MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thanks to all parents and friends who joined us in celebrating the official opening of our new learning facilities.

Our student leaders and grade 5 and 6 students who participated did a fantastic job of representing our school. Our student leaders, Luke Segrave, Myah Sykes, Caitlin Reardon and Brayden Shalders and a grade 2 student, Chloe Rees, addressed Senator Gavin Marshall who opened the facilities.

Grade 5 and 6 students assisted in singing the National Anthem, and preparing and serving morning tea to our guests. Janice Reardon, School Council President, also addressed Senator Marshall and guests.

I was very proud of everyone’s participation. We are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful 21st Century learning facilities for the children and staff at our school.

Congratulations to Mrs Durie for her work in establishing our school vegetable garden. It will be wonderful for our students to grow, harvest, prepare and cook their own vegetables.

School Council 2012: I wish to thank Mr. Paul Caddick who has resigned from Council for his work and commitment to our school and welcome new parent members Samantha Dransman and Karen Green.

School Council for 2012 is as follows.

**DEECD**
- Kio McMillan
- Craig Trewavis
- Liz Collins
- Alan McColl

**Parents**
- Janice Reardon
- Rhiannon Jackson
- Trudi Smith-Bye
- Samantha Dransman
- Karen Green
- Jason Watkins
- Shane Bowden

**Co-opted members**
- Craig Ryan
- Lisa Pedersen

Please note that Janice Reardon was re-elected as school council president and Rhiannon Jackson as vice president.

**Punctuality:** It is of utmost importance that children arrive at school before the 8.40 a.m. bell, ready to commence their day of learning. Lateness is extremely disruptive to the late child and all children in the class, as vital instructions need repeating.

It is extremely important that all children are at school, ready to commence their day’s learning at 8.45am. When children arrive late to school it impacts on their own and their classmates learning. Children are expected to be at school on time every day.

**It’s not OK to be away, it’s not great to be late.**

**Early Arrivals to School:** A reminder to parents that children should not be at school until 8.30am and must be picked up before 3.15pm each day.

Children arriving before 8.30am are not supervised. Children are therefore not permitted to be at school before 8.30am unless requested for sports training etc.

Before and after school care operates daily between the hours of 6.45am–8.45am & 3.00pm–6.00pm. Please contact 0432 018 557 to utilize this service.

If children are not picked up by 3.15pm each day they may be placed in the after school care program (OSH Club) at a cost to parents.

**Grade 5/6 camp at Anglesea:** The Grade 5/6 children have been invited to attend the camp at Camp Wilkin at Anglesea from Monday 21 to Friday 25 May 2012. The cost is $390 per child for the five day/four night camp, to be paid in full by 4pm on Wednesday 9 May 2012. More information will be sent home next term, including what to bring to camp, medical information and permission forms. Any camp queries can be directed to Ms Jackson, GR 56D.

**Car park in Raleighs Road:** I would like to remind you to observe all road rules while driving in the school area, as most road speed limits are 40 kph, and to take the utmost care whilst driving through the car park.

**The safety of our children and families is paramount.**

I would like to wish all children and families a very happy Easter break and a safe term holiday. Children return on Monday 16th April 2012.

Joanne Hopkins, Principal
2011 Melton Primary School Annual Report is available for any parent to have a copy. Please collect from outside the office.

Dates to Remember in 2012:

March, Friday 30
End of Term 1, 2012 (early dismissal 2.30pm)

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Mon 28
P-6 Incursion: Andy Wright, Story Teller

June
Friday 29
End of Term 2 (early dismissal 2.30pm)

and other dates as per previous notices given directly to children.

The Swimming Sports !!!

What a fantastic day we had at our very first Melton Primary School Swimming Sports!
The new pool was sparklingly clean, the children were decked out in team colors, the swimmers were nervously waiting for their turn and the judges were ready for a tight contest.
The first event was underway! What a magnificent atmosphere with children cheering for their teams and the tiered seating area allowing a great view for all!
Thanks must go to all who participated on the day – safety helpers (in or beside the pool) to assist the swimmers, scorers, change room coordinators, team leaders, cheering captains, parents and supporters and, by no means least, the participating swimmers.
Congratulations to the inaugural winners of the Melton Primary School Swimming Sports .......Grevillea!
I’m sure this will be the first of many successful swimming sports in our fabulous new pool.

