

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

It's the end of week 3 and students and staff are mostly settling in to their new classes and routines. I am slowly getting to know everyone's names and trying to visit as many rooms as I can. As a Leadership Team, we are talking with staff about whether the current placement of your child is the most appropriate. Section Leaders will contact families if there are any changes to discuss. Please discuss any concerns you may have at the SSG next week.

Parent Pickup

Please make sure parents contact the office if someone other than the known parent or family member will be collecting your child from school. If this does not happen, we will be contacting you to confirm the authorisation of the pick-up. Whilst we understand this takes extra time, it is important we are keeping your child safe.

SSG's

Just a reminder that SSG's are next week – I'm looking forward to meeting families and enjoying the BBQ. Please remember this is a meeting to discuss your goals for your child and how we can adapt the class program to meet those goals.

Just a reminder Julie and Wendy from our Review team will also be around to gather some parent opinions about the direction of the school.

Arrival and departure

We are aware of how congested the courtyard is in the morning and afternoons before/after school hours – we are working on a plan to improve this and will communicate this with you all in the coming weeks.

Best wishes everyone –have a great weekend

See you next week
Brooke

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**Bus
Absence
Line**

1800 660 530

**Please Note:
Newsletters will now be circulated
FORTNIGHTLY**

Up coming Events

School Council Elections 2017

**All nominations for the Parent Representative are due to the office on
Monday 20th February.**

Come and get involved in the school and help lead the school into the future with our Building project and new curriculum.

Student Support Group Meetings

Student Support Group meetings Monday February 20th to Thursday February 23rd.



Welcome to 2017 Family BBQ

All our families are invited to pop into school from 4pm to 6:30pm on Monday February 20th to enjoy our free BBQ and refreshments.

This event is running on the same night as our SSG meetings begin, so book a time slot and enjoy some dinner before or afterwards!

Parents, Carers and Community Club News

Committee Meeting Wednesday 22nd February at 9:15am in the Meeting Room.



Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 9:15am.

Everyone is invited to come along and have chat and enjoy some refreshments. It is a great opportunity to share stories and advice on being a carer.

Volunteer Induction Session

March 2nd at 10am

A volunteer induction is compulsory if you intend to do any volunteering here at our school.

If you don't have your WWCC still come along and fill in the application forms on the day.

Important School Information

Drop Off/Pick Up & Parking Information

Thank you to all the families who continue to support the safe transfer of their children from their cars and into the school. It is always much appreciated by all the staff and children who are using the area.

NO ENTRY TO SCHOOL CARPARK

In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment, we remind parents that between **8.30 a.m. and 9.20 a.m.**, as well as **2.30 p.m. to 3.20 p.m.** that parent/carer/guardian vehicles are to remain outside the school gates in designated car parks.

DESIGNATED WALKWAYS

When you are walking into the school please use the designated walkways which are highlighted by the yellow painted lines.

STREET PARKING

Please observe the Melton Council parking restrictions that operate in the parking areas surrounding the school. You may be fined as a result of parking incorrectly. We appreciate that parking is difficult to find during peak times around the school and there are alternatives at the Melton Waves or opposite us on Coburns Road if you wish to include a short walk into your drop off and pick up routine.

School Absences

If your child is sick or not going to be at school for the day, please call the school and leave a message.

- Ring 9743 4966
- Select option to leave a message
- Include your child's name, classroom teacher, date of absence and reason for absence

Upon return to school it is necessary to have a note in the Communication Diary regarding the absence and a medical certificate if appropriate.

Grievance Procedure

Step 1: Use the Communication Diary to communicate with your child's teacher, or alternatively make an appointment to meet with your students teacher and discuss the issue.

Step 2: If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with Section Leader on 9743 4966.

Juniors - Joyce Keirsten-Wakefield

Middles - Victoria Zivave

Later Years - Michele Marcu

Step 4: If you still seek further resolution phone or write to the Assistant Principal.

Juniors - Bronwen Welch

Middles & Seniors - John McKee

Step 5: If you still seek further resolution phone or write to the Principal.

Step 6: After steps 1-5. if the matter is not resolved, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291—6500.

Medication

Under the guidelines of the Department of Education (DET) Prescription and Non Prescription medications including eye drops, creams etc will only be administered with a **signed and completed Medication Administration Form**. These forms are available from the office or your child's teacher.

Medication **MUST** be supplied in it's **original packaging with a chemist's label** Children are not permitted to administer any medications themselves or keep medicine in their possession.

Injuries and Insurance

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs are refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. We recommend having Ambulance Victoria Membership for your children.

The department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

School Bus Absence & Communication

1800 660 530

For all bus absences or issues please call the above number

This number must be called to leave details regarding your child's absence from the bus. If they are going to be away sick from school the bus company must also be notified.

Volunteering

Our school greatly appreciates the support given to students' learning through volunteering. Family involvement in the classroom and special activities is encouraged and very welcome.

People who volunteer must have a current [*Working with Children Check*](#). Applications can be made online and there is no fee involved. Once you receive your card, it must be presented to the office for verification.

