



Melrose Primary School

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Week 2 Term 3 2018

DATES FOR YOUR

DIARY

TERM 3

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 9th August 9.15am

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thursday 9th August 6.00pm

WORKING BEE

Sunday 12th August 9.00am

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 15th August

MELROSE PS OPEN DAY

Thursday 16th August

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Sunday 19th August

BOOK WEEK

Monday – Friday

20th – 24th August

BANKING DETAILS

For all school invoices:

BSB: 065-509

ACC: 10039517

Dear Parents and Friends of Melrose Primary,

Our new school jumpers have arrived and they look great. Fantastic to see the students excited about their school uniform. School photos are in a few weeks' time we will certainly look the part in our new jumpers.

Open Day Thursday 16 August

You are invited to our Open Day on Thursday 16 August. Please encourage your family and friends to visit us during the morning of this day. Details of the Open Day will be sent home next week. We will commence with a welcome assembly starting at **9.30am** followed by tours of the school and visits to the classes. Morning tea will follow. At the assembly winners of this year's Annual Literacy Prize Competition will be announced.

This year students were asked to write a poem based on the theme:

The place where I live

Students were asked to exercise their imagination and write about a place that is special to them. They were asked to consider: What connects you to it? What history does it hold for you? What are your hopes and fears for it? What do you do to protect it, or prepare it for the future, or make it better or just want to be?

Annual Parent Opinion Survey

Yesterday school parents were emailed the Annual Parent Opinion Survey for 2018. The purpose of this survey is to find out how parents feel about our magnificent school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department for Education.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of this term and will be communicated to parents through our annual reporting process.

The survey is now open and will close on Friday 17 August. It will be great if we achieve a 100% response.

Whole School Art Day Tuesday 7 August

We have been very fortunate to be granted a visiting artist to work in our school for one day which is planned for next Tuesday 7 August.

James Parker will be our artist in residence and he has planned three sessions over the day being – print making, bookmaking and binding and James Castle Sculpture. It will be a good idea to not send your children in their new school jumpers on this day. **Wanted** – We are in need of newspaper for this day. Any donations are greatly appreciated.



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Gardening Project

We are in need of pots to plant our cuttings. Two litre milk cartons and large plastic yoghurt containers will also do the job. Any donations greatly appreciated. The students have been doing a fantastic job with this project.

Hats for Terms 3 and 4

A reminder to students that school hats are to be worn at all times for the remainder of the year when outdoors.

East of the Ranges Choir

The Year 4-6 students have been busy learning their choir songs and will have one final rehearsal at Jamestown on Wednesday 8th August before the final performance in Port Pirie on Tuesday 28th of August. Tickets for this event will become available from the Northern Festival Centre at a later date. Students involved in the choir do not need to purchase tickets. I was told last year our audience numbers were down so please bring all your family members along.

Book Week

This year's Book Week theme is *Find Your Treasure*. Book Week will be happening in Week 5, with our proposed street parade to take place on Thursday 23rd of August, with children dressing as their favourite book character. We will have an assembly prior to the parade which you all are invited to attend.

Program

Monday – Special in-class Book Week activities being run by Brooke, Julianne, Craig and Murray in preparation for Thursday's Book Week Assembly. Students will continue with this work on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday – Competition, 'Guess whose treasure it is'. Students to guess which staff member owns what treasure.

Thursday – Book Week Assembly – 9am, Presentation of Book Week work. The students are to come as their favourite book characters – winners will be announced. 'Guess whose treasure it is' winners will also be announced, following assembly there will be a treasure hunt using QR codes, then finally a whole school parade down the main street of Melrose.

School Maintenance

We have several requests in at the moment to repair and maintain our buildings. If you see anything you think warrants our attention please do not hesitate to call in and let us know. We will only be too happy to discuss with you, your concerns.

Student Free Day

There is a scheduled Student Free Day on Friday 10th August (Week 3, Term 3). Staff will be involved in a further training day in the Visible Learning program at Orroroo Area School. Thank you to Governing Council for approving the Student Free Day, and allowing our teaching staff to develop their skills in the Visible Learning program.

School Polo Tops

There will be an order accompanying this newsletter regarding a Polo Top order. If your child needs new school shirts can you, please bring your order into the front office by Monday 13th August. Thank you.

Thank you

Thank you to Tess, Elishia and Jessica for installing the watering system, spreading bark chips and planting the ground covers and shrubs in our front garden area. Our front entrance area is starting to look really good.

Thank you also to Lachie for framing and erecting the new school sign located at the caravan park gates. The school is truly grateful for all this help.

Working Bee

In preparation for the Open Day we have planned a working bee for Sunday 12 August commencing at 9am. We aim to complete establishing the raised garden beds, undertaking general maintenance work, playground maintenance, general tidying up, commence work on the Japanese Garden, spreading more bark chips and completing painting yellow lines on hazard areas such as steps etc.

Needed are wheel barrows, power drills and tools kits and a couple of trailers. For any other information please contact Tess McCallum or the school.

Regards,
Murray