



Melrose Primary School

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Week 10 Term 2 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary,

DATES FOR YOUR

DIARY

ASSEMBLY

Thursday 5th July
2.50PM

EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday 6th July
2.15pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 9th July – Fri 20th July

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TERM 3

EARLY DISMISSAL

Tuesday 31st July
2.15pm

MELROSE PS OPEN DAY

Thursday 16th August

BANKING DETAILS

For all school invoices:

BSB: 065-509
ACC: 10039517

Semester 1 Reports

Today Wednesday 4 July your child/ren's reports are being sent home. If you would like to meet with Brooke, Julianne or myself regarding further clarification on any aspect of the report please contact Jodie to arrange a meeting time. I have read the reports and am impressed with all students' achievements. All reports clearly document successful learning from all students.

Whole School Assembly

We will be holding a Whole School assembly on Thursday Week 10 commencing at **2:50pm** in the Community Room which is being led by the Junior Primary class. Awards including Aussie of the Month for June will be presented, and students will share some of their learning and highlights of the semester. We hope to see you there.

NAPLAN Online

Our school has been selected to commence undertaking NAPLAN Tests online from 2019. As such we will be involved in a School Readiness Test (SRT) next term. The NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test (SRT) will be conducted nationally in Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 3 for students in Years 3, 5. It is important to know that the SRT is not another NAPLAN test nor is it an assessment of the literacy and numeracy skills of students. SRT is to check our schools IT capacity, logistics and administration processes. It is an opportunity for us to confirm if our school can conduct test sessions under test conditions and national test protocols, troubleshoot any technical issues and manage the availability of our IT when running online test sessions, in readiness for NAPLAN Online in 2019. David has been working to ensure we will be able to conduct the tests online.

Students only 'sit' two tests, a writing test and an omnibus test (which includes questions from numeracy, reading and conventions of language). This will be completed over a period of no more than two lessons, for one day only.

Visible Learning

On Thursday 21st June as mentioned in the previous newsletter we hosted a professional learning day for schools in our partnership based on Visible Learning. Brooke, Julianne and I attended. This day allowed us to plan actions that will make a positive difference to the learning outcomes for the students in our school.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Visible Learning this is the second year of this project which is a professional development programme for teachers based on the worldwide research of Professor John Hattie.



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Visible Learning means an enhanced role for teachers as they become evaluators of their own teaching. Visible Teaching and Learning occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. Our current focus is to up-date our Visible Learning Action Plan and align this with our Site Improvement Plan. Once the Action Plan has been finalised we plan to share some of the statements and vision with you. The Student Free Day scheduled for Friday 10th August will further this work for all schools in our partnership.

End of Term

Friday 6th July will be the end of Term 2 with an early dismissal of 2.15 pm. I wish all a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to our return on Monday 23 July.

Regards

Kind regards,

Murray

Whole School Adelaide Excursion

Last Friday we as a whole school ventured on our trip to Adelaide. Leaving at 6.30 am on a very cold Melrose morning showed how we were all very keen to go. Firstly, I would like to thank Julianne and Brooke for organising this very enjoyable day. The Junior Primary class with Brooke and Craig spent the day at the Zoo while the Upper Primary class with Julianne and myself visited the Art Gallery, Museum and Parliament House.

Details of the day are below

At the Art Gallery some very interesting exhibits were discovered. Our guide Mary, explained a number of artworks that are included in songs being performed in the East of the Ranges Choir Concert. At Parliament House we were very fortunate to meet with our local member of Parliament Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP.

Tea at Subway or KFC capped off a fun and worthwhile learning experience for all students and staff.

All students were great ambassadors for Melrose.

I thought that the day was a good experience for some but for others the Art Gallery may have been challenging. The museum was a little bit of a disappointment because we were only there for about half an hour and the Parliament House was spectacular, it was really good and a great experience to have.

Circe Invidiyosa to the right looked really cool. The painting talks about envy. For me, my favourite part was the giant squid. Parliament House was also cool because of the big library. We thought some exhibitions in the Art Gallery were not rated PG. The museum was cool with the ice wall. Parliament House was also cool because of the 400 year old books on display there. The trip home was ok and overall, the trip was fun.

The Art Gallery was a bit rude but besides that it was pretty specky. The museum was good, it had a lot of animals and skeletons of animals and also lots of information.

Parliament House was great, our guide was Chris who took us around the place and then we went to the House of Assembly where we met Dan our local member of Parliament.

JP CLASS

On Friday the 29th June the Junior Primary class, along with Craig and Ms. Gamlen, visited the Adelaide Zoo. They observed and discussed the features of animals, namely the Australian wildlife, and learnt about different habitats during a Zoo School session. Every part of the zoo was explored and with so much to see and do there was hardly time to stop and eat!

Here's some thoughts about the day.

I liked the meerkats because they were cute and very fluffy, and they can stand up on two feet.

I liked seeing the pandas because I think it will be the last time seeing the pandas.

I loved to see the koalas because this was my first time.

It was nice to feel the crocodile because I like to feel the crocodile's skin.

We go to see the pandas. They look so fluffy.

Everything looked nice and cuddly.

Seeing the meerkats was the best because they were cute.

I liked looking at the fennec fox because they are so cute.

My best bit of the day was seeing the tiger because we got to see 2 windows and we saw it pee.

We got to see the penguins. They are cute.

We saw the otters at the zoo and I really, really, really wanted to see them.

I liked the panda because one looked like Ling Ling, except for the bow.

The best part of the day was feeling the kangaroo fur because it was so fluffy and soft.



Ms. Gamlen

What a fantastic playground with trampolines, slide and ropes galore. Everyone looked like they were having so much fun exploring and impersonating animals...I should have joined in!

