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## A Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school everybody!

It is always so lovely to wander around in the first week and see the students happy to be back at school and excited to share their experiences over the holidays. As always we have started the term with a flurry of activity and planning for 2019.

### SunSmart

As the weather has improved and we are in term 4. Please remember to send a hat to school with your child. If a student does not have a hat or refuses to wear a hat they will be asked to attend an inside club for lunchtime play. We will have spare hats for the days when students just forget!

### TEACCH TRAINING

During the holidays we hosted trainers from the University of North Carolina – TEACCH Program. Participants travelled from around Australia and East Asia to attend this training and 8 of our staff gave up their valuable holiday training to also attend. The training involved 4 of our students and a parent Q&A panel. All feedback from participants and student was this was one of the best training courses they had attended in their teaching career. A big thank you goes to Bree, Alisha and Kay for their amazing organisation skill which meant the training and hosting was completed without a hitch. Big thanks also goes to Izaac, Stefan, Ashton and Kasey for giving up their holidays and being the best 'teachers' ever. We would also like to acknowledge our parents, Michelle, Nicole and Steve for sharing their experiences and being honest about the positives and challenges for their daily lives.



### **naturform™**



### Thank you!

Over the holidays, we were incredibly lucky to have a team from Naturform Melton come to the school, donating their time and materials to improve our school environment. Thank you to Brendan O'Connor for choosing us and coordinating the day. We now have a 'Pump Track' for the kids to practice their bike skills. We also had many improvement made to our gardens and general tidiness.

### Playground and classroom behaviours

Whilst our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support team have been working very hard with our staff to reinforce the positive behaviours with our students, there are a small number of young people who can make some 'mistakes' when in class or on the playground. As a leadership team, we have spoken to several staff and students and a decision has been made that certain playground games will no longer be permitted during school time. The reason for this is the impact on learning time. Some of these games could be perceived as Bullying and the school has a zero tolerance of these behaviours. Staff will be making reports directly to the Leadership Team if they believe there are any instances of Bullying and the corresponding consequences will be implemented.

### Planning for 2019

This term we are compiling staffing and class groups. Staff will be indicating what has been successful and challenging in the combinations of students and we will be asking students for their feedback also. The final Curriculum Day this term will be an SSG meeting where you will be able to meet the new staff for classes next year. Please save the date!

Best wishes  
Brooke

# STUDENT TRANSPORT 2019

At the end of Term 3 we sent out an Expression of Interest form to all families. This information will enable us to distribute our Department of Education allocated resources to the students who meet eligibility requirements for Transport Assistance.

If your child would like to either start using or continue using the school bus service, please return these forms immediately to the Administration Office. Where appropriate, additional forms will be distributed to you to formalise the application.

If your child is ready to transition to independent travel they can access a Yearly Public Transport Student Pass through Conveyance Allowance Assistance. Staff will be contacting the families of students who are ready to undertake this exciting step towards increased independence.

As part of the building project we are constructing a bike/scooter parking area so there will be space to securely park active travel equipment. We would love to see more students and families using active travel to get to school, especially now as the lovely weather is with us once again.

**In 2019 there will be changes to existing routes and stops to ensure that students who live in the transport priority area (more than 4.8km from the school) will have their travel requirements met as a priority over those who live closer to the school. This will mean decreased travel times for students who live further from the school and less stops for all travellers. More information regarding the routes and stops will be distributed to all families who have applied for transport assistance in the second last week of this term.**

Please note some general information regarding access to transport assistance below. This information was contained in the Family Guide distributed at the end of Term 3. A copy is available on our website.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSPORT PROGRAM (SDTP) FAMILY GUIDELINES**

***Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for transporting their children to and from school - Attendance at a specialist or integrated school does not automatically entitle a student to assistance or preclude parents from being primarily responsible for their child's transport arrangements.***

***An application can be made to the school to access travel assistance. At this time the family and student agrees to meet all of the Conditions of Travel.***

***The application is received and then the student's access is measured against the eligibility criteria.***

***An assessment will be made as to their fitness to travel on the available services.***

***There will be a meeting to develop an Individual Travel Plan for the student.***

***If applicable the families will need to provide all necessary equipment to enable the student to travel safely and in accordance with the Individual Travel Plan.***

***The student will then begin access to the chosen travel service. This is on a trial basis and additional meetings and equipment may be required if appropriate.***

If there are any questions or concerns in relation to your child's travel please contact the Student Transport Administrator during office hours.

