



# Melrose Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ Term 3 Week 2 2017

### Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary

### SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

- 08/08 Governing Council
- 09/08-11/08 UP Camp
- 13/08 Working Bee (Sunday)
- 17/08 Questcon Wilmington PS

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#### Term 3 Overview

##### Week 3

- Governing Council Meeting 08/08
- UP Camp 09/08-11/08

##### Week 4

- Working Bee Sun 13/08
- Science Week
- Questcon Wilmington PS 17/08
- Yelp Forum 18/08

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break; ready for a term full of solid learning, activities and events. Our students have returned with a positive attitude for learning; quickly settling back into routines and following expectations.

The term is extremely busy with many events and activities planned therefore the list in your calendar sent home at the end of Term 2, is not complete as other events are scheduled as the term progresses.

The new school polo tops look fantastic and they are being worn with much pride. I particularly thank Jessica (McCallum) for much work done to bring this idea to fruition and to all families for supporting this change.

There was some activity during the school holidays in regards to improvements to the school. The windows were cleaned and have given a lift to our buildings. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Potts for taking the screens off all the windows which allowed the contractors to clean all windows. Ten cubic meters of soft-fill bark chips were delivered to be used under and around our playground equipment. A load of gravel was also delivered which is being used as a base for the wicking beds in our new vegetable garden. Mrs Curtis and the Upper Primary Class have commenced assembling the first of the wicking beds. They look very technical!!

Next week is the Upper Primary Class combined camp with Wilmington Primary at Illawonga, Swan Reach. This is shaping up to be a great experience for our Upper Primary students.

#### Reception Students for 2018 Transition Program to School

We are very fortunate to have an extended transition program for our 2018 Reception students. The programme commenced this week. Visits occur on Wednesdays following Play Centre sessions. These visits will lead to full day visits over Term 4. Term 4 visits will be each Friday. Fridays were chosen to prevent conflict with the Wilmington and Booleroo Kindergarten days. If you know of any families who are yet to decide which school to send their child in 2018 please encourage them to visit our school before they make their decision. Ms Gamlen and I would be very happy to talk about our learning programme and to take families for a walk around our school.

#### Working Bee Sunday 13 August

We have planned a working bee for Sunday 13 August. On this morning we plan to finish assembling all the wicking beds, clean up all piles of debris in preparation for the summer season, move a garden seat to the oval for spectators to sit at and spread the bark chips under and around the playground equipment.

### **Music Recorder Lessons**

Of excitement this term is the commencement of our whole school recorder program. All students have been issued with a recorder with lessons having commenced last week. Our music teacher is Mrs Sarah Bull who was very impressed with the enthusiasm and good manners of our students at their first lesson. Lessons are held on Monday mornings. Mr Koster is following up lessons with teaching both classes 'how to read music'.

### **Premiers Reading Challenge and Premiers be Active Challenge**

All students should now be completing both initiatives. At this stage we as a school have almost completed the 10 weeks of the Premiers Be Active Challenge. Twice a week students test their fitness by running a circuit in the school grounds. All students' times are recorded. There are some very impressive results/times from most students. They are certainly a very active and fit lot.

A reminder to ask your child where they are at with the Reading Challenge, i.e. 'How many books have they read and how many to go'. Children need to ensure they have read the required 12 books and completed their forms by the 8th September.

### **Book Week**

Book Week will also be happening in Week 5 this term (21 -25 August). We will have a book parade on Thursday 24th August. There will also be a competition for all to enter – Guess whose favourite children's book. We will also be asking parents to enter. There will be some great prizes to be had.

### **East of the Ranges Choir**

Our students involved in this choir have been busy learning their choir songs and will have one final rehearsal at Jamestown on Tuesday 15 August before the final performance in Port Pirie on Tuesday 22nd of August. Tickets for this event will become available from the Northern Festival Centre at a later date. Students involved in choir do not need to purchase tickets.

Next year I would like to have all Year 5 and 6 students involved.

### **Melrose Students Prize Essay Competition**

Our major Literacy competition is being held this term. All students will be asked to produce a piece of writing on the topic 'Remarkable Lives'. Students will be asked to interview a parent, grandparent, relative or family friend about their memoirs of growing up in Melrose. The writing could focus on one event.

If a student is unable to interview a local resident it is suggested that they research one of the soldiers named on the local War Memorial.

