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DATES TO REMEMBER

20th May to 25th May	Education Week
22nd May	National Simultaneous Story time - Primary
26th May	National Sorry Day
30th May	Prospective Student School Tour
10th June	School Closed – QUEENS BIRTHDAY Public Holiday
11th June	School Council Meeting 5pm
13th June	Prospective Student School Tour
27th June	Last day of classes Term 2 3pm Finish
28th June	SSG Day— STUDENT FREE DAY

 **COMPASS**
School Manager



Melton Specialist
School
@meltonspecialistschool.5162

Edition 6 2019— 21st May 2019

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Newsletter

Well Summer is certainly behind us and mornings out at gate duty have definitely dropped in temperature. I hope you are all dealing with the change in weather – for some it is a welcome change. Remember if your child needs new warmth for their school uniform, please see the staff in Administration for support.

Official Opening

On Thursday 23rd May, James Merlino MP, the Minister for Education will be visiting both Melton Secondary School and Melton Specialist School at approx. 1pm. Our local member Steve McGee will also be in attendance. They will tour the new facilities with our School Captains and officially open the new buildings.

Education Week

Next week is our Annual Education Week – the theme this year is Celebrating Careers. Both the Primary and the Secondary Schools have some interesting activities planned. By developing the independence of our students from an early age, we are setting the scene for them to broaden their options when choosing a career or pathway at 18. Careers mean very different things to when I was at school and certainly there is no expectation that a young person will start a job only once in their working life.

PASS Conference

This week, Alice and I are attending the Victorian Principals Association of Special Schools conference. The theme for this conference is around developing Student Voice in our school. We are aware that we have much work to do in this area and we are keen to see what the research in to best practice is for special schools. We look forward to implementing new ideas and strategies with the school community when we return. Obviously the first step is developing the communication skills of our learner which is our School AIP goal this year.

Working Bee

We were very sorry to postpone the Working Bee for last weekend. Unfortunately we did not have enough attendees to go ahead. We will set a new date before it gets too wet and let you all know – come along and meet some other families and enjoy a yummy lunch whilst helping out to get some well planned project underway.

Best wishes everyone,
Brooke

SCHOOL COMMUNITY HYGIENE PROGRAM

Infectious disease outbreaks such as gastroenteritis and influenza can severely impact student attendance, learning and the welfare of the school community.

Establishing good hygiene practices at any age is key to preventing the spread of infectious disease.

With cold and flu season here, hygiene is extremely important. We have members of our school community who have suppressed immune systems and to help prevent the spread of communicable illness we will be helping the school community to establish easy to follow wellness practices.

We will support healthy hygiene practices within the school community through the following initiatives:

- Free vaccination programs for students
- The roll out of hygiene and hand washing learning programs and visual reminders for students, staff and visitors
- Increased availability of hygiene equipment in classrooms, bathrooms, changing spaces and common areas
- Information on how to stop spread of illness in school newsletters
- Hygiene information packs distributed to families at the next SSG
- Informing families of what to look out for when their child is ill and information on keeping students who are unwell at home to rest and recover until the illness passes
- Tips to keep well during the year

We look forward to working towards a healthy school community together.



Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

1. Cover your Cough



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in the waste basket.

or



Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

2. Clean your Hands

often, especially after coughing or sneezing.



Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

or



Clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.

VET HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Horticulture students, worked extremely hard last week, planting out the new gardens in front of the new Reception Areas. These plants will create a lovely welcoming atmosphere and sensory opportunities for our students and visitors to our school.

All the plants that they planted have been grown in the VET Horticulture propagation unit. We received these plants through the Greening the West/City West Water 'Trees for Schools' grant program in July 2018.



The VET students in 2018 and 2019 have nurtured the seedlings into larger plants, to ensure they will grow successfully when they were planted. We thank everyone involved in the program.

We are very proud of this group of students and if you pass any of our Horticulture students on a Wednesday around the school, please thank them for making our school more appealing for all to enjoy.

VET
Horticulture
Staff
Heather,
Audrey & Jo



PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM

Each Thursday three of our Primary classes are attending swimming lessons at Genesis Gym in Brookfield.

In our swimming lessons we are focusing on water safety, which is a really important skill which helps to reduce the risk of drowning and injury.

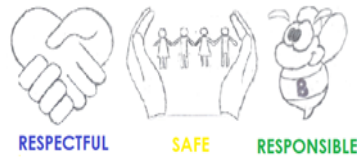
Students are also learning some basic swimming skills such as floating, paddling and diving. Students really enjoyed their swimming time and showed exemplary behaviour, we can't wait for our next lesson next week.



All swimmers are very thankful to Geoff, our PE teacher for organising our swimming program.



