

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to the middle of Term 1 2019 – Staff at school are all busy revising ILP goals and are very much looking forward to seeing you all on the last day of school at our Curriculum Day on the 5th April -make sure you book it in your calendars. Booking instructions will be sent home next week. We really need your input here as we are setting Semester 1 ILP goals.

Building News

Not long to go! We are at the final stages before handover – you will all be happy to hear that parking congestion will ease somewhat. We thank you for your patience in regards to parking and pick up and drop off locations the past 18 months. We can't wait to open the new buildings and share the spaces with you all.

School Council Elections

Congratulations to our new School Council parent members—Belinda Vellasamy, Tamara Miller and Leigh Dever. Welcome back to Jason Mallia. We also welcome Megan Oldfield to our council as school representative. We look forward to welcoming our council members and farewelling our outgoing members at our next meeting.

School AGM

We are in the process of completing our Annual Report to the School Community. Please come and join us to celebrate the successes of 2018 on the 19th March at 5pm in the Administration building.

International Day Against Bullying and Violence

This Friday 15th is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Below is the address for the website <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay> There are fact sheets and strategies that are very helpful and simple to use for parents and carers to refer to when discussing the topic of 'Bullying'. This Friday your son or daughter will be doing an activity to take action and empower young people to be part of a solution when addressing bullying in their school community. It highlights that all of us can help make changes to create safer communities/schools for everyone. There is a specific area on the home page that is labelled 'Resources' and in this area there are resources and hints for parents.

Secondary School News

Over the last few weeks, in the Secondary section we have seen many of our groups heading out into the community. A number of groups are accessing Woodgrove, Melton Waves gym and Navan Park at lunchtimes. Through these outings all students are learning to take responsibility for their own belongings, travelling safely in the community and making a choice from a wide variety of options. In the classroom, all classes have been focusing on careers. They are either starting to explore different industries and the many roles within those industries. They are preparing for next term where they will begin writing their Career Action Plan. So, please take the time to discuss the many options available to your child.

Best wishes everyone, Brooke

REMINDER: SSG MEETING DAY

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

THIS IS A STUDENT FREE DAY



**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**ABSENCE
LINE**

1800 660 530



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	19th March	School Council Annual General Meeting 5pm
Monday	22nd March	National Ride to School Day
Thursday	4th April	Last day of classes Term 1 3pm Finish
Friday	5th April	SSG Day—STUDENT FREE DAY—ILP Goals 8.30am-3.30pm

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

No students are to be dropped off before 8.45am, if you arrive before 8.45am you are expected to wait with your child until their teacher collects them after 8.45am.

All student drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon will be directed to the Parent Drop Off/Pick Up area. There are signs directing you to this area. This will be open from 8.30am and from 2.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CAR PARK IS CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC VEHICLE TRAFFIC FROM 8.30AM TO 9.15AM 2.30PM TO 3.15PM

Please take note of parking restrictions that operate in the surrounding streets.

Parking congestion is expected to ease dramatically in Term 2 with the completion of Melton Secondary and Melton Specialist's building works.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open to families

MONDAY 10am to 12pm

WEDNESDAY 3pm to 4pm

You can pick up an Order Form from our office or download one from our Website. Just a reminder that we **ONLY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS, WITH THE CORRECT CHANGE.**

State School Relief uniforms are available for families who are experiencing extreme hardship. Part of the application process we need to give a valid reason for the application. Some reasons may be:

- Serious financial hardship
- Health issues
- Homelessness
- Family Violence

Please contact the office if you would like an application form to be sent home.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP (SSG) MEETINGS

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

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Next week we will be sending home booking instructions for our upcoming Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings.

Bookings are made online through Compass so please ensure that you have signed up to Compass Parent Portal. Compass sign up instruction letters were posted home to families early this term. If you are experiencing any difficulties or need assistance with Compass sign up please contact our Administration office for help.

Student Support Group meetings are an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) goals for the first semester. Your child's ILP goals will be sent home to you the week before so you can familiarise yourself with them before your scheduled meeting. If you would like to adjust the goals that have been suggested, the SSG meeting is the perfect time to discuss focus areas or needs of your child.

