Safety and security at Melton Primary School: The school gates are locked routinely each morning at approximately 9.00am for the safety and security of our school children. For our children who may arrive late, you must enter via the Raleighs Road entrance and walk directly to the office to collect a late pass. Parents who volunteer of a morning should ensure that they park in Raleighs Road at the alternate car park so that they can exit the school via the Raleighs Road car park. All visitors throughout the school day must first visit the school office. The gates are unlocked after 2.30pm, after the children have returned to class for their afternoon session. We appreciate your support in securing the school while the children are in class.

PARENTS APPROACHING STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR SCHOOL BUILDING
It is Melton Primary School policy that parents do not approach students or other parents in our school grounds or buildings to address disputes or grievances. If you have a concern regarding a student or parent, please direct this concern through an appointment with the classroom teacher, PLT Leader, Emma Sutherland or Alan McColl. Parents are not to interfere with school proceedings or the good order of the school in any way. Principals have the authority to take out a Trespass Order against any person who places the health or safety of our students, staff or other parents at risk. I seek your cooperation and support in this matter.

Parents and Friends update: The Chocolate Drive has begun at Melton PS. All money should be returned to the office in the envelope supplied. Any unsold chocolates should be returned to the office as soon as possible so they can be distributed to other families. Any family wishing to sell a second box should leave their name at the office and when a box becomes available we will let you know.

Lost Property: The lost property box is located at the foyer next to the school office. Please ensure that your children’s belongings are clearly named and we will organise to get them back to you via the classroom as soon as possible. Unnamed items can be found in the lost property box which is emptied at the end of each month with items being donated to charity.

Car park in Raleighs Road: I would like to remind you to observe all road rules whilst driving in the school area; most road speed limits around the school are 40 kph. Please drive at walking pace through our car parks. The safety of our children and families is paramount.

A special notice is also going home which explains again the alterations to the Raleighs Road Car Park, the now two separate entry points for Melton PS (south entry) and Paul Sadler Swimland (north entry), and how parents can park and then walk part way to school to help ease the car park congestion. Work will continue in the Raleighs Road car park with the installation of bollards and the boom gate.

Djerriwarrh Festival
This year Melton Primary School will be entering a float into the Melton Djerriwarrh Festival on Saturday 9th November. We will soon be sending out more information about this event including permission forms if you wish your child to be part of this event. As always we cannot facilitate such an event without the support of the wonderful Melton Primary School community (parents). Right now we are searching for a truck to use for our entry. We would like a semi-trailer truck to use as our float. If any parents could provide us with one for the day and would be willing to drive the truck for us, could they please contact the school?
Also we are asking for parents who wish to help out with the creation of our float to come and help us. Times and dates will be provided in a later notice.

Once again, thank you for your support in this matter, as we could not put on such a wonderful event without you.
Thank you, Mr. Danny Roberts and Ms. Jaynay Miller, Djerriwarrh Festival Organisers, Melton Primary School.

Dear Students and Parents,
We are a group of students from Victoria University in St. Albans who are currently studying Certificate III in Community Services Work. We are organising a food appeal through all the schools in Melton for our Community Project.
We are collecting donations to give to Combined Churches Caring Melton. A food bin will be present in the Melton Primary School office foyer from the beginning of Term 3.
Combined Churches are always in high demand of the following items:

- Non-perishable items (eg: cans of soup, beans, spaghetti, pasta, sauces, rice and spreads eg: Jam, vegemite, honey)
- Personal care items (eg: toilet paper, deodorant and toothbrushes/paste)
- Cleaning items (eg: washing powder and dishwashing liquid)
- Pet food (eg: wet and dry cat / dog food)

Combined Churches Caring Melton provides an emergency food service to the residents of the City of Melton who are unable to purchase adequate food because of economic emergency. The CCCM rely heavily on donations to keep their doors open and your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance, Kellie, Gus, Darren and Alysha
Dates to Remember:
Please check both the excursion date & the deadline date. Late payments will not be accepted.

