



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter

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From the Principal

Governing Council Meeting

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held Week 3 Term 4, **Monday 28 October at 5.30pm**. All interested parents who wish to have a say in their child's education are welcome to join us in the school library.

Late arrival on a school day

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.

School Closure

Friday, 25 October the school will be closed due to Show day.

Pupil Free Day

Educators at Melaleuca Park will be completing some training and development around the Literacy Program on **Thursday 14 November & Friday 15 November**.

Daylight Savings

Move clocks one hour **forward** in the early hours of Sunday 6 October.

Early Dismissal

Term three finishes on **Friday 27 September at 2.10pm**.

Term four begins **Monday 14 October**.

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.

COMING EVENTS

25 September Wed (W10)

Musical Dress rehearsal @ Wehl St Theatre

26 September Thursday

Musical @ Wehl St Theatre
@12pm & 6pm

27 September Friday

Sports Day colours Sausage Sizzle

Room 1 Swimming

Last day of term

Early dismissal 2:10pm

06 October Sunday (break)

Daylight savings turn clocks forward one hour

14 October Monday (W1)

1st day of term 4

15 October Tuesday

Principal's Afternoon Tea

16 October Wednesday

5/6 Learning Celebrations

23 October Wednesday (W2)

Choir rehearsals

24 October Thursday

South East Variety Games

Choir to SRHT

25 October Friday

Show Day School Closure

28 October Monday (W3)

Governing Council meeting
5:30 in school library

SAPSASA Basketball



Sports Colours Day & sausage sizzle

Many junior primary students have been participating in weekly lunchtime 'Auskick' sessions.

To celebrate the ending of these sessions the student leaders will be hosting a '**Sports colours day**' where all students across the school will be invited to wear their favourite sporting colours to school.

Students will also be able to pre-purchase a sausage and fruit box to raise funds for a cover over the sand pit.

**SHOW
YOUR TRUE
COLOURS!**

When: Friday 27th of September 2024 (Week 10)

What to wear: Your favourite sporting colours to school.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in their sporting colours!



Student Leaders

Endorsed by

Erica Hurley
Principal



Sports colours day

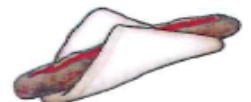
Child's name: Class teacher:

I wish to ordersausages in bread \$2.50 per sausage.

I wish to order fruit boxes at \$1.00 ea.

Total cost of order \$.....

(Please send money with this order and return to the front office before Thursday 26th September.)



Excellence Awards

Scarlett Kennett

Scarlett, we have been so proud of the care you have taken with your work this term and how hard you have been trying to complete independently. Keep up the great work!

Kobe Hutchesson

For the resilience you have demonstrated since returning to school and your fantastic efforts in literacy. Keep up the great work!

Mason Axelby-Young for always demonstrating kindness and respect to your classmates and teachers. Great work Mason!

Eeva Askew What an amazing term you have had. You are using all the school values. You are a kind and respectful class member. You always give your learning your best effort. Fantastic Eeva.

Emily Burley

You get involved in class discussions and activities and you are keen to share your learning with the class. You have been giving your learning your best effort. Well done Emily.

Evie Denham

for being respectful and always on task.

Hailie Brodie

for improved effort in focus and attention to detail. Keep challenging yourself Hailie.

Xavier Smith

for working towards being a leader. You are making more of your own choices in class and engaging in learning. Keep up the good work Xavy!

Vivian Heenan You have really taken on your role and become your character in the 'Amazing Adventures of Superstan'. It is amazing to have watched your character develop over the course of the term. You have a future in theatre one day if you decide to pursue that avenue in life. Can't wait to watch you on the big stage.

Destanie Martin

for your dedication to quick smart and the improvement you have shown in a short space of time. Keep up the hard work.

Paige Richardson

for your dedication to quick smart and the improvement you have shown over the term. Keep up the hard work.

Lucas Ellis

For making good decisions and taking fight of his own learning.

Everything you need to know about Social media Ban

PM Anthony Albanese has announced his government will this year introduce age limit legislation for social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and Snapchat.

