Swimming Reminder for Grade 3/4s for this week and next:

34A- 11:15am-11:45am, 34B- 11:45am-12:15pm, 34E- 12:15pm-12:45pm, 34D- 12:45pm-1:15pm, 34C- 1:15pm-1:45pm.

No child will participate in the swimming program unless:

- The swimming charge of $100 is paid in full AND
- The medical/permission form is filled in and signed. (if you filled this in for the water safety sessions and no details have changed you do not have to fill in another form) AND
- The Paul Sadler Ability form has been filled in and returned.

Pie Drive - Pie Drive order sheets have been sent home to all families in the last two weeks. Additional forms are available at the office at any time. Please forward payment and form to the office prior to 4pm on Wednesday 12 June 2013.

Thanks for your support, Parents and Friends Association

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 those details, make any corrections and return 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.

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.

Dates to Remember:

Please check both the excursion date & the deadline date.

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We’re on the web!
www.meltonps.vic.edu.au
**Melton Primary School WeCare Support Group**

As a parent/carer of a special needs child that attends Melton Primary School, you are welcome to participate in the WeCare Support Group. Members of the support group share their personal experiences and offer one another emotional comfort and moral support. They also share practical advice and tips to help you cope with your situation. It can be helpful just getting to talk with other people who are in the same boat.

The WeCare Support Group can help you cope better and feel less isolated as you make connections with other parents/carers facing similar challenges. It is a place where people can share information, get confirmation that their feelings are "normal," or just have a chat.

The WeCare Support Group is becoming a bank of knowledge and experience, enabling parents/carers to cope and solve problems. Often feelings of self-worth are increased, isolation is reduced and doors of opportunity and optimism are opened.

The sessions are held once a month in the meeting room in the newly built classrooms on Raleighs Road. The next session is at 1.30pm on Thursday 6th June.

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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**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.**

**MPS / Heart Foundation ‘Walk Part Way’ Afternoon tea**

Melton PS, the Shire of Melton and the Heart Foundation are working together to encourage parents and children to become more active by walking part way to school. As more and more of our parents and students do this the decrease in traffic will help make the roads directly surrounding the school safer.

On Thursday the 6th June we will hold an afternoon tea in the Community Room at 2.30pm which is attached to the Grade 2 classrooms in our new building for interested parents.

Leanne from the Heart Foundation and Mia from the Shire of Melton will be available to talk with parents to discuss the benefits and to inform you of where the ‘drop off’ points that are being set up around our school are located. These ‘drop off’ points will allow parents to park their car and to then walk the rest of the way to school along existing paths.

All parents/caregivers are invited to the afternoon tea to find out more.

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**Melton Shire Long Walk/Recognise breakfast**

Dear Melton PS Community,

I am writing to share the amazing experience of this morning. I had the proud honour of taking 5/6B - Angela Vaccaro’s class - to the Melton Shire Long Walk/Recognise breakfast. The children were impeccably behaved and honestly did our school proud. Several people came to tell me how great they were.

The children stood beside me and presented the story of my great great grandfather William Cooper (Google him!) They had prepared an amazing display that showcased not only my puppa but the story of the aboriginal people since contact. It was brilliant - you can now see it near the office on display.

The Recognise organisation interviewed me and the children did a special presentation to the camera. This will be seen on the internet soon - we are famous!

The council has asked for the children to present again at another meeting and I have been asked by the presentation company Indigenous Aboriginal Craft if we would like, as a school, to learn more about the traditional ways of our indigenous Australians.

So many speakers at the event spoke directly to our children and were thrilled that the younger generation are learning the story of our history. It was obviously important to them.

This is our school in action, as respected members of the Melton community - I hope you are all as equally proud as I was of their participation and perfect behaviour as ambassadors of our school.

Sharon Sowter, School Engagement & Wellbeing Leader

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**Djerriwarrh Festival**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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.
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

Phys. Ed and Sport News

Term 2 has had an incredibly busy start for sports across all year levels. Grade 5/6 students have been participating in the weekly Winter Inter-school Sports competition, in football, netball and tee-ball. We would like to give a HUGE thank you to Villawood Homes who very kindly donated $600 to our new netball uniforms. Don’t the girls just look fantastic with Wattle the platypus?

Grade 6 students also competed in the Hoop-time basketball tournament. Well done to all students involved, they showed fantastic sportsmanship on the day and represented Melton PS with pride.

The foundation and grade 1 students have been participating in basketball clinics in their Phys. Ed lessons. They have been improving their dribbling and shooting skills each week. If any students are interested in joining a club please contact the Melton Basketball Association.

Congratulations to all the students who ran in our Cross Country Championships on the 8th of May. It was a fabulous day and well done to Acacia for taking out the Championship Shield. Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped supervise the event and cheered on our students!

I would like to give a special mention to Paul Curtis, Cooper Tregear-Danton, Campbell Jones and Tysen Michailides who successfully competed in the District Cross Country Championships, winning their way to the next level of competition in the Western Zone Finals at Brimbank Park. Fantastic effort boys!

Thank you, Mrs Vanessa Webb, PE
Lost Property

We invite all families to visit the office and look through the Lost Property. We have many varied unnamed items from school jumpers, other clothing items, lunch-boxes and drink containers. We also have from the Grade 1, 2 and Prep swim program many unnamed items such as underwear, odd socks, bathers, long shorts, towels, goggles. Please visit the office and check out the lost property. At the end of term, any unclaimed and unnamed items will be donated to charity.

Named items are returned within a day or two of arriving at Lost Property, once we have included the child’s grade for speedier return next time.

Special Reminders:

Monday 10 June: Queen’s Birthday, Public Holiday, No school
Thursday 27 June: Student-led Conferences; Curriculum Day, No students at school until their Parent/Student/Teacher Meeting
Friday 28 June: End of Term 2 (early dismissal 2.30pm)

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.

The staff is making plans for this time away.
We are now counting our confirmed student numbers and confirming details with the Camp itself.
If a vacancy arises, we will notify the Grade 3/4 students via a special letter.
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.

Genesis Music School

Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:
Enhances listening skills
Improves self esteem

"...to help young people discover that learning is not a destination, but a journey, an incredibly enriching journey to be discovered, experienced and savoured." - Peter Joel Boonshaft - Teaching Music with Purpose 2005

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 428 674.
Parents:

Do you know what your children do Online?

The Internet and mobile phones have changed the way we communicate – it has drastically changed the way our children communicate.

This information session will explore the issues and implications arising from new technologies, particularly in terms of child safety and wellbeing. Parents will be provided with a firsthand look at what your children can access online. If you want to have a better understanding of what your children do and want to be better informed then you cannot afford to miss this session.

Areas that will be covered include:
- The Internet - Challenges for Parents
- Learn about online communication, downloading, gaming, Social Networking and web surfing
- Facebook privacy and issues
- How mobiles are changing the way your children communicate
- Cyber Bullying
- Survival Tips for Parents

Topic: Do u know wot your kids r up 2 online
When: Monday 3rd June
Location: Lakeview Senior College Auditorium
Time: 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Topic: Do u know wot your kids r up 2 online
When: Tuesday 4th June
Location: Melton Secondary College
Time: 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Please fill in and return the attached form to the school.

☐ Yes - I would like to register for the session at ☐ Lakeview Senior College or ☐ Melton Secondary College

☐ No - I cannot attend the session but would like to get more information emailed to me (please provide email address).

Name: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Presented by Tony Richards from www.ITmadeSimple.com