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## DATES TO REMEMBER

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY 8TH MARCH
LAST DAY OF TERM 1	WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH
SSG MEETINGS	THURSDAY 1ST APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 2ND APRIL

 **COMPASS**  
School Manager



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Edition 2 — Friday 5th March 2021

## A Message from the Principal

Hello Families,

Isn't it amazing how quickly things move these days? As I wrote the last newsletter, we were celebrating the entry of our students back to 2021 school life. We have had a circuit breaker lockdown with remote learning for 3 days and we are celebrating how seamless the transition to and from this change has been. As a principal, I am so proud of how our whole school community has managed through these unpredictable times.

### Congratulations to our Students

It has been so nice to hear positive feedback from members of our community. Last week we received some personal messages from members of the community who sat near our students whilst they were on their way into the city. Well Done S2!

### Remote Learning

We do not have any information that we are entering a period of Remote Learning, but we do not want to be caught out again. Teachers have been busy creating a Remote Learning Grid to be able to send out at such short notice so no one is left wondering what to do.

### Updated Contact Details

We understand that mobile phone numbers are ever changing; including contact details and emergency contact information. Please inform the school office if your details have changed so we can contact you if we need. Also please ensure you are connected to COMPASS and SEESAW, so you are up to date with all the school communications.

### Parent Drop off and Pick up

Please remember not to line up and double park outside Gate 1. We understand that at times this is frustrating, and you may have to do a loop – therefore we ask that parents and carers do not arrive before 8:55am and 2:55pm. Police have been present recently, and parents have been fined for double parking. If you miss the school bus, please drop your child off through the loop in Gate 1 after 9am.

### Covid Safety

Please ensure that if your child is unwell, they stay home. If your child becomes unwell during the day we will call you for collection. Masks are now non-compulsory on site when adults can maintain 1.5m physical distancing. Please carry a mask just in case. We have spares in the office if you get caught out.

### School Council Elections

Just a reminder that in March we have our Annual General Meeting for School Council and we are actively seeking new members. School Council is a great opportunity to be involved in the governance, policy making and decision making of the school. Our School Council is comprised of 10 members – 3 staff, 6 parents and 2 Community members.

We generally meet once a month for about an hour and a half. In the next week, forms will be available at the office for nominations. If you are interested, please feel free to give me a call for more information. I have attached nomination forms to SEESAW and COMPASS. You can self-nominate or nominate somebody else.

Best wishes everyone and welcome back to on site learning  
Brooke

*"Hi, I just wanted to message you and say that I have just had the pleasure of sitting with your students travelling to Melbourne this morning in the train. They were well behaved and polite. My son is autistic and ADHD so I recognised the "specialist" aspect quickly."*

## PRIMARY NEWS

Hi everyone, we now at the end of Week 6 and everyone seems to have settled back into school, again without too much trouble. Please be aware that teachers are working on some flexible remote school work that is quickly organised and easily transferred to families if we have another quick lock down and return to Remote Learning. Please make sure you are connected to Seesaw and Compass so this is easy and quick to do.

Some classes have begun going out on excursions or planning future camps, some classes will even be going swimming this term or next. It's important you check your child's bag or Seesaw alerts for important notices as some things need to be signed and sent back. Again the Primary Section has welcomed some new students and families into our MSS community - WELCOME!!!! We are very excited to have you and there will be several more joining us in the next few weeks.

Take care,  
Alice



*Hello from P 7.* 

*There are 8 of us in our room. It has been enjoyable getting to know each other and working with our neighbours in Room 34. We like participating in Structured Play, games and PMP. We like showing our work and activities on Seesaw.*





*We have been learning about the different people who work in our community and we are looking forward to Jocelyn telling us about her work!*



*Talking about the Zones of Regulation.*

## DONATIONS NEEDED - NAVY TRACK PANTS ALL SIZES

If your child has been given track pants to wear when they have had an accident, please wash and return them to the school. We are very low on spare track pants. If you have navy blue track pants at home and no longer need them, please call reception to organise a time to drop off. The items need to be thoroughly washed before using. We would love to top up our emergency clothing stock.

