Congratulations on the appointment of our School Captains for 2013.

Abby Howard,
Jemma Tanti,
Benjamin McIntosh
and Samuel Strawbridge.

SRC representatives were also appointed:
Congratulations to Nicole Roberts, Skye Wright,
Tom Unfordorben, Andrew Williams, Ryan Smith-
Bye, Kayla Darcy, Tiahna Kerney Bryanne McNulty,
Jack Micallef and Jordan McGill.
All our School leaders will be participating in a
leadership forum next Thursday in Melbourne.

Reminders:

Monday the 11th of March is a Public Holiday.
Friday the 15th of March is a Curriculum Day.
Shave for a Cure- Monday 18th March at 2:05 in the gym.
(There will be some teachers and students shaving their hair).
School finishes at 2:30pm on Thursday the 28th of March.

Swimming:
Grade 1 to 6 students have enjoyed their introductory swimming session, their participation in
water safety activities is a great way to prepare them for the remainder of our swimming session
in Term 2 and Term 3.
Term Two date for students are:
Grade 2 Students- Weeks 1 and 2 (15th-26th of April)
Grade 1 Students- Weeks 3 and 4 (29th of April – 10th of May)
Foundation Students- Weeks 5 and 6 (13th-24th of May)
Grade 3 and 4 Students- Weeks 7 and 8 (27th of May – 7th of June)
Grade 5 and 6 Students- Weeks 9, 10 and 11 (11th-26th of June)

Swimming Sports:
Melton Primary School recently held their Swimming Sports. The grade 3-6 students happily participated during the two
mornings. We would like to congratulate all the students for their efforts. We would also like to thank all parents who
assisted on this day, during morning training and at the swimming sports carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Melton Primary at Melton Waves (Tuesday 5th March) for the
Melton Primary School Sports Association Swimming Carnival:
Emilio Alingcastre, Hayden Cromberge, Jonah Grech, Jacoby Lockwood, Tysen Michaillides, Alexander Park, Hayden Payne,
Milan Savic, Milos Savic, Lachlan Serpell, Cooper Tregear-Danton, Tom Unfordorben, Indiana Bowden, Allena Busutil, Hope
Connor, Allanah Coward, Ana Dakic, Claire Dennis, Tiahna Kerney, Manar Matfouz, Adalia Matthews, Kim Miller, Kirstyn
Taylor and Tiana Taylor.
It was a very successful carnival, we finished second out of 13 schools.
The following students will also participate in Werribee to represent the Melton Schools: Milan Savic, Manar Mahfouz,
Milos Savic, Jacoby Lockwood, Cooper Tregear-Danton, Emilio Alingcastre. We wish them the best of luck next Thursday.
Foundation 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 Foundation students have made a smooth and settled transition into the school routines.

It has been a busy term with lots of learning and activities happening. As part of our Inquiry Learning Topic, students have been learning about families as well as their local community. To support their learning they will be participating in a Community Walk around the Melton area (March 13th and 14th). It is imperative that students are wearing their hats and are in comfortable walking shoes. Please return permission slips for this excursion as soon as possible! Also due to the nature of this excursion, we are seeking parent help. If you are available to assist with your child’s class, please speak to their classroom teacher. Please be mindful that all assistants must have a valid Working With Children Check and the school office must obtain a copy of this.

Children have also been participating in a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) on a fortnightly basis. This program is designed to help students develop and refine gross motor movements and their hand-eye coordination through activities such as bouncing, catching, balancing, hopping, rolling and skipping. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear on a Tuesday to accommodate for this. Many thanks to the families and Mrs. Bowden for making this possible!

The school is committed to maintaining a high attendance rate and reducing the number of absences and late arrivals. It is a reminder that school does begin at 8:45am and if you are late, your child must collect a late pass from the office. Should your child be absent from school, we ask that you provide a written explanation on the day of their return to school.

Teachers are available for a quick chat between 8:35am and 8:45am and 3:00pm-3:15pm to discuss any concerns you may have. If you are unable to meet between those times, please speak with your child’s teacher to arrange a meeting time that suits both.

The students are becoming more confident in the school grounds and it is vital that you arrange a meeting place for your child after school. Due to occupational health and safety, the main corridor and doorway area must be kept free from obstruction and it is recommended that you select a meeting spot near the playground and asphalted area.

The weather is going to start to cool down in the next few weeks and unfortunately this means that the common cold also becomes more prevalent. We thank the many families who have already donated a box of tissues to the classroom- they are very much appreciated! If you have not done so, please consider making a donation- as you can only imagine how many tissues we go through!

Thank-you for your support over the beginning of the school year and a huge thank-you to the parents who have assisted with the Home Reading Program- your time and commitment is outstanding! If you are available to assist with this program please see your child’s classroom teacher.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey!
Miss Gravatt, Mrs. Dowsett, Mrs. Haller, Miss Snell & Miss Velden.
Term 2 Swimming 2013

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The children will soon be participating in our swimming program. This program is run over 10 days for each grade in partnership with Paul Sadler Swimland. The program will run throughout term 2.

