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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

FINAL DAY TERM 3	SEPTEMBER 17TH
FIRST DAY TERM 4	OCTOBER 4TH

 **COMPASS**
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Dear Families,

This newsletter still finds us in remote learning amidst a lockdown across the state. Whilst I completely understand that the announcements that were made on Wednesday were not what we were all hoping for, at least it provides us with some predictability and certainty for the next two weeks. Please make sure you make contact with us if you can think of a way, we can provide more support. The leaders will be working this week on developing a survey for you to provide some feedback for us to improve our remote learning provision. Please have a think how we can provide different supports or ideas to engage your young people if that would be helpful.

Current restrictions

Currently no families can be onsite

- School tours are not allowed
- Masks are compulsory both indoors and outdoors
- Non-essential visitors are not allowed

This means our SSGs will be held online or via telephone. Teachers will be in touch with details soon.

Vaccinations

Everyone aged 16 years and over is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine

- Young people aged 12-15 years are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine if they:
 - o have an underlying medical condition
 - o are an NDIS participant
 - o are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Please see:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability>

New reporting process

From this term all reports will be accessed only via our COMPASS platform. This is so timely given our lockdown phase and delays to Australia Post. We will be hosting a WebEx session for families to see how to access the reports and be able to provide support for you if you are unable to make this session. Please ensure you are logging in to COMPASS. If you are not able to access COMPASS – please check in with the office.

Best wishes everyone, take care and stay safe!

Brooke

Stop - Walk - Talk

STOP WALK TALK is a prevention-centered school-wide system. There are three key elements to the STOP WALK TALK system.

1- Stop!

Students discover the importance of making a direct request to "stop".

2- Walk!

Students learn that when they feel they have been bullied and the situation is not improving, they need to "walk" away.

3- Talk!

Students are taught to recognize when and how to effectively take action by reporting concerns to an adult.



Slides from the Bullying Prevention presentation this week

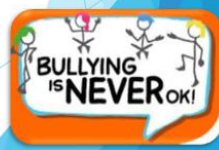
Defining Bullying

The Australian national definition of bullying says:

'Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.'

Four Main Types of Bullying Behaviour:

- 1 - Physical
- 2 - Verbal/Written
- 3 - Social
- 4 - Cyberbullying



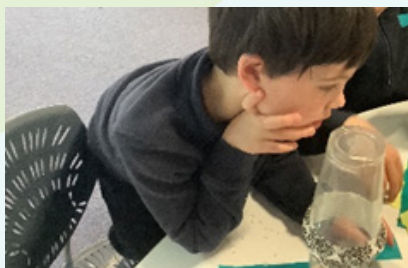
Administration staff celebrating ES day



The faces under the masks

P9

Adventures



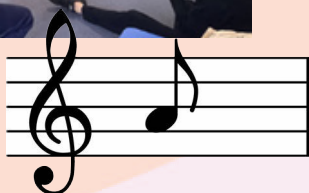
In P9 we have had such fun exploring the world around us. We followed the Olympics and made noise makers. Whenever Australia won, we would cheer "Go Aussie!" and shake our shakers. Here is Chaise with his.



We enjoy music class with Brede every fortnight. We love it when she brings her instruments. Here is Xavier beating the big drum!



Here we are singing and signing with Sarah, our speech therapist. We do lots of signing and everyone loves to join in. It's always fun when Sarah comes because she always brings us new songs.



Everyone loves working hard at their tables; following their schedules and work systems.



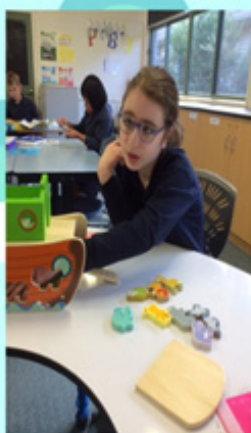
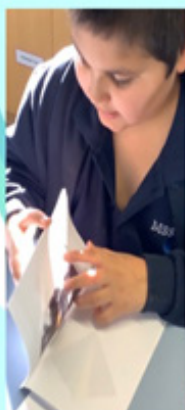
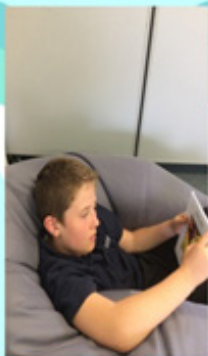
Cooking is our favourite thing to do and we make something new each week. Tiffany was so excited to bake yummy cupcakes!



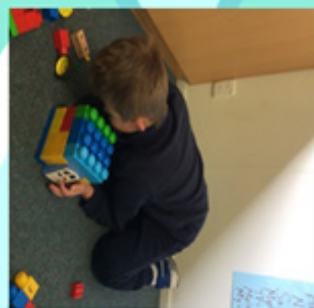
Here's Ellie having fun during a structured play session. We do structured play three times a week and it's always a fun time.



Well done P9, we are so proud of you all!