## OPTOMETRIST VISIT

Hi there MSS Community, just a quick reminder about the Visiting Optometrist. She has started her Tuesday appointments and will remain at MSS for all of March 2021. Spots are limited, if you would like your student to be tested- a consent form needs to be filled out. Check Compass for the attachment or please ask your teacher for one.

Thanks Jocelyn (School Nurse)



## S1 FUN!

S1 are creating and maintaining the classroom indoor garden. They are focusing on the MSS value of *Responsibility* to grow some ornamental and edible plants (to be used in shared cooking experiences).

We are looking forward to our excursion to Krynau Castle! We are exploring what life was like in Medieval Europe and how it compares to our lifestyles today. We are also building a Lego Blacksmith's cottage to display in our room.

We are also learning about 'text to real world' connections by co-sharing the care of our sea monkey tank as highlighted within the text, '*The 13 Story Treehouse*' by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

During the remainder of Term 2, we will be focusing on social thinking, sharing and turn taking. Structured games and available resources allow students to build on their skills and strengthen their relationships with classmates.





## WHAT HAVE S9 BEEN UP TO?

The last two weeks we have been bowling and travel training. As a group we researched using the PTV app the best way to get to Xplosions Bar and Bowl in Melton. The students have learnt valuable lessons when it comes to problem solving as things don't always go to plan. Everybody has enjoyed bowling and everybody has scored at least one strike. The challenge has been set to beat Michaels score who is the classroom aide, over the next two weeks.

On Monday we were lucky enough to go sailing. The students that we took were fantastic and had a great day.

"I did two burnouts in the water" Hayley

"The best thing was making Janine sick when I did the circles in the water" Jessica



## WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN P11?

P11 this year we been working on team work and outside play. Within class we have been sharing technology items and completing group activities. During outside play, P11 have been sharing and working in cooperation with other students from different class rooms, along with their age group.





# STAND UP, TAKE ACTION FORUM

Everyone has a role to play in promoting gender equality and preventing family violence



Learn how your community group or sporting club can become a champion for equality and stand out as a welcoming space where everyone can participate.

You'll hear from experts and advocates about the steps we can all take to inspire positive change and how equality can strengthen clubs and groups, and create safer communities.

Workshops and 'take action' packs will be available to participants post-event to support your work to stand up and take action.

## SPEAKERS

 Rosie Batty AO, Australian of the year and family violence advocate

 Izzy Huntington, AFLW Western Bulldogs Player

 Rana Hussain, Richmond Football Club Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

 Tarik Bayrakli, Club Respect Manager

## DETAILS

Wednesday 17 March, 7pm-8.30pm

All local community groups and sporting clubs invited to attend

Online event, bookings essential  
[meltonlearning.com.au/events/standuptakeaction](https://meltonlearning.com.au/events/standuptakeaction)

Presented by Melton City Council, in partnership with Western Bulldogs Community Foundation



FREE EVENT



## Healthy Lunchbox Webinar



## Come learn how to pack a healthy, learning lunchbox

At the session you will hear and see what constitutes a healthy lunchbox and why it's important as well as ideas and resources to help make it easier to pack a healthy lunchbox.

Council's Health & Wellbeing Project Officer will talk about ideas to get kids to eat what's in their lunchbox as well as practical, easy swaps you can make and bust myths about snack foods.

## DETAILS:

WHEN:  
Thursday 4 March 2021

TIME:  
10.00-11.00am

WHERE:  
The session will be held on Zoom. The link will be sent once you've registered.

REGISTRATION:  
Via Melton Learning  
<https://meltonlearning.com.au/.../healthy-lunchbox-webinar/>



EDGE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

## MELTON CENTRE-BASED PROGRAMS "OPEN DAY"



SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
FUN ACTIVITIES  
TOURS  
PRIZES

TIME: 11am - 1pm

DATE: WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH

LOCATION: 48 UNITT STREET, MELTON 3337



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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

## 1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Free to attend



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

## Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

## Location:

Mantra Melbourne (Tabcorp Park)  
2 Ferris Road  
Melton South, VIC 3338

Morning tea and a light lunch provided

Melton South, VIC

Tuesday 16th March, 2021

9.15am - 3.00pm



Interpreters available

To register, visit  
[positivepartnerships.com.au](https://positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
1300 881 971

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