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## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>10th June</b>	<b>School Closed – QUEENS BIRTHDAY Public Holiday</b>
<b>11th June</b>	<b>School Council Meeting 5pm</b>
<b>13th June</b>	<b>Prospective Student School Tour</b>
<b>27th June</b>	<b>Last day of classes Term 2 3pm Finish</b>
<b>28th June</b>	<b>SSG Day – STUDENT FREE DAY</b>

 **COMPASS**  
School Manager



Melton Specialist  
School  
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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parent, Carers and Community Members

### Official Opening

On Thursday 23rd May, James Merlino MP, the Minister for Education and Steve McGhie Local MP visited the new buildings at both Melton Secondary School and Melton Specialist School. Given the late notice of their visit, this was a small scale opening. Our school captains: Kirsten, Brooke, Sally and Will did an amazing job showing the Ministers around the new facilities, whilst also respectfully raising their issues and concerns about our current facilities.



Blayke again did a spectacular job of opening the official ceremony by sharing his Welcome to Country. I was so proud to see our leaders carrying out their formal duties with such ease and confidence. We look forward to opening the new building in a less formal way with you all as our school community when we launch our School Wide Positive Behaviour System SWPBS values and programs next term.

### PBS Gotcha Shop

The Senior Secondary School has been working hard this term to set up our school reward system in the form of a shop. Students earn "Gotcha cards" for being respectful, safe and responsible. These cards can be saved up to purchase items like toys, games, clothing, books etc once a week.

### Principals Lunch

Last week, Blayke, Stefan, Coby, Courtney, Trinity were selected randomly out of all the Gotcha cards earned. We all enjoyed some hot chips and potato cakes or potato scallops which is what I call them back home – this amused the group hugely and provided a topic of conversation for the rest of the lunch.

### Assembly

Our staff and students have been busy trailing new spaces and formats for our school assemblies. After much discussion and debate we have decided to have a Primary School Assembly and a Secondary School Assembly. These will both be trialled this term. We will share dates with you when we have them and look forward to sharing the new format with you.

### Reports

Staff are busily finishing assessments and writing end of semester reports. These reports will be shared with you at SSG day on the last day of term. Teaching staff will also be sharing semester 2 goals in a draft form for your approval. SSG bookings on COMPASS will be open soon so you can select the most suitable time to discuss your child's progress. We are all aware how busy our families are and appreciate the time you give up to come to the school. We welcome your feedback and look forward to your input in to planning for Semester 2.

### Mobile phones

Just a reminder that students are expected to hand in their mobile phones to be locked away for the day when they arrive. Could you please reinforce this at home and explain it is for both theirs and their peers safety. If students refuse to do this we will be calling families to come and collect the phone.

Best wishes everyone,  
Brooke

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## PEDESTRAIN AND CAR PARK USERS



Please do not park in the new Disabled Permit Parking Bays in front of our Administration Office if you do not hold a permit. Please leave these spaces free for those who need them.

Please also park in the designated bays in the car park and not in the bus loop. Staff will be reminding individuals of the correct procedures if safety rules are not being observed by members of the school community.

We will be creating Visitor parking spots in the lead up to Term 3.

We thank all our families for your support in using the designated Pedestrian gate, marked pathways and car parking facilities so we can ensure you and your child is safe when moving around our public areas.

## REPORTS AND STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

This 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) achievements for the first semester. Your child's Report be sent home to you the week before so you can familiarise yourself with them before your scheduled meeting.

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 FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 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.

## GOTCHA SHOP DONATIONS NEEDED

### *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).

## A CUP OF TEA WITH THE ALLIED HEALTH TEAM

# Speech Bites!

### Aided Language Displays

Aided Language Displays help us communicate with our kids at home and at school!  
We have attached one with a range of common words on it so that it can be used at home.

To use:

- Point to 1-2 key words as you say the sentence, e.g. "I want banana" – point to "I want"
- If you are pushing a toy car – you could say "go toy car" – point to "go"
- Every time you take them to the toilet – point to "toilet"

Use the board as much as you can when talking to your child!! The more you model using the board throughout the day, the more your child will want to use it too!

Don't worry if it takes some time for your child to pick this up and start using it– have faith and keep modelling!! Even if they aren't using it to say things – it will help them understand you.

If you have any questions, please contact the school and ask to speak to Fiona or Meg from the Speech Pathology team.

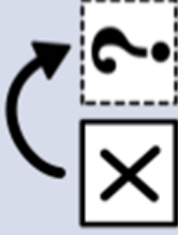
# Music Therapy

Each week, a different secondary class runs the Melton Specialist School radio show! The students work together towards the group goal, by creating a playlist for the show and taking on the jobs of DJ, sound engineer, roadie and announcer. Last week S4 ran the show and did an amazing job!