# COMPLUSORY UNIFORM BEGINS IN 2019

**The 12 month change over period has nearly finished for the introduction of our new school uniform.**

Many families have taken the opportunity to stagger the purchasing of pieces of uniform during the last three terms of the school year.

Our uniform shop is open every **Wednesday from 3pm to 4.30pm** if you wish to try on samples to get the right sizing for your child.

You can pick up an Order Form from our office or download one from our Website. If you cannot make it to the shop in Wednesday nights please bring the order and correct payment to the Administration Office to be processed. Just a reminder that we **ONLY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS**. EFTPOS will be introduced in 2019.

Please note that the last uniform shop for the year will be Wednesday 12th December. No orders will be accepted after this time. The shop will reopen on Tuesday January 29th 2019 9am.

We do have some stock on hand of most sizes so please place orders very soon. There could be a lead time of 2--3 weeks between ordering and receipt if the pieces are not in stock.

We thank families for their continued support in the introduction of our new school uniform.

The Student Dress Code Policy will be enforced in 2019 so please make yourself familiar with the requirements. Copies are available from the Administration Office and it can be found on our Website.

## NDIS INFORMATION

As many of you may have heard the NDIS Local Area Coordinator for Melton has been appointed. They are the Brotherhood of St Laurence.



The new Melton NDIS Office is now open and is located at High Street Melton (old Westpac Bank) near IGA.

There are many free information sessions that are being hosted to support families through the application process. Keep a look out on social media or for flyer in our newsletter.

We have had an increase in requests for support in filling out forms for the NDIS. Unfortunately we are unable to carry out this task, but can supply copies of reports held in your child's student file. We cannot create new reports to support the application, this is something that your child's medical practitioners can assist you with.

If you do require copies of student related reports, please send an email to [melton.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:melton.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au) or phone 97434966. Please allow a minimum of 5 working days for the request to be processed. Please note that copies of Cognitive Assessments can only be collected directly from the Administration Office and not handed to your child to bring home.

We thank you for your patience with these processes.

If you require more information about the interface between the Department of Education and the NDIS please download the Fact Sheets on our Website.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	25th October	PRIMARY SECTION—SAUSAGE ROLL DAY
Thursday	1st November	SECONDARY SECTION—SAUSAGE ROLL DAY
Tuesday	6th November	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	7th November	Super Ride Camp 2018—Selected Students
Friday	9th November	MID TERM ASSEMBLY—2.15PM
Monday	12th November	Grampians Expedition—Selected Students
Monday	19th November	Portland Bay Camp—Tim and Bernice Classes
Thursday	19th December	END OF TERM ASSEMBLY & GRADE 6 GRADUATION—2.
Thursday	20th December	SSG DAY—STUDENT FREE DAY—MEET THE TEACHER 2019
Friday	21st December	END OF TERM—EARLY DISMISSAL 2PM

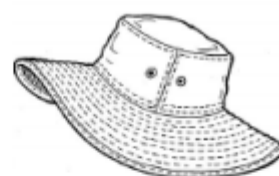
## WE ARE A SUNSMART SCHOOL

Melton Specialist School is a sun smart school, all students must bring a hat to school during terms 1 and 4 for outdoor play.

Our SunSmart policy is on our website for further information, attached is what is recommended by SunSmart when buying a suitable hat for your child.

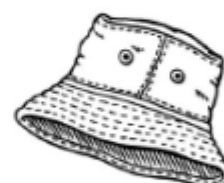
### **Broad-brimmed hat\***

Brim should shade the face, neck and ears.



