Raleighs Road Car Park

I am once again writing to inform you of changes that are going to be made to the Raleighs Road car park later this year. The car park has been an ongoing concern in terms of the safety of our children. We have some parents and caregivers who continuously place the safety of their own children and that of others at risk by double parking and/or driving over footpaths to park on the area north of the church.

The changes made will include the installation of a boom gate. The boom gate will be closed during pick up and drop off times. Access to this car park during these times will be restricted to Melton Primary School staff only.

The school crossing in Raleighs Road will be moved south and paving will be installed on the eastern side of Raleighs Road so that students dropped off in that car park or the car park across the creek will have easy access to the school.

Pedestrian Crossing lines will be installed to allow the children to cross over the car park entrance and then utilise the path situated north of the church.

A number of bollards will be installed to stop people mounting curbs, crossing footpaths and parking on the grassed area. Bollards will also be installed to separate the Paul Sadler Swimland car park from the Melton Primary School car park.

We are encouraging parents and caregivers to alleviate the crush at drop off times by involving yourselves and your children in the ‘Walk Part Way’ program. This involves parking a little further away from the school and walking with your child to school. It promotes a healthy lifestyle and also reduces the dangers around the school grounds at these peak times.

Mrs Sarah-Jayne Durie

We are very happy to inform our community that Mrs Durie is expecting her first baby. Unfortunately, this also means that she will be taking Family Leave and therefore will be leaving Melton Primary School for a period of time. Mrs Durie’s last day will be this Thursday the 28th March. I know you will join with us in wishing Mrs Durie and her husband all the very best as they begin the next part of their journey as a family.

We are very fortunate to therefore welcome, Mrs Kirstin Wilkinson, to the staff at Melton Primary School. Mrs Wilkinson will be replacing Mrs Durie as the classroom teacher for 3/4 D.

Term 1

I would like to congratulate our children, staff and parents on a very smooth and successful start to the 2013 school year. Term 1 has been very busy with lots of things happening. The term saw us kick off with a number of incursions and excursions, as well as our Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports program, our Swimming Carnival and Swimming Sports. We also began our water familiarisations sessions in our pool. The official swimming lessons will begin in Term 2. A reminder that for your child to participate in those lessons the annual swimming fee of $100 must be paid in full by the end of this term.

This term has also seen our enrolments continue to grow. We now have 609 students enrolled at our school. With our growing enrolments we will be receiving another double portable classroom. A sub-committee of School Council is meeting to decide on the most appropriate location for the new portable. We anticipate that it will arrive sometime during Term 2. The extra rooms will be provide extra space for use by our support staff, to conduct support lessons and many other activities that occur during our normal school day.

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.

Parent contact & emergency details:

It is extremely important that the school has the correct daytime contact numbers for all parents and also a number of emergency contacts should the need arise. This is essential so as we can contact you or your nominated contacts in case of emergencies. It is absolutely essential if your child has a known medical condition.

In the coming weeks we will send home our current record of your details. Please check these details, make any corrections and return it to the office as soon as possible. If any contact details change throughout the year please contact the office or your child’s teacher as soon as possible so as we can make the necessary alterations.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy and safe Easter and holiday break.

Regards,

Alan McColl, Principal
### 2013 Dates to Remember:

**March, Thursday 28**  
End of Term 1, 2013 *(early dismissal 2.30pm)*

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

**Phys. Ed and Sport News**

On Friday 22nd of March our Grade 5/6 students proudly represented Melton P.S. at the Summer Sports Lightning Premiership in three events: Bat Tennis, Volleyball and Cricket. Our students trained very hard over the term and participated in weekly practice matches to build their skills.

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in these events. They did Melton P.S. very proud; demonstrating great sporting talent and sportsmanship.

Our Bat Tennis team finished 5th overall, the cricketers 3rd and a very special congratulations to members of the Volleyball team who finished the day as the Melton District Premiers!

Thank you to all parents who came along and supported our students on the day.

**Swimming Reminder:**

**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:**

Students must have already returned their medical and ability forms to participate.
Spacers and Schools/Preschools: Reminder for Parents & Carers

Schools/preschools in Victoria have been informed by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a student does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Some schools/preschools may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer is always available to school/preschool staff. Please make sure your child always brings a spacer with them to school, or has one that stays at school.

For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email schools@asthma.org.au

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Foundation News

It has been an eventful and memorable term for the families and students in the Foundation Year!

Over the course of the term, students have developed a love of school, have learnt and settled into the routines of school and have made many friendships with their peers.

On Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} of March, the Foundation students went on a Community Walk around the shire of Melton. This complemented their Inquiry Learning topic (Me, My Family and My Community) and the students were excited to see local amenities such as the Post Office, Fire Brigade, local supermarkets and the library.

On Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of March the Foundation students were lucky to have a visit from the local Fire Brigade! The students learnt about fire safety, the fireman’s special uniform and all the important equipment in and on their truck. This was a much-loved experience by all and we thank the Fire Brigade for their time and effort.

