



# MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER & REMINDERS

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

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**2025 Enrolments are NOW DUE -  
send your enrolment forms into the office !!!!**



Monday 18th November

Tuesday 19th November

Wednesday 20th November

Thursday 21st November

Friday 22nd November

2025 FOUNDATION STUDENTS - FIRST TRANSITION DAY -  
9.15-10.15AM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS - PUMP TRACK PICNIC

Monday 25th November

Tuesday 26th November

Wednesday 27th November

Thursday 28th November

Friday 29th November

2025 FOUNDATION STUDENTS - SECOND TRANSITION DAY -  
9.15-10.15AM

MELROSE COLOUR RUN - HELD AFTER 2ND BREAK ON THE  
SCHOOL OVAL - MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR FUNDRAISING  
DONATIONS ARE PROCESSED ONLINE  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE IN BY TODAY

WODONGA GOLD CUP - PUBLIC HOLIDAY -  
NO SCHOOL TODAY

# 2025 FOUNDATION TRANSITION STARTS TOMORROW TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER



FOR ALL TRANSITION  
SESSIONS - WE ASK THAT  
FAMILIES PLEASE DROP OFF  
AND PICK UP THEIR CHILD  
FROM THE SCHOOL OVAL -  
YOU MUST SIGN STUDENTS  
BOTH IN AND OUT AT THE  
OVAL, ON THE DAY, AT THE  
TABLES PROVIDED

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On the final transition day, students  
will receive their special transition  
bags full of 'Ready for School' goodies,  
such as a drink bottle, learning  
resources, educational activities, etc  
..... They will also receive a school hat  
and reading satchel on their first day  
at school for 2025

## 2025 FOUNDATION TRANSITION DATES

**Session 1: Tuesday 19th November 2024 - 9:15am - 10:15am**

Students will participate in play-based activities and a music session with staff  
*A PARENT INFORMATION SESSION WILL ALSO BE HELD ON THIS DAY, WITH OUR PRINCIPAL BEN SLOCOMBE,  
STRAIGHT AFTER STUDENT DROP OFF, IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM.*

**Session 2: Tuesday 26th November 2024 - 9:15am - 10:15am**

Students will participate in an art and craft activity in the Foundation Classrooms.

**Session 3: Tuesday 3rd December 2024 - 9:15am - 10:15am**

Students will read a story about starting school and complete an activity about what  
they will need to bring to school each day.

**Session 4: Tuesday 10th December 2024 - 9:15am - 11:15am**

This is the State Wide Transition Day - Students will participate in a range of activities  
that are aimed to introduce them to the year ahead. Students will also complete  
an art and craft activity.

On this day, students will be in their 2025 classes.  
Please pack a fruit snack and a water bottle.

## YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS - PUMP TRACK PICNIC Friday 22nd November

### Activity Description

Year 3/4 students and staff will walk around our local area and explore local infrastructures connected to Local, State, and Federal Governments.

Students will need to be in full school uniform including their school hat, and will need to bring sunscreen and water bottle and their own packed lunch.

### Activity Location

Wodonga Local Area 3690, close to Melrose.  
Felltimber duck pond, via Marshall Street to the pump track.

**Consent Due via the school portal app  
by 20/11/2024**

**COST - Free**

## LAST CHANCE TO ORDER FROM SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB FOR 2024 !!!! ORDERS DUE BACK BY 28/11/2024

Catalogues for Issue #8 were sent home with students last week.

**If you wish to place an order, order forms and money will be due back no later than Thursday 28th November.**

Alternatively, you can place your order and payment online, directly through the Scholastic Website:

**ORDERING LINK: [LOGIN \(scholastic.com.au\)](https://www.scholastic.com.au)**



## School Saving Bonus

### Code Distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

**From Tuesday 26 November 2024**, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)

Thursday 28th November



## Current Fundraising Leaderboard

Rank	Name	Class	Online
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alec Baker	Area 15	\$400
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Georgia Burgess	Area 15	\$358
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlotte Dove	Area 15	\$305
4 <sup>th</sup>	Indiana Shaw	Area 13	\$195
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dragon Dodd	Area 16	\$170



Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on **Thursday 28th November** after second break.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, but student's can also win up to 15 unique prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations. Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au).