Staughton College Parent Information Evening

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EMA/SSB Application for 2012
EMA cheques (1st instalment) have arrived at office. Could all parents who successfully applied for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2012 please visit the school office as soon as possible to either sign their cheque over as swimming payment or collect and bank privately.
The Grade 5/6 group will be the first group to swim in our Swimming Program.

CBA School Banking Program
STUDENT BANKING DAY-REMINDER
Teaching your child the all important skill of money management and saving when they are young can empower them for success in the future. The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is a special initiative designed to do just that. It also has a fantastic rewards program that children can redeem for awesome gifts along the way such as a watch, ball, book light and USB stick. You can participate with as little as 5cents per week.

Please refer to the information pack that you received with instructions how to participate in this fantastic program. When your child banks at school for the 1st time they receive their token and the school receives $5 to go towards our fundraising efforts.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS Thursday

Melton PS OSH Club

OSH Club
Happy Children Learning

Before and After School Care at Melton P.S
Come and make some new friends whilst doing art and craft work, cooking, crazy science experiments and heaps of sports.

Program hours during school terms:
Before School 6:45-8:50am; After School 3.00-6.00pm

Last week term 3 is Footy Week. Children are invited to wear their footy colours, in addition to their school uniform, every morning/evening at the OSH Club.

Please go to www.oshclub.com.au for booking or call 0432 018 557 for more information and enrolment

Bunnings Warehouse visiting Prep C

On Wednesday the 7th of March Prep C were joined by some lovely ladies from Bunnings Warehouse, Val and Liz. We quickly got busy planting a range of vegetables for a new vegetable garden near the new grade 2 building. We planted a range of vegetables, including broccoli, peas, cauliflower, eggplants and much much more! Prep C had a fantastic day and the new garden looks wonderful.

We would like to say a very big thank-you to Bunnings Warehouse Melton for their generosity in donating all of the plants and time to come and help us plant. This is a wonderful addition to our school and we look forward to the gardening and cooking opportunities it will present!
End of Term Book Search

During the last week of each term the Home Reading and Classroom Library Tubs are rotated around our classrooms and school library books are also audited. Could you please have a look for any Melton Primary School books you may have at home and return these to school as soon as possible? Children who are unable to locate these books will receive a lost reader note requesting payment to replace these valuable materials. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Home Reading, Classroom Library and school library programs.

Our School Values: Caring, Assertiveness, Respect Tolerance, Honesty and Courage & Determination.

Healthy You, Healthy Me, Being The Best That We Can Be!

This new addition to our school newsletter will help to generate discussions at school and at home about our healthy habits. Watch out for the health tips and challenges in each newsletter. As we approach the end of the school term we can all begin to feel a little bit tired, here are some tips for gaining energy, try it out and see if you begin to feel more energetic!

Health Tip 1: Swap soft drinks, juice and cordial for water!
Drinking water instead of other types of fluid helps keep you hydrated throughout the day, this means you won’t feel as hungry and won’t be as likely to experience rises and falls in your energy levels. All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class and leave this on their tables. It is important to keep on drinking lots of water even as the weather begins to get colder!

This Healthy You, Healthy Me tip was brought to you by Mrs Durie on behalf of the School Engagement and Wellbeing Team.
**Winners!!! Prep A—$150.50: Special Lunch this Friday**

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**Total: $1400.90**

This is a wonderful effort.

Thanks to all families for supporting our fundraising.
On Monday March 5th at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, our Student Leadership Team attended The 2012 Impact Student Leadership Conference. It was a day designed to train them for their valuable role as school leaders. The conference goal was that student leaders will leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader. Congratulations and well done to our School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC representatives.

Brayden Shalders, Molesi Paulo, Caitlin Portelli, Jasie Pryse – Roos, Brandon Abbott, Myah Sykes, Caitlin Reardon, Kody Kent, Kaitlyn Clarke, Luke Segrave, Cori-Anne Perez, Kurtis Arenas

Thanks to Mrs Sowter for her organisation and Mrs Blundell for accompanying the children on the day.

I was sitting down having a drink of water listening to some music when someone’s scream pierced the air. Then suddenly the lights went out. I was scared and frightened. Noises came from each direction, loud and clear. A green neon light appeared from the corridor, and green drops of liquid dripped from this green slimy body.

