



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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COMING EVENTS

25 & 26 May

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30 May

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14 June

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From the Principal

Transition to High School

Parents of **Year 6 students** will have been emailed a registration of interest link for nominating their preferred high school for **2024**. This needs to be completed online by the **end of May**. If you are having trouble accessing this, please come into the front office and Annette will assist you. If your listed email address has changed please notify the front office as you may not have received the link.

Late arrival on a school day

During our colder months and seasons I understand that it is going to be difficult to get out of bed in the mornings to come to school.

School policy states that any unexplained absences will be followed up with a text/SMS from the front office requesting the reason why your child is away on that day. Please respond to the message in a timely manner so the attendance can reflect on the class roll.

If your child is late to school for any reason and you are unable to walk them to the front office to explain why your child is late, the school would appreciate a dated, hand written note from the parent with a quick reason why your child is late. A phone call to the front office is always a good means to communicating this information also.

Governing Council Meeting

Our next Governing Council meeting is Week 8 Term 2, **Monday 19 June** at **5.30pm**. All interested parents who wish to have a say in their child's education are welcome to join us in the staff room.

School Photos

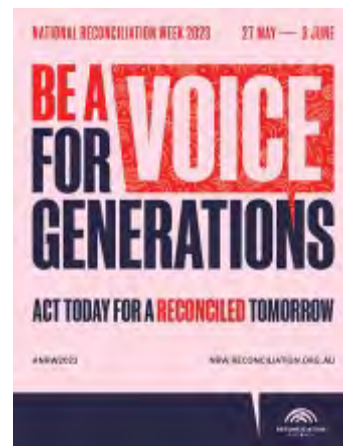
School photos will be held Week 4 this term, **Tuesday 23 June** starting at **9.00am**. Packages should be coming out very shortly if you have not already received one. Family packs are available from the front office.

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation is in week 5, **27 June** to **3 July**. As a school we focus on everyone working together to make our country fair and equal. We also look at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and contributions to Australia, past present and future. There will be more information coming about Reconciliation Week closer to the time.

Erica Hurley

The Melaleuca Park Primary School community acknowledges the Boandik people as the traditional custodians of the land that we live, work, learn and play on.



Be Kind - Work Hard - Dream Big

Uniform

Our uniform consist of a navy jumper, navy and teal or navy polo shirt, navy pants/shorts/skirt and a navy and white checksummer dress.

Navy Jumpers, with our school logo, have been ordered and each child will receive 1 free jumper. Additional



Available at the Front Office



Mobile Phones

Student use of personal devices at school:

All students are required to keep their personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day and while they are attending authorised school activities off-site, such as camps and excursions.

Students may only access their personal devices during these times if they have received an approved [exemption](#) from their school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason.

Access refers to both physical access, including wearing any wearable technology that fits the definition of personal devices in this policy, and remote access, such as connecting other technology to the personal device's hotspot or using headphones that are paired to the personal device.

Excellence Awards

Lilly Moorhouse and Scarlett Kennett

Certificates from term 1

Harlie Delaney

For your fantastic efforts in your learning and working so hard at writing your letters and numbers. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Charli Haggett

Charli you have developed into a confident and engaged learner who takes pride in their work and always tries their best. Keep up the great work!

Eeva Askew

For outstanding improvement and progress in all learning areas. You concentrate and work so hard. I am so proud of how much care and effort you put into all of your learning!

Caleb McNulty

Congratulations Caleb, you have improved so much with your learning. I love how you can do your morning sign in book so neatly now. Keep trying your best.

Haylee Lawn

For an excellent start at Melaleuca Park. It is a pleasure to have you in our class, you are kind and thoughtful to everyone and you try your best in all learning areas. Keep at the good work Haylee.

Hailee Read

It's a pleasure to have you in our class. You are kind and thoughtful of others and always willing to help your classmates with their work or with tidying the room. The artwork you have done is amazing. Congratulations on a great start to term 2.

Alick Paterson

For working with your educators to engage with your learning. It has been great to see you challenge yourself more. Keep up the good work Alick.

