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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

16th Aug	CURRICULUM DAY—STUDENT FREE DAY
19th-23rd Aug	Book Week
30th Aug	CURRICULUM DAY—STUDENT FREE DAY
19th Sept	Last day of classes Term 3 3pm Finish
20th Sept	SSG Day—STUDENT FREE DAY
7th Oct	Term 4 begins

 **COMPASS**
School Manager



Melton Specialist
School
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A Message from the Principal

Just when we thought we were turning a corner in the weather – we've been hit by an extreme cold front! The weather at times means we have to rearrange or postpone programs. If your child is upset about the change please explain that we are following DET guidance in responding to extreme weather conditions and at times in life we have to be flexible in our programs.



Amazing winners!

I am so proud to announce Melton Specialist School were the winners of the Special Schools Network Sports tournament. This is an amazing achievement for our students. They have worked so hard to achieve this result and have supported each other to reach this goal! Good work team Melton.

Property damage at school

Unfortunately there has been a rise in the amount of property damage to the school grounds by students. Not only does this put significant pressure on the school budget but it also decreases the feeling of safety for some of our students. We are working with class teams to ensure that there is appropriate supervision and support plans around these students and are asking parents to have conversations with their children around respecting the school environment. The School Wide Positive Behaviour Team will be working on implementing a school response to property damage which I will advise you of when it is complete.

School Goals

This term we have been reviewing our progress towards our annual school goals. Whilst there is still areas in need of improvement, we have made substantial improvements to our school community partnerships and staff capacity around the teaching of communication.

GOTCHA shop

Thank you to all the community members who have provided feedback about our GOTCHA shop. We have had significant donations of toys and other motivating materials which have been fantastic additions.



Parent Opinion Survey

The DET have extended the date for responses to The Parent Opinion Survey. Parents have been randomly selected to provide their insight to the school processes and planning. If you have been selected, please take the time to provide this feedback. It will help us to set goals around our improvements.

Best wishes everyone,
Brooke

TEETH ON WHEELS

Teeth On Wheels is excited to be returning to Melton Specialist School from Monday 12th of August to Friday 16th of August 2019!

Hi Everyone,

Exciting news! **Teeth on Wheels** will be returning to our school for the children's 6 monthly dental visit's.

To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your Child's consent form online by following the link below.

It only takes 5 minutes to complete and by reducing the amount of paper being used, we will be helping the team out by being more environmentally friendly.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform>

The date of the children's dental visit will be starting on **Monday the 12th of August 2019**, so please ensure if you didn't complete a form at the start of the year to have this completed ASAP!

If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child's dental appointment please don't hesitate to contact the **Teeth on Wheels** team on (03) 9338 1191.

Our school is lucky enough to have Australia's ONLY accredited mobile dentist attend every 6 months

Seeing the dentist every 6 months is so important for children. A recent Royal Children's Hospital study highlighted the following:

- **1 in 10 Children** have had at least one decayed tooth extracted before the age of 9 years
- **1 in 3 children** between the ages of 5 and 6 years have symptoms of decay in their baby teeth
- **4 in 10 children** aged 12 – 14 years have decay in their permanent teeth.

Studies have confirmed that poor dental health impacts on the growth & development of the child along with chewing, swallowing, speaking and can disrupt sleep and productivity. Over time, dental decay has been linked to heart and pulmonary disease, respiratory tract infections and chronic ongoing pain.

OUCH!



Great news – you maybe eligible for free dental

You may not be aware but the Government supports Oral Health via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) – providing 2 years of free dental up to the value of \$1,000 per child, aged between 2 and 17 years. To be eligible you must be receiving *Family Tax Benefit Part A*. Complete the Teeth on Wheels consent form and our team can advise of your eligibility or contact Medicare General Enquiries direct on 132 011.

We are making the dentist even easier!

Follow the link below to complete your child's online consent form today. By filling out your consent form online you are saving yourself time and helping the Teeth on Wheels team become more environmentally friendly.

teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

Remember that consent forms only need to be filled out once per calendar year unless your details have changed.

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

I would like to welcome two teachers to my PLC, Jessica and Jacinta.

Jessica is teaching P1 while the recruitment process is being finalised. She has recently moved to the area from NSW. Jessica has been teaching lower primary classes for 10 years. She loves sharing books with students and using hands-on materials to teach.