July
- From Monday 29: Grade 5 and 6 Students swimming program - Weeks 3 and 4 (July 29th - Aug 9th)
- August
  - Friday 2: EMA Application deadline for new applications
  - From Monday 12: Grade 2 Students swimming program - Weeks 5 and 6 (Aug 12th - Aug 23rd)
  - Wed 14 & Thurs 15: Melton PS Athletics days
  - Monday 19: Deadline for full payment of the Gr 3/4 (Numbers for this camp have already been finalised)
  - Friday 23: Daffodil Day Fundraiser (Dress in Yellow)
  - Gr 1 Dinner and Disco event; Gr 2 Dinner, Disco and Sleepover event
  - From Monday 26: Grade 1 Students swimming program - Weeks 7 and 8 (Aug 26th - Sep 6th)
  - Monday 26: Gr 3/4 MCG and The Shrine of Remembrance excursion
- September
  - Mon 2 to Wed 4: Grade 3/4 camp to Phillip Island
  - Monday 9: School Concert (Junior Group, Foundation to Gr 2)
  - From Monday 9: Foundation Students swimming program - Weeks 9 and 10 (Sept 9th - Sept 20th)
  - Tuesday 10: School Concert (Senior Group, Gr 3-6)
  - Saturday 14: Federal Election, MPS will be a polling venue
  - Friday 20: Last day of Term 3 (early dismissal 2.30pm)
- October
  - Monday 7: Term 4 begins
- November
  - Saturday 9: Djwerri warnh Festival
- December
  - Friday 20: Last day of term 4 (early dismissal 1.00pm)

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

Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents 2013.
Contact the school office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application, if you did not already lodge one at Melton PS at the start of the year. The closing date for new EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is Friday 2 August. No late applications can be submitted.

Grade 3/4 Camp to Phillip Island, September 2-4, 2013:
The deadline for deposits has now passed. Thank you to all students who have indicated they wish to attend. If you have previously paid the non-refundable deposit, the balance of the camp is due by Monday 19 August 2013.
No late payments will be accepted.
Please continue to make regular payments anytime at the office. You may also make a BPAY-payment, please contact the office for more information.
Medical and other forms will be sent out closer to the camp date.

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Instrumental Lessons at School

Melton Primary School We Care Support Group
The We Care Support Group can help you cope better, as it is a place where people can share information, get validation that their feelings are 'normal', or just have a chat.

The sessions are held once a month in the Boardroom/Meeting room in the newly built classrooms on Raleighs Road.
The next session will be Friday 9 August from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.
Any questions or topics you would like to raise or chat about at the session can be left at the office and will be passed onto the coordinator Angela Sullivan

Volunteers & Parent Helpers: Working With Children Check (WWCC):
To further support our students in their learning we seek and value the assistance of volunteers to assist in our classrooms, excursions and, on occasions, specialist areas. Any time that you are able to commit would be greatly appreciated. This applies to all areas of the school. Foundation to 6.
In addition to your time the only other requirement is a current Working with Children Check. This can be applied for through the post office. When you have this card please visit our office staff and they will organise to take a copy. It also allows the opportunity for you to share in your child’s learning and support many other children in addition to your own. Please contact the office for more information.

Changes to the Working with Children Check Process:
Starting from July 2013 you must submit your details online. So go to the WCW Check website: *Fill out the form online* • Print out the application summary with all the details you entered
Then you must go to a participating Australia Post outlet to lodge your application, taking with you: *The printed application summary* *The Relevant proof of identity documents* *A passport size photo* *The application fee, if you are applying for an Employee card*
Djerriwarrh Festival
Expression of Interest

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we know, the date of the Djerriwarrh Festival (Saturday 9th November) is fast approaching. The festival is a fantastic event and really showcases the pride that we have in our school as a wider community. This year our theme is ‘celebrations’. Melton Primary School has chosen to represent this theme through having students and teachers dress in different cultural dress to celebrate that Australian is a diverse, multicultural and welcoming nation.

Applications for the street parade close on Friday 15th August so it is really important that we organise our numbers early. We are now seeking students who wish to be part of the festival by taking part in the parade and we are encouraging all students, in any year level, to participate. There will be another form sent out with the specifics but right now we are just seeking preliminary numbers for our application. If you would like your child to take part in the festival please fill out the slip below and return it to your child’s teacher by 4pm next Thursday 1st August.

Regards,
Mr. Danny Roberts and Ms. Jaynay Miller,
Djerriwarrh Festival Committee.

Ms. Emma Sutherland,
Assistant, Principal, Melton Primary School.

Djerriwarrh Festival expression of interest

I would like my child/ren ___________________________ of grade/s ___________ to take part in the Djerriwarrh festival on Saturday 9th November 2013.