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

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**Students' Personal Items**

Please note that Melton Primary School strongly discourages our students from bringing personal items of any value to the school. This includes phones, electronic or sporting equipment or any items which hold a personal value to your child. The school is not responsible for the loss or damage of any personal items that your child may bring to school. In recent times we have had a number of children and parents informing us that their child's football or other sporting equipment has gone onto the roof of one of our buildings. Due to Occupational Health & Safety issues I am not permitted to request or tell my staff to go onto the roof for any reason.

When we have maintenance contractors come into the school they are required to fill out 'Job Safety Analysis' forms to inform me of how they intend to manage and eliminate risks that may be involved in the completion of their work. This includes any work that involves heights. This is necessary to avoid injuries but also subsequently increases the cost of any work done. The school, therefore, does not employ contractors to solely go onto the roof of a building to retrieve sporting equipment. It is only when we need work to be done on the roof that we would then ask the contractor to also retrieve any equipment for us.

Each grade has a supply of sporting equipment which is available for our students to borrow during recess and lunchtimes. It is therefore not necessary for your child to bring their own equipment. If they do and it goes onto a roof then you may ring the office and inform us but do not expect it to be retrieved until we have contractors that are required to complete repair work on that building's roof. This may not happen for 12 months or more, depending on the building.

It is also not allowed for anyone else to go up onto the roof without receiving approval from myself, which I will not give. Anyone doing so will in fact be trespassing on Government property and is liable to be charged. Therefore reiterate, it is not necessary for your child to bring any sporting equipment to school and we strongly discourage students from bringing any items of monetary or personal value to school.

**Regards,**

Alan McColl, Principal

**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 was recently sent home, and is available on our website, which explains the alterations to the Raleighs Road Car Park, the new two separate entry points for Melton PS (south entry) and Paul Sadler Swinland (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.

**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. (Unless we have a special activity occurring at the school, e.g. open days.) 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 and sign in. 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 here 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 P.S. All money should be returned to the office in the envelope supplied by this Friday 9 August. Any unsold chocolates should be returned to the office as soon as possible so they can be distributed to other families.

**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.

**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).
We are also seeking assistance from our parents to help out with the creation of our float. 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, Djerrrwarrah Festival Organisers, Melton Primary School

**Melton Primary School House Athletic Sports: Wed 14 & Thurs 15 August at Melton PS oval**

**Parent Helpers** are required for this event. Please leave your name with either the office or your child’s teacher. All volunteers must have a valid WWCC (Working With Children’s Check) that is on file or sighted at the office.

**Supportive families:** All families of children in grades 3-6 are invited to cheer on their child at the House Athletics Sports days. You do not need to have a WWCC to come and support your child/ren, however we do require that you sign in as a visitor at the office and clearly wear the Visitor Badge during your time at school.

**House Sports:** Children are invited to wear their house colours instead of regular school uniform, however all children must wear appropriate sporting clothes so that they can actively and safely participate in all sporting events over the two Athletic Sports days. This also includes appropriate footwear (running shoes / sneakers).

**The House colours are:**
- Acacia (Yellow)
- Grevillea (Green)
- Blue Gums (Blue)
- Callistemon (Red)

**General PE reminder:** On the scheduled PE days, students are asked to wear appropriate runners/sneakers for the school day. Any queries can be directed to Mrs Webb, PE.

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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

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**Chocolate Frog Drive,** organised by the Parents & Friends Association, is closing on Friday 9 August, 2013.

All money ($50 per sold box) and any unsold chocolates must be returned to the office. Unfortunately we have had only a few spare boxes available to be sent home as a second box. These are due back Friday 17 August.

**Family Financial Statements and B-Pay:** If you have not already nominated an email address so that you can receive your family’s financial statement via email, please do so at the office. A Family Statement is not a request for payment; instead please see it as a reminder of school events that you may or may not have paid for and returned the permission note. It is emailed to your nominated email address, once or twice a term.

**School Newsletter:** Don’t need a paper copy? Would like a notification emailed out? Please visit our website and sign up for our newsletter notification. Usually the email is received the night before the newsletter comes home with your oldest child.

