



Melrose Primary School

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Week 4 Term 2 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UP ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 30th May
2.50pm

STUDENT LEADER WORKSHOP

Thursday 31st May

YOUTH ENVIRONMENT LEADERS DAY

Friday 1st June

MOTOR MUSEUM WORKSHOP

Monday 4th June

FAT TYRE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

White Elephant Stall
Sunday 10th June

BANKING DETAILS

For all school invoices:

BSB: 065-509
ACC: 10039517

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary,

NAPLAN

Isaak, Hudson, Sonny, Elijah, Kiera and Oliver completed their NAPLAN testing in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy last week. The results of these tests will come back to the school and home to parents in the middle of next term.

Play Centre Leader Appointment

Congratulations to Ms Elin Griffiths who has been appointed as the new Play Centre Leader. We look forward to Elin working with the school and the play centre group in this role during the remainder of this year.

I thank Ms Kris Blieschke for her leadership in the Play Centre and her passion for Early Years Education during 2017 and Term 1 of this year. Kris will be missed.

Premiers Be Active and Reading Challenges

This term we have started the Premiers Be Active Challenge. We plan to complete the 10 weeks of active play and so will complete the program during Term 3. We also continue to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge which needs to be completed by 7th September being in early Term 3. Students have been reading in their classes and during library lessons and have made a good start. We also hope there is regular reading happening at home.

National Motor Museum Travelling Education Program 2018

On the 4th and 5th of June, Booleroo Centre District School will be hosting the National Motor Museum Travelling Education Program for schools in our region.

Please see details of our school excursion to Booleroo Centre District School on Monday 4th June. Details of the excursion and permission note are being sent home with this newsletter.

Venue and Date	Session 3
Session time	12:00 – 1:00
Booleroo Centre District School	Melrose PS Hawker Vans R-2 15 students
Monday 4 th June	Melrose PS Tom Kruse Years 3 – 6 13 students



School Survey – Parent Opinion Presentation Night 2017

Thank you to those who completed the above mentioned survey earlier this year.

Survey questions and responses are detailed below:

Please rate your overall experience of our Presentation Night?

All respondents rated good to excellent for the following. - time of day, awards presentations, venue and catering while entertainment was rated as fair to good.

Outcome – Staff and students realise more needs to be done to prepare for a more polished performance.

What was your favourite part of the night?

Responses varied with the awards ceremony receiving a 100% approval rating. Other comments included – great atmosphere and food. The catering was superb, Watching the kids was good but way too long, The whole school singing and the food available great.

What would you like done better?

Responses - I liked individual class items and something whole school as well (like songs)

More practice for students using the microphones, No plays, more musical items and dancing – Plays are too hard to hear. Maybe students could do some skits. Parents could possibly help.

Your thoughts on the catering

At that time of the year it can feel like you have to bring a plate of food to share everywhere you go. It was really nice not to have to take something, The meal was perfect, Happy to pay

How could we make the night more entertaining?

Due to problems with sound system must be careful with performing plays where there are a lot of speaking parts, More dancing and singing, Student dance competition, Better outside set up of tables and chairs, tents and tables considering the temperature and time of day/year.

Are there any suggestions or comments to help us improve the 2018 Presentation Night?

I like it being at the school, we could improve the areas to look more professional

I would like to see the parent awards and speeches to happen straight after eating and before the student items rather than at the end of the night. Have all student awards at the presentation night.

The above comments are appreciated and we trust that we can address suggestions made. Our 2018 night can build on from last year and be a great celebration to finish the year. Once again thanks to those who responded.

School Photos Survey

This survey is currently open. I trust that you received an email last week inviting you to complete this short survey. Results will be tabled at the next Governing Council meeting and then published in the school newsletter following the Governing Council meeting.

Coles Sports Vouchers

Thank you to all parents and friends who have brought in their Coles vouchers. This has now finished and they have been sent off for collation.

Farewell Sonny, Kes, Kyoko (Miyamoto Sensei) and Hugh

We especially wish Sonny a wonderful year in Japan. We hope to hear from Sonny from time to time and learn of his adventures in Japan. You will be missed but know you will be back in 2019.

Kind regards,
Murray

Fat Tyre Festival

The school will be holding a White Elephant Stall on the Sunday of the festival. Please start sorting your items that you would like to donate to the school. It would be appreciated if you could bring your items to the school on Thursday 8th June and Friday 9th June so we can sort and price items prior to the day. Previously this has proven to be a great fundraiser for the school.

Improvements around the school

We have many items on our list of improvements to our school grounds and buildings, currently our garden beds out the front of the school are coming along nicely waiting for some rain to pop in our plants. Our vegetable gardens are being established, and our worm farm is up and ready. The students have really taken on board the sustainability aspect of environmental learning and should be congratulated.

Robot Revolution Workshop

Games & Gadgets recently visited Melrose Primary School, touring an awareness for Gaming Addiction and how to better cope with the side effects that come from prolonged gaming. Since the development of arcade video games in the early 1970s we have been using them to “destress” with little knowledge of their actual effects on the human brain. It is true that video games can be good for our brains. **But there is a darkside!**

Microsoft have spent millions of dollars researching Games Based Learning and how achievements stimulate our learning. During these studies and within research similar to this we have discovered that excessive gaming can lead to **dopamine depletion**.

Allowing your child hours of playing video games, is the equivalent of allowing your child access to the liquor cabinet. They will inevitably become addicted and this obviously will also come with side effects.

Students also had access to the Games and Gadget van to explore and challenge their thinking. The staff were impressed at how the students interacted and performed during the day.

