



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education



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In support of
White Ribbon

From the Principal

COMING EVENTS

BOOKWEEK (W5)

19 August Monday

Bookweek parade in gym 9:15

20 August Tuesday

George the Farmer 10:00

21 August Wednesday

Basketball Shootout

23 August Friday

Room 1 swimming

28 August Wednesday (w6)

Choir practise at Reidy Park

30 August Thursday

'I wish...' performance

SAPSASA Basketball

Room 1 Swimming

Assembly 2:40

4 September Wednesday (w7)

Tennis whole school

6 September Friday

Room 1 Swimming

9 September Monday (W8)

Governing Council meeting

11 September Wednesday

Tennis onsite

13 September Friday

Room 1 Swimming

20 September Friday (W9)

Room 1 Swimming

The Department for Education's annual parent survey

The 2024 parent survey opens mid to late July and closes midnight Sunday 8 September.

We encourage you to complete the survey as we want your views on our school and the education system. It takes less than 10 minutes.

The survey is coordinated by the Department for Education.

How to participate

During the survey window you will receive a unique survey link via email or SMS from the Parent Survey team.

If you have not received an email or SMS with your unique survey link by Friday 9 August 2024, please check your spam or junk email folders. Otherwise, please contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email. A new survey link will then be sent to you.

Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

How your feedback will be used

Your feedback will help us understand:

what we're doing well

where we can improve

what's important to you.

We'll use the information collected to inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

The department may also use your feedback to inform and evaluate the Parent Engagement Strategy and other key initiatives to improve education in South Australia.

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

School Uniforms

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.



Mid Year Receptions

Welcome to our three new Reception students starting their first year at Melaleuca Park Primary School.

Story Dogs





Buddy bench



A huge thank you to Hannah and Bunnings Mount Gambier for donating a brand new Buddy bench for our school. The **NURTURE** children worked with Hannah to build and paint the bench in school colours, and it will be placed in the school grounds. The concept of the Buddy bench is that if a child is lonely, they go and sit on the bench and if another child notices them sitting there they can invite them to play.



Principals Award

Dean Waihape

Dean we are so proud of how hard you are working at keeping yourself calm and ready for learning. It is great to see how much you love being at school and learning new things every day. You are a super star!

Jack Lockwood

For a great start to term 3. You have demonstrated resilience and have been completing your learning tasks. Keep up the great work JJ!

Spencer Denham

You have had a great start to school! You always show kindness and respect to your peers and staff. Keep up the great work!

Tarlaiyah Ball

For focusing on your personal goals and using strategies to build and maintain positive relationships. You have also demonstrated that you can work hard and achieve fantastic results when you commit yourself. Well done.

Alick Paterson

For persisting with tasks and pushing yourself out of your comfort zone. You do excellent work when you put your mind to it. Keep it up, Alick!

Hunter Christiansen

What an amazing start to the term you have had. You are using all the school values. You are a kind and respectful class member. You take pride in your work and get it done in a timely manner. Congratulations on a great start to the term.

Isabelle Mitchell

It's a pleasure to have you in our class. You are kind and thoughtful of others. You get involved in class discussions and activities and you are keen to share your learning and understandings with the class. You have been giving your learning your best effort. Well done Izzy.

Hailee Read

For consistently putting your best effort into everything that you do. Keep up the great work.

Charlie Pratt

For your effort in writing tasks. Keep challenging yourself.

Bo Adams

For showing respect, being helpful and listening during learning.

Connor Ellery-Sheppard

For always listening and being respectful. When classmates need support Connor always helps and explains the learning.

SA Dental

Data shows there's over 50% of eligible South Australian kids missing out on free dental care! (Whether they attend a private or public dentist) And sadly, tooth decay still remains one of the most common preventable diseases in children.

Early education and regular dental appointments are key to creating healthy long-term habits that are much more likely to follow on into adulthood.

