



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Department for Education

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COMING EVENTS

18 March Monday

Governing Council AGM 5.30

19 March Tuesday

56's Active8 at Wulanda

20 March Wednesday

Road Crossing Monitor
Training

21 March Thursday

Harmony Day

22 March Friday

SAPSASA Athletics
(MGHS)

26,27,28 March

345 Naracoorte Camp

28 March Thursday

Choir to Reidy

28 March Thursday

YELP at Naracoorte Caves

29 March Friday

Good Friday Public Holiday

1 APRIL Monday

Easter Monday Public
Holiday

02, 03, 04 April

56 Bike Ed

2 & 3 April

Yr 6 GHS Tour

5 April Friday

Assembly 2.40

From the Principal

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. Work hard. Dream big.**

Early Dismissals

Easter long weekend, **Thursday 28 March** will be an early dismissal at 2.10pm.

Friday 12 April is also an early dismissal of 2.10pm due to firstly, sports day and also the last day of term.

Governing Council AGM Meeting

Governing Council AGM will be held on **Monday 18 March** at 5.30pm in the school staff room. All parents and care providers interested in having a say in their child's experience at school are more than welcome to attend any Governing Council meetings.

Bike Riders

When students ride their bikes or scooters to school on a school day they will need to take them straight to the bike shed which will be open from 8.30am each morning and then locked at 8.45am when the bell goes. Students are to push their bike or scooter when on school grounds to and from the bike shed.

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.

Sneakers, shoes and sandals are appropriate footwear. Slip on shoes, thongs or shoes with high heels are not acceptable as they can cause a safety issue to students.



Daily Timetable

8:00-8:30	Breakfast Club available for all students
8:30-8:45	Yard supervision
8:45 Bell	School commences
8:45-9:30	Discovery time
9:30-10:00	Circle time & Fruit break
10:00-11:15	Learning Block 1
11:15-11:45	Recess
11:45-1:00	Learning Block 2
1:00-1:10	Eating lunch in class
1:10-1:40	Lunch
1:40-3:10	Learning Block 3
3:10	Dismissal

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

Logan Redden

For being thoughtful and caring member of our class. Your presence truly makes a difference!

Haylee Lawn

For an improved effort in your literacy work and building your confidence in attempting all tasks. Keep up the good work Haylee!

Hanna Spencer

For working hard across all subjects and taking on feedback to improve your work. Keep it up Hanna.

Kelsei Taleporos

For always offering a helping hand to others and demonstrating good leadership qualities in our classroom. Your confidence is also building in your work, and you are more willing to take on feedback to improve. Keep it up Kelsei.

Evelyn Heenan

For always being kind, following class expectations and challenging herself with her learning.

Chevy Parsons

For being really good at answering tough questions and he has been challenging himself with his learning. Chevy is truthful and kind to others.

Sports Day Captains

Congratulations to these students:

RED captains

Paige Read & Jeremy Tun

RED vice-captain

Ellie Harrop & Eamber Edwards

BLUE captains

Evelyn Heenan & Mason Summers

Blue vice-captains

Taylor Brown & Lucas Ellis

YELLOW captains

Lacey Lynch & Jack Forster

YELLOW vice-captains

Charlee Tansey & Evie Denham

Welcome to The Resilience Project

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on emotional wellbeing and behavioral changes.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

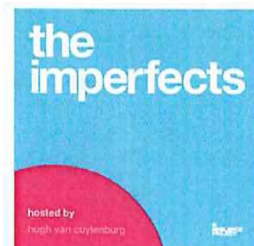
Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.





Kimochis

social and emotional learning

What are Kimochis?

"On the surface, we're a family of cuddly critters and a big bowl of emotions. Underneath, we're a proven system for helping kids grow and transform by dealing skillfully with their feelings."



HI! I'M BUG.

COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR:

- Fear of change
- Positive social and academic risks
- Positive self-talk

MY STORY

Really smart, a skilled conversationalist and is known to talk himself and the others out of any given situation because he likes to examine all sides.

