



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter

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White Ribbon

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 4

18 August

National Day against
Bullying and violence

Choir (am)

WEEK 5

BOOK WEEK

21 August

Book Week Parade 9:15

22 August

Auskick

23 August

Tennis Program

24 August

Rm1 swimming (pm)

25 August

STUDENT FREE DAY

WEEK 6

30 August

Tennis Program

31 August

Rm1 swimming (pm)

School Special Lunch—Hot
Dog + Fruit box

01 September

Assembly

Choir practise

'Zoom!' Performance

@SRHT

WEEK 7

07 September

Rm1 swimming (pm)

08 September

GHS visiting Year 6s

WEEK 8

11–13 September

4/5 Naracoorte Camp

11 September

Governing Council Meeting

5.30pm

From the Principal

Governing Council Meeting

Our next Governing Council meeting is Week 8 Term 3, **Monday 11 September 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.

Student Free Day

Term 3 week 5, **Friday 25 August** Melaleuca Park Primary school will be holding a student free day for staff to undertake Numeracy training.

Book Week

This year we will be celebrating Book Week from **Monday 21 August** until **Thursday 24 August**.

Book Week parade on Monday 21 August at 9.15am in the gym. All families are welcome to come and join in or watch.

Parent Survey

Can families please scan the QR code below to complete the Parent survey. Your opinion is valued.

Erica Hunley



PARENTS AND CARERS

We want your feedback!



SUBMIT



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 checksummerdress.

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

**NEW
JUMPERS
NOW
AVAILABLE**



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

Isaiah, you did such an amazing job stepping up into the Mother Cat role for Speech and Drama. You spoke clearly and confidently to lead our group for our performance. Well done!

Levi Ellis

For your efforts in Literacy. Its great to see the confidence you have developed in yourself and the ability to have a go. Well done!

Charlie Forster

For putting in a great effort in all learning areas and always trying your best.

Charlie Lidster-Price

Charlie you have been working so hard to complete tasks. I love your positive attitude towards school and learning now. Keep it up!

Tyson Hutchesson

What a positive start you have had this term Tyson. You have been participating well and had a really positive attitude towards school. Well done and keep this up!

Avali Daniel

For an awesome effort at Speech and Drama. The expression you use when reading is a pleasure to listen to. Well done Avali on coming first.

Cataleia Stephens

You were so brave getting up on the stage at Speech and Drama and performing your best. Your reading has rally improved and I cant wait to hear more. Great work!

Jack Goodes

For consistently working hard in all subjects. Keep up the good work Jack!

Grant Andrews

For increased active participation in learning discussions and activities. Keep up the good work Grant!

Lucas Ellis

For demonstrating the ability to listen to feedback and apply it to your performance at Speech and Drama. You used excellent expression and spoke clearly. Well done!

Taylor Brown

You worked extremely hard on your Speech and Dram performance really taking on the persona of Weir. You have great stage presence and took on all feedback and advice given to you. We are all proud of you.

Ella Denham

For displaying a growth mindset in her learning and for always showing kindness in the class.

Alex Sobey

For showing courage when faced with challenging learning tasks. Well done Alex, Keep up your great effort.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The Premier's Reading challenge is underway, with students challenged to read as much as possible over the next 5 weeks. Participating in the Challenge is a great way to encourage children to read regularly and, in turn, set them up for the lifelong benefits that reading brings. Parents can also get involved. Helping your child choose books, reading to them and listening to them read are great ways to connect with your child and also help them to develop a love of reading.



Room 1 Swimmers



YELP



YELP



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Growing connections for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 18 August 2023, is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Melaleuca Park Primary school will be participating on the 17 August 2023 so that all the classes are able to join in.

The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools and provides an opportunity to connect with students, staff and our school community to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The 2023 NDA theme, Growing Connections, promotes the importance of school, family and community connections in building safe and supportive learning environments where all students can belong, feel accepted and respected.

Research has shown that strong school connections and positive relationships can help to prevent bullying. When students feel a sense of belonging and connectedness at school, they are more likely to enjoy school, to trust and respect their teachers, and be concerned about help others ([Australian Education Research Organisation 2023](#)).

