



Week 2 - Thursday 8th February 2018 - Term 1

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week teaching staff have had planning days to prepare student focused learning experiences that motivate thinking and allow every student to achieve their point of excellence. The students rotated between our specialist classes - Physical Education, Art, AusLAN, EQ and Literacy and Numeracy and were immersed in each learning experience which will continue throughout 2018.

Next week will see the **Queens Baton Relay** come along Silva Drive right past Melrose Primary School and we will also be hosting a Classroom Open Day. From 8.30am classrooms will be open for parents to visit and have a look at the EQ, Literacy and Numeracy and other learning their child/children will experience in 2018. Following this we encourage you to join staff and students for a healthy athlete's breakfast, marvel at the art displays on the school fence and watch the baton pass by.

Please consider how you travel to school as the road and parking along Silva Drive will be closed for the morning.

◆ School Council and Annual General Meeting:

School Council Annual General meeting will be held Monday 26th of February at 5.30pm. School operation is a collaborative process and the more parental input the better. Please store this date if you are able to attend.

◆ Events:

Details for these events will be shared with families in the newsletter, via email and on Facebook.

Events include;

Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay: Thursday 15th of February

Classroom Open morning: Thursday 15th of February 8.30 – 9.00am

Foundation Interviews and pupil free days: Wednesdays 31/1 and 7, 14, 21, 28/02/2018

5/6 Senior Swimming: Week 2 and 3 of Term 1 (9-15/02/2018)

5/6 Senior Swimming Carnival: Friday 16th of February

◆ Melrose Primary School Values:

We are seeking feedback about behaviours Melrose Primary School families would expect to see from anyone who enters our learning environment. If you would like to contribute please collect the below form from the office and write down your suggestions. This will also be discussed at School Council.

CONSISTENCY				
Excellence	Motivation	Thinking	Empathy	Courage
<i>striving for highest personal achievement in all pursuits</i>	<i>being proactive, productive and persisting at personal goals</i>	<i>showing the ability to reason, to reflect and to problem solve</i>	<i>displaying concern for the wellbeing of others and acting with compassion</i>	<i>always willing to stand up for what is right and having the strength to make the right choices</i>

◆ Melrose Out of School Hours Care:

Melrose Out of School Hours Care operates daily from 7.00 – 9.00am and 3.20 – 6.00pm every school day. For all enquires, enrolments and payment of fees, please see the Melrose Primary School front office.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Melrose Primary School Open Classrooms and the Queens Baton Relay next week.

Ben Slocombe - Principal



FEBRUARY	Friday 9th Tuesday 13th Thursday 15th Friday 16th	Year 5/6 Swimming program - continues 12th-15th February 2018. Foundation BBQ Queens Baton Relay Community Breakfast 8.30-9.30am at Melrose Year 5/6 Senior Swimming Carnival PLEASE NOTE : Foundation students have every Wednesday off as a rest day for the whole month of February
MARCH	Monday 5th Thursday 1st Monday 12th Thursday 29th Friday 30th	First full week of school for Foundation students Leading Image to take school photos of Staff, 2018 Foundation students and students who have newly enrolled at Melrose in 2018. LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL Last Day Term 1 GOOD FRIDAY

❖ SWIMMING PROGRAM – YR 5/6, FEBRUARY 2018

Starts Tomorrow, Don't forget your swimming gear:

Dates: Friday 9/2, Monday 12/2 to Thursday 15/2

Year 5/6 students will receive 5 x 45 minute swimming lessons by a qualified Instructor for \$30.

Permission notes have been sent home with students, and only those students who return their note and payment will be able to attend. Note: CSEF will cover this cost if you qualify for this payment. CSEF application forms have also been sent home and need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

❖ UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Enrolment detail forms have been sent home with students in the first week of school. It is extremely important that the school has each families most up to date contact details in the case of an emergency. If you have not received this form, please contact the school office on 60591955 to either update your details over the phone or get another form sent home.

❖ 2018 PARENT PAYMENT STRUCTURE & CSEF FORMS

These forms have been sent home with the eldest student of each family. These forms are to be returned to the office with your payment. Payments can be made either in full or part payments in Terms 1,2 and 3. If you are the holder of a current and valid Health Care Card, you will still need to pay for Essential Education items (which covers pens, pencils, rulers, photocopy paper, text books, exercise books, folders, paint, art materials and computer printing), and also complete the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fee form, that was attached to the back of the Parent Payment form to apply for CSEF in 2018. **PLEASE NOTE:** This year the Cultural Levy is will only need to be paid as the activities occur throughout the year. If you have any queries at all, please contact Wendy at the front office.

❖ UPDATING ASTHMA & ANAPHYLAXIS PLANS

Can all parents/guardians whose children are asthmatic, please ensure that all plans are up to date and copies are provided to the school.

Can all parents/guardians whose children are Anaphylactic, please ensure that all plans are up to date and that the school is supplied with an EpiPen that is labelled and in date. We also ask that all parents be aware of Anaphylaxis management within the school and consider this when preparing food for lunch boxes.

❖ ORGANISATION NOTES

Schools are very busy places, to assist in the smooth running of our school, 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 you are paying for, written clearly on the outside of the envelope. Send directly to the class teachers so they can record the payment and then forward to the office for processing. For larger sums of money or to pay by EFTPOS, this can be done at the school front office. This year we also have the BPAY option available for payment of school fees. BPAY details are now included on your family statement which was sent home on Monday. If paying your MOSC account you must pay at the front office or direct debit straight into our school account, (contact Wendy at the office to obtain our account details.