Opposition leader Peter Dutton has already committed to implementing an age limit of 16 within his first 100 days of power, and many states have indicated their willingness to introduce similar legislation.

Studies have shown that social media usage can lead to poor mental health in teens, particularly eating disorders and body image problems.

Dr Simon Wilksch, a Senior Research Fellow in Psychology at Flinders University, said his work with young people aged 11-13 has shown a link between eating disorders and the amount of time they spend on social media.

The government is expected to consult with the states and experts before making a final decision.

Mr Albanese said he was keen to avoid a situation where the country has "eight different systems".

He also said that the right age was somewhere between 14 and 16, but he erred on the side of making it 16.

SA has released draft legislation proposing a limit of 14 years old. While other states have confirmed they will work toward some kind of restriction.

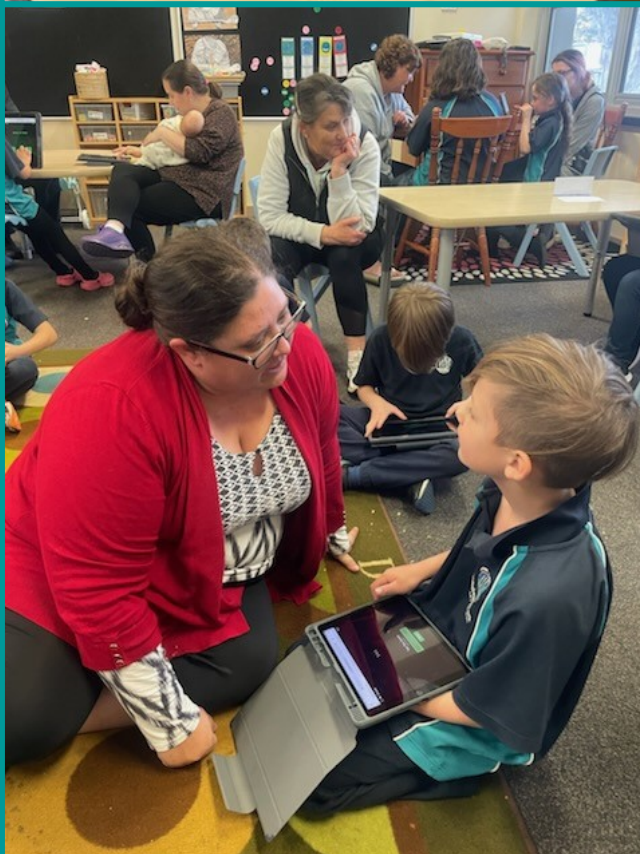


Room1 excursion to GEC

“The Silly Scientist Show” was an interactive performance which aimed to promote positive attitudes to participating in Science related activities. Their aim was to highlight the ‘everyday’ accessibility of Science in our students’ everyday lives. Room 1 Children went to Gordon Education Centre and viewed a performance designed to entertain them with comedy and singing, whilst highlighting many aspects of Science. The show was an engaging and educational experience for your child.



1/2 Learning Celebrations



Whooping Cough Warning

Parents have been issued a stark warning after a huge tenfold surge in cases of potentially deadly whooping cough in SA.

Whooping cough has surged to a six-year high, with 492 cases recorded so far this year—a tenfold increase compared to 48 cases at the same time last year, and just 19 this time in 2022.

Pertussis, known as whooping cough, is a serious lung infection caused by bacteria.

It is also very contagious, causing coughing fits often immediately followed by a deep breath in, resulting in the typical “whoop”.

The potentially deadly disease is most serious for babies and authorities are urging parents to ensure their children are fully vaccinated.

Hand, foot & mouth

Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is caused by a virus (usually from the coxsackie group of enteroviruses, particularly coxsackie virus A16). It causes blisters on the hands and feet, in the mouth and often in the ‘nappy’ area. It is generally a mild disease that lasts 7 to 10 days.

HFMD is more common during warmer weather and tends to spread easily between children.

There is no connection between this disease and the foot and mouth disease that affects cattle and some other animals.