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**School Concert:**

Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 September

**Tickets have not yet gone on sale.**

We are well aware of the precious nature of these tickets and their ability to sell out very quickly. The increased number of students in our F-2 area and therefore the increased number of families that would like to see their young child in the performance will place pressure on our ability to cater for everyone. We are therefore reviewing how these days will be structured. Information regarding these days will be sent out early next week. Once the structure is determined ticket sales will begin. Sales of tickets may be limited to ensure all families have access to some tickets.

Again, tickets have not yet gone on sale. Parents will be notified via a website alert and a special note a few days before they go on sale.

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**Head Lice:** For the many families and teachers of school aged children, head lice continues to create concerns. While it is known that head lice do not carry any infectious disease, the principal, staff and school council at Melton Primary School have trained staff who can help parents manage head lice. All staff abide by a confidentiality agreement to ensure information privacy for all children and their families. Students are checked on a regular basis (this is usually done on a class basis). If a child is found with live lice, then the school will call home requesting that the child be picked up from school and treated at home. Once treated the child is allowed to return to school. We strongly suggest that children with long hair tie the hair up so as to reduce the risk of contracting head lice. For further details and information please feel free to contact the school.
## Dates to Remember:

Please check both the excursion date & the deadline date. Late payments will not be accepted.

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

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## Grade 3/4 Camp to Phillip Island, September 2-4:

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 Mon 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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## Melton Primary School WeCare Support Group

The WeCare 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 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm.**

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.

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## Genesis Music School

**DISCOVER THE WORLD OF MUSIC**

**Instrumental Lessons at School**

**Did you know that Music:**

- Develops muscle, hand & eye co-ordination and improves self-esteem

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 480 574.

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## OSHClub News

**OSHC**

**Phone:** 0432 018 557

**OSHC Head Office:** 03 85649000

*IMPORTANT* When you need your child to attend OSHClub it is very important that you book them in online 24 hours before hand. If you ring up or msg on the day 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 enroll! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations should also be managed via your online account.
Foundation Activity Mornings

for

Children enrolled at Melton Primary School for 2014

Term 3 transition dates:

Friday 16th of August.
Tuesday 3rd of September.
9:00am – 10:20am in the library.

If you have not yet enrolled your child, or you know of someone who has not yet enrolled their child please come to the office to grab an enrolment form.
100 Days of School!

On Tuesday the 30th July, our Foundation students celebrated their 100th day of school. It is hard to believe that they have been at school for so long, but as they say, 'Time flies when you're having fun!'

We celebrated by rotating through a series of activities which included making some very gorgeous crowns, making a picture of what we might look like when we are 100, singing a song about our 100th day at school, putting 100 spots on a Dalmatian dog, making a tie, and making a human graph. To finish off the celebrations the students had a class party where they enjoyed lots of delicious party food and each received a balloon.

A very big thank-you to the families for making this day possible, particularly with your generosity of the food that you supplied.

It is another busy term ahead with the annual school concert, Fairytale Day and a fairytale incursion fast approaching. More information about these events will be provided in the near future.

We encourage families to continue reading with your child each night and assist your child to complete their weekly homework tasks by Friday. Please ensure that readers and red folders are returned to school daily and that you check the red folder nightly for notices.

We look forward to a productive and exciting term of learning!
Thanks, The Foundation Teachers.
Grade 1's Term 3

The grade ones are looking forward to the very exciting term we have ahead of us. During term 3 the grade one students will be completing work on 'The World Around Us'.

The students will explore, compare and observe living and non-living things in their local environment. Students will learn about the environment including taking care of our environment. The students will discuss ideas about ways to ensure our school environment is kept clean and tidy as well as how to encourage others to do the same.

Our main focus throughout the term will be on plants and gardens. The students will have the opportunity to plant seeds and track their growth over the term. Students will learn about the importance of sunlight and water to help their seeds grow. Students will learn about the features of a living organism as well as the requirements for growth.

