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**AFTER  
SCHOOL CARE  
COMMUNICATION  
LINE**

**0447 085 696**

**Bacchus Marsh  
Coaches**

**STUDENT  
BUS TRANSPORT  
COMMUNICATION  
LINE**

**1800 660 530**

**Our School will be**

**CLOSED on:**

Queen's Birthday

12th June

Curriculum Day

June 13th

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

Can you believe that are almost half way the term?

### Mid-Term Assembly

We will celebrate all the achievements and fun times our at Mid Term Assembly. Please join us next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May where we will be celebrating National Sorry Day, everyone one is invited.

### Education Week

Next week is Education Week and this year's theme is 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body.' The following week is Reconciliation Week where we will be exploring our Indigenous culture and participating in community activities.

### Keep in Touch

Look out for information on our Facebook page and on the FlexiBuzz (Formerly TiqBiz) App.

### Shout out to our Parents, Carers and Community Club

What an amazing job our Parents did setting up the Mother's Day Stall. I know that many mothers received a wonderful surprise on Sunday due to their creative choices of gifts. We are very much looking forward to Pizza Lunch Day on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember if you would like to be involved you are very welcome – contact the office.

### Careers Expo

Next week our Senior Students will have the opportunity to visit the Melton City Council Careers expo on Tuesday and the Trade Training Expo on Friday. This is a great opportunity for student to think about opportunities after school finishes. Whilst this time can be daunting it can also be a very exciting time for teenagers. If you would like more information please make contact with your classroom teacher.

### Staff Changes

This term we have moved some our Teaching Support Staff. These changes were made over a period of 4 weeks. We completely acknowledge that our some of our students find change difficult and ask for your trust and patience whilst we move through a settling period. Our staff will be monitoring the impact of these changes closely. Don't hesitate to get in touch with your classroom teacher or Section leader to discuss these changes.

### New Reports

At the end of the term we will providing reports in a different format. These reports are being produced via COMPASS and in the long term we hope to have parent access to the database. Please take time to look through your child's report and provide us with any feedback. We would really like to create a report template which give you the information you would like in terms of the progress being made.

Hopefully our paths will cross at some point over the next couple of weeks at our Assembly or Education Week.

Best wishes everyone, Brooke.



As per our Uniform Policy (full policy available on our Website) Hoodies are not part of our school uniform. If your child wears a hoodie to school they will be asked to remove it and swap it with one of our school jumpers for the day. Students will not be able to participate in excursions if they are not in full school uniform. If you need financial assistance to purchase uniform pieces please contact the office or your child's teacher for more information.

## A Word From: Room 2— Sunita, Katherine & Sandy

# Junior 8 Sensory Activities

Matilda is coactively painting a purple picture.



Jett is focusing on painting a yellow picture.



Shakaya is spreading butter on a slice of bread.



Scarlett is enjoying Morning Circle time.



Karthika, Elycia, and Sasha also enjoyed many different sensory activities.

## Get Important School News Online!

Stay in touch with  
FlexiBuzz

STEP  
01

Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login



Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store.



Go to [web.flexibuzz.com](http://web.flexibuzz.com) and click "Sign Up".

STEP  
02

Connect to us



Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.

STEP  
03

Select your communication groups



Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

STEP  
04

Get started



Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.



Like



Check out our school Facebook page!

Catch up on the latest news and activities, download the school newsletter and see what is coming up on the school calendar.



Melton Specialist School

@meltonspecialistschool.5162

Check out our school Website!  
[meltonss.vic.edu.au](http://meltonss.vic.edu.au)

Head over to our website to find out about our policies, school calendar and programs.

For further information or assistance please visit our website [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com) or email us via [support@flexibuzz.com](mailto:support@flexibuzz.com).



## Sporting Schools Term 1—Hockey & Golf



Our school has been lucky enough to receive grant funding through the Australian Sports Commission's 'Sporting Schools Program'.

The funding has been used to purchase equipment for our Hockey program and is being used to increase the skills of participants and participate in games.

Some of our older students are participating in a pilot 'Youth Participation Program' in partnership with Sporting Schools and La Trobe University. This program runs over Term 1 and 2 and involves our students being trained by Melton Valley Golf Club's golf pros. The program is creating pathways to community sport, with the hope that the students participating in the program have the skills and confidence to continue the sport in their leisure time within their local community. Melton Valley have been very generous in accommodating our students and at times fixing up a few divots in their greens!