Lives in a Manzanita tree

Has a swimming hole with a tethered rope swing in the center of his living room.

Lucky number: 2

Sports Day Captains

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Melaleuca Park Sports Day Captains were inducted and received their sports day vice/captain badges and certificate Friday 15 March in front of the whole school just before the first session of Friday Fitness commenced.

Congratulations to these students:

Sierra & -RED captains and Eamber & - RED vice-captain

-- BLUE captains and --Blue vice-captains

-- YELLOW captains and --YELLOW vice-captains

Aboriginal Education Officer

Hello everyone,

*For those I haven't got to properly introduce myself to yet, my name is **Georgia Ryan**. I have been fortunate enough to be appointed to the position of the ACEO role here at Melaleuca Park for 2024.*

A little bit about myself, I am a Boandik woman, with Annie Bryce as an ancestor of mine. I am still learning about the history of my family.

In my role I'm here to support the teachers, families and act as a positive role model for the students and support them in any way possible. For myself, this role is also an amazing opportunity for me to learn more about my Boandik heritage, family history and much more.

I will be around on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

Thank you all for being so welcoming - I'm very excited about what this new role holds.



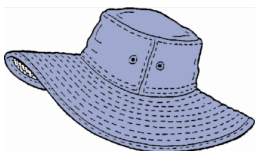
School Card

School Fees are due. If you need to discuss payment options please contact Trudy Horsburgh on 8725 1404. If you need to apply for school card please call the school for further information or go online to fill in the application, alternatively please check your child's bag for a School Card form to be filled in and returned ASAP.

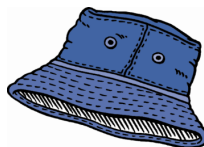
SunSmart

During Terms 1, 3 and 4 (this is when the UV Index level reaches 3 and above) all students need to have a SunSmart hat.

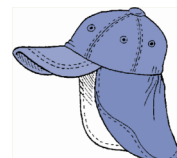
SunSmart hats are broad-brimmed hats, bucket hats, or legionnaire style hats. A SunSmart hat not only protects the face, head, neck and ears, it can also reduce the amount of UV radiation reaching the eyes by 50 %.



Broad-brimmed



Bucket



Legionnaire Style

Clean Air at School



**CLEAN AIR
AT SCHOOL**

Smoking and vaping are banned at this site
including within 10m of the boundary

Tobacco and E-Cigarette
Products Act 1997



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**THIS
SCHOOL IS
SMOKE-FREE
AND
VAPE-FREE**

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**CLEAN AIR
FOR KIDS**

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Golf at the Driving Range



SAPSASA Swimmers



Special Thanks to...



Hi Jayde,

I hope everyone enjoyed their time at Adelaide Zoo. We were so excited to learn that your students “heard the call” to help support primate conservation in Africa by collecting old devices for recycling. Thank you for bringing them with you on the day.

When we recycle your mobile phones, every cent that is raised goes directly to on-ground work with Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary and the Jane Goodall Institute Australia. Tacugama have over 80 Chimpanzees in their Rehabilitation Centre, and run research, community outreach programs. We couldn’t think of a better way that we can all pitch in to help these beautiful animals.

Your group donated 11(!) devices that we were able to recycle to support primate conservation. I was so impressed by the students’ commitment and interest in conservation and I have attached a Certificate of Thanks for your class as a sign of our appreciation.

Thanks again!

Julie

Julie Erickson | Conservation Educator

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Sometimes it's the smallest things that hit the feels really hard.

Rocked up to [GolfnMore](#) this morning to find this amazing golf art project that the kids from [Melaleuca Park Primary School](#) had done for me to say thanks for coming to their school. 🥰🥰

Probably the nicest Thankyou I have ever received from anyone outside my own family.

Thankyou to all the kids that spent time and effort on this creation. It will be displayed in my shop forever. 😊

Let's go golfing!! 🏌️🏌️🏌️🏌️

Community News

The Melaleuca Hub Shop

Open 9am – 12pm
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
(during school terms)

About The Hub

Located next to the kindy in the big, colourful building – The Melaleuca Hub offers a range of services including playgroups, courses, and opportunities to connect with others.

at the hub shop

- Affordable groceries
- Free fruit, veg and bread
- Free clothes and books
- Free toiletries

Pop in, make yourself a coffee and say hi!