The slimy body had hard and rugged scales on its skin. It had wide eyes with red outlines. This figure carried something that was beyond anything I had ever seen. Then I heard a loud noise from a thing that he was carrying. The noise sounded like it was about to blow. Without warning, there was a bang. The flare like light approached me at the speed of light. Then particles of ash bounced off the ground, throwing me and the people at the disco onto the ground, injured. All of my bones hurt and my head throbbed with a migraine. Written by Tyson D, Grade 5/6C
Hello Parents and Guardians

Over the next few days a notice will be sent to all parents/guardians of students at Melton Primary School containing details necessary for your child’s access to ‘Mathletics’, the ‘Ultranet’ and their personal folder on the MPS Computer Network for the 2012 year. An example of these is provided below.

We remind you that the details supplied will provide personal access to the above-mentioned sites and should be considered ‘private & confidential’. We strongly urge you to keep these details secure.

Whilst ‘Mathletics’ and the ‘Ultranet’ are accessible from home computers, the MPS Computer Network remains accessible only at school.

We ask you to please remember that any website or computer network can only be secure if its users keep their access details that way. We thank you for your attention to this.

Yours sincerely

Bruce McKenzie
IT Co-ordinator

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www.mathletics.com.au

Melton Primary School

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Preps

Prep News

What a wonderful start to the year! The transition to school can be an overwhelming yet exciting experience for all those involved and it comes with great pleasure to say that our Prep students have made a smooth and settled transition to the school routines.

It has been a busy term, with many new and exciting learning experiences taking place.

In recent weeks the Prep students have made ‘Buddies’ with fellow Grade 5 and 6, as well as Grade 3/4A students. This has been worthwhile for both year levels involved as it provides students with the opportunity to develop new friendships and for the Prep students to have a big buddy outside in the yard to help, guide and support them.

Each Friday the Prep classes are involved in the Perceptual Motor Program, which sees students take part in a number of structured activities to develop their gross motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination. Students have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and many thanks to the parents, families and to Mrs. Bowden for making this possible!

The students from Prep C were very lucky to have been involved in planting a variety of vegetables and herbs into our brand new vegetable garden. This provided a wonderful learning experience for students and all Preps are excited to see their seedlings grow. All Prep students will be involved in the care for the plants in the upcoming term.

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day and to mark this occasion students had an incursion where two Indigenous men spoke to the students about their culture, listened to a didgeridoo being played and heard a dreamtime story about how the echidna got its spikes.

On the 15th of March, students raised money for the Leukaemia Foundation by wearing their hair in a ‘crazy’ hairstyle and donating a gold coin. It was lovely to see the majority of the Prep students helping this cause by wearing their hair in a crazy way.

Next term we will be visiting Animal Land Children’s Farm on the 1st and 2nd of May. The students are extremely excited for this and we look forward to the experience. A reminder that permission forms and payments are due by April 24th 2012.

A big thank-you to all the parents who have assisted within the classroom and with our reading program, your help has been much appreciated by all.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter break and we look forward to many new and exciting learning experiences in Term 2.

Exciting Prep News
We wish Miss Kerrie Marsh all the very best for her wedding on this Saturday 31st March 2012, to Lindon Dowsett. We hope the day is wonderful and we wish you every happiness.
GRADE 1 AND 2 NEWS!

As part of our Harmony Day celebrations on March 19th, the grade 1 and 2 classes were delighted to attend an incursion promoting Aboriginal culture and reconciliation through a mixture of dance, storytelling and music. Big Al, from Indigenous Infusion kept us entertained with his didgeridoo playing and storytelling. We heard the Dreamtime story - How the Echidna Got His Spikes. We had actions to do and sounds to make to represent the animals in the story.

The message for Harmony Day is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, no matter where they come from. The Aborigines have been in Australia for many thousands of years and we learnt about some of their traditions like corroborees and tribes.

I liked the story about how the echidna got his spikes. The man covered him in grass and they turned into sharp spikes.