HFMD occurs mainly in children under 10 years of age, but can also affect older children and adults. Outbreaks may occur in childcare settings. By the time they are adults, most people have been infected with the virus that causes this disease.

Gastro

Gastroenteritis ('gastro') is a common and very contagious illness that can affect your stomach and intestines, causing vomiting and diarrhoea.

Babies under 6 months should always see a doctor if you think they may have gastro.

Treatment of gastroenteritis includes drinking fluids to avoid dehydration.

Reduce your risk of catching or spreading gastro by washing your hands well after using the bathroom, changing nappies and before handling food or eating. Children and adults should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

Community News



TERM 4 HOCKEY 2024

Term 4
Starting 19th Oct
Saturdays 10am-12pm

AGES 4-10

FUN, SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE!

U7, U9 & U11'S

REGISTER NOW

TRY THE FIRST SESSION FREE!

\$20 Registration
Starter packs including a stick, ball and shin pads or bag are available for \$15 from the LSEHA online shop

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0408 232 978

Noelene
0429 396 000

CLICK THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION



2024 COME & TRY

U17 TRAININGS
START THIS SUNDAY - 10AM

U14 & U12 TRAININGS
START WEDNESDAY OCT 2ND -
4.30PM

@MCDONALD PARK CRICKET NETS



Melaleuca Playgroup

Tuesdays

9:00—10:30 am
Melaleuca School Gym
Boandik Terrace,
Mount Gambier

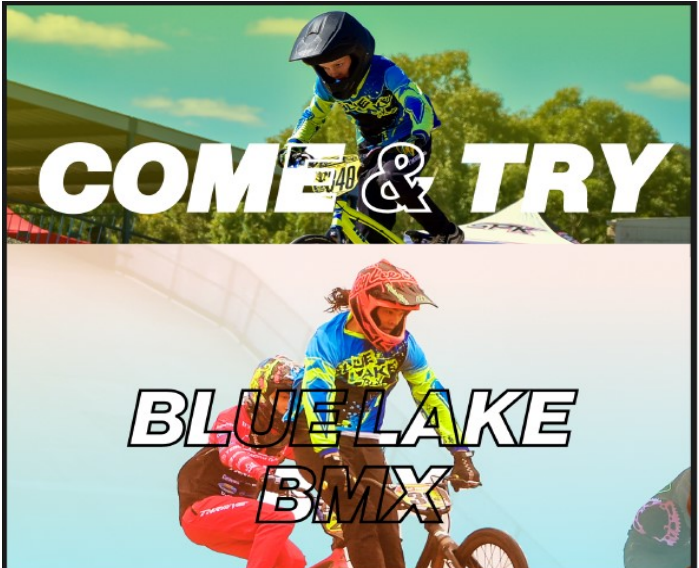
Date	Theme
15 OCT	FEELINGS
22 OCT	HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
29 OCT	OUTER-SPACE
5 NOV	THREE LITTLE PIGS
12 NOV	NURSERY RHYME
19 NOV	ROBOTS
26 NOV	FREE PLAY-FIRE TRUCK VISIT
3 DEC	SUMMER FUN- WATERPLAY
10 DEC	XMAS CELEBRATION



Contact us:
Family Connections Program
08 8303 6630
DI 0419 674 070
Sandra 0488 946 896

Healthy fruit – Kindly donated by She's Apples

centacare.org.au



4:30 PM - 6 PM 11 & 18TH OCTOBER 2024

There's no better time to try BMX in SA. Blue Lake BMX Club is hosting two Come & Try events.



Friday 11th October
Friday 18th October

Register online at
www.ridenation.com.au/s/come-and-try
OR register via the QR Code

- FREE Come & Try.
- AusCycling Accredited Coaches.
- Limited bikes and helmets provided.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets if possible.



Hastings Cunningham Reserve, Millard Street, Mount Gambier, SA.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

LEGO FAN CLUB

Term 4: Thursdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm
17 October to 12 December 2024

Help LEGO characters with exciting career challenges, like building a chef's restaurant, crafting vet animals, and more.

Suitable for ages 6+. