



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER & REMINDERS

MONDAY 29TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – 2024



Monday 29th January

PUPIL FREE DAY - Teachers and staff only return to school

Tuesday 30th January

Students from all Year levels return to school

Wednesday 31st January

FOUNDATION STUDENTS REST DAY - Foundation students do not come to school on Wednesday's until March 2024

Thursday 1st February

Friday 2nd February

SENIOR SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN - Year 5/6 students start their swimming program at the Wodonga Leisure Centre - refer to article for times.

Monday 5th February

SENIOR SWIMMING LESSONS - Year 5/6 students - Don't forget your swimming gear

Tuesday 6th February

SENIOR SWIMMING LESSONS - Year 5/6 students - Don't forget your swimming gear

Wednesday 7th February

FOUNDATION STUDENTS REST DAY - Foundation students do not come to school on Wednesday's until March 2024.
SENIOR SWIMMING LESSONS - Year 5/6 students - Don't forget your swimming gear

Thursday 8th February

SENIOR SWIMMING LESSONS - Year 5/6 students - Don't forget your swimming gear

Friday 9th February

SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Year 5/6 students at the Wodonga Leisure Centre from 12.00-3.00pm

Welcome
Back to
School!



SENIOR SWIMMING PROGRAM & CARNIVAL

Friday 2nd - Friday 9th February

Students in Years 5/6 will participate in the Senior swimming program each day from Friday 02/02/23 to Thursday 08/02/23 (12.15pm-3.00pm), with the Senior Swimming Carnival taking place on Friday 9/02/23 (12noon-3.00pm).

Students are to wear school uniform, school hat, bring bathers, towel and goggles if needed. Cost is covered if you have paid the swimming fee of \$10 or qualify for CSEF - CSEF application forms available from the school office.

Students will walk to and from the pool with their class.

Lesson times: Area 18 and 19: 12.15pm - 1pm, Area 1 and Area 17: 1pm-1.45pm. Area 2: 1.45pm - 2.30pm.

On the day of the Swimming Carnival, students may wear their house colours, Murray (Red), Mitta (Blue) and Kiewa (Yellow). Activity Location: Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre, Wodonga.

Permission via the school portal app & \$10 payment due by 02/02/2024, unless you have CSEF.



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MOBILEPHONE POLICY

Mobile phones/smartwatches owned by students at Melrose Primary School, are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school, unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

IF THEY ARE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL - STUDENTS MUST:

- Turn the device off and hand it into the front office for secure storage, as soon as they arrive on school grounds.
- Phones will be kept securely at the office for the entirety of the school day, students can collect again at 3.20pm.
- If students are found to be in possession of their mobile phone on school grounds, then they will be asked to take it straight to the school office, a parent will then have to collect it from school.
- If students refuse to follow instruction, then a parent will be called to collect the phone and take it off site.
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers can and should reach their child by calling the school's office.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS REST DAY

All Foundation students have every Wednesday off school (rest day) for the whole month of February. Foundation students first full week of school will be the week starting Monday 4th March.

LUNCH ORDERS

Reminder to all families that lunch orders can now only be ordered ONLINE ONLY. Students will not be able to place an order at the canteen window or school office.

Orders must be made ONLINE BEFORE 9.00am through www.ecanteen.com.au

SCHOOL PORTAL APP

Could all families please make sure that they are able to access the school portal app again this year as you will need it to approve all excursions and activities that your child may participate in. If you are having any problems with access to the portal please contact the front office staff on 60591955.



School Uniform

HATS

As per our School Uniform policy:

This is a friendly reminder that students **MUST** wear a **plain navy, broad brimmed hat** for all outside activities during Term 1 & Term 4.

These are available for purchase from the front office for \$14 each.

Peaked CAPS are not acceptable, as they do not meet our sun smart policy.

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions

School Uniform

Summer

- Jade polo shirt
- Summer dress
- Navy Skorts
- Navy shorts
- Navy broadbrim hat
- White sport socks



Winter

- Jade polo shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Jade windcheater or School Hoodie
- Blue fleecy vest Navy track pants or Panti pants
- Jade/navy bomber jacket
- White sport socks
- Skirts, Skorts, Shorts and Dresses are to be an appropriate length



Arrangements can be made to help supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship, contact the office for more information Ph: 60591955.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must make an appointment with the school Principal.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.



- PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DETAILS FOR 2024 -

COULD ALL FAMILIES PLEASE LOG ONTO THE SCHOOL PORTAL APP TO CHECK IF WE HAVE YOUR MOST UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS.

IF YOU HAVE HAD CHANGES TO ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS, ESPECIALLY
**PHONE NUMBERS, HOME ADDRESSES, EMAIL
ADDRESSES OR EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

COULD YOU PLEASE EITHER:

- Update your details through the school portal app
- Phone and let the front office staff know or come into the office and complete the form
- Complete the change of details form attached to this weeks newsletter

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE AN UP TO DATE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EVERY PARENT, AS MOST OF OUR INFORMATION NOW GOES HOME TO FAMILIES VIA THIS METHOD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS UP TO DATE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR, TO ENSURE WE ARE ABLE TO CONTACT FAMILIES IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

CSEF – CAMPS, SPORTING, EXCURSION FUND APPLICATIONS 2024 –

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied with Melrose for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless:

- You are a new family to Melrose, and have not applied for CSEF with Melrose before
- You have applied last year but have a 2024 Foundation student starting with us this year OR
- There has been a change in your family circumstances, which now makes you eligible for CSEF

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 0260591955 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form from our school website, and there is also a form attached to this weeks newsletter. To find out more about the program and eligibility, go to the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY



All students who are at school on the day will have their photo taken for school purposes, regardless of whether families place an order. More information will be emailed home to families closer to the school photo day