You will need to attend a Volunteer's Induction session to be able to volunteer here at our school. These sessions will be held regularly through out the year.

Please get in touch with your child's teacher if you wish to help out in the classroom.

Dates to Remember

Monday	20th February	SSG Meetings and Welcome to School 2017 BBQ School Council Representatives Nomination Forms Due
Tuesday	21st February	SSG Meetings School Council Meeting 6pm Golf Elective—Selected students Keilor Golf Course
Wednesday	22nd February	SSG Meetings Parents, Carers and Community Club (PCCC) Meeting 9:15am Interschool Cricket - Selected Students
Tuesday	28th February	Pancake Day
Thursday	2nd March	PCCC Morning Tea 9:15am Volunteers Induction 10:00am
Friday	3rd March	Mid-Term Assembly 2:15pm Clean Up Australia Day Schools Newsletter Parents/Carers Information Session and Morning Tea
Wednesday	8th March	International Women's Day Interschool Golf—Selected students
Monday	13th March	Public Holiday School Closed—Labour Day
Friday	17th March	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Newsletter
Tuesday	21st March	Harmony Day Learning Celebration School Council Annual General Meeting 6pm Blackwood Camp—Penny's class
Monday	27th March	Alpine Ride Camp—selected students
Thursday	30th March	Individual Learning Plans (ILP) go home to families Career Action Plans go home to families
Friday	31st March	Easter Hat Parade End of Term Assembly 1:15pm Newsletter End of Term 1—Early Dismissal 2pm Term 2 begins 9am
Tuesday	18th April	Anzac Day Remembrance Service 2:30pm
Friday	21st April	Public Holiday School Closed—Anzac Day
Tuesday	25th April	

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Prize Winners

Vlado Marinkovic
Chloe Smith
Ajak Nicodemus
Kaitlyn Gauci
Jamie-Lee King
Amy Hibbert
Lautaro Santa Maria
Makayla Wright



Sue is Safe



Rocky is Respectful



Ringo is Responsible

iPLAY

@ Melton Indoor Recreation Centre

WHEN:
Mondays during school term

TIME:
3:30pm-5:30pm

WHERE:
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
195 - 211 Coburns Road Melton
(Next to Melton Secondary College)

COST:
FREE

SPORTS:
Basketball, Netball, Table Tennis and Indoor Soccer

CONTACT:
Nicole or
P: 9747 5321
E: nicolema@melton.vic.gov.au
Margaret
9747 5356
E: margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au

Sign-up, come along
and bring some friends

www.melton.vic.gov.au
P: 9747 5373



Melton City Council

iPLAY @ Caroline Springs Leisure Centre



iPLAY is a FREE recreation program for young people aged 12 to 25 years. With a range of great sports under the one roof, the program is designed to increase activity levels and fitness while making new friends.

WHEN: Thursday afternoons
TIME: 3.30pm to 5.30pm
WHERE: Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
9-19 The Parade, Caroline Springs
COST: Free
RSVP: Margaret or Nicole
Email: margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au or
nicolema@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 5321

**BOOK
EARLY!**
Don't miss out!

W: melton.vic.gov.au
P: 9747 7200



GET ACTIVE IN THE CITY OF MELTON SUMMER SERIES

FREE



Six weeks of FREE programs to get active
Monday 20 February - Friday 31 March

EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

SENIORS DANCING Dancesport Westside 1/21 Reserve Rd, Melton. Mondays 9.00am SENIORS	KANGATRaining Burnside Children's Community Centre. Tuesdays 11.00am Registrations required: mercis@kangatraining.com.au MUMS AND BUBS	ACTIVE FAMILIES Bridge Road Athletics Precinct 82 Bridge Rd, Melton South. Tuesdays 7.00pm FAMILIES	DROP-IN FITNESS MELTON Arnolds Creek Community Centre. Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am BABIES AND CHILDREN WELCOME
COME & TRY SOCCER Kununging Res Reserve. Satellite Soccer Club. Tuesdays 4.30pm to 5.30pm 4 TO 6 YEAR OLDS	PARENTS & PRAMS WALK Hannah Watts Park. Meet in main car park. Thursdays 10.00am BABIES & CHILDREN WELCOME	BENTLE ZUMBA Stevenson House, 10 Stevenson Crescent, Caroline Springs. Thursdays 10.30am ALL AGES/BABIES & CHILDREN WELCOME	SONS OF THE WEST Taylors Hill Community Centre Tuesdays 14 Feb - 18 April 7.00pm - 8.30pm MENS HEALTH PROGRAM
DROP-IN FITNESS CAROLINE SPRINGS Caroline Springs Leisure Centre. Fridays 10.00am - 12.00pm BABIES & CHILDREN WELCOME	COME & TRY CYCLE CLUB Hannah Watts Park, meet in main car park. Sunday 26 Feb 8-26 March 8.00am ADULTS, ALL ABILITIES	BRIDGE ROAD RUNNING GROUP Bridge Road Athletics Precinct 82 Bridge Rd, Melton South. Tuesdays 7.00pm ADULTS	SONS OF THE WEST Arnolds Creek Community Centre Thursdays 19 Feb - 20 April 4.30pm-6.00pm or 7.00pm-8.30pm MENS HEALTH PROGRAM

Registrations only required for Kangatraining, for all other programs just come along!