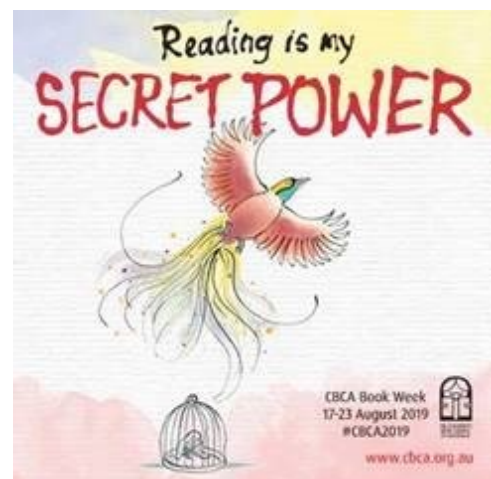
Jacinta is teaching P5. She has been working in the Melton Specialist School Re-engagement Program this year. She has recently obtained her teaching qualification and is keen to work with the students in P5. Jacinta is introducing structures to increase the students' independence and time spent on task.

By Joyce Keirsten-Wakefield
Leading Teacher

ATTENTION ALL BOOK WORMS

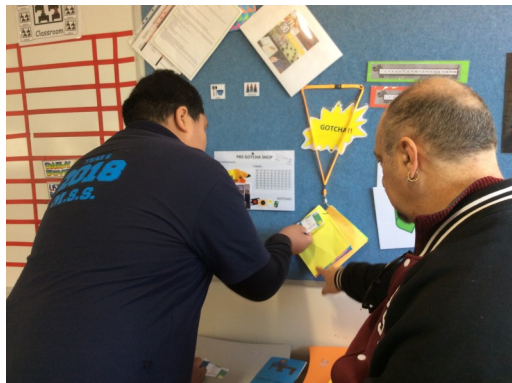
Children's Book Week is 17-23 August. The theme is:
Reading is My Secret Power.

On Thursday 22nd August there will be a primary section assembly at 9:15 in the gym. Primary students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character that day.



A CLEAN PLACE IS A SAFE PLACE

Melton Specialist School is looking a whole lot cleaner thanks to Sammy Mauga from S11. He was seen collecting rubbish around the School grounds. He was awarded Gotcha cards for his amazing contribution and I am sure he will be claiming an amazing prize from the Gotcha Shop.

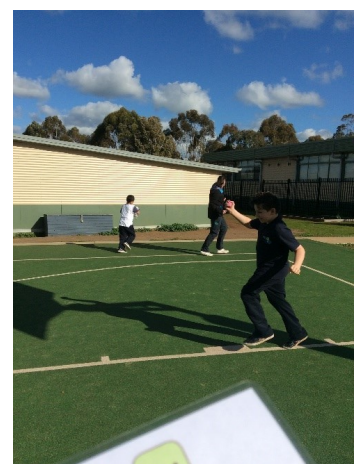


By Vandna Singh

A WORD FROM PRIMARY 9

Throughout this term, students of Primary 9 have been visiting a variety of different areas in the school. Students have enjoyed going to the library, basketball court, playground, PMP room, gym, Gotcha shop and visiting other classrooms. Through this, students have explored a variety of books, worked together to complete group games, completed movement activities, purchased items from the Gotcha shop and demonstrated expected behaviours.

Whilst also remembering to use the school values of 'safe', 'respectful' and 'responsible', when moving around the school. This is evident in the large amount of Gotcha cards students have received for demonstrating these behaviours and no doubt look forward to visiting the Gotcha shop next week.



By Kerri Oldfield

A BIT OF GREEN SCREEN MAGIC

Some students in P12 have been using the green screen to inspire their writing. The green screen enables students to add a photo to the background and students can pretend they are part of their chosen scene such as being eaten by a shark or visiting fairyland.



By Dionne Hindell

SECONDARY 7, OH WHAT FUN WE HAVE



This term, S7 – Tori, Yuvraj, Tom, Owen, Jason, Ali, Robby and Daried have been able to enjoy using the new Basketball Court and PMP room every week. We are all building on our physical skills and working hard to improve them.

This term we are also learning about the Ocean's Ecosystem. We have been looking at the Sunlight and Twilight Zones and which animals live in each of these zones. So far we have made Rainbow Fish, Crabs, Jelly fish and Octopi just to name a few!



By Naomi Hosking

A Cup of Tea with AHT

Navigating the NDIS

What are the different types of plan management?

self-managed



- Participant and/plan nominee is responsible in controlling your own supports.
- Flexibility to choose provider of your choice including those who are not registered with NDIS.
- Pay invoices directly from nominated NDIS bank account.
- You can choose to self-manage **all** or **some** of your plan.

Plan Manager



- A Plan Manager is funded in your plan and must be an NDIS registered provider.
- Plan Managers will pay your providers for the supports you purchase, help you keep track of your funds and take care of financial reporting.
- Depending on your circumstances, they can also help you choose your providers.

NDIA-managed



- You are able to choose from a range of NDIS registered providers.
- Your providers claim payment electronically from your funding.
- You cannot use unregistered providers.
- You can look on the *myplace* portal to see what claims providers are making against your NDIS funding and keep track of your budget.
- NDIS will manage your book-keeping and records of spending.

