

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

Only one Friday to go!

Staffing Update

This time is a busy year with staff recruitment and I am pleased to say at this point in time we are pretty close to finished. We will have a number of contracted staff returning in 2017 which is great and we welcome a number of new people. In particular I would like to officially welcome and congratulate Bronwyn Welch as Assistant Principal in 2017, having been in an Acting role this term. Great to have you on board!

Class Groupings Notification

Please be aware that information relating to your child's grouping will be sent home during next week. Families that may have already left for the year or who won't be in attendance next week will receive this via mail.

VSGA Turf Grant

In May our school was the lucky recipient of the VSGA Turf Vitoria - Turf Establishment Grant worth \$4,500. The beautiful lush green grass came from Coolabah Turf in Echuca and was delivered early this week. The VCAL Horticulture students along with staff and other helpers laid the 300 square metres of turf near the new basketball court, around the new Café and in the Café courtyard. The areas now look fantastic and the spaces provide added interactive sensory, recreational and learning opportunities for our students and school community. We would like to thank the program sponsors for giving our school the opportunity to improve our environment and extending the learning of our students through participation in the laying activities. We would also like to thank our hardworking staff who have made this possible. Please see the before and after pictures on Page 2.

Victorian School Sports Award

This week I received notification that two of our Senior students, Patrick and Jamie-Lee Getson, will be the recipients of a Victorian School Sports Award. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to congratulate them on their amazing effort and achievements in their chosen sport of swimming. The awards allow School Sport Victoria and the Department of Education and Training (DET) the opportunity to acknowledge high performing students, teachers and volunteers and the breadth of talent in Victorian government schools. Patrick and Jamie-Lee will attend an awards ceremony at the MCG in March 2017 to receive their award.

Cheviot Ride

This week a group of our student attended the Cheviot Ride in the Yea area. Many students completed the 100 km ride over 3 days and represented our school with distinction and pride.

(Please see report from Geoff Galloway below) (Sent at 11 p.m.)

As I get ready to have a decent sleep on the last night of camp I am reflecting on a great camp experience our students have had. I have seen guts and determination shown by all members of the group. Despite atrocious weather today our students proved themselves to be a tough bunch of kids. Students went from being homesick and wanting to go home, to being a relaxed and sociable group. Some students proved themselves to be 'steady as you go' riders and only too happy to lend a hand. Others tried their heart out and rode over 50 km which is no mean feat, considering they probably would never have covered that distance in their life. At the end of the ride today after cleaning down bikes Brooke and Hayley came up to me and asked if they could clean the bus without any prompting. I have been totally blown away by the behaviour of all the students on this camp. I am extremely proud of all of them which is always the reward we get as teachers that no money can ever buy. I forgot to mention the efforts of my off-sider. Kerri is one dependable colleague who gets things done without being asked. She just instinctively does what ever is needed in her quiet, unassuming way. All we have to do now is pack up some wet tents and head for home tomorrow!

Have a happy and safe weekend.



Evan Savage
Principal



End of Year Assembly Tuesday 22nd December 12:30pm
Last Day of Term 4 Tuesday 22nd December 1pm Finish

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Absence
Line**

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VSGA Grant Turf Improvements