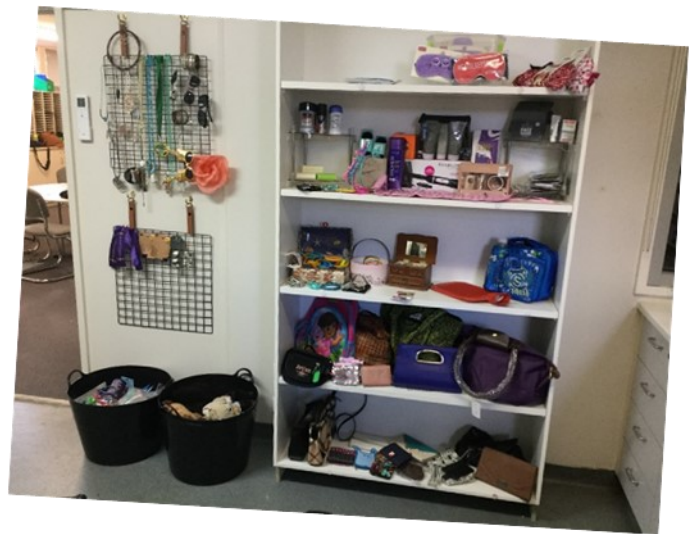
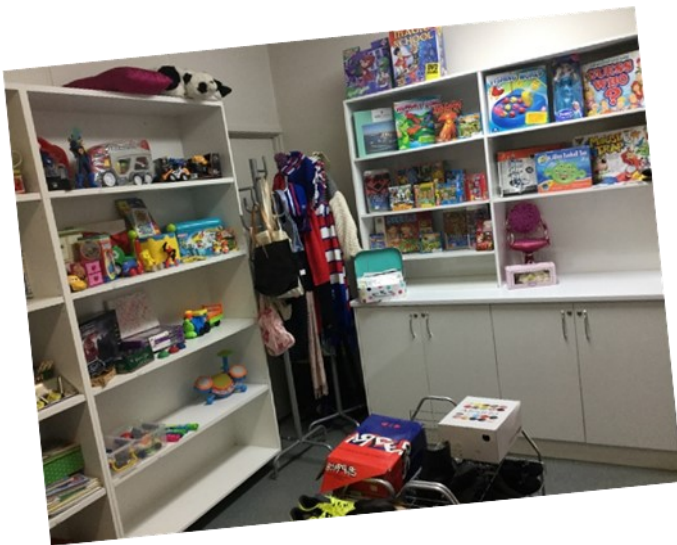
GOTCHA SHOP NEWS



What is the Gotcha Shop?

To assist with positive behaviour support (PBS) students receive 'gotcha cards' for demonstrating our school values of safe, respectful and responsible. The 'gotcha shop' is an opportunity for students to 'buy' items using their gotcha cards earned to reinforce positive behaviour through our school values.

We are hoping to launch the Gotcha Shop commencing **week 6**. Classrooms will be allocated a time to visit and 'spend' their Gotcha Cards once over four days – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Fridays.



How can you help?

We are seeking donations in **great condition** that students can purchase in our shop. Examples include;

- Stationary
- Toys (figurines, novelty toys, games, stress balls)
- Clothing (socks, hats, t-shirts, jumpers, shoe laces)
- Sporting Equipment (balls, mini-games)
- Special occasion cards (birthday cards, Christmas cards, Mother's Day etc.)
- Magazines
- 'L' Plates/ 'P' Plates
- Costume jewellery (wrist bands, fake rings, lanyards)
- Ornaments
- Personal care items

If you have any questions or would like to assist us in building partnerships with companies for donations please contact Megan Oldfield (VCAL Teacher).

CONGRATULATIONS...

Blayke Lewis, Stefan Spirovski, Coby Wait, Riley Hills & Courtney Hemming!

These students were randomly selected from our PBS draw to have lunch with the principal on Wednesday 22nd May at 12.00pm!

VALID Family Team Workshops

Supporting Families to
get a good life for their
family member



Workshops for families

These workshops are delivered by parents with personal experience of the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) and are delivered in a user-friendly format. Workshops can either be **two hours** or a **more in-depth four hour workshop**.

- Understanding your NDIS Plan
- Preparing for Review – tips & developing a clear outline of your ideal NDIS plan
- Planning - developing your Person-Centred Plan
- Choosing the right NDIS funds management option(s)
- Understanding the NDIS funding - the Price Guide; flexibility; budgeting etc.
- How to get your Plan into action i.e. 'Implementing your Plan'
- Learning how to 'self-manage' your NDIS package?

Note: These topics can also be delivered in a **four week course** format.

Key Presenters:

Each of the Family Team has worked in the disability sector for many years and have a family member with a disability who is funded as a participant of the NDIS. This combination of skills and knowledge provides the personal and professional perspective of working with the services and the NDIS to gain a good life for their family member.

For more information or to book a free workshop contact:

Christine Scott ph: 0418 567 518 Email: christine@valid.org.au

The Melton South Community Garden

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP

We aim to create a unique, safe and inclusive Community Garden space for all who live, work, learn and play in Melton South.



Free to join, the Melton South Community Garden Group is always welcoming new members, suggestions, tips and tricks!