SA Dental

Statewide Clinical Support Services (SCSS) | Central Adelaide Local Health Network

Telephone

[08 7117 0073](tel:0871170073)

Email

Health.SADentalCommunications@sa.gov.au

Website

dental.sa.gov.au



Love your smile

T2 Learning Celebrations for Rm 1



Eye Screening

Huge thanks to the Lions Eye Health Program for providing our students with eye screenings yesterday! We're grateful for their dedication to eye health and ensuring our students have the best vision possible. If your child brings home a note after their eye screening, please follow up with an appointment at an optometrist. If they didn't receive a note, no further action is needed at this time. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students' eye health a priority!



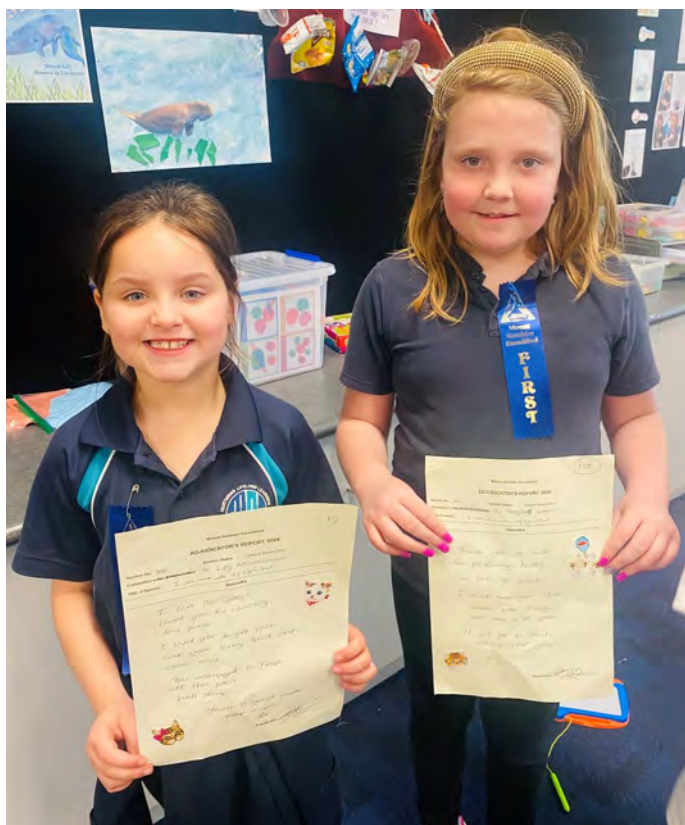
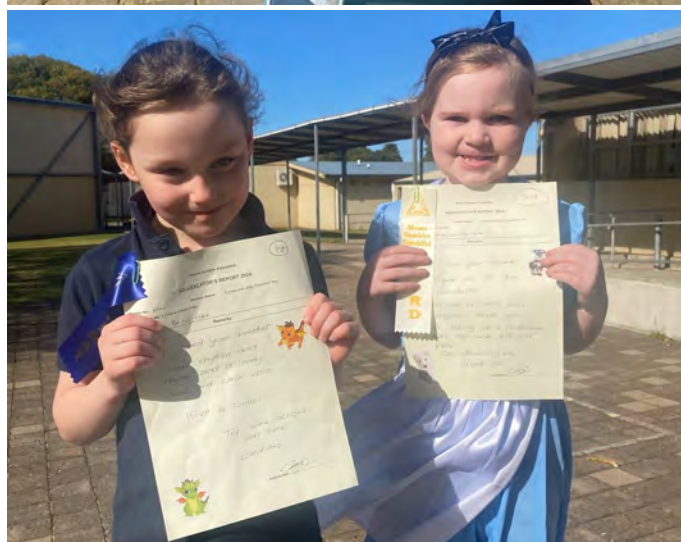
Speech & Drama Eisteddfod (1st Session)

Special needs solo: first place Lilly M and Haylee.

