Welcome:
I would like to welcome everyone back to Melton Primary School for the 2016 school year. Prior to the children starting school our staff spent two days working on team planning and completing professional learning. The professional learning was run by the staff from the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Melton Primary School will be working closely with the staff from CAMHS in implementing the Royal Children’s Hospital mental health program called CASEA (CAMHS & Schools Early Action Plan). The program will be run with a number of students from Foundation through to Grade 3. Last week we sent home questionnaires to all students in these grades. I ask those parents to read through the information provided and send the completed forms back to the school as soon as possible. Our staff also spent quite a number of days in the week prior to the official start date setting up their rooms and making sure that things were ready to welcome the children back.

It was great to see all of the smiling faces on the first Friday. In particular I enjoyed seeing how well our new Foundation students settled into their first day of their primary schooling. I believe that the work that we have done in developing our preschool transition programs over the past few years has undoubtedly helped our new Foundation students settle into school life so happily and contentedly.

At Melton Primary School our staff work hard to build positive relationships with our students. They provide a wide range of classroom and extra-curricular activities to assist them in the process. They are amazing with the passion and desire that they have in making every effort to cater for our students’ individual needs, providing them with the education that will help build their future opportunities.

I am extremely proud to be leading such an outstanding, professional team of teachers and Education Support staff. I am also proud of our Melton Primary School community. I have thoroughly enjoyed walking around the school and visiting classes over the past week. It has been great catching up and interacting with our terrific students and our wonderful parents and carers.

I look forward to 2016 and wish everyone a very successful and enjoyable year.

Alan McColl
Principal

2016 Levy Sheet
The 2016 Levy sheet outlining the $30 Book Bag cost and the $120 Swim Program levy was sent home to the oldest in the family last year. If you have not yet bought a Book Bag, please do so from the Office now.
If you have made a part-payment regarding the swimming program, please remember to make other payments during the school term and ensure that the balance is paid in full by 4.00pm, Thursday 17 March 2015.

Melton Primary School Council would appreciate as many families as possible making a voluntary contribution towards our Building Fund. Please see the office for more details.

Konnective at Melton PS
Konnective is a mobile app solution that allows us to communicate with you, parents of our students, straight to your smartphone. We send news, events and more so that you can be even more connected with your children’s activities and events at the school. Using Konnective, you can add events directly to your phone's calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released. More information is available at the office.

If you haven’t already registered for Konnective, please contact the school office with your email address.

Meet the Staff
Parents will be given the opportunity to meet their child’s 2016 teacher and Education Support staff on Thursday 18th of February. Don’t forget to schedule a 5 minute appointment with your child’s teacher; teachers will be available after school until 6:30pm.

Facebook
Melton Primary School has a new Facebook page to send out notifications to the school community. We invite you to like our page so that you can be kept up to date with the happenings at the school. Please note that this is not a page to discuss grievances or issues. If you have any concern, please contact the school directly to speak with the Assistant Principal. Any inappropriate comments will be removed and reported to Facebook. As Facebook has an age limit of 13, no students will be permitted on this page and if they join, they will be removed. The page can be found by searching for Melton Primary School on Facebook, look for our School’s Agreements as the profile picture.
Labelling items / school property
Reminder that all items brought to school must be clearly labelled with your child’s full name and grade. This includes school jumpers, school hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles, swimming gear such as bathers, towels, underwear and goggles.
Items that are named are returned to students via the classroom on a regular basis.
Items without names are housed in our Lost Property Box which students and parents are invited to look through. Routinely we clean out the Box and send all items to a local Charity for redistribution.

Medication
Students who hold medication at the office are asked to have it collected from school and taken home over the Christmas break (Including Asthma Pumps). All Asthma Plans, Allergies/Anaphylaxis plans will need to be updated and new medication approval forms will need to be completed for this year. Please contact the office for further details.

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

2016
February Monday 15 Whole School Photos (Family envelopes available at office)
February, Friday 29 to March, Friday 4 Grade 5/6 Camp to Rose’s Gap (selected students)
March Monday 14 Labour Day (Public Holiday, School closed)
March Thursday 24 Last day of term 1 (Early dismissal- 2:30pm)
March Friday 25 (Good Friday) to Sunday April 10 --- School holidays
April Monday 11 Term 2 begins

Melton Primary School Captains

![Melton Primary School Captains](image)

The selection process for the School Captain positions was keenly contested and highlighted the quality of leadership within our students. I congratulate all students who put themselves forward for consideration; they did an incredible job. Unfortunately, we can only choose four students.

I would like to congratulate and introduce our 2016 Melton Primary School Captains:

- School Captains: Paige Bristow Jake Partridge
- Vice-Captains: Chloe Rees Ben Millington

They have already been busy meeting and greeting new families and are looking forward to a busy year, with their new responsibilities.

Specialist Classes for 2016

- **Visual Arts** will continue to be taught in 2016, with all classes attending the program for three terms. This will again be taught by Mrs Sara Sulava.

- **Physical Education** will continue in its current form with all classes having one session per week for 4 terms. Mrs Vanessa Webb and Mr Craig Trewavis will share the responsibility for our Physical Education program.

- **Information & Communication Technologies** will no longer be offered as a specialist class. However Mr Ben Gallagher will continue to work with staff to further develop our ICT skills, incorporating Digital Technology into the classrooms and providing one on one coaching with our staff.

- **Science** will continue in the same format as 2015 with all classes having one session per week for 3 terms. Mrs Ann Ward will continue coordinating the science program.

- **Library** (Literacy Enrichment) will be re-introduced in 2016. Students will have this for three terms and will be able to borrow books on a weekly basis during the terms they have Library.