**Completing tasks at
different locations
Group, Independent,
Teacher and Activity
Table.**

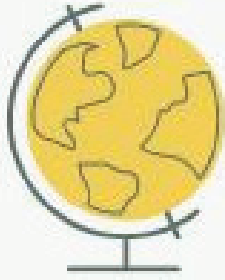


**We enjoy working
together as a group
during our cooking
sessions**

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**This semester, we have
been working on
following the MSS
values of being
respectful, by showing
expected behaviours.**





A DAY IN THE LIFE...



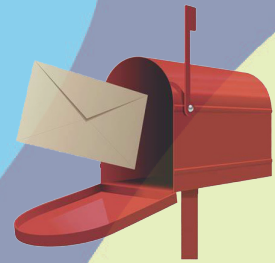
ROLE: **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

8:30am	Start work
8:30am - 9:30am	Read and action my emails; including printing any purchase orders, quotes and invoices I have received over night
9:30am - 1:00pm	Check through purchase orders on Compass and enter any newly approved ones into Cases21 Print approved purchase orders and attach to corresponding invoices Contact staff to sign any outstanding purchase orders
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Check through emails again Action company statements like Woolworths, JB Hi Fi, Australia Post, etc Pay any bills that are due eg. Monthly phone bill Enter all completed invoices into Cases21 and get them ready for payment on Thursdays
4:30pm	Go home to my husband, toddler and three cats



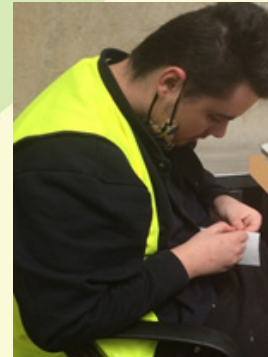
Lauren

FUN WITH S10



S10 have had a lot of fun this year! In Terms 1 and 2 we visited a lot of local parks. We were able to play on the playgrounds and learnt how to use the fitness equipment. In travel training, we learnt how to use public transport with Myki cards to touch on and off.

On Wednesdays we would visit Mambourin - an organisation dedicated to providing support services in areas including; life skills, specialised social interests or sport and fitness. During our visits, we've learnt to develop work and safety skills in an actual work place.



Here we are putting together Australia Post sorting boxes



At school we work on maths, literacy and independent living skills. Here, we were learning to count and deal with money



What has two wings it can't flap, a beak it can't eat with and no feathers but can fly?

...An aeroplane!



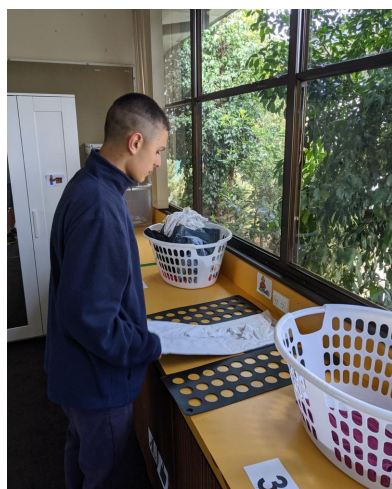
INDEPENDENT LIVING

Like all classes and programs, the Independent Living program has needed to reinvent itself during remote learning. This term has presented challenges, but we are forever adapting to meet the needs of our cohort. Through improved work programs, that provide more flexibility for student engagement, to implementing WebEx sessions, we are looking at a multi-faceted approach to learning.

At the core of the program, we are teaching life skills that are essential to our young people increasing their independence at home, at school and in the community. The strategic implementation of conceptual learning, is central to our students developing an understanding of their world. This, alongside skills-based education, will support them in becoming more independent.

Our aim is to introduce these skills as early as possible, and through regular exposure to disparate experiences, our students will gain the tools that will allow them to improve their self-esteem and lead to more confidence and happiness in all areas of their life.

We look forward to seeing all of our students back at school, as soon as remote learning ends.



SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



ONLINE

ARE YOU A NDIS PARTICIPANT
AND ATTEND SCHOOL?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO
THESE HOLIDAYS?

MORNING SESSIONS

10AM - 12NOON

MONDAY

Disco

TUESDAY

Karaoke

WEDNESDAY

Health & Fitness

THURSDAY

Chat / Catch up

FRIDAY

Karaoke

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1PM - 3PM

Games

Games

Colouring

Disco

Movie Afternoon

UPDATE FAMILY DETAILS

It is important that the school always has your current contact details including address and telephone number and up to date emergency contact numbers. To notify of any recent changes, please either contact the school office on 9743 496, update via the compass app or write a note in your child's diary.



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will run by appointment only during Term 3. If you are requiring uniform please call the office on 9743 4966 to make a time.

Due to the recent restrictions, students will be unable to try on the uniform items, however feel free to bring in a personal clothing item to help compare sizes.

We also are unable to exchange items for different sizes after purchase. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Preferred payment is Bank Transfer or we can accept correct Cash.

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE!

Remember to "like" Melton Specialist School on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest news and activities. You can also download the school newsletter to see what is coming up on the school calendar.

