School Captains:
The selection process for our Melton Primary School Captains took place over the past three weeks. We had 25 of our Grade 6 students who were very keen to vie for these positions. Those students prepared some excellent speeches, highlighting their skills, their beliefs and what they would bring to the position. They also outlined suggestions for school improvements. They presented their speeches to a broad selection of our Melton Primary School staff. Those staff members were extremely impressed with the presentations from all of the students. The group of 25 was then shortlisted down to 9 candidates and all staff were then invited to vote to elect our 2015 School Captains. I would like to congratulate all of the students who presented. They did an amazing job and showed a great commitment to Melton Primary School. I was proud of all their efforts.

Unfortunately we can only choose four students. I would like to congratulate and introduce our 2015 Melton Primary School Captains:

School Captains: Winnie Aumau Xris Blakelock
Vice-Captains: Jasmine Green Riccardo Samau

I look forward to working with our captains and I am sure that they will be excellent ambassadors, proudly representing Melton Primary School.

House Captains:
We also recently conducted elections for our House Captains. All of our Grade 3-6 students voted for their preferred candidate to lead their House in 2015. The nominated students were then approved by the MPS Admin Leadership Team. I congratulate each of the following students on their appointment to House Captain positions for 2015.

Acacia
House Captains: Kirstyn Taylor Mahe Taholo
Vice-Captains: Olivia Korras William Goudie

Blue Gums
House Captains: Trinity Steele Emanuel Paulo
Vice-Captains: Faith Jessop Riley Tate

Callestimon
House Captains: Taneisha Bentley Cooper Tregear-Danton
Vice-Captains: Aleena Busuttil Callum Gianino

Grevillea
House Captains: Brionny Muus Jayden Coutts
Vice-Captains: Lilly Undy Locky Ryan

School Goal: Happiness
School Values: Caring, Assertiveness, Respect, Tolerance, Honesty, Courage & Determination

Melton Primary School Swimming Carnival:
We held our annual swimming carnival last week. It was a fantastic event in which the children participated strongly and the spectators cheered loudly. Congratulations must go to Vanessa Webb for her organisation of the event. She and Craig Trewavis have put in many extra hours of work, not only in the organisation of this big event, but also in training our swimming squad before school and during recess and lunchtimes. They have also relied upon a dedicated group of other staff and parents to assist them during these training sessions.

I would also like to congratulate the House Captains and Vice-Captains on the outstanding job that they did in setting up, marshalling, providing crowd control of their house members, cleaning up, advising, consoling and, best of all, providing encouragement to all of the swimmers at the carnival.

Student Leadership:
Over the last two years the number of students interested in being student leaders within our school has continued to grow. The involvement that those students seek and the quality of leadership that they display is quite amazing. They are a credit to themselves, they represent our school proudly and I am extremely proud of them all.

We are keen to promote leadership within our students at Melton Primary School and we look to involve interested students in organising and leading programs throughout the school.

Melton Primary School Conference:
We had 56 of our 62 staff attend our two day conference in Daylesford on Tuesday the 27th January and Wednesday 28th January. Unfortunately we had a few staff that were ill and could not make it to both days.

The focus for the conference was twofold;
- to start the 2015 school year developing a strong team spirit through a variety of activities helping us to get to know each other better and to build on the strengths of each other,
- to plan ahead for the next 4 years; visioning where we believe we would like Melton Primary School to be in ten years time. (The focus of this was to explore where we have come from, to expose ourselves to forward thinking by looking at current educationalists’ beliefs and to then vision what we believe would be valuable for Melton Primary School. In line with this we reviewed our existing values and looked at developing Melton Primary School Agreements.)
We are continuing the development of school ‘agreements’ and we are working on our new four year Strategic Plan. We are now at the stage where we wish to involve our school community to provide input and to gauge your ideas on the work to date. I would therefore like to invite interested parents/caregivers to join our groups to continue the work on our Strategic Plan. Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, starting next Thursday the 26th February. The plan will be completed by the end of Term 1. There are four major areas that form our Strategic Plan. They are:

**Achievement**: refers to both the absolute levels of learning attainment and growth in student learning that schools strive to support. While recognising that literacy and numeracy are essential foundations for students’ success, achievement outcomes encompass a broader view of learning, spanning the full range of curriculum domains, as well as students’ co-curricular achievements.