Our Crazy Hair Day was another success! It was fantastic to see so many students be involved in this and to see some very funky hairstyles on show! Thank you to all those families who kindly donated to the Leukaemia Foundation- every dollar counts!

A reminder to all families that on April 30\textsuperscript{th} and May 1\textsuperscript{st} the Foundation students will be going on an excursion to Animal Land Children’s farm. Notices regarding this have been distributed and the office is currently collecting payments and permission forms. The deadline for payment and forms is Wednesday 24 April. No late payments will be accepted. If any parents are interested in volunteering their help, please see your child’s classroom teacher and provide the office with a copy of your Working With Children Check (available from the Post Office).

Over the Easter Break it is suggested that you continue reading with your child on a regular basis and continue to practice their High Frequency Words from their word folder. Additionally, practice counting to 10 and writing the numerals 0-10. This will assist with the retention of all their learning from Term 1.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time in the classrooms with the assistance of excursions and the Home Reading Program. It is greatly appreciated by all.

We wish you a safe and Happy Easter break and look forward to another successful and rewarding term.

Thank you and regards,
Miss Gravatt, Mrs Dowsett, Mrs Haller, Miss Velden and Miss Snell.
# Grade 1 Narratives

The Grade 1 students have been very busy learning about narratives or stories. They have been learning all about the features of story writing. Below you will find some of the excellent stories the Grade 1 students have been writing.

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<td>Once upon a time there was a little boy. His name was Jack. He was lost in the forest. He couldn’t find his family. His parents called out to him. He followed their voices. He lived happily ever after.</td>
<td>By Kaan S 1E</td>
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<td>One day there was a beautiful princess. She was riding her horse when she fell in a hole. She tried very hard and finally she escaped.</td>
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<td>The Easter Bunny</td>
<td>The Easter bunny lost his eggs. He was so scared that someone took his eggs. So he looked around and went on a drive. He found his eggs.</td>
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<td>The Dragons</td>
<td>Once there was a dragon. He lived in dragon world. A person came into the dragon world. So the dragon protected him and took him back home.</td>
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<td>Fireman Sam</td>
<td>Suddenly a dragon warrior walked into the room. A girl was asleep in the room. The dragon stole a jewel from the girl. She got it back.</td>
<td>By Toby 1B</td>
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<td>The Silly Cat</td>
<td>One day there was a black, furry cat. Then he fell down a hole. Finally a man got him out.</td>
<td>By Brodie 1A</td>
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<td>Once there lived a prince. A princess looked at him from a tower. There was also a witch living in the tower. The prince waited until the witch went away from the tower. Then he saved the princess.</td>
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Wow is it really the end of term one already?
Time has flown this term already with all of the grade 2s settling in fantastically!
This term we have been learning about ourselves and how our bodies work; we have had a great time doing so.

Amber T: The red blood cells take the oxygen around the body.
Clarke A: White blood cells fight the germs.
Ashton H: Don’t eat bad food because it is bad for your insides.
Jack A: Your brain helps you to learn. If you knock it your brain won’t function.
Ryan The neuron’s send the message to everything.
Charlotte U: The cells split apart and grow for a long time.
2013 GRIP Leadership Conference

On March the 14th all of the SRC reps. and school captains, woke up early to go to the GRIP leadership conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

We got on a bus to travel for one hour to the ‘Convention Centre’. We played a variety of games and fun things that taught us many leadership skills like ‘heads, shoulders, knees and toes’. This taught us that heads meant ‘think of others’, shoulders meant ‘carry the load for others’, knees meant ‘always moving forward’ and toes meant to ‘balance responsibilities’.

The hosts were making the conference fun! Their names were Andy, Mason and a few others.

There were over 3,000 students and over 640 schools; it was nerve wracking. They made us interact with other students and find out their talents and ideas.

There were different school uniforms, one school was PINK (including the boys)!

We had lots of fun and learned how to be a good leader. We learned how to help students and also listen to them; this will help us when we are trying to help someone and be good leaders.

By: Skye Wt and Andrew W 5/6E

Volleyball Tournament

On the 22nd of March the volleyball team went to the Lightning Premiership to represent Melton Primary School and have fun.

We got on the bus to drive for only 20 min to Melton Secondary College Recreation Centre. When we arrived we had to show respect to all the other schools.

When we played all of our matches we couldn’t believe it, we made it to the semi-finals! There we just beat Wedge Park by 3 points and then we all jumped up and down and were crying. We had made it to the grand final!

When we were in the Grand Final we won against Melton South by 8 points. We were so happy that we sang a little song called, ‘The Wheels on the Bus’.

Since we have won we now go onto the Regional Championship, next term. There we will compete in the one of the biggest competitions ever, to challenge all of the other schools around Melbourne. If we win we go on to Nationals.

By: Ethan F and Jack K