There is an expectation that families attend the termly SSG Meeting. In order for your child to have the best possible educational outcomes, school staff and families can best do that working as a team.

The SSG Meeting Day is a student free day. We will have child minding available for our families if they wish to bring students along to school during the meeting time. We encourage our Secondary students to be active participants in the SSG Meeting so they can have input into their goals and subsequently the achievement of their individual success.

If you need to have your SSG meeting over the phone please let your child's teacher know via the Communication Diary.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

Hi everyone, welcome to Afterschool Care.

Well we are back and keeping busy getting active in the playground and enjoying plenty of water play activities with the warm weather! Indoors we have been creative, making animal masks, creating Valentine's Day dancing puppets and getting creative with the Lego.

It's a great place to make new friends and join in some fun activities and learn some new skills! We cater for all ages from Prep to Year 12 on Permanent bookings and casual.

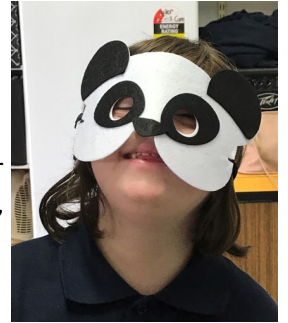
If you are interested in our program, please call me or pick up an enrolment form from the office or from the Distinctive Options Website.

Until next time!

Wendy Lindsay

Educational Leader

Ph: 0447085696



SCHOOL COUNCIL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

One of our 2019 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) school goals is to actively increase engagement with our school community. We would like the members who make up our school community, to be the leaders in this initiative along with school staff.

At a School Council Meeting late in 2018 a motion was passed to create a sub committee that was focused on Community Engagement and Events. The school councillors saw this as an opportunity to have more of our school community involved in the organisation of curriculum celebrations, fundraising and building community partnerships with outside organisations.

The function of the Community Engagement and Events Sub Committee is to:

- Organise and provide support for curriculum celebrations and links
- Explore social supports and community events available to parents and carers
- Support fundraising efforts of students and parent groups
- Creating local community links with local organisations
- Create awareness of achievements of our school and students

We are inviting all interested parties to express their interest in becoming an active member of this committee via the form below. This needs to be returned to the Administration Office by 22nd March.

More information will be sent home to you after the closing date.

PLEASE RETURN TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BY 22ND MARCH

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

I would like to be involved in the Community Engagement and Events Sub Committee.

Name: _____

Child: _____

Class group: _____



Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

At Melton Specialist School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

We are sending you a pocket card from Bullying. No Way! with tips on what to do if your child talks to you about bullying. Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. Adapt these tips to what works for you and your child.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.



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1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

To access more information about our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy please visit our website <https://meltonss.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/135/2016/09/Student-Wellbeing-and-Engagement-Policy-2016.pdf>

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please feel free to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDUCATION

YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL. YOU CAN HELP BY:



Ensuring children get a good night's sleep and get ready for school in the morning



Getting children to school every day

Asking questions to find what your child likes about school



Talking about going to school every day and how it helps children reach their dreams.



Talking about how school can be fun



EVERY DAY THEY MISS ADDS UP!

Skip
1 day a week
Miss 3 Years

Skip
2 days a week
Miss 5 Years

Skip
3 days a week
Miss 7 Years

Skip
4 days a week
Miss 10 Years

Skip
5 days a week
Miss 12 Years

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

MELTON SPECIALIST SCHOOL



are excited to be celebrating
National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March 2019.



In the spirit of embracing a healthy and happy start to the day, we encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.



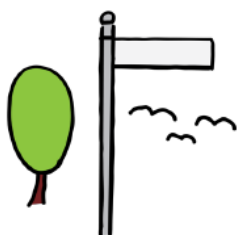
National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active transport for our community.



If you can't actively travel the whole way, consider parking the car nearby and riding or walking the rest of the way.



It's going to be a wheelie good day and we hope to see you there!





ATHERSTONE EXCHANGE JOBS MARKET

Looking for a job in Melton or the western suburbs?

Jobs Market is the Atherstone Exchange's exciting new event for jobseekers in Melton, presented in partnership with the Melton City Council and Jobs Victoria.

