



# MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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## COMING EVENTS

**16 June**

Soup Day

**19 June**

Choir instructor visit

**27 June**

Mad Minute to MGHS

**28 June**

'Dream Big' excursion

**29 June**

Primary excursion to SRHT

**30 June**

9-a-side football at GHS

Choir to Reidy Park

**07 July**

Last day of term 2

**04 July**

First day of term 3

## From the Principal

### 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.

### Story Dogs

Story Dogs have returned to Melaleuca on Monday and Tuesday and were welcomed back by all the students. This is one of the resources we are accessing at our site to support our improvement plan to increase student achievement in reading. I would like to welcome dog handler Helen with Ace and dog handler Helen with Maggie. They will support students to continue to develop their identities as readers and make reading fun.

### Reports

Student reports are being finalised and will be sent home on Wednesday of Week 10. Mid year reports are a way to communicate the progress of your child's learning against the Australian Curriculum. If your child has an agreed one plan the report will indicate their progress towards individual learning goals. Please use the report to chat with your child to celebrate their growth.

### Breakfast Club

Reminder Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8.00–8.30. Please parents be aware students are not to be on site before 8am as there is no supervision or duty of care.

### Student Free Day

Term 3 week 2, **Monday 31 July**  
Melaleuca Park Primary school will be holding a student free day for staff to build their capacity to improve literacy outcomes for students.

**LITERACY GUARANTEE  
CONFERENCE  
Mount Gambier  
31 July 2023**



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 jumpers can be purchased for \$35.



## Available at the Front Office



School shirts **\$35.00** and

school jumpers **\$35.00** 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

### Isaiah Upston

Well done Isaiah for doing a great job of engaging in all of your learning tasks so far this term. Keep up the great work!

### Lilly Everingham

For your amazing efforts in science with Mrs. Maxwell.

### Bailey Roney

For trying your best in Literacy and the great effort you have put into your reading.

### James Smith-Stokes

For being a wonderful role model to others, and completing all learning tasks well.

### Douglas Cottier

A greatly improved effort and attitude in Literacy. Keep up this positive attitude!

### Aussie Ee

It's a pleasure to have you in our class. You walk in with a smile every morning. The effort you put into your learning across all the learning areas has been wonderful to see. Keep up the good work Aussie!

### Coen Beck

For happily getting involved in class discussions and activities. You have been giving your learning your best effort. Well done Coen!

### Ally Askew-Collins

For using your growth mindset and working hard on all learning tasks. You have also helped your peers when needed in a very constructive way and have worked well in groups. Keep up the good work Ally.

### Charlie Pratt

For being a kind and caring friend to your peers. You are always patient, kind, respectful and caring. These are excellent qualities, keep up the good work Charlie!

### Connor Ellery-Sheppard

For an increased effort in all tasks in the classroom. Your work has shown significant improvement and you are meeting all learning goals set. Keep up the great work!

### Eamber Edwards

Eamber, you have been putting in more effort in all tasks. You have been clarifying where you might need assistance and it has shown improvement across all learning particularly Math, Science and HASS. Keep up the great work!

### Duncan Ee

For always giving your best effort and attitude towards every learning task.

### Dallas Davis

For being a kind classmate and working hard in speech and drama.

## RECONCILIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES



Week 5 was **Reconciliation week**, there were many great activities happening in every learning space across the school. The staff at Melaleuca Park need to be recognized for the exceptional work they do on a daily basis to promote equality and Reconciliation, leading our future generations to acknowledge and understand these values.

We started the week by having an assembly where students read their own acknowledgement of country, which they created in their classroom. Some children from various classes showed their excellent bag designs which depicts what Reconciliation means to them. Each student in the school decorated feet to symbolize that we are all walking together towards Reconciliation, these are on display in the library.

Aunty Michelle came to school on Wednesday and spent time with each class, she explained the dual naming of the places significant to the Boandik people around Berrin/Mount Gambier. Aunty Michelle also told some stories and *National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.* (NRW Committee)