Lily Fry

For challenging yourself more and demonstrating the characteristics of an independent learner. Keep up the good work Lily.

Charlotte Askew-Collins

For working hard and achieving great results in numeration.

Sophia Cottier

For persisting with challenging math tasks and showing amazing growth in numeration.

ANZAC Day

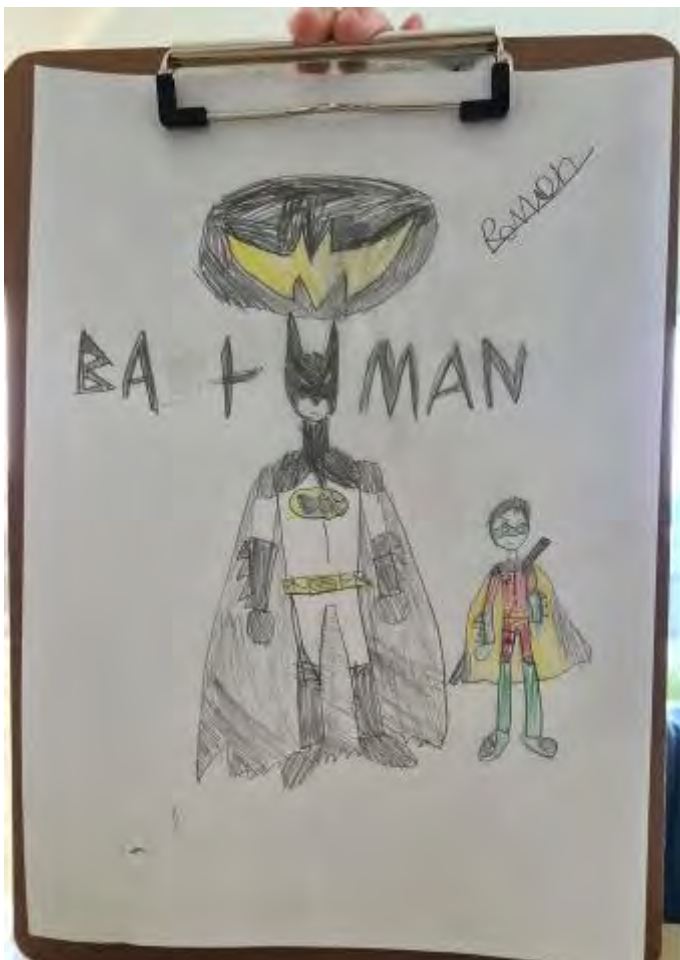


The Ode

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn:
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Rowan's Discovery Drawing



Bailey's Results for SAPSASA Swimming



Bailey had a huge 3.98 second personal best in 50m free-style. Finishing 6th in his age. In the 4x50m freestyle relays saw 2 podium finishes—3rd in 11years and 2nd in 12years.

Naracoorte Cross Country



March in May



May 10
Canunda NP



March in May



Easter Egg Colouring Winners



Mission Statement

Mission: **Together we learn.**

Our children are competent, powerful and rich in potential. We invite children into an inclusive learning community to grow academically, physically, socially and emotionally. We walk alongside families to nurture every child's development in becoming active informed citizens.

Vision: **Nurturing lifelong learners.**



Sports Day Sprint Winners



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Mid-Year Intake

A mid-year intake into preschool and school is starting in 2023. Parents can enrol children born in the middle of the year at a time appropriate to their age and their stage of development.

Mid-year intake will start in: preschools in 2023 and schools in 2024.

Term 3, 2023 – July intake (mid-year) Children who turn 4 years old from 1 May to 31 October can commence preschool at the start of term 3. All preschool children will receive 600 hours of preschool across 4 terms. Children starting preschool in the 2023 mid-year intake, will complete terms 3 and 4 plus terms 1 and 2 of the following year. They will then start school in term 3, 2024 for the 2024 mid-year intake.

School A mid-year intake will start in schools for term 3, 2024. Students who start school through a mid-year intake complete 6 terms of reception.



BusSafe

Take care. Stay aware.