Come along and talk to employers and industry specialists about the key steps to landing a job, apprenticeship or traineeship that matches your skills and interests.

Meet with local employers who have real jobs up for grabs including:

- Civil Construction jobs – incl traffic management, labourers, machine operators.
- Building Construction Jobs – including apprenticeships, traineeships, general & trades labouring
- Health and Related Services Jobs – including cleaning, catering, personal service related roles

Event details:

Where: Melton Community Hall, 238 High Street Melton, VIC, 3337

When: Thursday, 28 March 2019, 4pm to 7pm

Who can attend: Anyone interested in an apprenticeship, traineeship or other jobs in construction, building or health. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to attend.

Register: Jobs Market Registration Form <https://bit.ly/2HdOcyk>

For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/2Te4veY>

or contact Hannan at the Exchange: Exchange@youthprojects.org.au or 0425 706 760

Thursday 28 March 2019, 4-7pm
Melton Community Hall, 238 High Street, Melton



Community Repair

MENDING IN MELTON

2019 FREE Sessions

1:00pm - 4:00pm
Saturday, 23rd February
Saturday, 30th March
Saturday, 27th April
Saturday, 25th May
Saturday, 29th June

Melton South Community Centre
41 Exford Road, Melton South

Do you have any household items that are broken or need mending? Bring along: clothing, bikes, jewellery, and more, and chat to one of our amazing team! We also provide support for learning crochet!

Equipment is available for clothing alterations, fixers will be on hand to assist with mending. Limited repairs can be done on electrical items, however where items cannot be fixed we may be able to provide repair advice!

For any enquiries about the sessions or to join the Community Repair team contact Ben Taylor:

9361 9377 BenjaminT@djhs.org.au [linkingmeltonsouth](https://www.facebook.com/linkingmeltonsouth)



djerriwarrh health services
health hospital community
Bacchus marsh - melton - caroline springs



Meet employers with job vacancies in the following areas:

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

Jobs Available:

- General Civil Labourers
- HR Drivers in Civil Construction
- Electrical Spotters
- Roller Operators
- Excavator Operators
- Traffic Controllers (with HR licence)
- Concreting Labourer
- Pipelayers

Job Location:

- Melbourne CBD – Melton, including western suburbs such as Werribee, Sunshine, Point Cook, Melton.
- Geelong
- Ballarat

Job Requirements:

- Valid driver's licence & own reliable vehicles
- Able to pass a drug & alcohol test
- Able to pass a fitness / medical test
- Relevant Tickets desirable, but not essential

HEALTH SERVICES

Jobs Available:

- Personal Service Assistants in Major Health Facilities
- Health Facility Catering Services
- Health Facility Cleaning Services
- Health Facility Warehousing Services
- Health Facility Security

Job Location:

- Sunshine
- Werribee

Job Requirements:

- Will be provided on the night.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Jobs Available:

- Builders Labourers and Trades Assistants
- Carpentry apprenticeships and trainees
- Electrician apprenticeships and trainees
- Painters and Plasterers
- Plumbing apprenticeships and trainees

Job Location:

- Melbourne CBD – Melton, including western suburbs such as Werribee, Sunshine, Point Cook, Melton.
- Geelong
- Ballarat

Job Requirements:

- Valid Driver's Licence
- Relevant Work Experience for technical trade roles
- Pre Apprenticeship (Cert II) is desirable for technical trade roles

Register here for the Jobs Market
<https://bit.ly/2HdOcyk>



DREAMBIGFESTIVAL LINKINGMELTONSOUTH

MELTON SOUTH DREAM BIG PARTY IN THE PARK

OUTDOOR CINEMA: THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

FREE ENTRY AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

ENQUIRIES: HEALTHPROMOTION@DJHS.ORG.AU | (03) 9361 9377

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS!

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH, 6:00PM-10:30PM

MT. CARBERRY RESERVE, 41 EXFORD ROAD, MELTON SOUTH

6:00PM - 8:30PM: MARKET, ART, SPORT, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCE AND MORE!

8:30PM - 10:30PM: SCREENING OF THE GREATEST SHOWMAN - BYO PICNIC AND RUG!