All students' work will be bound into a book with a copy being presented to the Local History Group. There will be prizes for the following year levels:

Reception/Year 1

Year 2/3

Year 4/5.

Winners will be announced at the Open Day Assembly on 20th September.

Finally our Sun Smart Policy is currently under review with our Governing Council. This policy will be made available to all families following our next Governing Council meeting. I have since learnt that DECD policy requires students must wear their broad brimmed hat during outside play in Terms 1, 3 and 4 and during Term 2 when the UV reading is above 3. We will transition to this practice over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Murray

## Junior Primary Report

All Playcentre Kindergarten aged students and any other Kindergarten students that may choose to come to Melrose Primary School are welcome to attend Transition. The sessions are being held immediately after Playcentre on Wednesdays. This week was the first session. We played group and partner games before exploring some classroom activities.

This week we also welcomed a School of the Air student. She has adapted to the routines of MPS and the JP class structure with ease, excitedly had a face to face Japanese lesson with Miyamoto sensei (her and our Japanese Teacher) and is enjoying the chooks!

The class is developing a 'I can' attitude as we focus on Growth Mindsets. It is hoped that students will learn from their mistakes, take risks, be motivated to succeed, increase effort and therefore learn more and learn faster.

Brooke Gamlen

Take your first step into basic athletics skills coaching...  
**INTRODUCTION TO COACHING COURSE (ITCC)**



The ITCC is designed to help participants become better placed to assist children to perform basic athletic skills.

The course is great for those who want to know more about the skills of Athletics, so that they may help to coach children, assist at Little Athletics Centres or prepare students for school athletics carnivals.

**METROPOLITAN COURSES**  
**(1) SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**  
**(2) SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**10:00AM – 4:00PM**

SA Athletics Stadium, 145 Railway Terrace,  
Mile End SA 5031

**\$65 PER PARTICIPANT**  
(must be 16 years of age at time of the course)

REGISTER ONLINE: [www.salaa.org.au/ITCC](http://www.salaa.org.au/ITCC)

NOTE: The ITCC is nationally recognised by Little Athletics Australia, however it is not an accredited course. Certificates of attendance will be presented at the completion of the course. Upon request, school teachers can also be provided with a 'Teachers Professional Development' document to use the ITCC towards their required professional learning.

Contact Little Athletics SA on 08 8352 8133 or at [coaches@salaa.org.au](mailto:coaches@salaa.org.au) for more information.



**FEMALE FOOTBALL**  
**Come 'n Try**

Come and enjoy a FREE all Female Footy session.  
Learn basic skills of footy whilst having loads of fun!

Date: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Location: Crystal Brook Town Oval  
Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Age: Under 12 - Open

Enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards.  
Follow the link below to register your details  
<https://femalefootball.wufoo.eu/forms/m1pnu5b70015dzb/>

Or

For any further information please contact:  
Craig Oliphant Northern Regional Football Coordinator SANFL  
[Craig.Oliphant@sanfl.com.au](mailto:Craig.Oliphant@sanfl.com.au) or 0428 851 978  
Ian Lambert on 0428 834 130



# Japanese Report にほんご Nihongo



Minasan, Konnichiwa (Everyone, good afternoon)!

Welcome back to Term 3 and hope you have had a wonderful holiday ☺

In our first lesson students shared what they have done and there were lots of exciting events e.g. Zoos, fishing, hiking, visiting other towns...to name just a few. I hope you were able to have some peaceful time...!

In accordance with the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, both JP & UP classes counted up to 100 (hyaku)! I was quite impressed with how most students can say the words with good pronunciation and rhythm and some students remember the words as well.

We also looked at Japanese money 100 yen as well as other money. There were 1 yen, 5 yen, 10 yen, 1000 yen and 5000 yen. Unfortunately we didn't have 50 yen, 500 yen or 10000 yen. Students found out that if you hold the note up to the light, you can see a watermark of the person on it. I never noticed that before so it was exciting!!

Arigatō (Thank you),



**New words for this week** ~今週のことば~

100 – hyaku Yen – en

Omedetō – Congratulations!

Arigatō gozaimasu – Thank you in polite form



(ichi man en)



(gosen en)



(sen en)



(gohyaku en)



(hyaku en)



(gojū en)



(jū en)



(go en)



(ichi en)