Students will also have the opportunity to visit the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne to complete a number of fun environmental activities about gardens.

Throughout the term the students will learn about animals that live in Australia.

Students will also explore different habitats and their unique features.

We are all looking forward to a very busy and fun filled term!
Dear Diary,

I've arrived at a place called Phillip Island. It's really cool because we're staying in a luxury hotel. It has a spa and a deck and even five TVs. Last night, mum took us to see the penguin parade. That's where lots of little penguins come up to the shore for you to see!

When it got dark, the penguins started to show up. They were so cute as they waddled up right next to me. They headed to their burrows for the night.

Today we went to a place called Seal Rock. I got to see about three of them just lying on their backs next to the ocean. We got up close to them in our boat. It was fun.

I've got to go to sleep now.

Can't wait to do some more exploring tomorrow.

Ben McI.
**Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.**

You may be eligible if you have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card and
- some regular income from work (you or your partner).

**Milton City Council**

**Parent Information Night**

**How to talk with your kids about alcohol and other drugs**

Don't miss this great opportunity to attend an informative and entertaining evening with our two guest speakers:

Dr. Marcus Robertson (speaking on child management and the impact of drug and alcohol abuse)

Mark Draper (speaking on youth and mental health)

** WHEN: ** Thursday 29 August 2013

** TIME: ** 7.00 – 9.00pm (Doors open 6.30)

** WHERE: ** Milton City Council Youth Services

193 Berries Road, Milton

** COST: ** FREE

** RSVP: ** Monday 26 August

** Contact: **

MiltonCityCoun YouthServices@bndhy.org.au

** BOOK EARLY! Don’t miss out!**

** Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter**

- **Mask up and Stay Inside**
- **Check your Medications**
- **Stay away from allergens and irritants**
- **Use a Humidifier**
- **Consult Your Doctor**

For more information on the current cold, medications and relevant advice visit the Healthy Living Channel (Queensland Government of Queensland) at www.health.qld.gov.au and the NSW website at www.health.nsw.gov.au. Contact the Asthma Foundation of Australia on 1800 786 570 (ACT 1800 786 571) or www.asthma.org.au

Due to the number of children that are medically diagnosed with Asthma, the office requests that any spacer left at the office be the smaller tube design, rather than the old-fashioned oversized design.

We would appreciate it if all current spacers were updated to the smaller design by the end of 2013. Parents concerned will be notified by the end of September, 2013.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year Melton Primary School will be supporting the Daffodil Day initiative to help fund cancer research and treatment programs. We will sell merchandise during the week from Monday 19 August, finishing off the week with a whole school dress in yellow day on Friday 23rd August 2013.

Whether it has been personally or someone we know, many of us have dealt with cancer in some form.

Therefore, Melton Primary School and our wonderful Student Representative Council will be selling Daffodil Day merchandise. Please see the picture/pricelist of available items and prices.

**Items will be only sale only at recess from Monday 19 to Friday 23rd of August.** Children need to bring their money to Mrs Sutherland’s office (Assistant Principal’s office, opposite the front office) where the SRC will sell Daffodil Day merchandise. While the staff will endeavour to ensure that children do take special care of their purchases, we cannot take responsibility for these items.

- Teddy Bear *BEAR* $6
- Gold Daffodil Pin *PIN* $3
- Soft Football *FOOTY* $5
- Yellow HOPE wrist band *BAND* $2 (Special price)
- PEN $2
- 5 Bulldog clips *CLIPS* $3 (Special price)

**Along with this, we will be having a dress in yellow day on Friday 23rd August.**

Students are encouraged to dress in yellow or wear something yellow to help celebrate Daffodil Day. We will be collecting a gold coin donation on this day. All money raised from merchandise and our ‘Dress in Yellow’ day will go to the Cancer Council.

Every donation grows hope.  
Hope for better treatments, hope for more survivors and hope for a cancer-free future.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Kind Regards,

Danny Roberts  
Teacher, Melton Primary School.

Emma Sutherland  
Assistant Principal, Melton Primary School.