[/healthymelton](https://www.facebook.com/healthymelton)
9747 7200



PRESEASON 2017

A FREE 10 week
exercise program.
Not fit?
No problem.

Taylors Hill

Every Tuesday night from 14 February to 18 April, 7pm-8:30pm
Taylors Hill Community Centre, 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill 3037

Melton West

Every Thursday night from 16 February to 20 April, 4.30pm-6pm or 7pm-8:30pm
Arnolds Creek Community Centre, 19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Melton West 3337

sonsofthewest.org.au

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WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER: 3PM – 5.30PM, MELTON SKATEPARK
 SUNDAY, 23 OCTOBER: 3PM – 5.30PM, TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK
 FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER: 3.30PM – 6PM, TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK
 SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER: 3PM – 5.30PM, ROCKBANK SKATEPARK
 SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER: 3PM – 5.30PM, MELTON SKATEPARK
 FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY: 3PM – 5.30PM, TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK
 SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY: 3PM – 5.30PM, MELTON SKATEPARK
 SATURDAY, 4 MARCH: 3PM – 5.30PM, TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK
 SUNDAY, 19 MARCH: 3PM – 5.30PM, ROCKBANK SKATEPARK
 SATURDAY, 1 APRIL: 3PM – 5.30PM, TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK
 SUNDAY, 7 MAY: 3PM – 5.30PM, MELTON SKATEPARK
 SUNDAY, 21 MAY: 3PM – 5.30PM, TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK

SKATEPARK ADDRESSES

MELTON SKATEPARK: RESERVE ROAD, THE WILLOWS HISTORIC PARK
 ROCKBANK SKATEPARK: WESTCOTT PARADE [NEAR FOOTBALL OVAL]
 TAYLORS HILL SKATEPARK: CALDER PARK DRIVE [NEAR YOUTH CENTRE]

SKATEBOARDS & SAFETY GEAR AVAILABLE IF NEEDED
 REGISTER ON THE DAY: ADULT SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR MINORS
 ALL SESSIONS ARE ALCOHOL-FREE AND DRUG-FREE



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 @ALLABOARDSESSIONS
 OWNLIFE.COM.AU
 @OWNLIFEBEINIT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Sensory Friendly Respite Activity Days

Smart Communities in conjunction with Autism Spectrum Victoria (ASPECT) and DHHS are pleased to be able to offer families with young people aged 13-23 with an ASD a free respite activities day event.

Are you (your child):

Aged 13 – 23 years?

Have a diagnosis of ASD?

Live in the City of Melton, Brimbank or Wyndham?

If so, you can attend our sensory friendly Activity Days in Feb/March 2017 free of charge. Your siblings can also attend at no additional cost if they'd like to come too.

We are offering full day respite activities on

Saturday the 25th of Feb

Sunday the 26th of Feb and

Saturday the 4th of March

The activities will be hosted in the area of the Mornington Peninsula. Transport to and from the activity is provided free of charge.

You will be notified of the pick-up point in your area/school at completion of registration and our number of participants has been confirmed. The event including transport is supervised by our fully qualified and friendly staff.

We recommend you bringing snacks and drinks for the bus trip there and back. As the activities are in a lovely garden setting, bring a packed lunch to be enjoyed as a picnic.

Each activity day will include a sensory friendly performance/Live Show of 'Into the Woods Jr', jumping castles and games, art & crafts, performing activities such as drama workshops and karaoke, quiet areas for storytelling and a sensory space, along with roving entertainers, face painting and Devonshire Tea.

FREE EVENT WALK WITH HER

PRESENTED BY
MELTON WOMEN
MAKING IT HAPPEN

SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2017
 10AM REGISTRATION, WALK STARTS AT 12PM
 HANNAH WATTS PARK, HIGH STREET, MELTON



LET'S WALK TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFER, MORE RESPECTFUL AND EQUAL COMMUNITY

1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15. Help change the story and show your support for a safer, more respectful and equal community with the Walk With Her event. Choose a 2km or 4km walk around Hannah Watts Park.

REGISTER at <https://healthpromotion.events.smart.com> OR on the day from 10am.

Led by Melton Women Making it Happen, supported by Djerriwarrh Health Service (DjHS).

DjHS is committed to being a workforce and community leader in the prevention of violence against women. We believe it is everyone's role to challenge attitudes, beliefs and cultures that support violence.

Be sure to join in on Clean Up Australia Day and the Market Day hosted by Webbs Events before your walk, from 9:30am.

For more information contact Lisha:
lisha@djhs.org.au | 9361 9360

[/healthpromotionatdjhs](https://healthpromotionatdjhs)

For more information regarding these activity days and how to register please email or call the coordinator contacts below.

Kind regards,
 Sandra Martin
 Director, Smart Communities

Respite Activity Day
 Coordinators

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