



What a wonderful night was had by all last night at our Family BBQ. Thank you to all the families who attended last night. We had a HUGE turnout, over 800 people. It was wonderful to see the students introducing their parents to their teachers and our teachers beginning to form fantastic home - school relationships. More importantly, it was great to see the smiles on all the students, teachers and parents faces as they participated in activities (mini golf, jumping castles, sporting activities, petting zoo). Thank you to the OSHClub for their support on the night as well. The popcorn was yummy!!!



Important Dates / Reminders

NEWSLETTER # 2

TUES 6TH MARCH
BUDDIES-
BRAINSTORM
PRODUCTION
YEARS 3-6 MONEY
DUE FRI 2ND
MARCH

WED 7TH MARCH
ASSEMBLY 2.15PM

MON 19TH MARCH
YEAR 5 SOVEREIGN
HILL EXCURSION
MONEY DUE MON
12TH MARCH

REMINDERS

SCHOOL ABSENCE
LINE 9743 7595
8.50AM – 3.05PM

NO LATE
PAYMENTS FOR
EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED UNLESS
ARRANGMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE
WITH THE OFFICE
PRIOR TO THE DUE
DATE

SCHOOL BANKING
EVERY TUESDAY

UPDATE CHANGE
OF ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBER
ETC AT THE OFFICE

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

As we move further into Term 1 it is important to remember that the school yard is only supervised between 8.40am-9.00am in the morning, and 3.05- 3.20pm in the afternoon. To ensure students are safe they should not be dropped off prior to 8.40am as there is no supervision in the yard. It is also essential that students are collected from school before 3.20pm.

We understand that this can be difficult for families. OSH Club is available if needed. Thank-you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

OSHCLUB NEWS

Hello Families,

Over the past two weeks, the children have participated in a superhero and wonderland theme suggested by a couple of our students. Activities included superhero masks and ID cards and Alice in wonderland creations, group games adapted for our theme such as superhero corners, superheroes vs villain's and superhero relay.

We would love to hear some of our families' ideas and suggestions for our program including menu ideas, activities and games that your children may enjoy at home that we could implement within the program. Feel free to speak to our friendly staff at the program, or leave a comment in the parent feedback and suggestion book located in the Osh room at the parent desk.

Just a reminder that we are in Term 1 and therefore require your children to wear a hat for outdoor play whilst at the program, if your child has a spare hat at home they could leave at the program, this is a great way to ensure your child doesn't forget to bring one and can always participate in outdoor activities.

Enrolling your child is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at www.oshclub.com.au. I believe this to be beneficial for all families, as once your child is enrolled you have the comfort of knowing the service is available to you anytime.

If your child is starting in grade Prep this year or is new to the program, please feel free to bring them into the program to introduce themselves and get a feel for the program prior to their booking. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the service number on **0419 178 976**.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Have a great week!

Allison and Zoe.

2018 LEADERSHIP TEAM

This year we have been able to add to our leadership structure. The leadership team ensure that each area receives guidance, support and resourcing tailored to their needs. The redesign of the leadership team and its structure has been given careful consideration and thought to ensure that the positive culture we are so proud of continues to grow and flourish.

Principal—Paul Schwartz		
Jennifer Stevenson Assistant Principal (Student Engagement & Wellbeing)		Sara McKee Assistant Principal (Teaching & Learning)
Year Level	PLT Leader	Teaching and Learning Coach (Leading Teacher)
Prep	Ms Arnell	Mrs Trimboli
Year 1	Ms Tsotsos	
Year 2	Mrs Jungfer	Mrs Lake
Year 3	Ms Willcox	
Year 4	Ms Chase	Mrs Murray
Year 5	Ms Kinder	
Year 6	Mr Bowman	Mr Slatter
Specialist - STEM	Mr Wilson	
Specialist - Arts	Ms Sternberg	Mrs Trimboli, Mrs Lake, Mrs Murray
Learning Specialist	Mrs Mason Ms Willcox Ms Leetham	

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

We are excited to be taking part in the 2018 Coles Sports for Schools program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the vouchers we earned, thanks to our school community. If you collect any vouchers from Coles please put them in the box located in the foyer. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.



ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school-aged children are peanuts, tree nuts and dairy. Sufferers can react in numerous ways, from hives and rashes, abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhoea to airway closure causing breathing difficulties and loss of consciousness. A reaction can develop within minutes of exposure to the allergen. As this condition is severe, and can be life threatening, I ask that you please do not provide your child with snacks and lunches that may contain nuts. We reiterate that this is a life threatening condition and children's lives are being put at risk with exposure to these foods.

At Wedge Park Primary School, we work towards being an Allergy- Aware School. We have a small number of students who are Anaphylactic or Allergic to certain kinds of foods. As a result, all staff will be completing their Anaphylaxis Refresher Training during Term 2. We ask that parents remind all students to not share food with classmates. With your help, we can support all students and maintain a safe school environment for all. Further information on anaphylaxis can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/health/Pages/anaphylaxis.aspx>

BIRTHDAYS

We are more than happy to help celebrate children's birthdays at school as this is often a special day for them. To ensure that this does not become a cumbersome process we ask that cupcakes only be provided rather than a traditional birthday cake which can be difficult to handle and share amongst a large number of children. Please ensure that there are enough cupcakes for each child in the grade and, of course, one for the teacher!

As some children will not be able to participate for dietary, medical or personal reasons cupcakes must be given to the classroom teacher to distribute.



SCHOOL CROSSING AND CROSSING OF MAJOR ROADS

The start of a school year is often a good time to revisit with your children the topic of safe travel to and from school. We have supervised school crossings and it is an expectation that all students and their families use these. Can I encourage families to take the opportunity whilst the weather is nice, to walk their children to school to identify the safest route to school and to revisit crossing roads safely.



INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be

able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold accident insurance for students.

SKATE PARK - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

The Skate Park has become really popular for our students before and after school. Whilst we love the fact, that the students are being active and enjoying the outdoors we have a number of incidents, which are becoming of concern. These incidents include:

Threatening / Disruptive behaviour - swearing / name calling

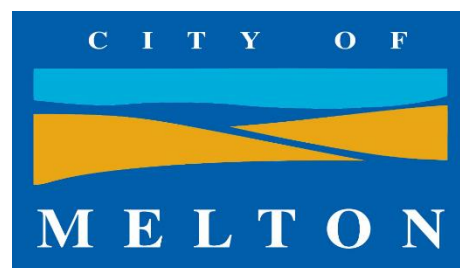
Students staying from after school until 6:30pm

Please remember that the Skate Park is an unsupervised area and is open to the public. We, as a school, cannot control who uses the skate park or who hangs around it. Can parents of the students who use the skate park please chat with their children in regards to staying safe, and also their behaviour, as I know that the Police have been advised about certain incidents recently.



DETOX YOUR HOME AT MELTON CITY COUNCIL'S FREE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL DROP OFF PROGRAM

Do you have unwanted household chemicals you no longer use? Some of these products could harm you, your family and your pets.



Household chemical products can also pollute the environment for future generations as well as harm their health, which is why you shouldn't throw chemical products out with your regular rubbish collection or pour them down the drain. Doing so would pollute our waterways, harm animals and vegetation, contaminate our drinking water supply and make rivers and beaches unsafe for swimming. The good news is you can reduce the risk of poisoning, environmental pollution and bushfire hazards, as well as improve recycling rates, by dropping off unwanted chemicals at the Melton Recycling Facility's, Detox your Home event.

Wedge Park Primary School encourages parents/guardians to take advantage of this **safe, free and easy-to-use service for householders** to dispose of common, highly toxic household chemicals without harming your health, your family's health or the environment. Please note that students should not handle household chemicals without adult supervision.

When: Saturday 14th April 2018

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Where: Melton Recycling Facility, 33 Ferris Rd, Cobblebank (Melton South)

Do the right thing by your loved ones, the local community and the environment and get rid of unwanted - and potentially dangerous - household chemicals through Detox your Home.

The collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

What you need to do

Simply register online or over the phone, then turn up on the day with your unwanted items, and the expert Detox your Home team will do the rest. Register online to choose your preferred time slot: sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

What can I bring to a Detox your Home mobile event?

Detox your Home is a free program designed specifically to collect unwanted or out-of-date household chemicals. Less toxic items - paint, household batteries and fluorescent lights - can be disposed of throughout the year at a permanent drop-off site. Visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome for a full list of accepted items and a list of permanent drop-off sites.

GRADE 2's LANGUAGE EXPERIENCES

In the last week the grade 2s have been enjoying different experiences with their classmates. These fun experiences have prepared students for writing.

MY PLANE

Today my class and I made paper planes. I tested my plane in the classroom. I had so much fun. But soon it was time to fly awesome plane against the others in 2NC. I was excited. I started to imagine my plane was a fast jet. I started the engine and zoomed out the classroom. I glided across the sky. It was awesome and so much fun until I crashed. My jet was broken, I needed help to fix it, but no one wanted to help me. It was a amazing flight.

Written by Aiden

THE CLOUDS

We found some clouds, not any blank clouds. A Penguin! It was gliding for hours across the slippery wet ice. He was gracefully flipping and enjoying it. When I was looking towards him, he came sliding down towards me. Wow! I stepped away as quickly as I could. He did a leap then kept going. It was amazing.

Written by Emily

CLOUDS IN THE SKY

This morning at 10:00 my class and 2KC went out to the astro to watch some clouds. When I looked up I saw a big fluffy bed with a soft marsh mellows blanket. I felt very sleepy.

Written by Pranav

A WINDY DAY

Arghhhh! When 2NC got to the astro it was so windy in the morning. Mrs Curmi wanted us to play in the airflow. The wind made us run so fast. We lost our balance. It was wild that we were pretending to be wild tornados and parachutes.

Written by Cruz

MY PLANE

Today 2NC walked to the astro with their planes. I ran and flew my plane. I felt like I was in the plane, I did a backflip ohhh! The wind it took me up high. I had to take a deep breath. It was going to fast, oh no! I just crashed, boom! That crash hurt but lucky I was fine. It was so much fun.

Written by Toby

BALLOON ROCKETS

Boom! My balloon went as fast as a rocket. Today Mrs Curmi let us make balloon rockets. We used balloons, half a straw, tape and string. I raced so many of my friends and won most of the races. It was so much fun to watch the balloons zoom through the sky so quickly. I wish we can make them again.

Written by Nimar

ERUPTING VOLCANOE

In the afternoon 2NC went to make volcanoes not any volcanoes, amazing colourful volcanoes. We used Bi carb soda, food colouring and vinegar. It was fun to watch the bubbles erupt from the cup and it was very bubbly like a big bubblebath. Everyone was excited and loved to watch it. I really wanted to touch it, it looked very slimy and then when the bubbles finished it looked brown and yucky. It was fun.

Written By Sianne

THE CRAZY WINDY DAY

Oh no! I am falling down. Help me! Help me! The wind is pushing me to this side and that side! Oh no! please, it is pushing me everywhere. Then we had to imagine we were tornados spinning very wild and bang we came falling down. It was a windy day, my goodness it was a crazy day.

Written by Aliya

FAMILY BBQ NIGHT PHOTOS