We have been working with PGA professional Daniel Defelice throughout 2016 and 2017 and would to offer the opportunity for parents and their families if they are **interested in taking lessons at Melton Valley Golf Club to contact Daniel on 0478 390 261 or visit Daniel Defelice PGA Professional on Facebook.**



## Parents, Carers and Community Club News

### Pizza Lunch Order Day

THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017



THE PCCC ARE HAVING A PIZZA LUNCH ORDER DAY ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2017, TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL. AN ORDER FORM WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER SLICES OF PIZZA AND A DRINK AND THE ORDERS WILL BE SENT TO THE CHILDS CLASS ROOM.



## Up Coming Events



Students will be learning all about healthy minds and bodies next week, with a variety of fun activities planned. The school is promoting our morning snack time as 'fruit break' time. Pop a piece of fruit in your child's lunch box so they can enjoy fruit time with their classmates!

## FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



### The theme for NRW 2017 is 'Let's take the next steps'

This National Reconciliation Week we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey—50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision.

As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey.

Our school will be hosting activities through out the week including a display at our Mid Term Assembly on 26th May, participating in the Melton Township 'Long Walk' and an Indigenous Art Therapy colouring competition.

## National Reconciliation Week 2017

27 May to 3 June



## Dates to Remember

Monday	22nd May	<b>Education Week</b> 979FM Radio Training—selected senior students
Tuesday	23rd May	Golf Elective—selected senior students Careers Expo 2017—selected senior students
Wednesday	24th May	Landcare Project—selected senior students
Thursday	25th May	Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students
Friday	26th May	<b>National Sorry Day</b> <b>Mid Term Assembly 1:15am</b> Trade Training Expo—selected senior students
Monday	29th May	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b> Blackwood Camp—Kirsten and Danni's classes
Tuesday	30th May	Golf Elective—selected senior students
Thursday	1st June	Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students Blackwood Camp—Brigitte and Glen's classes
Tuesday	6th June	<b>School Council Meeting 6pm</b>
Thursday	8th June	<b>PCCC Special Lunch Order Day—PIZZA</b>
Monday	12th June	<b>Public Holiday School Closed—Queen's Birthday</b>
Tuesday	13th June	<b>Curriculum Day—No Students to attend school</b>
Wednesday	14th June	DOXA Camp—selected students
Friday	30th June	<b>End of Term Assembly</b> <b>Term 2 finishes 2pm—early dismissal</b>

## Friendly Reminder to update Contact Details

Please inform the school of any changes to your contact details so we can get in touch with you in a variety of situations. Please let your child's classroom teacher know in the Communication Dairy or update them with the office directly on 9743 4966.

## Head Lice

We have had a few reported cases of head lice recently and would like to remind parents to be vigilant in checking their child's hair and applying the appropriate treatments before returning to school.

**To prevent head lice becoming an issue for your child there are a number of tips that can help:**

- If your child has long hair, tie it up into a secure hair style
- Use gel, hairspray and other styling products to coat your child's hair so they will not be able to attach to the hair shaft.
- Check your child's hair regularly for lice

**To remove head lice there are a number of tips that can help:**

- Coat your child's hair in conditioner and use a lice comb to remove the live lice and eggs. Repeat this process every second day for a week to break the cycle.
- Afterwards apply a commercial treatment to kill any remaining live lice and eggs according the manufacturers directions.





## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

From the **26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**, Distinctive Options will be conducting an after school care program at Melton Specialist School. We provide safe, stimulating, individualised care for children to allow parents to work longer hours, spend time with their other children and as a form respite. Fees are subsidised up to 50% through Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate, and respite support hours may also be used.

All children are fully supported and encouraged to get involved with all of the fun activities on offer. Our program follows the My Time Our Place Framework for School Age Care in Australia and incorporates various activities, including games, construction, music, art, craft, sport, dance and cooking.

All staff are experienced in children with complex needs as well as qualifications in first aid, anaphylaxis and asthma management.

Once a child is enrolled, they can be placed in the program on a permanent basis each week or on a casual basis at short notice.

Pick up a Parent Handbook and Enrolment Pack from the school office now, request one to be sent home via your child's communication diary or contact the coordinator Sarah for more information.



