



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER & REMINDERS

MONDAY 27TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY – 2025

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**Mon 27th January**

**AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tue 28th January**

**PUPIL FREE DAY** - Teachers and staff only return to school

**Wed 29th January**

All students from Year 1-6 return to school  
**FOUNDATION STUDENTS REST DAY** - Foundation students do not come to school on Wednesday's until March 2025

**Thur 30th January**

**FOUNDATION STUDENTS - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Friday 31st January**

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

**Monday 3rd February**

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

**Tuesday 4th February**

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

**Wednesday 5th 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 6th February**

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

**Friday 7th February**

**SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL** - Year 5/6 students at the Wodonga Leisure Centre from 12.20-3.00pm

Welcome  
Back to  
School!



## SENIOR SWIMMING PROGRAM & CARNIVAL

**Friday 31st Jan - Friday 7th February**

Students in Years 5/6 will participate in the Senior swimming program each day from Friday 31/01/25 to Thursday 6/02/25 (12.15pm-3.00pm), with the Senior Swimming Carnival taking place on Friday 7/02/25 (12.20pm-3.00pm). Students are to wear school uniform, school hat, bring bathers, towel and goggles if needed. Students will walk to and from the venue, buses will be used to transport students in extreme heat.

**Cost is \$25, unless you qualify for CSEF or have allocated your school start bonus (SSB) to school activities** - application forms available from the school office. Students will walk to and from the pool with their class. On the day of the Swimming Carnival, students may wear their house colours, Murray (Red), Mitta (Blue) and Kiewa (Yellow).

**Lesson times: Area 1 and 17:** 12.15 - 1pm

**Area 2 and Area 19:** 1pm-1.45pm **Area 18:** 1.45pm - 2.30pm.

**Activity Location** - Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre,  
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, VIC

**Consent via school portal app & payment due** - 31/01/2025



# 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 3rd March.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Reminder to all families that lunch orders can 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](http://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 Skirts
- 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 2025 -

**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 a 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 2025 –**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

**The annual CSEF amount per student is:**

- **\$150 for primary school students**
- **\$250 for secondary school students**

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 at Melrose 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 25th 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