DREAM BIG FESTIVAL IS A JOINT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MELTON FESTIVAL FOR HEALTHY LIVING AND LINKING MELTON SOUTH SUPPORTED BY THE MELTON COUNCIL AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT



Bacchus Marsh Easter Fest

GOOD FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2019

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Maddingley Park, Station st, Bacchus Marsh

Easter Egg Hunts (1-18+years) | Easter Bonnet Parade | Rides and Amusements | Visits from the Easter Bunny | Stage Entertainment | Markets | Food

Purchase tickets at: www.ticketebo.com.au/BMEF2019

Email: bm.easterfest@gmail.com

facebook: BM.EasterFest

Web: bacchusmarsh.easterfest.yolasite.com



Bendigo Bank



djerriwarrh
health services



After-school
fun for
ages 5-12!

Hang out at the library after school - there will be something different to do every week! It could be art, craft, games or STEM related activities.

MELTON
CITY
LIBRARIES

AFTER SCHOOLIGANS!

Mondays in school terms • 4-5pm • Melton Library

Tuesdays in school terms • 4-5pm • Caroline Springs Library

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: VISIT OUR
WEBSITE OR CALL 03 9747 5300



MELTON YOUNG COMMUNITIES
193 BARRIES ROAD, MELTON
3337

LAUNCHPAD DROP IN PROGRAM 3 - 6 PM (FRIDAYS)



FOR MORE INFORMATION: PLEASE
CONTACT JAIME ON 9747 5382



Women's Yarning and Healing Group



Time: 10am -2pm

Where: Kirrip House 26 Exford Rd
Melton South VIC 3338

Dates: 11th February 2019
18th February 2019
25th February 2019
4th March 2019
11th March 2019
18th March 2019
25th March 2019
1st April 2019

Come join our
Women's Group and have
a yarn with other women,
learn new ways to strengthen
positive relationships, increase
cultural connection and
personal growth.

Lunch and refreshments provided

Contacts:

Joan Singh Aboriginal Therapeutic Family Violence Group Worker
E: joans@vacca.org M: 0427 663 568

Ani Connor-Simon Family Violence Team Leader
E: anis@vacca.org P: 9742 8300

VACCA Werribee Ground Floor, 75-79 Watton Street, Werribee VIC 3030
p. (03) 9742 8300 f. (03) 9742 8339

VACCA Melton 43 Bakerly Square, Melton VIC 3337
p. (03) 8746 2776

f w. www.vacca.org



All Hours Help

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Speak to a counsellor from the beach, your bedroom, the couch, in an empty classroom—anywhere you feel safe; you don't even have to give your name. "We care and we listen, anytime for any reason".

Mental Health Services 131 465

Feeling scared, anxious and alone? Help is just a phone call away. Speak to someone who understands how you feel. Access to a mental health team and psychiatrists without having to leave the house.

Lifeline 131 114

Afraid that you might hurt yourself? Desperate for help? Worried about someone you know? What's one phone call that could save your life? No judgement. No trace.

Regional Access 1300 032 186

Are you over 16 and living in rural SA? Regional Access is staffed by professionally trained counsellors who are ready to listen, support and encourage.

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Phone 24/7 for depression, anxiety and related disorders, as well as online information at www.beyondblue.org.au

1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732

1800 Respect is a National sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service.

Suicide Callback Service 1300 659 467

Free nationwide 24/7 professional telephone, online and video counselling for ANYONE impacted by suicide.

Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

Telephone support, information and referral service for men with family and relationship concerns.



STUDIO 22

TERM 1 PROGRAM

Wed 30 Jan	Board games
Mon 4 Feb	Scavenger hunt
Wed 13 Feb	Card making
Mon 18 Feb	Wii Mario Kart competition
Wed 27 Feb	Kinetic sand fun
Mon 4 Mar	Girls Night In – jewellery making and movie (Girls only)
Wed 13 Mar	Non- bake cooking
Mon 18 Mar	Wire sculpture using beads & buttons
Wed 27 Mar	Boys Night In – pool competition & movie (Boys only)
Mon 1 Apr	Obstacle course or PT session

*This shows activity days only. Studio 22 is open every Monday & Wednesday 3.30pm-6.00pm



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