



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER & REMINDERS

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY – 2025



Mon 3rd February

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

Tue 4th February

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Year 3/4 Students - Richmond AFL Q&A Clinic - during their PE classes

Wed 5th February

FOUNDATION STUDENTS REST DAY - Foundation students do not come to school on Wednesday's until March 2024.
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Thur 6th February

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Friday 7th February

SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Year 5/6 students at the Wodonga Leisure Centre from 12.20-3.00pm
Assembly - LEADERSHIP run for this week

Monday 10th February

School Council Meeting - AGM & Annual Report

Tuesday 11th February

Wednesday 12th February

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Thursday 13th February

Friday 14th February

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

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - YEARS 4-6 STUDENTS ONLY

Expressions of Interest are currently open for students in Year 4 – 6 who would like to participate in the Mass Dance or Mass Choir sections of the 2025 Victorian State School Spectacular.

To avoid disappointment please grant permission via the School Portal App **by Wednesday the 5th of February** at the absolute latest.

If you are unable to locate this activity on the School Portal App, please email: mrpatton@melroseps.vic.edu.au or contact the school office on 60591955.

SCHOOL HATS - COMPULSORY

As per our School Uniform Policy, ALL students MUST wear a **plain, navy, broad brimmed hat** for all outside activities during all of Term 1 and Term 4.

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

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

Child safety and wellbeing at Melrose Primary School: information for families and the school community

Melrose Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our child safety framework explains how we support and maintain child safety and wellbeing at Melrose Primary School. It includes our:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Procedures
- Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviours for all staff and volunteers at our school.

Our students and families are important partners in providing a child safe environment. These regular newsletter reminders are one of the ways we ensure our school community is aware of:

- our commitment to child safety, and
- how to provide feedback or raise child safety concerns.

If you have any concerns about child safety at any time, please contact a member of the Leadership team on 02 (60) 591955. Any child safety complaints or concerns are treated seriously. For more information about our school's complaints process, see our Complaints Policy.

We also welcome your ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact a member of the leadership team on 02 (60) 591955 or at melrose.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

- 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 WILL BE ON:



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 (including how to order) will be emailed home to families closer to the school photo day