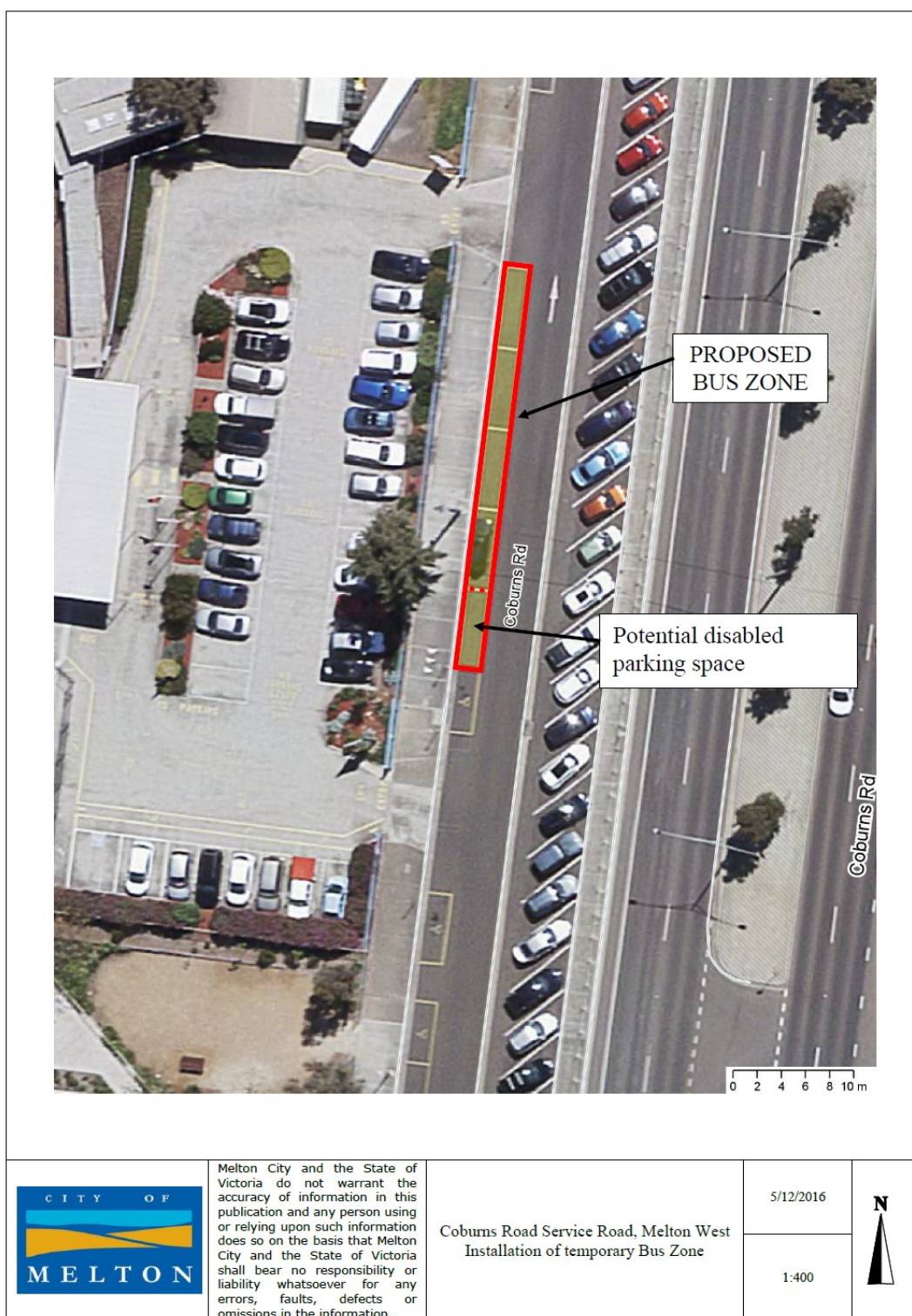
Year 12 Graduation Photos



Dates to Remember

Monday	12th December	Blackwood Day Trip—Sally and Brigitte's classes Blackwood Camp—Roger's grade
Tuesday	13th December	Grade 6 Graduation 12:00pm
Wednesday	14th December	Horticulture trip to SCOPE
Friday	16th December	Blackwood Day Trip—Glen, Tabitha and Sue's classes
Tuesday	20th December	End of Year Whole School Assembly 12:30pm End of TERM 4—Finish 1pm
Wednesday	1st February	First Day of TERM 1 2017—9am start
Thursday	2nd February	First Day for Prep Students

2017 Bus Parking Changes



There have been changes with the Students with Disabilities Transport Program and a there is a need for larger buses to be utilised by the program's transport providers. Melton Council in conjunction with our school and the transport provider, will be implementing some changes to the bus parking and travel procedures. Please see the changes to parking that will be in place when school resumes in 2017 above. There will be revised signage and Melton Council Parking Officers present during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up to help ensure the BUS ZONE parking spaces are not used during the designated time periods. You may need to adjust your drop off and pick up procedures as congestion may be present during peak times. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Parents, Carers and Community Club Corner

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the following local businesses the PCCC is running a bumper Christmas Raffle with some awesome prizes up for grabs.

Tickets are \$1 each and there are more raffle books available from the office if you need them.

Money is **due back on 14th December** and the prize winners will be **drawn on Thursday 15th December**. All proceeds will be used to fund entertainment for the students.

Raffle Prizes

1st Good Guys 32inc JVC HD LED LCD TV

2nd Fun City Go Carts 4 Go Carts and Laser Tag

3rd Parents, Carers and Community Club Hamper

4th Chemart Chemist Hamper

5th Sports Pack - Jumpers/Singlets Drink Bottle Pack

6th Sports Pack - Jumpers/Singlets Drink Bottle Pack

7th Melton Waves—Family Swim Pass



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Thurs 4pm-5pm Primary Age
Thurs 5pm-6pm Adolescents
Commencing 02/02/2017 x 8 weeks
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3/21 Reserve Road, Melton 3337

Facilitated by:
Rolando Jimeno
(Qualified Fitness Trainer)
and **Michelle Jimeno**
(Ed & Dev Psychologist)

This fun and active 8 week programme will focus on a variety of skill building exercise such as:

- Functional Movements
- Balance and Coordination
- Strength and Conditioning
- Agility
- Reflexes
- Regulation of Emotions and Behaviour
- Self development
- Group Skill Development
- Anxiety Management
- Social Skills

Adolescents \$75.00 per week or \$500 per term with up to \$84.80 medicare rebate per session.

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Pinarc Disability Support is a community not-for-profit organisation providing services to around 1000 children and adults with disability, their families, and carers across the Grampians Region. More recently we have begun providing services in the Melton/Brimbank region in partnership with Gateways Support Services.

We provide direct support through therapy services, educational support, social work, case management, adult day programs, recreation, advocacy, support groups, respite, community education and early childhood programs. All of our service delivery is guided by our vision and promotes choice putting each individual at the centre of their decision making.

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COMMUNITY STATIONS

Melton Train Station

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER FUN AND FREE ACTIVITIES ALL MONTH

- Thursday 1 & 8**
7:30 am - 9:30 am Little Libraries Bookswap and stressballs giveaway
- Monday 5, 12, 19**
5pm - 6pm Music for Mondayitis and Little Libraries Bookswap
- Tuesday 6**
10am - 4pm Make your own Christmas decorations workshop
- Thursday 15**
5:30pm - 7pm Therapy Dogs and Little Libraries Bookswap
- Tuesday 6, 13 & 20**
10am - 12pm Linking Melton South Info Hub and Little Libraries Bookswap
- Saturday 17**
12pm - 4pm End of year Community BBQ and 'Mend it Melton' launch

Tuesday - Thursday
22 to 24
10am - 4pm FREE photos with Santa

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