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**Bacchus Marsh**  
Coaches



## DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY AUG 15th	CURRICULUM DAY
AUG 22nd-25th	BOOK WEEK
THURSDAY AUG 25th	BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY
THURSDAY SEP 15th	FOOTY DAY

 **COMPASS**  
School Manager



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Newsletter Edition 11 2022 - Monday 8th August

Dear parents/carers and community members,

Congratulations to our preppies who recently celebrated **100 Days at Melton SS!** It's quite remarkable how quickly the time has gone and how much they have learnt, not only with their learning, but understanding their importance to us as part of our school community.

The preps enjoyed making paper chains and activities that centred around the number 100 culminating in an afternoon tea which we were lucky enough to be able to hold outside.

What a wonderful start to their education journey! Thank you to our amazing staff and families for making this happen.



## TEACCH

Our 3-day TEACCH workshops have now ended and what a runaway success they were. Engaging, informative and received with such enthusiasm, we plan to do it all again, for those that missed out.

The TEACCH framework focuses on visual supports and the strengths and interests of students with autism. The aim of the training was to provide strategies and skills to our team and others around the state.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Kay and Alisha who are part of the MSS Admin Team. Their dedication and event planning skills are second to none and without them, I'm not sure it would have happened at all.

Thank you ladies!

Please note that no students are to be dropped off or to arrive before 8:45 am. If you arrive before 8:45am you are expected to wait with your child until their teacher collects them.

It will be a student free day on Monday 15th August 2022.

There will also be a whole school professional practice day this term. We are yet to confirm when, but will let you know as soon as possible.

On Friday it was Principal's Day and Tegan, Alice and myself were overwhelmed by the cards, drawings and gifts we received from the incredible MSS team. We are all so proud to be part of such a thoughtful and kind team. Your students did you proud with their cute cards and visits to our offices – THANK YOU so much for making us feel so special.

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## BUSES

Just a reminder to those families whose children travel on our school buses to please allow 5-10 minutes either side of your allocated bus pick up/drop off time as sometimes there are delays.

If you have any concerns regarding the buses please contact our Administration Team and they will direct your call to our bus coordinator for action.

Please also ensure your contact details are up to date to enable us to send text messages if there are any bus issues.

## BUILDING UPDATE

The build is really gaining momentum. It's becoming so much easier to visualise how it will look when it's complete.



Best wishes,

Brooke

## CHECKING IN WITH P2

This week P12 has been working extremely hard on the concept of money, why we use money, recognising and matching money.

We were also lucky to have a lovely day for our excursion. All of P12 students enjoyed seeing important parts of our community and then a movement break and snack at a local park.



# P1

**Wow - what a busy start to Term 3!!**



This term we have started our new topic of 'Amazing Animals', tried out lots of new resources and are practising taking turns and sharing with our friends.

We have started Travel Training – using the bus is very exciting!



We got to celebrate 'Prep 100 Days of school' by dressing up and having a party. It was awesome to have fun with our friends!



## POST-SCHOOL PATHWAY BLOG – S10

On Tuesday the 12th of July S10 went to visit Mambourin. We went to learn about things they do there, and to also see if that was an option for when we leave school.

- Leah Bonanno

We learnt about SLES - School Leavers Employment Service and theory (classroom stuff) and the different work experience.

- Bianqua Ivokovic

They also have supported employment for people who aren't ready to work by themselves and day programs like sport, cooking, community access, arts + crafts, music for people who aren't ready to work.

- Amber Johnston

Mambourin is a place for kids with different disabilities who need help with stuff and to find work

- Simone Jones

For more information: <https://www.mambourin.org/>





Mercy United Services

## **PARENTS, WE ARE HERE TO HELP** YOUR LOCAL NDIS PROVIDER

Mercy United Services prioritise meeting the personal needs of our community and providing a holistic approach to lifestyle management.



Our services promote dignity, self-worth, resilience and involves participants and their families in decisions that impact their lives.



### **Provided Support**

- Participation in the community
- Developmental life skills
- Early childhood support
- Assist personal activity / daily living

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# COMMUNICATION

## SEESAW & COMPASS

A reminder of the importance of using Compass and Seesaw for families. Teachers and families communicate via Seesaw. Compass is used to send important information to families. If you need help setting up either system please contact the office.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders can be placed at any time by returning a completed form to the office. Going forward **ALL uniform orders will be filled on a Thursday**. Please keep this in mind when requesting uniform.

Students are unable to try on uniform items, however feel free to bring in a personal clothing item to help compare sizes. We 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** - **we do not have change**.

A copy of the uniform order form is available on our website for you to calculate your total.  
Go to our website> Enrolment> Uniform Order Form



## HEALTHY LUNCHES AT SCHOOL

MSS is a healthy eating school. We focus on healthy choices with the food we bring to school. We ask that parents and carers encourage this with healthy options in our lunch boxes. If you have any questions or special requirements please speak to your classroom teacher.

## 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.