**Engagement**: refers to the extent to which students feel connected to and engaged in their learning and with the broader school community. Engagement spans students’ motivation to learn, as well as their active involvement in learning. Engagement also refers to students engagement as they make critical transitions through school and beyond into further education and work.

**Wellbeing**: Students’ health, safety and wellbeing are essential to learning and development. An inclusive, safe, orderly and stimulating environment for learning is critical to achieving and sustaining students’ positive learning experiences.

**Productivity**: refers to the effective allocation and use of resources, supported by evidence and adapted to the unique contexts of each school. Successful productivity outcomes exist when a school uses its resources - people, time, space, funding, facilities, community expertise, professional learning, class structures, timetables, individual learning plans and facilities - to the best possible effect and in the best possible combination to support improved student outcomes and achieve its goals and targets.

A designated group of staff are allocated to each area. You are welcome to join whichever area appeals to you the most. We welcome your input and expertise and hope to see you at our next meeting. If you wish to join our Strategic Planning teams and attend the meetings please fill in the attached form and return it to the school by 4:00pm on Tuesday the 24th February.

**Session Times:**
- 8:35 10 minute warning bell
- 8:42 music plays: children & staff to make way to classroom
- 8:45 first session begins
- 9:35 second session begins
- 10:25 morning recess
- 10:40 yard duty swap over
- 10:52 music plays: children & staff make way to classroom
- 10:55 third session begins
- 11:43 fourth session begins
- 12:30 students eat their lunches
- 12:40 lunch break begins
- 1:00 yard duty swap over
- 1:17 music plays: children & staff make way to classroom
- 1:20 fifth session begins
- 2:10 sixth session begins
- 3:00 end of school day

**Foundation playground:**
A reminder to all families that the Foundation (Prep) playground is only to be used by Foundation students.

Alan McColl, Principal

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2015 - 2019 Melton Primary School Strategic Plan

I would like to join in the groups to continue the work on the Melton PS Strategic Plan. I understand that meetings will be held on Thursdays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, starting this Thursday the 26th February. I understand the plan will be completed by the end of Term 1.

My preferred group is: ☐ Achievement ☐ Engagement ☐ Wellbeing ☐ Productivity

Parent Name: .................................................. SIGN: ..........................................

Contact number: ...........................................
**Dates to Remember:** All students are required to wear a navy school hat from the start of September through to the end of April.

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*IMPORTANT*

When you need your child to attend OSHClub it is very important that you book them in online 24 hours beforehand. If you ring up or message on the day and it is an emergency we understand, but if you have prior notice could you please book them! 😊

Remember, all families must be enrolled to attend the program. It is Free to enrol!!


All bookings and cancellations should also be managed via your online account.

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**Before Care Times** - 6:45am-9am

**After Care Times** - 3pm-6pm

Team Tyrone, Leesa & Lorraine

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**Snakes**

A reminder in this warmer weather to be more vigilant of snakes, especially near the creek area on the other side of Raleigh’s Road.

Please ensure you are more cautious around this area. And please remind students not to go near snakes if they see any.

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**MPS PFA** are holding a **Twilight Movie night on Friday 13th March.**

Night at the Museum 3

**Ticket presales end 4pm Tuesday 10, March**

More information available at the office or on Konnective.

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**Konnective**

A reminder that all newsletters and event notifications are sent out by our Konnective App to registered families/parents.

We would encourage you to download and utilise this App as it provides you with up to date information relevant to your child. Please visit the office to register your email address.