**This is entirely an online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.**

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

**Happy fundraising!**



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Friday 6th December 2024



Our Year Six Graduation Ceremony will be held at the COLA (our new undercover space at the front of the school) on Friday the 6th of December. We begin at 9:30am sharp, and recommend you arrive by 9:15 to ensure you have a seat. We will run a livestream of the graduation for parents and carers who are unable to attend in person, further details and answers to frequently asked questions are available at:

<https://mrpatton.melroseps.vic.edu.au/graduation>

**Important:** We ask that families complete the online graduation registration, even if you are not attending the ceremony.

A reminder that as part of the ceremony we are building a slideshow which includes a photo from your child's first year at school, and their final year six photo. If your child started at Melrose PS, we have their foundation photo on file. For those students who did not begin their educational journey at Melrose PS, it is not too late to send in or email a photo to: [mrpatton@melroseps.vic.edu.au](mailto:mrpatton@melroseps.vic.edu.au)

Melrose Primary Schools'  
**Christmas Concert**

When: December 12th 2024  
Time: 4:50pm to 6:50pm  
Where: Under the Melrose COLA

All classes are presenting an end of year performance!  
Raffle prizes to be won!  
BBQ, icy poles, snacks and drinks available for purchase!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT RAFFLE



We are starting to organise our big Christmas concert raffle again this year and would love your help.

If you have any connections with any local businesses could you please ask if they would be willing to donate to our raffle?

Last year businesses donated vouchers, cash and prizes and we included their logos on our facebook page and on the night.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at our school front office!

Thanks in advance.

# SWIMMING PROGRAM - Foundation, YEAR 1/2 & Year 3/4 students

## A9, A11, A12, A13, A14, A16 SWIMMING DATES

Monday 2nd December - Friday 6th December.

## A3, A4, A5, A6 and A7 SWIMMING DATES

Monday 9th December, Wednesday 11th December, Thursday 12th December, Monday 16th December and Tuesday 17th December.  
(No swimming on Tuesday 10th, due to state-wide transition day and no swimming on Friday 13th December)

## A10, A15 SWIMMING DATES

Monday 9th December, Wednesday 11th December, Thursday 12th December, Monday 16th December and Tuesday 17th December.  
(No swimming on Tuesday 10th, due to state-wide transition day, no swimming on Friday 13th December)

Students will participate in a swimming program each day, on their allocated dates as per above..

Students are to wear school uniform & school hat .

## DONT FORGET TO BRING ON SWIMMING DAYS : bathers, towel and goggles if needed.

Students will get changed at school prior to walking to the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre.

Buses will be provided in the event of extreme weather.

**Permission** is required via the school portal app prior to their first lesson.

**Cost is \$25**, unless you have qualified for and have remaining CSEF - check with the school office if you are unsure.

## Activity Location

Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre, Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, VIC



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PROUDLY PRESENTED BY DROP IN & TAKE OFF

# FIRST NATIONS SKATE

WIRADJURI  
ALBURY SKATE PARK

4PM-6PM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

FINAL SESSION - AL'S SKATE CO  
DECEMBER 14TH

6PM - 9PM



## Steps to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year

To start primary school in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old. If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian Government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2024 (Monday 15 April 2024).

### What you need to do:

1. Use Find my School <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au> to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the [Foundation \(Prep\) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers \(PDF, 1.5 MB\)](#) This pack includes an application form. The school may also provide you with a copy of the form to complete.
4. **Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 26 July 2024.**
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by Friday 23 August 2024.
6. Take part in information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2024.
7. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from Wednesday 29 January 2025.

Enrolment applications submitted after 26 July 2024 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.

Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school. The [enrolling in a school](#) page can also help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment. If you are seeking to apply to enrol your child in a school that is not their local school, you should read about [school zones](#) and how they work. You should also read about how applications are prioritised using the Department of Education's Placement Policy found on the [enrolling in a school](#) page.



# 2025 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!!!!

You can download an enrolment form from our school website [www.melroseps.vic.edu.au](http://www.melroseps.vic.edu.au) or contact the office 60591955 for a hard copy of our enrolment pack!