How is school involved in the NDIS?

- NDIS funding is only able to be used to support your child at home and in the community. NDIS funding will not cover any school-related supports.
- NDIS funding will not affect your child's Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) funding. Their PSD level of funding is not affected by their NDIS funding.
- The school policy outlines that the school is able to provide parents/carers with documents that already exist, such as PSD funding reports, school reports, Allied Health reports, etc. However, the school cannot arrange for new assessments or reports.
- Once you have funding, if therapists would like to observe your child or complete therapy sessions at school, they must fill in a *Therapy on School Premises Request Form*. This is provided upon request. The principal will then make a case-by-case decision as to whether or not this is approved.
- NDIS therapists are more than welcome to contact the Allied Health team at the school via phone call or email.

What service providers are available in the Melton/Bacchus Marsh/Brimbank area?

What services can I access with NDIS funding?

These are some of the supports your child might be able to get funded through NDIS:

- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Music Therapy
- Psychology
- Behaviour support
- ABA therapy
- Respite services
- Mobility equipment
- Autism swims
- Transport to community/therapy programs
- Hydrotherapy
- Employment pathway services
- Workplace supports
- Community access (sporting activities, etc)
- Personal care assistant
- Support worker for community access

Your LAC or support coordinator will be able to help you find services in the area. The following providers service the area:

- Bright Faces
- Incredible You Allied Health
- Noah's Ark
- Everyday Independence
- Geronimo Occupational Therapy
- D.O.T.S Paediatric Occupational Therapy
- Pinarc
- Ookami Kids
- Scope

You can also use the "Find a registered provider" PDF on the NDIS website.

You can also visit the Speech Pathology Australia website to "Find a Speech Pathologist" or Occupational Therapy Australia to "Find an OT."

****We would advise you call up the service initially to find out if they can provide the appropriate services for your child****

Can I get Music Therapy with NDIS funding?

Music therapy is provided as an allied health service through the NDIS. If you have funding under the category of individual therapeutic support or group therapy support, you may choose to use that funding, or part of that funding, for music therapy. Music therapy has been recognised by the NDIS for inclusion for Improved Daily Living - to facilitate functional improvement through adjustment, adaptation and building capacity to participate in the broader community.

The Australian Music Therapy Association (AMTA) website has information about what music therapy is, and you can find a Registered Music Therapist (RMT) by searching the Find a Music Therapist search box to the right of the web page linked below. For more information about music therapy and the NDIS, please visit <https://www.austmta.org.au/content/national-disability-insurance-scheme>.

Please contact the Allied Health team on 9734 4966 if you would like more information on how we can support your family.

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23RD AUGUST

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The Rotary Club of Preston proudly presents
International Entertainment's animal-free '*Circus Quirkus*'.

Thanks to the generous support from the City of Greater Melbourne's business communities, tickets are **COMPLIMENTARY** for children who have faced any difficulties or disadvantage in recent times, including but not limited to children with a disability, ASD, chronic illness, in foster-care or with low socio-economic status.

**Tickets for all family members, carers, teachers, etc. are also complimentary.*

***Companion cards are accepted at this event.*

Circus Quirkus provides children of all abilities and backgrounds an opportunity to experience world-class entertainment in an inclusive, accessible & safe environment where they feel welcomed and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

Circus Quirkus is a contemporary take on favourite, traditional circuses of ages past. It is an eclectic & entertaining mix of circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned clowns, jugglers, acrobats & more, deliver hilarious, hugely engaging & sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill. Circus Quirkus is suitable for kids of all ages. We hope it provides a wonderful day of respite & fun.

<http://www.circusquirkus.com.au/>

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2019 @ 11.00AM & 2.00PM

**Show duration approx. 90 minutes including an interval.*

MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE
Plenary Hall - 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC



How to Book Tickets...

Fill out the [booking form below](#) with your [final ticket numbers](#).

Please send all enquiries and ticket orders to

Meredith Newman: meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

Alternatively, you can call or msg 0476-589-799

Terms & Conditions

- **Bulk Ticket Bookings from Organisations are preferred.** Individual ticket orders from families, clients, carers etc. will still be accepted if bulk orders cannot be accommodated.
- **One Ticket Per Person is Required for Admission.** **Excluding babies on lap*
- Tickets are sent via Australia Post Only. Postage will take approximately 3-6 business days to reach you. Please make sure to book, leaving enough time for postage & ticket distribution
- **Please order your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Ticket are distributed on a 'first come-first served' basis and availability is not guaranteed**

Date	Time	# Tickets Requested
SATURDAY 17 TH AUGUST 2019	11.00 AM	
SATURDAY 17 TH AUGUST 2019	2.00 PM	

Org./School: _____

Contact Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

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