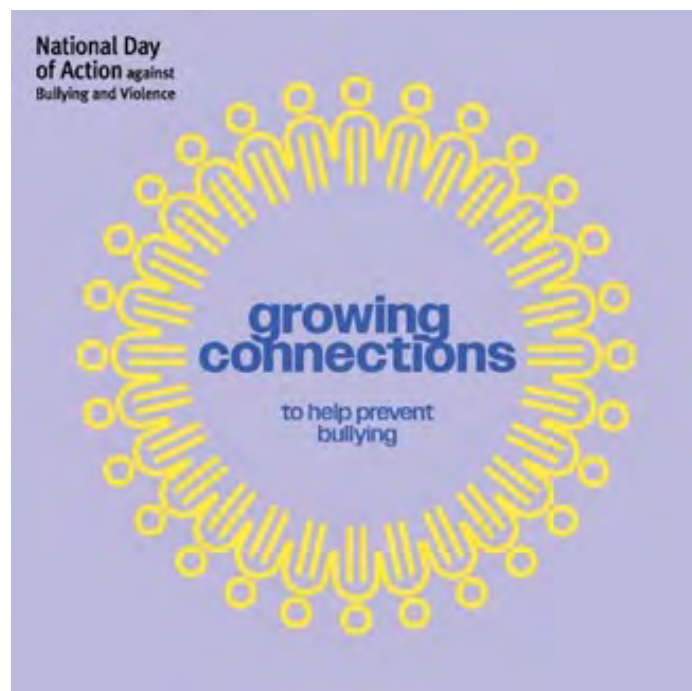
At Melaleuca Park Primary school, we will help grow connections by buddying up the Senior School classes with the Junior School classes for shared Discovery sessions, promoting inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students. Students will also participate in a range of activities during the week addressing different ways of preventing and responding to bullying.

It is important for our whole-school community, including our staff, parents, carers and students to have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying to be able to correctly identify and respond to incidents of bullying. The full national definition can be [found on the Bullying. No Way! Website](#).

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied, please contact the classroom teacher. You will be referred to the Principal if a satisfactory outcome is not achieved. If you believe the behaviour constitutes a crime, or is a serious incident of cyberbullying, please refer to the Bullying. No Way! website for information on [how to report](#) to other authorities and [gaining further help](#).

Please contact our school to learn more about our school's process for preventing and responding to incidents of bullying.

For more information, please visit the [Bullying. No Way!](#) website.



Speech and Drama



SAPSASA BASKETBALL



LEGO FAN CLUBS

LEGO helps with problem solving, enhances fine motor skills and encourages children to share and play with others whilst having fun.

Bookings
8721 2540

LEGO CLASSICS
Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm All ages

LEGO TECHNICS
Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm 8+ years



City of Mount Gambier

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY After School Chess Club

Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learn a new skill or test yourself with a game!



Family Connection Program

Melaleuca Playgroup

TUESDAYS

All playgroup sessions start at 9:00—10:30 am and are held at the Melaleuca Park School Gym, Boandik Terrace.

DATE	THEME	
WEEK 1 25th July	The Green Sheep	
WEEK 2 1st August	Exploring our Senses	
WEEK 3 8th August	Under the Sea	
WEEK 4 15th August	Science Week	
WEEK 5 22nd August	Book Week Dress up and bring along your favourite book	
WEEK 6 29th August	Ball Fun	
WEEK 7 5th September	Special Persons Day	
WEEK 8 12th September	All About Colours	
WEEK 9 19th September	Pets	
WEEK 10 26th September	Staying Healthy	

Healthy fruit—Kindly donated by She's Apples

For further information please contact the Family Connections Program on (08) 8303 6650 or Phone/Text DI 0413 674 070 & Sandra 8488 546 896



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

STEAM CLUB

Let's Explore:

CIRCUITRY and controlling ELECTRICITY with A Light Bulb Moment!

Term 3: Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
1 August to 26 September

Unleash your inner engineer with STEAM Club's circuitry craft adventure!

Have fun and learn about the speed of electricity, how to direct it, and more through hands-on activities.

Suitable for ages 8-12 years.
Bookings essential.



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