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 to the school office first, so that they can be either signed in or signed out.

Absences: All student absences must be accounted for in writing upon return to school. We have pre-printed school absence notes at the front office for you to use, or a hand written, dated and signed note from home is also acceptable.



❖ 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.

❖ SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR 2018

The process for school photos will be a little different this year, with Leading Image coming to the school on Thursday 1st March 2018 at 11.30am, to take photos of this year's staff, all 2018 Foundation students, and also students from other year levels who are new to Melrose in 2018. They will then return later in the year, on Tuesday 4th of September to take the staff group photo, school photos of all students from Year 1-6, as well as any other new students who may enrol throughout the year.



❖ SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We need your help! We are currently seeking second hand uniforms of all sizes. These are kept at school and used in emergencies for students who may need them. They are also handed out to new families entering our school community and used to provide transition support for new Foundation students coming to Melrose. If you have any extra or spare uniforms at home we would gratefully take them off your hands! All uniforms can be dropped off at the Integration Support Office/ Sick Bay. Thank you very much!

❖ STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2018

Firstly I would like to thank the 22 students who tried out for this year's State School Spectacular. The choice of who to take with a limit of 16 students is always a very tricky one. The sportsmanship displayed by our students throughout the selection process was definitely one to be commended.

Congratulations to these Grade 5/6 students

Piper Rust	Ashleigh Singh
Holly D'Antonio Davern	Lashaya Burton Fish
Lionell Ndlovu	Darryle Ndlovu
Seth Kiegerl	Elton Sandland
Maddison Marshall	Connie Dodd
Arabella Cullinan Decini	Charlotte Serrano
Lily Callaghan	Taylor Callaghan
Isabella Wood	Emma Walley

❖ FOUNDATION BARBEQUE

We will be having a "Welcome to Foundation" BBQ on Tuesday the 13th of February at 3:30pm. This is a chance for teachers, families and children to meet more informally and to catch up on the year so far. There will be a short student performance followed by a sausage sizzle for students and their families. This is a great chance to catch up with teachers and leadership staff.

❖ SPORTS REPORT

Team Vic Online Registration for the Big 4 Sports: Netball, Football, Soccer and Basketball are now open for Registration. Please note that the due date for registration is on Thursday the 1st of March. There is also a \$25 fee and no late entries will be accepted. Each school is allowed to enter 3 students only. Students will need to be signed off by the school PE Teacher. It is recommended that students who do outside school sports consider registering if they wish to test their skills further. Please note, that while the first entry fee is \$25 it can continue to grow as your child continues to participate. Thank you, from Mr Matthew Batt, the School Physical Education Teacher.

❖ LIBRARY

A reminder that all students in Foundation, Grades 1,2,3&4 need a library bag to borrow books to take home please.

Students may borrow 2 books and have a fortnight to finish them before they need to return them.

A huge thank you to those students who have returned books from last year, well done. There are still 20 books missing from last year and letters were sent home with those students last week. If you have lost the book or it needs repairing, please come and see Kimmie in the library.
Happy Reading, Kimmie

❖ QUEENS BATON RELAY 2018

Event: Melrose Primary School Community Meet and Greet Breakfast to be held in conjunction with the Queen's Baton Relay.

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018

Event time: 8.30am to 9:30am

Location: Melrose Primary School

The Gold Coast is hosting the Commonwealth Games in April, 2018. Wodonga has been selected to be a host city for the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR). We are very lucky to have the Baton Relay pass by the front of our school. We would like to invite families to accompany students to school, for an informal meet and greet while enjoying breakfast (that will be provided) and to watch the Baton Relay. In order to host this international event, Wodonga Council has been asked to close all roads along the route.

Silva Drive & Melrose Drive will be closed from 9am until 10am on this day.

To ensure our display and the viewing is not blocked by vehicles, car parks at the front of the school in Silva Drive will not be available until after the relay has passed.

With the road being closed during this time, students and their families will be able to safely line both sides of the street and be assured of a great view. During Term Four last year, the whole school contributed to a Commonwealth Games Display which will decorate our front fence line. Please make sure you arrive at school on time (before 9am) on this day to avoid the road closures in place. If you are just dropping off please use Shultz Court. If you intend to participate in the event, an alternate parking area is Higginson Court, which will take you to the oval area at the side of the school. If you have any queries, please contact the office. I look forward to sharing this special event with you.

Kind Regards, Ben Slocombe

Hume Bank

**NOTE:
STUDENT SCHOOL
BANKING WILL BE ON THURSDAY'S
THIS YEAR**

Students need to have their bank books to the school office by 9.30am each THURSDAY.



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



Albury Wodonga Cultural Exchange

Homework Help at Wodonga Library: Term One 2018

When: Wednesday the 7th February
Wednesday the 14th February
Wednesday the 21st February
Wednesday the 28th February
Wednesday the 7th February
Wednesday the 14th February
Wednesday the 21st February

Wednesday the 28th February - last day for Term 1!

Where: Wodonga Library, 126 Hovell Street Wodonga

Time: 3.45pm – 4.45pm. For more information about these program, please contact Renee on: (02) 6021 0990 or email: renee@vrb.org.au

MUSIC LESSONS 2018

If you are interested in your child having private guitar, keyboard, piano or piano accordion lessons in 2018, 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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