You can get involved by contacting Trinity at HealthPromotion@djhs.org.au or (03) 9361 9360

Let's Learn
How to Drive
Safely

**KIRRIP'S
DRIVER'S
Ed, Program**

✓ 6 Week theory, talks from Police, Child safety Victoria, Melton Toyota and others.

✓ Get assistance with obtaining your learners permit.

✓ Includes Driving lessons for those with their learners permit

✓ You must attend ALL theory sessions.

Starts Monday 20th May 2019

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

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Instructors behind
the Wheel**

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Melton City Council Grandparent and Kinship Carers Forum



We can do it!

Grandparents and kinship carers are invited to a forum to learn about current changes and trends in kinship care and the impact of complex trauma

Speakers include:

- Anne McLeish, Director Grandparents Victoria
- Meredith Oglethorpe, Grandparents Advisor Centrelink
- Dr Teresa Sedgley, Clinical Manager Headspace (youth mental health)
- Clare Ryan Snr Project Officer Take Two
- Renu Barnes, Lifestory Work

WHEN: Wednesday 22 May

WHERE: Botanica Springs Kindergarten and Community Centre

249 Clarkes Rd, Brookfield

TIME: 9:15 - 3:00

COST: Free Morning tea and lunch provided.

BOOKINGS: Deborah Richards
Melton City Council
9747 7395

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



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Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden

Guided Walking Tour

Reconciliation Week - Friday 31 May 2019

Wominjeka ~ Welcome



During Reconciliation Week take a guided walk through the Melton Botanic Garden to see indigenous plants from the Melton region and Aboriginal use plants including bush tucker plants. The gentle walk is about one and a half hours followed by morning tea. Highlights are the natural features and remnant vegetation, Ryans Creek and the Lake indigenous plantings, Koori Student Garden, Indigenous Peoples Garden, Victorian Volcanic Plains Garden and the Bushfoods Garden.

When: Friday 31 May 2019
Time: 10.00am - noon (with morning tea)
Where: Meet at the Depot and Plant Nursery - 21 Williams St, Melton
Bookings: John Bentley (Bookings helpful for catering but not essential)
Phone: 9743 3819 (please leave a message if unattended)
Email: friends@fmbg.org.au
Website: www.fmbg.org.au or Facebook



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SIX
WEEKS

SIX
HEALTH DARES

SIX
WORKOUTS

+ ONE GROUSE PIECE OF MERCH

STARTING

TUESDAY 6 - 8pm
21 May 2019
Every Tuesday for
6 weeks

WHERE

Bridge Rd
Community Centre
- 260 Bridge Rd,
Melton South

For more information and registration:
www.sparkhealth.com.au/pages/wellah-together
Places are limited



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Wellah Walks to KOKODA and beyond!

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HEALTH

Calling all my
Brutha Boys!
Wanna do Kokoda
with me?

Do you
identify as ...
A black fellah? Male?
Living in the West?
Aged between 15-18?
Then come to our
Info Night!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
2019

More Info:

www.sparkhealth.com.au/pages/wellah-walk



Our Spirit
Adventures



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COME AND PLAY

The St Albans Football Club have launched our FIDA team for 2019 and are looking for new players to come and join in the fun!

FIDA stands for Football Inclusion Development Association, and it's an Australian Rules football competition for players with an intellectual disability. Players involved in FIDA enjoy an environment that promotes fitness, fun, friendship and a real sense of belonging.

TRAINING NIGHTS: Every Wednesday TIME: 5.15pm - 6pm

WHERE: St Albans Sports Club, Kings Park Reserve, Gillespie Rd, St Albans

WHAT TO WEAR: Comfortable clothing (Shorts, t-shirt, football jumper, runners) and a water bottle

WHO CAN JOIN: This is for ages 14 - 40 years old (persons over 40 years old need a medical certificate to play). Male or female players & all abilities are welcome

For more information about FIDA please visit the FIDA website - www.stalbanssportsclub.com.au/soc_page.cgi?client=1-8408-0-0-0



For more information about joining our team in 2019 please contact Ian Mac Kettle 0401 133 755 or Mark Allison 0438 449 229



Come 'n' Play

Keilor Access All Abilities Auskick Program

Keilor Access All Abilities Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls, aged 5 -12. Through weekly coaching sessions they will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment.

Auskick prides itself on providing an inclusive and safe environment for everyone to participate, however there are select centers across Victoria who have received additional training in supporting children with disability in an Auskick setting, with Keilor being one.

Keilor Access All Abilities Auskick program footy training runs every Fridays from May 2nd 2019

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Where: Joe Brown Recreation Reserve

Old Calder Hwy, Keilor
Vic, 3036



Cost : \$96 includes AFL Auskick footy and Auskick gear provided all in one.
Wear comfortable AFL team colors, shorts and footy boots.

For more details please visit <http://aflvic.com.au/auskick/access-abilities-auskick/> or contact Billy Allwood on 0438 644 409.