Bailey 1E
# 3/4E’s Story Starts

This term we have been looking at writing interesting story starters. Have a look at some of our work.

| In the dead silent, snowy night all was quiet except for Rod-Laver Arena. ‘Rambo wins again!’ Rambo’s opponent scurried off the wrestling ring in fear and Rambo almost laughed himself out of the ring. Rambo had short brown hair. He was wearing a white singlet, blue shorts and was 18 years old.  
By Alaina | In the toy shop there was a clown buying supplies for a party. The clown’s name was Death and he was 94 years old. Death had orange hair and pale white skin. He is not very tall and he has big baggy clothes. His hair was really big and he looked like a disco dancer. He had a big red nose and looked like Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer.  
By Conner |
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| One very scary day there was a fish. He had yellow scales all over his body. Everyone was scared of him because he had red eyes. He was very lonely. He lived in the ocean and his name was Booba. The evil scientist was not afraid of him because the fish had huge cheeks.  
By Jack | “JEEEEEEEET, Come here quick. I found something about becoming a billionaire” Isabella exclaimed as she clicked the website. Isabella was a 13 year old girl with a small bow in her wavy brown hair. She wore a black high waisted skirt and a black tank top. She wore dark blue sneakers and she had light blue shimmering eyes.  
By Brianna |
| Somewhere in the Amazon in South America a little chimpanzee was sleeping until he rolled over and accidentally fell out of his leaf pile bed. Now Fuzzy was no ordinary monkey. He loved to eat berries, was funny and never touched the ground. He is red and orange, is 3 feet tall and is fuzzy all over.  
By Breeanna | One sunny day my dog Lily was playing inside with me. Lily is a skinny brown dog that likes to play fetch. One day Hannah the owner, left the front door open and Lily ran outside......  
By Hannah |
Maths Quiz:

Complete the Maths Quiz for your grade level and bring your completed entry form to Mrs Sutherland to go into the draw for a prize.

How many numbers can you make using the given digits?

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Students of the Week Awards

Every week our School holds an assembly in the gym on a Monday afternoon at 2.15pm. One week it is for the Prep to Grade 2 students, the alternate week is for the Grade 3 to 6 students. Parents are welcome to attend. During the assembly we congratulate positive student behavior and present Students of the Week Awards.

13 February 2012
Blake L 3/4A
Rumbek L 3/4B
Ashley M 3/4B
Brodie M 3/4C
Tiahna K 3/4D
Kaleb O 3/4D
Liesel W 3/4D
Tanisha P 3/4E
Conner B 3/4E
Kayla D 5/6A
Ben M 5/6A
Richard N 5/6A
Montana A 5/6B
Maddison K 5/6B
Brandon A 5/6B
Alicia J 5/6C
Justin B 5/6C
Aiden L 5/6D
Sarah B 5/6D

5 March 2012
Aodhan H 2A
Amer C 2A
Mark K Mrs Quinlan
Liam L Mrs Quinlan
Bailey D Mrs Quinlan
Jake M Mrs Quinlan
Adrian W 2B
Caleb H 2B
Josh W Prep C
Taylah B Prep C
Shae A 1A
Jacquelin W 1A

19 March 2012
Tara Q 3/4A
Ashley M 3/4B
Michelle R 3/4B
Heidi M 3/4C
Jay T 3/4D
Taneisha B 3/4D
Brianna B 3/4E
Alaina H 3/4E
Ainsley R 3/4E
Paul F 5/6A
Malou L 5/6C
Tanisha D 5/6D
Yianni T 5/6D

Million Paws Walk is a fun day for any animal lover. Whether you’re a pet owner or not, it’s a great day out. The main purpose of the event is raising funds and with over 144,000 animals finding shelter at the RSPCA annually, every dollar counts. As well as the walk, there will be entertainment, displays, stalls, giveaways and a host of other activities.

Million Paws Walk is a terrific day out for all and an important fundraising event for the RSPCA. Funds raised through entry fees, online fundraising and the sale of merchandise help assist the RSPCA to operate its animal shelters, support its Inspectorate services and provide community education on animal welfare issues.

Taking part in the Million Paws Walk is a great way to help animals in need. Each year, the RSPCA in Australia investigates more than 43,000 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect. So brush off your walking shoes, pull out your pet’s leash and bring along your “best friend” to Australia’s premier pet event. The next Million Paws Walk will take place in all States and Territories on Sunday 20 May 2012.