# YELP Camp



## Young Environmental Leaders Program Camp



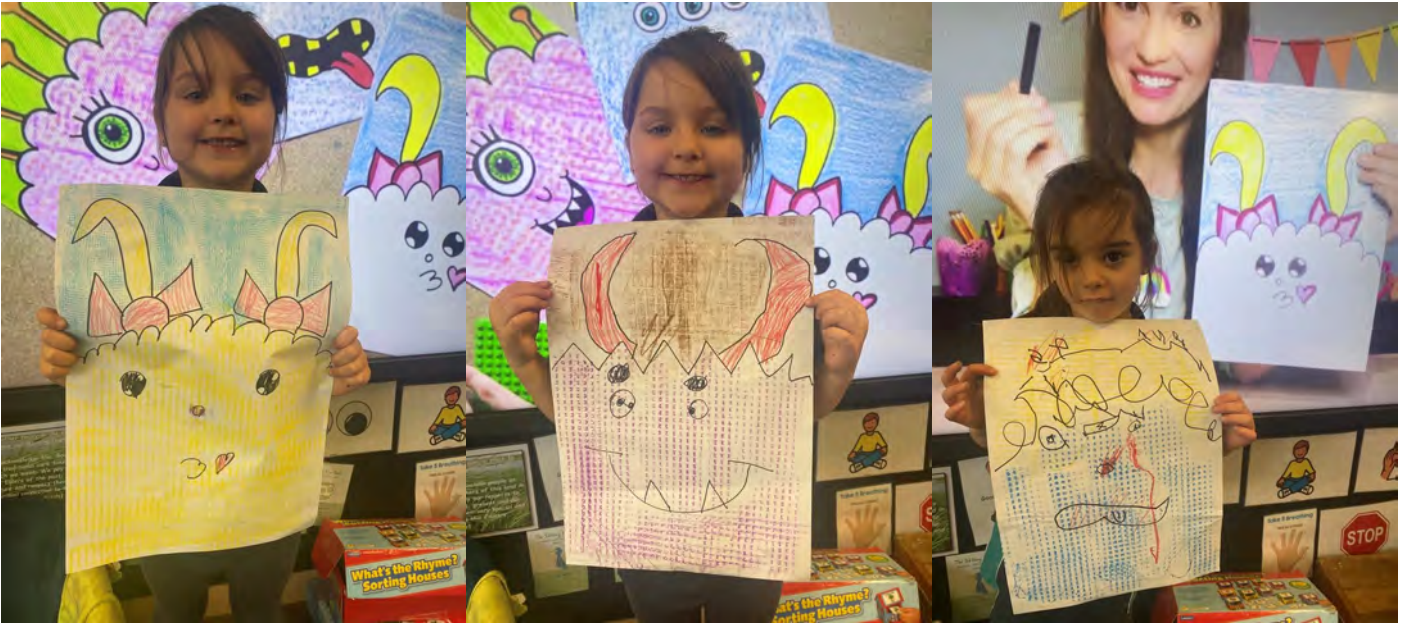
Rain, hail and freezing cold winds did not stop the region's passionate Young Environmental Leaders experiencing the annual Earthkeepers Camp at Naracoorte Caves recently as part of the Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) held by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, which supports students on a year-long journey.

They lead sustainability projects with their school communities with the fascinating projects being undertaken this year including Indigenous gardens, school waste audits and the construction of wildlife nest boxes.

Before leaving camp students wrote down a pledge listing the changes they will make in their own lives to have a positive impact on the environment such as reducing their energy use, recycling at home or riding to school.

They also nominate how they plan to continue connecting with nature once back at school and home.

## WE HAVE BEEN MAKING IN CLASS



### 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.**

Values: **Be kind. Workhard.**

**Dream big.**



## Jumpers have arrived



## Cross Country Results

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual event hosted by Naracoorte Primary School and sponsored by 'your Podiatrist'. First began in 1986 when Naracoorte hosted the Australian Primary Schools Cross Country Championships and has since grown to be a major part of the South East sporting calendar.

The day was fantastic with perfect conditions for distance running.

35 schools from across the Limestone Coast were represented with 881 registered participants.

Many volunteers were enlisted to help with the day from manning checkpoints to ensure runners safety, to catering to feed the hungry hordes and without their help the day would not have been as successful. Major thanks to all helpers and sponsors 'your Podiatrist'.

What a fantastic way to finish off the day.

**8 Year olds** – Hailee Read 9:09 , Layken Kenny 9:24 and Aussie Ee 9:40

**9 Year olds** – Lily Fry 7:13, Peyton Wingard 7:26, Vivian Heenan 7:37, Ally Askew-Collins 10:21, Arabella Lynch 10:37, and Jaxon Walters-Radford 9:14

**10 Year olds** – Jackson Goodes 15:40,

**11 year olds** – Sierra Shaw 18:35, & Evelyn Heenan 20:14

**12 year olds** – charlotte Askew-Collins 17:17, Ella Denham 17:18, Summah Spencer 17:19

## 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.



# BAG DECORATION WINNERS





## AUSKICK



NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce kids to the great game of Aussie Rules Football! It's all about fun, getting hands on the ball and constantly being involved in exciting activities.



## TALK MONEY



The year 5/6 students today participated in an informative **'Talk Money'** session presented by the very engaging Kim from Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation. Students learnt about saving including how you can use a 600ml plastic soft drink container to save \$2 coins and when it is filled there will be \$800! Kim also talked about computer game subscriptions, ads and purchases within the game and how students can make some good financial choices.