Attendance Leader Board

	Classroom	Number of school days missed by student
1st	Area 16	5
2nd	Area 14	6
3rd	Area 11	12
4th	Area 15	17
5th	Area 10	19
6th	Area 13	24
7th	Area 12	26

## 3-6 Attendance Leader Board

	Classroom	Number of school day missed by students
1st	Area 5	3
2nd	Area 7	5
3rd	Area 4	7
4th	Area 2	10
4th	Area 6	10
5th	Area 3	13
6th	Area 17	14
7th	Area 1	17
8th	Area 8	22

## NOTE: STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING EVERY FRIDAY

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

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### ❖ DOGS AND ANIMALS AT SCHOOL



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### ❖ STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF- FOUNDATION STUDENTS CSEF UNIFORM SUPPORT

As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, every Foundation government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fun (CSEF) automatically qualify for a uniform pack voucher to the value of \$57. To be eligible for the voucher, parents must be qualified for CSEF ie. the cardholder of a valid healthcare/pension card. Applications close on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

#### How do I apply for the State Schools' Relief voucher

The school will apply for the SSR voucher at the beginning of Term 2, on behalf of eligible CSEF parents and the school will provide the voucher to parents to present at the uniform retailer.

An information sheet will be sent home with each Foundation student today.

#### What uniform support is provided

- State School's Relief (SSR) will provide - a basic windcheater and tracksuit pants or one of the following: A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket. The maximum voucher value is \$47 and any short fall will not be covered by State Schools' Relief. The voucher is valid for 45 days from date of issue.

**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.



- \* 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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