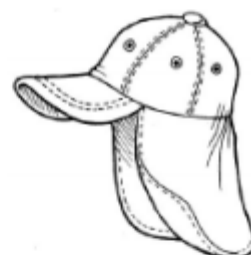
### **Bucket hat\***

Bucket or surfer-style hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should provide the face, neck and ears with plenty of shade.



### **Legionnaire hat**

Legionnaire hats should have a flap that covers the ears and back of the neck to the collarbone/shoulder. The side flap and front peak should overlap to protect the side of the face.



### **Recommended brim width measurements<sup>3</sup>**

	Indicative age group	Headwear size	Broad-brimmed minimum brim width	Bucket style minimum brim width
<b>Children</b>	Infants 0–1 year	41–43cm	5cm	5cm
	Toddler 1–2 years	49–52cm	5cm	5cm
	3–8 years	50–54cm	5cm	5cm
	8–12 years	55–57cm	6cm	6cm
<b>Adults*</b>	S/M	55–57cm	7.5cm	6cm
	M/L	57–59cm	7.5cm	6cm
	L/XL	59–61cm	7.5cm	6cm
	XXL	62–63cm	7.5cm	6cm

\*Greater than 56cm circumference



# BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

There have been some dramatic changes to the front of our school since building works began at the start of the year. As many can see when visiting the school, all the major structure is in place and now the works are concentrating on cladding the building while they start fitting out the inside of the buildings.

We have fortnightly site meetings with the builders, architects and the DET VSBA Project Managers to discuss the building program's progress. At the moment we are making decisions on keys, signage and furniture. We also get to walk through the buildings to see first hand, the changes taking place. The majority of the buildings are being plastered and the glazing is being completed. Things will come together very quickly from now until the buildings are handed over to us.

It is all very exciting and we cannot wait for these spaces to be accessible for our students to use!



The New Gym



The New Resource Room



The New Leaders Meeting Room



The New Reception Area





Congratulations to Alana on winning her medals over the school holidays



## The Australian Hearing Bus is coming to town!



**Bunnings Melton**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October,  
9.00am – 3.30pm.

149-169 Barriers Rd, Melton  
VIC 3337

## Children's Week 2018



Come and celebrate Children's Week at our free family events

For further information, visit [melton.vic.gov.au/events](http://melton.vic.gov.au/events) or call 9747 7200

Please note: children attending events must be supervised by an adult at all times.

### MELTON

Animal farm, jumping castle, arts and crafts, sports, roving performers and more! BYO picnic lunch.

**WHEN:**  
Tuesday 23 October

**TIME:**  
10:00am to 1:00pm

**WHERE:**  
Melton Community Hall  
232 High Street Melton

**Free child restraint fittings:**  
Bookings essential, please contact [sarahb@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:sarahb@melton.vic.gov.au)

**Free childhood immunisations:**  
No bookings required

### TAYLORS HILL:

For primary school aged children and their families.

Come and try sports, STEAM station, cooking workshop, art exhibition, YMCA skate park scooter clinic and more!

**WHEN:**  
Thursday 25 October

**TIME:**  
3:30pm to 5:30pm

**WHERE:**  
Taylors Hill Youth and Community Centre  
121 Calder Park Drive Taylors Hill



## Community First Aid

Community First Aid can provide you with the skills to save your child's life in an emergency situation.

This 3-hour course covers care of an unconscious child, poisoning, child and infant resuscitation, burns and scalds, management of a choking child, control of bleeding, febrile convulsions and calling an ambulance.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

### DETAILS

#### WHEN:

Tuesday 23 October 2018

#### TIME:

6.00pm – 9.00pm

#### WHERE:

Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House  
121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill

#### COST:

\$40.00

#### BOOK ONLINE:

[meltonlearning.com.au](http://meltonlearning.com.au)

#### MORE INFORMATION:

Phone: 9747 5424 OR 9747 7200

