



Melrose Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAPSASA Cricket

Mon 1st – Fri 5th November

Gymnastics

Thursday 4th and 18th
November Port Pirie

SAPSASA Tennis

Mon 8th – 12th November

Remembrance Day

Thursday 11th November

Combined excursion BCDS & WPS

Wednesday 17th November

Whole school swimming

22nd - 26th November
Week 7 Wilmington

Yr 6/7 Graduation Night

Date to be confirmed

Yr 6/7 Transition day at BCDS

Monday 29th November

Presentation Night

Tuesday 7th December

Last day of term

Early Dismissal
2.20pm

FOR ALL SCHOOL INVOICES

BSB: 065-509
ACC: 10039517

Week 3 Term 4 2021

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

Primary Maths Association State Competition

Congratulations to the following students who won highly commended awards in this year's Primary Maths Association Powerful Learners: Mathematics and Numeracy Challenge.

Chloe – World Population

Lucas and Bryce – Petrol vs Diesel vs Electric Cars

Lily O – Running 100 metres

Maisie and Grace – The Mount Watches Melrose

Their investigative work was excellent including some well thought out journal writing showing an understanding of the maths that they included in their projects.

Year 6/7 Transition program

On Wednesday Miss Fitzgerald, and Mrs Opperman and students Sienna Lines and Joel Voigt visited our school to meet with our Year 6 and 7 students who will be attending Booleroo Centre District School next year.

This meeting is part of the transition program Year 6/7 to high school in 2022.

They discussed

1. What do you know about BCDS?
2. What are you looking forward to about going to BCDS?
3. What will you miss at your primary school?
4. What are you worried about?

Bushfire Preparation

The bush fire season is now upon us and I am reassuring you that our school has detailed plans in place to keep us safe on catastrophic fire days or in the event of a bushfire.

To help us keep your child as safe as possible, you can prepare for the fire danger season by:

- making a bushfire survival plan with your family
- providing us with your up-to-date contact details
- advising the school/preschool if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance
- talking to your child about what will happen in a bushfire emergency
- liking the CFS, SES and SAPOL pages on Facebook
- adding the emergency information hotline 1800 000 279 to your contacts.

An excellent resource is the [bushfire and your child's school or preschool](#) booklet. This resource explains what our school will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire. This 16 page booklet is available to view at the front office. Please make yourself familiar with it.



The Importance of all students having their own Water Bottles

The weather is warming up and along with Covid regulations all students **must** have their own water bottle at school. Also, in the situation of a bushfire that we have to evacuate the school all **students must have their own water bottle** while in the bushfire evacuation centre. Please ensure your child has their water bottle each day.

Before School Care and After School Care at Melrose Rural Care

If you are interested in Before School Care (BSC) or After School Care (ASC) for your school aged child/ren please call into Melrose Rural Care and complete a waiting list form. If your child attended rural care and now attends school you are required to complete a waiting list form specifically for BSC or ASC. Please contact Melrose Rural Care on 86662145 for further details.

Yesteryear

The back lawn area in 1979. How things have changed.

The toilets have been upgraded. There is now a chook house under the ash tree on the left. There are fruit trees along each side of the tennis courts and the swings have been re-located. We now have raised garden beds at the western end of the toilet block. And of course the trees in the background are a lot bigger now.



Governing Council

A very big thank you to Kerri and her band of helpers for providing the Halloween themed Tuck Day for this term. The students had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their lunch. With the thunder rumbling it certainly was a little eerie! We are very grateful to our parents who continuously volunteer their time in some way or another, it makes a big difference to our little school and your efforts definitely do not go unnoticed.

Playcentre

Our Playcentre students are settling in well and enjoying their visits to the junior primary class with Mrs Rowe and Ms Gamlen. There are lots of activities on the go, including a fairy tree and next week they will start preparing for Christmas and our Presentation Night

Transition

Our transition program is well under way and our new Receptions for 2022 are enjoying their visits, meeting staff and new friends. In conjunction with our extended transition process we also have our Playcentre students join in for a portion of this time. We thank Ms Gamlen on providing an extensive transition program for our students.

SRC Kid's Cancer Project Bake Sale

Late last term the SRC representatives held a bake sale to support the Kid's Cancer Project. The SRC members invited Playcentre, Transition students, the Junior Primary and Upper Primary classes to buy baked goods brought in by the SRC representatives. There were brownies, cookies, cupcakes and also merchandise, like mugs, ribbons and stickers. Everyone had a really good feed!

Thanks everyone for supporting our SRC event. Elijah and Hudson.



Halloween Tuck Day

On Wednesday 27th October the school was treated to a Halloween inspired tuck day. This gave students an opportunity to dress up and have some fun!

The JP's, Transition and Playcentre students did some Halloween craft as part of the celebration with bats, spoon characters, spooky cats and carved pumpkins. It was great to see the youngest students at our school getting into the spirit.



Tuck day included delights such as lemonade spiders, sausage rolls, banana ghosts and spooky bats. Thank you to Kerri, Melita and Amanda for this awesome event.



World Teachers Day

Today is World Teachers Day, we acknowledge all of the effort that our teachers here at Melrose Primary School provide for our students. Thank you to Mr Koster, Ms Gamlen, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Piggott and Mrs Curtis who is currently on leave.



Junior Primary Class

This term the class is developing their story writing to include written features such as rhythm and rhyme, as well as descriptive language. We used the picture prompt below to create SUPER short stories about Daisy. Have a read of our latest short stories.



One day there was a cow called Daisy who packed her suitcase and went to the bus stop to find sweeter grass. Daisy got on the bus and went over the mountain far away.

Jack

One day a cow called Daisy was eating grass. The other cows said 'the grass is greener on the other side' so Daisy packed her bags with all her stuff and went to the bus stop. Finally, the bus came, she got on the bus and the chickens were where you would usually put the bags, the horses were where the seats should be and the cows were on the opposite side of the bus. Daisy walked to her seat at the back of the bus. After 10 hours the bus driver said 'next stop Greener Grass'. The end.

Neve

Once upon a time there was a cow called Daisy eating grass in the paddock. The other cows came to the paddock and said 'the grass is always greener on the other side'. Daisy packed her suitcase and waited for the cow bus. Finally, the cow bus came and she boarded the bus and got to the other side. The other cows celebrated that Daisy was gone.

Jade

Melrose Museum

The Melrose Museum caretaker has kindly invited our students to visit late Sunday afternoon, between 4-5pm for a little Halloween surprise. He is preparing his 'tricks and treats' as you read this newsletter!

Please support our local museum, they do a fantastic job inside and is a credit to the working party involved. A big thank you to them for this kind invitation.



HAPPY
Halloween