This term we will be setting up a parent support group. It is a safe and supported session for families of children with autistic characteristics, behavioural concerns and school anxieties.

Please come along for a chat and a catch up. Four times a term we will have a special guest join us for some helpful tips. The group will be run by Vanessa Maxwell who is the Autism Inclusion Teacher.

When: Monday every week

Where: The Hub

Time: 1:15pm until 2:15pm

If you have any questions or concerns write Vanessa Maxwell a seesaw message or email.
Looking forward to seeing you all.



PIC*COLLAGE



Family Connection Program

MELALEUCA PLAYGROUP

TUESDAYS

All playgroup sessions start at 9:00–10:30 am and are held at the Melaleuca Primary School Gym—Boandik Terrace, MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5230

DATE	THEME	
WEEK 1 5th Jan	AUSTRALIA DAY	
WEEK 2 5th Feb	SUMMER FUN	
WEEK 3 12th Feb	MUSIC & MOVEMENT	
WEEK 4 19th Feb	CRAFT TIME	
WEEK 5 26th Feb	THINGS THAT GO	
WEEK 6 5th March	EXPLORING SHAPES	
WEEK 7 12th March	COOKING UP A STORM	
WEEK 8 19th March	HARMONY DAY	
WEEK 9 26th March	EASTER CELEBRATION	
WEEK 10 2nd April	EXPLORING AUTUMN	
WEEK 11 9th April	DRESS-UPS	

Healthy fruit—kindly donated by She's Apples

For further information please contact the Family Connection Program on 08 8721 2540 or 08 8721 2540 or 08 8721 2540

COME & TRY CALISTHENICS



Do you love to dance?
Do you want to perform on stage?
Do you want to meet new friends?
.....then come and try Calisthenics!

Calisthenics is an Australian Artistic sport and we'd love you to come and try it too!
There is Marching, Dance, Appartus, Acro, Gymnastic Skills, Singing and Fun and it is all in one lesson

1ST LESSON IS FREE



- ✓ Non For Profit Club
- ✓ Accepts Sports Vouchers
- ✓ Affordable for everyone
- ✓ Competition & Fun Teams
- ✓ Solo & Duo Tuition
- ✓ Classes for all ages

CONTACT TONYA 0407 809 714 OR MONIQUE 0438 255 576 OR EMAIL TONIQUESTUDIO@HOTMAIL.COM

Mount Gambier Library

LEGO Fan Clubs

Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Bookings essential for both clubs.

TECHNICS

Weekly builds, using machines and mechanics.
Suitable for ages 8+.



CLASSICS

Weekly challenges and fun for the whole family.
Suitable for all ages.

HIDDEN LEGO MAN

Hidden in a new spot every Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm - find me and receive a treat!



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6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5230
Phone (08) 8721 2540

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

STEAM CLUB

Let's explore:
The Rube Goldberg Machine with
One Thing Leads to Another

Term 1: Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
6 February to 9 April

Unleash your inner engineer and enjoy learning about simple machines, chain reactions, stored energy, and much more as we take engineering to a new level.

Suitable for ages 8+.
Bookings essential.



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MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB

Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Enjoy all the classics and more!
With a selection of games and brainteasers each week – you'll never be bored!

Suitable for ages 8+
Bookings not required.



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WHAT'S AT YOUR LIBRARY FOR FAMILIES?

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

STEAM CLUB

8 - 13 YEAR OLDS
Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics through a series of programs designed to foster a love of learning.
Bookings essential.

LEGO FAN CLUBS:

CLASSICS AND TECHNICS
Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
CLASSICS - ALL AGES
Weekly challenges and fun for the whole family.
TECHNICS - 8+ YEAR OLDS
Weekly challenges, using machines and mechanics.
Bookings essential for both clubs.

TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB

8+ YEAR OLDS
Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Enjoy all the classics and more! With a selection of games and brainteasers each week – you'll never be bored!
Bookings not required.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON POOL

12+ YEAR OLDS
Fridays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Join in with a game of Pool or maybe Reverse 8-ball with our weekly tournaments.
Bookings not required.

CAVE CLUB - UNDER 5'S

Fostering a strong connection to community and a sense of belonging for our littles visitors, our Cave Club runs simultaneously with our Storytime and Move & Groove programs held weekly. Join the Cave Club and start collecting stamps in your Cave Club passport today.

Baby Bounce:
Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00am
Storytime:
Tuesday at 10:30am
Move & Groove:
Thursday at 10:30am



FREE Parent Workshop

Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Monday 8 of April 2024, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Mount Gambier Library

BOOK ONLINE at:
speidsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.



Community News

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY HARMONY WEEK 18 - 24 MARCH 2024 *Everyone Belongs*

Join us as we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for the whole family!



Everyone Belongs Tree - Craft Activity All week

Children can draw a family picture or write their name on a handprint template and add to the 'Everyone Belongs Tree'. All welcome.



Children of the World - Community Puzzle All week

This giant puzzle when pieced together will allow children to enjoy learning about different cultures. With beautiful pictures of traditional clothing and countries of the world. All welcome.



Special Storytime Tuesday 19 March at 10:30am

Join us as we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity with sharing a book that promotes inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Craft activity to follow. All welcome.



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(08) 8721 2540
www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

INFORMATION SESSION Multicultural Morning or Afternoon Tea for CARERS from multicultural backgrounds

Hosted by Carers SA and Mount Gambier Library



As part of HARMONY WEEK, please join us for a Multicultural Carers gathering to learn more about how to access FREE support and services that will help you in your role as a CARER.

Wed 20 March 2024

Register for ONE of the following options

Morning Multicultural Carers Tea
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

OR

Afternoon Multicultural Carers Tea
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Book your spot today!

Mount Gambier Public Library
Multifunctional Room
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

Limited spots, booking is essential

Please RSVP by one of the following ways:

- Send an SMS to 0453 533 361 with your name and which session you are attending.
- OR
- Send an email to linaperez@carerssa.com.au with your name, and which session you are attending.
- OR
- Scan the barcode to register online



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY PRESENTS FIONA LOWE THE ACCIDENT Monday 8 April at 7:00pm

A terrible crash ... but the facts don't add up. Worlds converge and two women's lives are torn apart when a devastating accident uncovers a shocking web of lies...

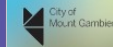
A gripping and thought-provoking new mystery from the master of the moral dilemma, bestselling author, Fiona Lowe.



Free event - bookings required.
Phone 8721 2540 or scan QR
code to book:



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MOUNT BURR FOOTBALL CLUB

JUNIOR COLTS

GREAT FOR FUN AND FITNESS

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS, MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN PLAYING FOOTBALL!

TRAININGS EVERY THURSDAY AT 5PM FROM FEBRUARY 29TH

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

BOYS + GIRLS AGED 10-14 YEARS

ALL ENQUIRIES TO FRAZER JOHNTSON ON 0478 715 379

OR LEIGH WOOLSTON ON 0427 535 000

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or
Call: 8303 0590
Email: wis@sa.gov.au

Sign-up Today



Or visit: www.wis.sa.gov.au

Application closing: 24th March
Training starts: 2nd April

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Where: The Haven Mount Gambier

Great opportunity to connect to the community and to make South Australia a safer place for women.

Make a difference to the lives of local women

Give back to the community

Learn new skills



Join us at the

Bunnings Easter Family Event

A family event with entertainment, D.I.Y. plus a Sausage sizzle fundraiser with all funds going to The Women's and Children's Hospital

Date: Thursday 21st March 2024

Time: 8-8pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser, all funds going to The Women's and Children's Hospital.

Join us on an epic Easter Hunt through the store with lots of free activities, fun and games along the way! Bring along some gold coins to support our local Community Groups and their fundraising efforts!

Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 77232400 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/mtgambier