



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER & REMINDERS

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 7TH MARCH – 2025

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**Mon 24th February**

**Tue 25th February**

**WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY** - All staff & students who are present on the day will have their photo taken for school purposes, regardless of whether families have placed their own photo order.

**Wed 26th February**

**FOUNDATION STUDENTS REST DAY** - Foundation students do not come to school on Wednesday's until March 2025.

**Thur 27th February**

**Friday 28th February**

**Victorian State School Spectacular – Mass Dance Rehearsal** at Melrose Primary School - 1.00am - 2.30pm - selected students only

**Monday 3rd March**

**FOUNDATION STUDENTS FIRST FULL WEEK OF SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 4th March**

**PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS - BY APPOINTMENT**  
REFER TO ARTICLE BELOW ON HOW TO BOOK YOUR MEETING WITH YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER

**Wednesday 5th March**

**PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS - BY APPOINTMENT**  
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**Thursday 6th March**

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**Friday 7th March**

## - 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.**

## PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

**Bookings will be available on the following dates, between the following times:**

- Tuesday 4th March** - between 3.30 - 4.45pm
- Wednesday 5th March** - between 3.30 - 4.45pm
- Thursday 6th March** - between 3.30 - 4.45pm

To make a booking with your classroom teacher go to the following link  
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/46pjp>  
or scan this QR code



**Event code:  
46pjp**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE - Monday 3rd March at 3.30pm**

## CSEF – CAMPS, SPORTING, EXCURSION FUND APPLICATIONS 2025 –

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:**

- **\$154 for primary school students**
- **\$256 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 2025 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.

## RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (RRR)

This year Rights, Responsibilities and Respectful Relationships (RRR) is being taught as a specialist subject in Area 9. Previously it has been taught by classroom teachers as part of the EQ Curriculum.

Respectful Relationships is a mandated component of the Victorian Curriculum from Foundation to Year 12. It aims to promote and model respect, and positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence and uses a research-informed approach to provide age-appropriate learning activities. The topics and themes build on the Melrose Primary School EQ Curriculum and culture.

### The following topics will be covered throughout the year:

**Topic 1: Emotional Literacy**

**Topic 2: Personal and Cultural Strengths**

**Topic 3: Positive Coping**

**Topic 4: Problem-Solving**

**Topic 5: Stress management**

**Topic 6: Help seeking**

**Topic 7: Gender norms & stereotypes**

**Topic 8: Positive gender relations**



So far this year, students in Years 1-6 have had a wonderful start to Respectful Relationships with games to help us get to know each other and learning about what makes a safe classroom and a safe school community. Each student has designed a puzzle piece that connects to a larger school-wide display, symbolising that while we are all unique, we all belong to the Melrose Community.

### For the remainder of the term they will cover Topic 2: Personal and cultural strengths as well as Harmony Week activities in week 8.

#### Personal and cultural strengths lessons help students to:

- Develop a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others
- Identify the values and strengths they have learnt from role models within their families and culture to think about how this guidance helps them to treat others with respect
- Draw on their strengths to engage with the challenges and opportunities that life presents.

#### Foundation students will start in March and will cover the following topics this term:

- Contribute to the whole school display
- Games to get to know each other
- Creating a safe classroom
- What being brave looks like
- Being kind, being brave and showing respect &
- Harmony week activities

More information can be found at <http://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships> or you can contact the school if you would like more information.

*Carly Begley*  
*Respectful Relationships Specialist Teacher*



# WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS TOMORROW:

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.



## ORDERING SCHOOL PHOTOS

Parents and Guardians – you can start to place your orders for photos now.

This access key **W8NW4BLJ** can be used for ALL student AND family/sibling photo orders.

Parents - please order directly through Leading Image website [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au) with above access key.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code,  
and it will take parents directly to the Leading Image website.

This access key is valid only until the  
school photos go to print.

Scan to order!



## FAMILY/SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

**Family/sibling photo orders close at 4.30pm on Monday 24th February (the day before photo day).**

Once this time passes, parents will no longer be able to order a family photo online.

Any and all late orders will not be able to be ordered until photos are returned back to the school and second chance bookmarks are distributed. Late orders are at an increased price and will be subject to a postage fee.