A FREE, FUN, INTERACTIVE incursion linked to the Curriculum

Led by the bus industry and funded by the Department for Education

BusSafe sessions teach children how their behaviour directly impacts their safety in and around buses. We talk about school, excursion, and town buses too.

It's a first of its kind safety initiative for South Australia.

Each session takes fifty minutes to an hour and the ideal group size is two classes. There are videos, role play and discussion in-class. There is also a bus inspection to put learning into practice and discover the safety and emergency features.

The program is aimed at children from Reception to Year 4, although the messages are universal so it's also a good reminder for students heading towards high school.

In 2022 we held over 80 sessions and saw 3,000+ students

Feedback from schools is uniformly positive. 100% of teachers said BusSafe is a worthwhile initiative, and some are re-booking this year with a new cohort of students.

Let's look at statistics

Buses are one of the safest transportation modes, but accidents and emergencies can happen. When they do, it is usually through risky behaviour at the bus pickup area or while on the bus.

Between 1989 and 2020, there were 90 fatalities involving buses carrying school-aged children. Half of these fatalities were people not in a vehicle – such as pedestrians and cyclists¹.

Also, for every reported accident thousands more near-misses go unreported.

What does risky behaviour look like?

- Walking in front of the bus
- Crossing the road before a bus pulls away
- Horseplay at the bus stop or pickup area
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Distracting the driver

The BusSafe mission

Safety is a shared responsibility, and the bus industry cares about it deeply. Please get involved and help us keep your students safe.

We want to avert the near misses and the incidents. We do not want any more lives lost through preventable accidents.



We would like to visit your school

Make a booking (08) 8269 1077

Email us admin@bussafesa.com.au

Get social [facebook.com/bussafesa](https://www.facebook.com/bussafesa)



¹ Australian Road Deaths Database (BITRE 2020)



MELALEUCA HUB SHOP

Affordable groceries,
FREE fruit & veg, clothes, shoes,
toys, books, toiletries, pet products,
kitchenware and bedding.

OPEN 9-12

Monday to Friday during school terms

At the Melaleuca Hub - next to the kindy

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY #NSS2023

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

the SPEEDY SLOTH

BY REBECCA YOUNG AND HEATH MCKENZIE

Wednesday 24 May at 10:15am

Join us for a special Storytime as we countdown the clock and read along with over one million children from around Australia. Come dressed in your best running outfit for a GREAT RACE against our sloths, followed by a SPEEDY SLOTH craft activity and prizes!

Bookings essential - phone 8721 2540 or scan the QR code below.



It was finally time for the event of the year, Spike couldn't believe it — THE GREAT RACE was here! The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run!



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City of Mount Gambier

LEGO FAN CLUB CLASSICS

TERM 2: NEW DAY!!
Mondays
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Bookings
8721 2540



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 May - 3 June

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

Storytime
Tuesday 30 May at 10:00am
Join us for a reading of 'Back on Country' by Adam Goodes. Children will then make their own personalised door sign 'My Bedroom is on Boandik Country'.
Bookings not required.

Care for Country With Boandik Elder Aunty Michelle
Friday 2 June 10:00am and 11:30am
Lower Primary: Reception-Y4
Join First Nations cultural leader, Aunty Michelle, as she guides children on the dual naming of the six significant cultural sites in Mount Gambier/Berrin. Children will make a pledge to how they will look after Country creating a sense of pride.
2 sessions max. 25 students per session.
Bookings essential.

My Acknowledgement to Country
With Bunganditj Language Coordinator Tara Bonney
Wednesday 31 May at 1:00pm
Middle Primary: Year 4-6
Children will create their own 'Acknowledgement to Country' and learn about the importance of respect and the continued connection our First Nations people have to Country.
1 class session. Bookings essential.

Living Book with Uncle Ken
Wednesday 31 May at 6:30pm
Uncle Ken is a proud Boandik Elder, and 2019 & 2022 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year. Join us on this personal insight into culture, family, care for country and an open discussion on how we can all be part of reconciliation for a better community and Australia. **Bookings essential.**

City of Mount Gambier

For more information and all bookings contact:
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Basketball Skills

