MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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.

Paul Sadler Pool Car Park: I would like to draw our parent’s attention to the sign outside the swimming pool car park that states that the car park is for the sole use of Paul Sadler Swimland clients. Parents are asked not to use this car park to drop off or collect children at any time. We appreciate your understanding with this.

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.

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:

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

Prep Information Evening

Wednesday 23rd May saw the first stage of our Pre-School to Prep transition program with a Prep information evening held in our new learning spaces.

The evening was very well attended by about 70 prospective parents. After a warm welcome from Mrs. Hopkins, the parents undertook a tour of our school facilities, an interactive whiteboard demonstration in the Prep classrooms and an information session which included a chat about school readiness, an outline of intervention and support programs and an overview of the upcoming aspects of the Pre-school to Prep transition program.

Many parents took advantage of the offered childminding, enjoyed a cup of tea and snacks and were able to ask individual questions, whilst mingling with our staff. Families were also able to take home a Melton Primary School bag of information and handouts.

Thanks very much to Miss Lucas and Miss Snell for preparing their classrooms for the evening and to the Prep teaching team, Mrs. Blundell, Mrs. Sower, Ms. Allan, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Roberts (child-minder extraordinaire) for their commitment to the evening.

Special thanks also to several grade 6 children who gave their time to help lead the school tours and assist with both the child minding and catering.

Well done to Myah, Shari, Temeka, Angel and Dawn.

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 5 cents per week.

Please refer to the information pack that you received with instructions on 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
Currently our major fundraiser, a Cadbury Chocolate Frog Drive, is well underway. Please return your sold/unsold chocolates and money as soon as you are able. Additional boxes are available from the Office.

**Gr 1/2's at Sovereign Hill**

On Thursday 17 May 2012, the Grade 1/2s had an amazing excursion to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. We had the opportunity to participate in many fantastic activities such as watching gold being made, dressing up in olden days clothes, playing olden days games, and panning for gold. Some Grade 1/2's even found some real gold! Wow! This excursion has teamed with our inquiry learning unit ‘In Days Gone By’ and our excursion really allowed us to experience what life was like on the goldfields in 19th century Australia. Included here are some of the photographs of the wonderful things we were able to experience.
ATTENTION ALL GRADE 1 PARENTS

Melton Primary School is participating in the Children’s Attention Project (CAP), which is an exciting new project being conducted by the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Keep an eye out for an important envelope that has been sent home with your child. This will include information about our research and a short (5 minute) survey for you to complete.

Please complete this survey asap and return it to the CAP mail box in your child’s classroom.

We are hoping to have as many parents as possible complete this survey! As an incentive, there will be a prize for the school with the highest response from parents.

Thank you for your participation in this project.

Melton Primary School is participating in the Safeway/Woolworth’s ‘Earn and Learn’ program.

Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) until July 22nd to place on your child’s sticker card. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. Completed cards can be dropped into the box at the office.

Additional cards are available from the office.
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. Here are some of our Award winners during May.

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Camp update.....

The grade 5/6’s are happily enjoying their time at Camp Wilkin.

Monday- the children and parents happily arrived at school ready to get on the bus. The bus ride was a loud experience. The children were very excited to start unpacking and getting settled into their cabins. The children started the first of their rotation activities, these included volleyball, archery, low ropes, orienteering, caveng golf and the night finished with a night walk to the beach. The children enjoyed spaghetti cavenger and chocolate mousse.

Tuesday- the children went to the park in the morning where they completed activities that included fishing, bike riding, bush art and scavenger hunt. Mrs Webb did laps around Melton Kellett. Ha,ha. The night was filled with Schnitzel and veggies, followed by a bowl of ice cream. The kids then has a trivia night, won by Alicia, Maddison, Claire and Jasmine. AKA 4 directions.

Wednesday- ecologic- they went down to the beach to investigate sea life. They completed net fishing, collecting sea items and trying not to get wet from the waves. They even got to see sea creatures. The night was finished off with roast beef and apple crumble. The students then had a variety of activities in the games room, played board games and watched a DVD.

Thursday- a variety of activities like flying fox, trampolining, initiatives (team building activities) and archery. The night will be finished off with Melton Idol.