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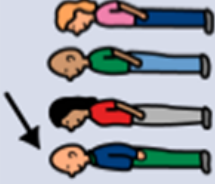
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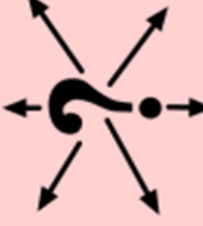
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# PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

## INQUIRY TOPIC LEARNING

P12 have been focusing on the continents of Europe and North America this term.

We have discussed different flags of country's, some icons of each country and where they are located on a map. We have also been exploring different country's through food! So far we have worked together to make some Italian pizza and we have also made some delicious English scones with cream and jam just like what the Queen eats. I wonder what country our food journey will take us to next!



## CELEBRATIONS AND ASSEMBLY

National Simultaneous Storytime is held each year by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read at the same time across the country in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, and bookshops and many other places around the country.



The aim is to encourage reading. The book selected this year was ***Alpacas with Maracas***.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, and P7 got together in the new school library to enjoy the book. There were ribbons, feathers, and maracas to make the story come alive.

Awards were handed out to one student from each class.

Students have been practicing how to behave at an assembly and most are doing a great job. Thank you to everyone who participated!

During Education Week 'Celebrating Careers' class groups explored careers that they would like to have when they are older and talked about the journey to choosing and learning about your chosen career. The students enjoyed dressing up on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and participated in a parade in the new gym to show their peers what career they had chosen.

Lucas (on the right) would like to be a mechanic and Caleb (on the left) would like to play football for North Melbourne and kick goals like his favourite player Ben Brown.



## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### INQUIRY TOPIC LEARNING

#### Medieval History Studies

The Senior S4 Class recently completed Castle Making whilst studying Medieval History.

As part of these studies students examined knights, warfare, chivalry, politics, architecture and art. In addition to this, the whole class had a fantastic time at Kryal Castle, whereby they had a chance to get a taste of what living during these times was really like.

Students also created their own 'Shields of Life' and, like the Knights of Old, indicated important values and beliefs they, and their families, held on their own clan shields. Well done S4!



### HANDS ON LEARNING



Some of our students have been out and about in the community having a wonderful time last term walking rescue dogs at Pet Haven in Woodend.

It was a great day each Thursday, although we felt very sad for the dogs, they loved their walk each week. The students thought it was a great way to help unwanted animals. Of course we had our favourites that we wanted to bring home.

We have also been working around the school to provide habitat for the wild animals that call our school home.

Here we have Pasquale with a bird house he installed with concrete in our orchard.



# Calling all Employers!

VCAL need your help! We are trying to provide our students with the opportunity to gain employment skills through structured workplace learning (SWL) that links with their studies in their VET course. If you have any contacts in the following industries that would be interested in taking on a student work experience one day a week (Thursdays) please ask them to contact Megan Oldfield for more information.

**Horticulture** (gardening, maintenance, fresh produce)

**Carpentry**





## Tuning into Teens Term 3: Managing Difficult Behaviours

We've been listening to the feedback you've all given us for in TINT Term 1 and 2 and are in the process of developing a Term 3 Program which focuses on early intervention and managing difficult behaviours. We are now taking registrations of interest



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### When

Wednesdays 6.00-8.30PM, July 24 – September 11, TINT will run for 7 consecutive weeks

### Where

headspace Melton, 16 Brooklyn Road Melton South

### Contact

headspace Melton Reception Staff to register your interest

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E:contact@headspacemelton.org.au



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# Parent Workshop

## Starting the Career Conversation

Re-imagining the future for students with a disability

**FREE  
EVENT!**



**Starting the Career Conversation** is a **FREE** workshop for parents of secondary school students with a disability.

The workshop will cover:

- How to start the career conversation with your child
- The important role of parents
- How schools can support career planning
- Learning pathways and post-school options

Get the latest information about career planning and share ideas with other parents. Learn how to help your child make the transition from school to work.

Bookings essential. Presented by the Association for Children with a Disability (ACD) [www.acd.org.au](http://www.acd.org.au)



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<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	Wednesday 31st July – 11.30am – 2.30pm
<b>VENUE</b>	Melton Specialist School – 159-211 Coburns rd, 3337
<b>REGISTER</b>	Eventbrite link: <a href="https://meltonscs.eventbrite.com.au">https://meltonscs.eventbrite.com.au</a>
<b>CONTACT</b>	Kylee or Jenny at ACD <a href="mailto:educate@acd.org.au">educate@acd.org.au</a>
Includes a light lunch. Please provide school with Dietary requirements. Workshops may be cancelled if numbers are low.	