Students will be taught by Mrs Sandra Pizaro.
In previous years the school had a subscription for Mathletics and Literacy Planet.

This subscription will not continue at MPS in 2016.

Parents can however purchase a home subscription if they wish to continue to utilise this resource.

In 2016 we will introduce the students to other online resources that can be used to assist with the development of Numeracy and Literacy skills.

Contact the Office for more details about this workshop.
GRADE 6

On behalf of the Grade 6 staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2016 school year. This year the Grade 6 team consists of Lauren Marriott, Brittnay McMahon, Cameron McCabe, Melissa Partridge and Jordan Trewavis. We are all looking forward to working alongside our parents and carers to create a productive partnership that ensures all our students can achieve their highest potential.

In our classrooms the students have been working on the Values and Behaviours that are most important to them and that should be shown at all times. The students have worked extremely hard and have already shown the maturity we expect of students that are the leaders of the school. Some of the main behaviours the students have come up with are: being polite, helpful, safe and respectful, displaying teamwork, showing initiative and completing work to a high standard.

Try outs for our summer sport teams have started taking place with round 1 scheduled to be held on Friday 19th February. The Swimming team has been selected with the MPSSA Carnival held on Wednesday 24th February.

Good Luck to all involved!

Camp is just around the corner, the students, staff and parent helpers are extremely excited! Please return all notes ASAP to classroom teacher or the office.

Don’t forget meet the teacher evening is to be held on Thursday 18th February. We would love to meet with you all. If you need help booking a time don’t hesitate to come in and we can help you.

We are all looking forward to an amazing and busy year!

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VALUES BY B.J. 6B

**Continuing to learn and gain knowledge**
*Education intelligence and wisdom*

**Enjoyment of nature and beauty**
*Artistic appreciation*

**To have a better relationship with my parents**
*Family, love and emotional security*

**To speak up for my personal beliefs**
*Courage*

**To be trusted by others**
*Honesty and integrity*

**Getting things changed for the better**
*Power and achievement*

**A secure and positive family life**
*Family, love and emotional security*

**A chance to help the sick and disadvantaged**
*Compassion, fairness and justice*

**A safe and secure environment**
*Health, personal safety and security.*
# JC’s Catering for Healthy Kids
## Term 1, Menu 2016

### HOT FOOD
- **Hot Dog** $3.50
- **Mashed Potato and Gravy** $3.50
- **Chicken Burger** $4.50
- **Meat Pie** $3.50
- **Sausage Roll** $3.00
- **Party Pie** $1.20
- **Dim Sim** $1.00
- **Wedges** $4.50
- **Homemade Spaghetti** $4.50
- **Chicken Nuggets** $0.90
- **Vegetarian Fried Rice** $4.50
- **Pizza Singles** $3.80
- **Vegetarian Hot Dog** $4.00
- **Cup of Noodles** $1.20
- **Beef and Gravy Roll** $4.50
- **Quiche:**
  - Bacon and Cheese OR Vegetable $4.50
- **Frittata muffins** $1.50

### SANDWICHES, ROLLS, WRAPS

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*Add $0.80 to sandwich price for wraps*
- **Hard Boiled Eggs** $1.00
- **Salad Box with Cheese** $4.00
- **Fresh Seasonal Fruit** $1.20

### MEALS
- Choice of **salad or mash potato and steamed vegetables** $6.00 each
- **Roast Beef**
- **Chicken Schnitzel**
- **Chicken Parma**
- **Quiche**
- **3 Chicken Nuggets**

### DRINKS
- **Quench Mineral Water** (Coa, Blue Heaven or Lemonade) $2.50
- **Focus Sports Water** (Raspberry, Lemonade or Lemon Lime) $2.20
- **Nippy’s Flavoured Milk** (Chocolate or Strawberry) $2.50
- **Water** $2.00
- **Mini Juice Cupo** $1.20
- **Orange Juice** $2.50

### SNACKS
- **Popcorn** $1.00
- **Red Rock Deli Chips 50gm** $2.50
- **Mamme Noodles** $1.20
- **JJ Snacks** $1.20
- **Muffins** $1.00

### FROZEN TREATS
- **# Minke Slush Puppy** Small $2.20
- **Zooper Dooper** $1.00
- **# Mini Zooper Dooper** $0.50
- **Moccie** $1.60
- **TnT** $1.50
- **Frozen Mini Juice** $1.20

- To order write your child’s name and grade on a paper bag with money inside, or use our online service. **LUNCH BAGS NOT PROVIDED WILL COST AN ADDITIONAL 20 CENTS**
- If sauce is required please indicate on bag - TOMATO SAUCE/SOUR CREAM/GRAVY 30 cents
- **# Counter sales only – items cannot be order in lunch orders**

**Notes:**
- All packaged products are approved by the Healthy Kids Registered Products
- Fresh food items are prepared on premises
Canteen News

As from Term 1, 2016 our school canteen will be operating under new management with a new menu. Please ensure that you keep a copy of the Canteen Menu on your fridge, or refer to your Konnective app for more details.

An online ordering and payment system is now available.

In 2016, Parents can go online and follow the simple instructions to set up an account. Alternatively the usual canteen method of writing your order on a brown paper bag and including the money inside is also available.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Melton Primary School Council provides this calendar of events which outlines proposed activities and approximate costs for the 2016 school year. This is to help give you an overview of activities and be aware of approximate expenses for your child’s schooling in 2016. This then allows you the opportunity to prepare for these expenses in advance. The listed costs are only approximates, they may change when actual bookings are made. It also includes some planned activities where there is no cost involved.

Please be aware that, if opportunities arise, there may be other activities and incidental expenses that may occur.

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Note: all sporting events are for selected students only.