Date for students are:

Grade 2 Students- Weeks 1 and 2 (15th-26th of April)
Grade 1 Students- Weeks 3 and 4 (29th of April - 10th of May)
Foundation Students- Weeks 5 and 6 (13th-24th of May)
Grade 3 and 4 Students- Weeks 7 and 8 (27th of May - 7th of June)
Grade 5 and 6 Students- Weeks 9, 10 and 11 (11th-26th of June)

As yet, the specific time for each grade has not been allocated. Class times will be allocated once we confirm final numbers.

During your child's swimming period, please ensure that your child brings his/her bathers, towel etc to school EVERY DAY. The changing process will be quicker if your child comes to school wearing his/her bathers underneath their school uniform. However, if they are going to do this, please ensure that they pack suitable underwear to change into after their lesson. A plastic bag for the wet bathers and towel would also be advisable.

No child will participate in the swimming program unless:

- The swimming charge of $100 is paid in full AND
- The medical/permission form is filled in and signed. (if you filled this in for the water safety sessions and no details have changed you do not have to fill in another form) AND
- The Paul Sadler Ability form has been filled in and returned. (attached)

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Sutherland
Assistant Principal, Melton Primary School
Ph. 9743 5344

Please note that there may be a few students who have not paid the $100 for our swimming program and therefore will not be participating in the program. Those children will be split into one of the other grades and will complete other school work during the time that their class goes to the pool.
Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of your child's grade.

We are committed to providing you with the highest quality tuition with survival as a priority. We will introduce your child to water in a way that is fun and enjoyable. Our aim is to initiate a pleasant lifetime association with water.

Your child will receive a certificate and a detailed report at the end of the program. If you have any concerns throughout the program, please contact the pool on 9746 6008.

Yours faithfully,
Dale Goodrem
Manager

To help us to get to know your child's swimming ability could you please fill out the questionnaire below and return it to school.

CHILD'S NAME: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________________________

Is your child currently enrolled in swimming lessons at Swimland? Yes / No
If yes, what Day: ________ Time: ________ Level: ________

Has your child been a client of Swimland in the past? Yes / No
What is the last Swimland certificate they received? Level: ________ Month/Year: ________

Is your child enrolled in swimming lessons elsewhere? Yes / No

If your child is not a client at Swimland, please answer the following questions:
Can your child:
  a) Tread water with no flotation aids? Yes / No
  b) Kick on their back with no flotation aids? Yes / No
  c) Swim backstroke for 50 metres? Yes / No
  d) Swim freestyle for 25 metres? Yes / No
  e) Swim breaststroke? Yes / No
  f) Swim butterfly? Yes / No

Comments or Medical Conditions:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Paul Sadler Swimland Melton
1A Raleighs Road | Melton | VIC 3337
Telephone 9746 6008 | Email melton@paulSadlerswimland.com
www.paulSadlerswimland.com
Confidential Medical Information

The school will use this information if your child is involved in a medical emergency. All information is held in confidence. This medical form must be current when the excursion/program is run. Parents are responsible for all medical costs if a student is injured on a school approved activity unless the Department of Education is found liable (liability is not automatic). Parents can purchase student accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer if they wish to.

Excursion/program name: Melton Primary School Swimming Program

Student’s full name: ____________________________
Grade: ____________________________ Year level: ____________________________

Medicare number: ____________________________

Medical/hospital insurance fund: ____________________________ Member number: ____________________________

Ambulance subscriber? □ Yes □ No If yes, ambulance number: ____________________________

Please tick if your child suffers any of the following:

☐ Asthma (if ticked complete Asthma Management Plan) ☐ Bed wetting ☐ Blackouts
☐ Diabetes ☐ Dizzy spells ☐ Heart condition ☐ Migraine
☐ Sleepwalking ☐ Travel sickness ☐ Fits of any type
☐ Other: ____________________________

Swimming ability

Please tick the distance your child can swim comfortably.

☐ Cannot swim (0m) ☐ Weak swimmer (<50m) ☐ Fair swimmer (50-100m)
☐ Competent swimmer (100-200m) ☐ Strong (200m+)

Year of last tetanus immunisation:
(Tetanus Immunisation is normally given at five years of age (as Triple Antigen or CDT) and at fifteen years of age (as ADI))

Medication

Is your child taking any medicine(s)? □ Yes □ No
If yes, provide the name of medication, dose and describe when and how it is to be taken.

[Blank line]

All medication must be given to the teacher-in-charge. All containers must be labelled with your child’s name, the dose to be taken as well as when and how it should be taken. The medications will be kept by the staff and distributed as required. Inform the teacher-in-charge if it is necessary or appropriate for your child to carry their medication (for example, asthma puffers or insulin for diabetes). A child can only carry medication with the knowledge and approval of both the teacher-in-charge and yourself.

Medical consent

Where the teacher-in-charge is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher-in-charge to:

- Consent to my child receiving any medical or surgical attention deemed necessary by a medical practitioner.
- Administer such first-aid as the teacher-in-charge judges to be reasonably necessary.

Signature of parent/guardian (named above) ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

The Department of Education requires this consent to be signed for all students who attend government school excursions that are approved by the school council.

Note: You should receive detailed information about the excursion/program prior to your child’s participation and a Parent Consent form. If you have further questions, contact the school before the program starts.

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