Friday- we will be packing up and walking up to the coal mine (weather permitting) and having a BBQ lunch, then heading back to school.

Emma Sutherland
Leading Teacher
Grade 3/4D children have been constructing persuasive texts and here are some fine examples! The children brainstormed a list of persuasive words and phrases that would convince their targeted audience. See what you think!

Books or TV: I feel that books are better than TV.
It is certain that you can keep reading on to find out more. Of course you can read any book you want. Firstly you can make your own book.
You can visualize the pictures if they don’t have any. Books are more convincing. **Hope**

**RECYCLE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
Recycle now, in case you kill animals!
I believe that you should stop throwing plastic bags in the oceans because you are killing sea turtles. How do you kill sea turtles? Sea turtles think that the plastic bags are jellyfish so they eat them and then they choke and they will die. DO NOT throw away plastic bags: you can kill ANIMALS!!!
PEOPLE should use compost bins. People should pay for plastic bags and it should cost money. If they have to pay for them maybe they will think twice about the misuse of them. People who go to the beach and throw their plastic bags in the sea will they kill sea animals. People should pay for bags and they should keep the world clean and keep sea animals alive.
RECYCLE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  **By Paul C**

I am speaking to you today about RECYCLING!
HOW could you dump your rubbish on our most important nature?
Are you aware that when you drop your rubbish it goes to the ocean and it kills turtles and they die! Surely you know when you litter and it lands on the road it makes us look bad. You can make stuff by recycling. So don’t drop your rubbish!  **By Tysen M**

**Recycling is green**
I believe we should recycle because we can save sea creatures like sea turtles.
If we did not recycle we would be living in trash.
Using compost bins is so so so easy! Just get the compost bin and recycle.
Recycle! Recycle! Reeeecycle!
Our Goal *Happiness*

Our School Values: Caring, Assertiveness, Respect, Tolerance, Honesty and Courage & Determination.
Healthy You, Healthy Me, Being The Best That We Can Be!

Health Tip 2: Walk to school

Most of us know that exercise is a great way to keep our bodies healthy, but did you know it is also a great way to keep your brain healthy too? In particular, walking has been shown to have many benefits for our brains. Walking increases blood circulation, and this means our brain starts to receive more oxygen. More oxygen means a more alert and active brain! Walking to school in the morning is a great way of waking up your body and brain, ready for a day of learning. If you live too far away to walk you might like to try parking about 1km away and walking the rest of the distance.

This Healthy You, Healthy Me tip was brought to you by Mrs Durie on behalf of the School Engagement and Wellbeing Team.

Community Planting Day

Saturday 26 May 2012

Come and be a part of developing the new Melton Botanic Gardens!

Volunteers are urgently needed for this whole community project.
We will be planting in the Eucalyptus arboretum in the William Street end of the Garden.

Come and see how the Melton Botanic Garden is growing.

We are in need of people to dig holes, plant plants, water and mulch. There are lots of jobs for everyone – big and small. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES.

Where to meet: the new William Street car park.

Register: To ensure that we have sufficient tools and plants for the day, please call Barb and David Pye (5428 9369) to let us know you can come and help. Email dabpye@gmail.com also.
A great big “thank you” to our generous families for donating over $600 on our recent out of school uniform day. This money will go towards the purchasing of a new wheelchair for Melton resident Eden; you may have seen the report on the front of our local paper? If all of the schools in Melton matched our contribution then this will certainly be a great help for Eden and his family.

It’s Education Week!

Education Week allows us the opportunity to reflect upon our fantastic achievements as a school.

We would like to thank you, our valued parents and carers, for your ongoing support of our school and education programs.

Please use this opportunity to acknowledge and thank your child’s teachers and Education Support Staff for their continued hard work throughout the year.

BIG BREAKFAST:

Friday 25 May

Be at school from 8:10 am to share in a delicious toast, Milo and fruit brekky as we celebrate our wonderful school community.

See you there!
Women’s Choir

A NEW MULTICULTURAL CHOIR

For anyone who loves to sing

PRACTICES EACH THURSDAY, FROM 6.30PM TO 7.30PM

• Women from many cultures
• Singing in many languages
• Telling their stories
• Learning simple traditional dance
• Combining entertainment with education
• Limited English skills are OK

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