



**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES/FINANCIAL CALENDAR
ABSENCE REPORTING NUMBER 9971 1699**

Wed 3rd June	Assembly
Thurs 4th June	2016 Prep Tour 10am
Fri 5th June	Bookclub issue 4 closes
Mon 8th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday (no school)
Thurs 11th June	Jump off Prep - Grade 2
Fri 12th June	Jump off Grade 3 - Grade 6
Wed 17th June	2016 Prep Tour 10am
Fri 19th June	Jump Rope for Heart money due
Fri 19th June	Pyjama day Gold Coin Donation
Thurs 25th June	STUDENT LED CONFERENCE DAY (no students)
Fri 26th June	Last day Term 2 - 2.05pm finish
Mon 13th July	First day Term 3 - 8.50am start

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Elizabeth Schneider (School Council President) and I met with Melton City Council to discuss possible solutions in easing the traffic congestion outside our school during drop offs and pickups. I would like to thank the community for giving School Council feedback. Some of the feedback included:

- Creating more parking by extending the parking across the road
- Staggering finish times
- Walking school bus
- Promotion of 'partway is okay' program
- Traffic reminders in newsletters
- Re-routing the bus route/ moving bus stops
- Asking the school crossing person to manage the flow of traffic and students crossing in a quicker way

- Creating a smaller carpark on the school oval
- Restrict parking on West Melton Drive and Cambrian Way to one side only and no parking in Morrow Street

We were informed by the City of Melton Traffic Engineer that a comprehensive study of our school area will be completed over a 12 month period beginning in the next financial year. This study, with community and school council consultation hopefully will develop solutions that will make picking up and dropping off students easier.

In the meantime, School Council would like to write to SITA and PTV regarding the bus route and promote the Walking School Bus. If there are any parents that would like to volunteer their time on the Walking School Bus can you leave your name and contact details with Mrs Lewis or Miss Looby. Melton City Council will train volunteers in the Walking School Bus program. This bus will be leaving from the Partway Is Okay signs.

PREP TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE ENROLMENTS 2016

We had our first Prep Tour yesterday and it was most successful. Many parents new to the school were very pleased with the school environment and classroom set up. We have two more tour dates remaining beginning at 10am:

- Thursday June 4th
- Wednesday June 17th

Please contact the school to book one of our tours. If you know of any parents who are considering schools for their children for 2016 and live within our boundary, please let them know about our great school, and to ring our office to book in for a tour.

SIBLINGS COMMENCING PREP IN 2016 - ENROL NOW

If you are a current family with children in the school and they have a sibling due to commence in 2016, I strongly advise you to fill in an enrolment form and lodge it at the office. Once tours commence, enrolments will fill up fast and we'd like to ensure a place for siblings of current families as soon as possible. Children must be turning the age of 5 before April 30th 2016.

ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts - is a program run by our school to make sure all students attend school every day. Mrs Mason organises certificates for the highest attendance for each classroom in the month and for individual students achieving 100%. The following data indicates attendance for last week:

Prep: 95.04%

Gr1: 95.2%

Gr2: 93.4%

Gr3: 93.65%

Gr4: 94.79%

Gr5: 93.85%

Gr6: 92.36%

Even though the data is above 90% optimally it needs to be above 97% weekly throughout all year levels. On Monday 64 students in the whole school were absent and on Tuesday 32 students were absent. When a student takes one day off without an explanation, the classroom teacher will call to enquire about the absence. Attendance links into our Camps and Excursions Policy whereby students need to have an attendance rate of 85% in order to attend. If you are unsure of your child's rate and they are in a camping year please ask your classroom teacher, their attendance rate will determine if they are able to go on camp or not. If families are having difficulty with their children coming to school on a regular basis, please call and see Mrs Mason, Ms Stevenson or myself. We would be more than happy to assist.

BASKETBALL TEAMS



On Monday 18th May Wedge Park Primary School Grade 5/6 Girls and Boys Basketball teams participated against other schools in the local area. The boys tried their hardest, but unfortunately didn't record a win in their 4 games, although they played against some very talented opposition. The girls

had more success, winning 2 out of their 4 games and only just missed out on moving on to the semi-finals. It was an enjoyable day altogether, highlighted by some excellent individual and team performances from our students.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART FUNDRAISER



Fundraising has already begun for this year's Jump Rope for Heart. Two weeks ago the students witnessed an incredible display of skipping from a group of professional jumpers. They encouraged and motivated the students for their Jump Off on June 11th and 12th. Workshops have also been organised during PE times to train students in their jumping skills. So far 10 families have logged on line and raised \$863! If you are interested in fundraising on line just follow the link below:

<http://jumprope.everydayhero.com.au/event/JumpRope2015-WedgeParkPrimarySchool-109597>

Fundraising forms were sent out last week, if you have misplaced yours please see the office for a replacement. All funds raised will be used to assist our student programs.

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old.

A four session group program for parents and carers at Western Psychological Services.

2 Exford Road Melton South 3338.

The course costs \$45 per session. Medicare rebates available. Register for this course by contacting Western Psychological Services on 9746 8088.

GRADE 3 STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS 20/5/2015

Hayden 3W for trying hard to write neatly and include more detail in his writing.

Jonathan 3K for working hard on improving his handwriting

Kiran 3L for valuable contributions to reciprocal reading conversations

Olivia 3A for always putting effort into her learning

Jai 3H for his continued persistence in all areas of his learning (absent)



FUNDRAISER PYJAMA DAY

On Friday the 19th June 2015 Junior School Council will be holding a Pyjama Day. This money is going towards the Nepal Earthquake disaster to help children that have lost their homes. To wear your fantastic pyjamas you will need to bring a gold coin donation. **No crazy hair is permitted on this day.** Make sure you wear pyjamas appropriate for the weather.



DYSLEXIA FACTS

Many people (1 in every 10) struggle with Dyslexia all their lives.

These people cope well with their dyslexia and are successful in their work.

Richard Branson, Agatha Christie, Cher, Kerry Packer, Will Smith, Jamie Oliver and Dick Smith just to name a few.

Any questions/comments? Contact Andrew Bridge after school on Wednesdays on 9743 7595.



FREE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE

Mr Graeme Dempsey will be offering his services as a JP in our library on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm - 3:00pm. Mr Dempsey is available to witness statutory declarations, affidavits and certify documents etc. No appointment necessary.

REACH AWARDS MAY

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