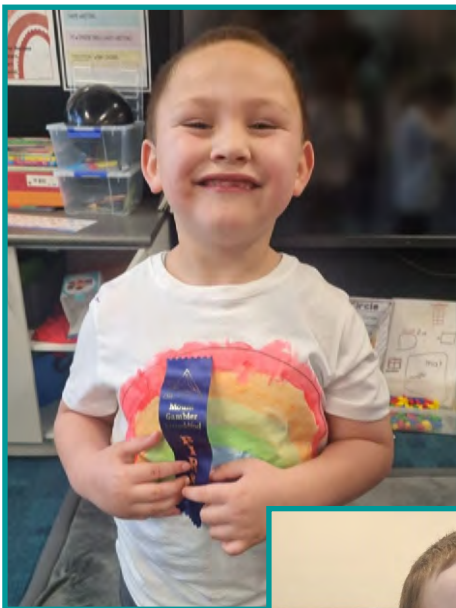
Nursery Rhyme: first place Charlie L P, 2nd Kobe H 3rd place Izzy Mitchell.

Nursery Rhyme section 2: 1st Lilly Everingham, 2nd Tyson H and 3rd Travis

Honourable mention Izzy Brodie and Emily Burley



Speech & Drama Eisteddfod



Spud Olympics



What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

THRIVE WITH 5

PLAY TALK READ EAT WELL AND SLEEP

READINESS
FOR
LEARNING

READINESS FOR LEARNING IS A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON FUTURE SUCCESS. APPA ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO FOCUS ON FIVE KEY WAYS THAT GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO WELL IN LEARNING.

1 PLAY

Make time to play with your child, including outside and inside play. Play develops key motor skills like running, balancing, throwing and catching. Play helps develop game skills as children follow instructions, take turns, share with others and build resilience. As well as having fun, children increase fitness, muscle strength and flexibility, and enhance their creativity and imagination.



2 TALK

Talk with your children to build their speaking and language skills. Through conversations they increase word vocabulary, pronounce words better, understand instructions, and develop imagination and knowledge about the world around them. We know that by developing oral language skills we lay strong foundations which help children learn to read.



3 READ

Reading with, and to, your child sets up attitudes and behaviours for later learning. Modelling reading, too, influences your child's reading habits. Reading is more than books; it's reading the packaging on a breakfast box, the signs and notices around us and the stories your children write. Through books, children boost their imagination, creativity and knowledge.



4 EAT WELL

When children eat well they have energy for learning and play. They concentrate better and achieve more. Limiting your child's sugar intake, drinking water rather than soft drinks and ensuring plenty of fresh food sets up the right habits for later in life. Eating well yourself is the best way to influence your child's attitude to eating.






5 SLEEP

Children need sleep to give their body and mind a chance to rest and grow. Limiting screen time and putting in place routines and behaviours for a good night's sleep, will see your child more alert and ready for the day. Model the behaviour you want by turning off your screens and ensuring you get enough sleep.



What's On? Melaleuca Hub Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Hub Shop 9-12</p> <p>Low-cost groceries Free clothes, toys etc</p>		<p>Hub Shop 9-12</p> <p>Low-cost groceries Free clothes, toys etc</p>		<p>Hub Shop 9-12</p> <p>Low-cost groceries Free clothes, toys etc</p>
<p>PlayConnect+ Playgroup</p> <p>FREE 9-11am</p> <p>A safe and supported playgroup for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or behavioural concerns and their families.</p> <p>Diagnosis not required.</p>	<p>CENTACARE Family Connections Playgroup</p> <p>FREE 9-10.30am (0 to 6 years)</p> <p>Pop in or phone: Di: 0419 674 070 Sandrc: 0488 946 896</p> <p>Held in the Melaleuca Park Primary School gym</p> <p> Centacare Catholic Family Services</p>	<p>Coffee and Chat</p> <p>FREE 9-12am</p> <p>Meet other parents, have a tea or coffee, learn about services available in the community</p> <p>  human SERVICES</p>	<p>My Time Connections</p> <p>FREE 12:30-2:30pm (0 to 5 years)</p> <p>For parents and carers of children with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition</p> <p>Creche available</p> <p>Ph: Nicky 0409448691</p> <p> MyTime Supporting the growth of children and families</p>	<p>Enquiries:</p> <p>Melaleuca Hub Community Coordinator Ph: 0448 016 132</p> <p> human SERVICES</p>
<p> PLAYGROUP SA Playing, Learning, Supporting Families</p>		<p>Hub Library <i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am -12pm</i></p> <p>A great selection of fiction and non-fiction books for free, also computer use for printing, emails, resumes, job applications etc.</p> <p></p>		