3.00PM – 6.00PM

MSS STUDENTS  
BETWEEN 5 AND 18

PERMANENT OR  
CASUAL BOOKINGS

FUN ACTIVITIES ON  
OFFER EACH NIGHT  
OF THE WEEK

COST CAN BE  
COVERED USING  
CHILD CARE  
BENEFIT, CHILD  
CARE REBATE &  
RESPITE SUPPORT  
HOURS

SARAH QUIGLEY

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FRIDAY  
JUNE  
2ND



PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL  
POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU



# MELTON ROYAL BLUE LIGHT DISCO

THE GAP

5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON  
NO PASS OUTS | NO BACK PACKS

6-8PM | PRIMARY AGE

CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

PRIZES FOR BEST  
DRESSED ROYAL!

\$5  
ENTRY



MELTON BLUE LIGHT  
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13.

CONTACT [STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU)  
OR [THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM)



BLUELIGHT\_VIC

## Walking & Cycling in Caroline Springs



Do you live in Caroline Springs? Do you want to help make it easier and better to walk and ride around town?

Melton City Council wants to hear from you about how we can increase the number of people walking and cycling in the town centre area of Caroline Springs.

If you or someone you know are interested in providing feedback on what is planned, come along to one of our community conversation sessions.

RSVP today!

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday, 31 May at 1pm to 2:30pm  
Wednesday, 31 May at 6pm to 7:30pm  
Saturday, 3 June at 10am to 11:30am

#### WHERE:

Caroline Springs Library  
193-201 Caroline Springs Boulevard  
Caroline Springs

#### RSVP before 26 May:

Melissa Ensink  
Email: [melissae@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissae@melton.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 9747 7200

Refreshments will be provided.

Participants that **RSVP and attend** will go into the draw to win a Coles voucher.



Career Counselling
Vocational
Employment Services
Creativity Industries
Hospitality
Training

MELTON CITY COUNCIL  
careers expo  
---- 2017 ----

Hey, what are your **OPTIONS** when you finish highschool?  
Are you still thinking of a **CAREER CHANGE**?

★ MEET INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS ★ GAIN NEW SKILLS ★ DISCUSS/PLAN YOUR FUTURE ★ IGNITE YOUR CAREER

tuesday 23 may  
FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

free to PUBLIC . DON'T MISS OUT  
OPEN FROM 9am TILL 2:30pm

QUALITY HOTEL TABCORP PARK . 2 FERRIS ROAD, MELTON SOUTH . Enquiries at Melton City Council Youth Services on 9747 5421 or [mcccareersexpo@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:mcccareersexpo@melton.vic.gov.au)

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# RE-CYCLE, RE-USE & RE-DREAM...

A MULTI-MEDIA FASHION SHOW

16 Brooklyn Rd -  
Melton South



**Come and create show stopping fashion... be part of the Dream Big Festival Fashion show extravaganza in September.**

Opportunities to create whole outfits, or be part of a team. Create multi-media sound & visuals. Influenced & produced by fellow community members. **Can you sew, knit, design, be crafty, are good with a camera. Would you be interested in helping out some teenagers create?**

e [redreamfashion@gmail.com](mailto:redreamfashion@gmail.com)  
[www.fullon.biz/re-dream-fashion](http://www.fullon.biz/re-dream-fashion)

**Every Wednesday in May & June  
4pm-5.30pm  
@ Melton Uniting Church Op Shop**



Registered NDIS Provider

## SPEAK UP!

**Have your voice heard.**

**A workshop for all people with disabilities, their families, carers and those who work with them.**

Learn what to do and who to contact when you have concerns about **disability services**, funding, access, or discrimination.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm – 5pm**

**The Trench Room, Ballarat Town Hall,  
225 Sturt St, Ballarat.**

**Tickets \$8 pp available at**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/QCCK>**

**Afternoon tea provided**

With courage  
let us all combine

**Join us to  
celebrate  
Refugee Week**



Hear the inspiring  
stories of refugees  
and asylum seekers,  
and enjoy cultural  
performances.

**When**  
Thursday,  
22 June 2017  
Time 12 pm – 1.30 pm

**Where**  
Melton Community Hall,  
232 High Street,  
Melton

**Free event**  
Light refreshments  
provided

RSVP Essan Dileri

[essand@melton.vlc.gov.au](mailto:essand@melton.vlc.gov.au)

9747 7200

For more information visit: [melton.vlc.gov.au](http://melton.vlc.gov.au)



Refugee  
Week

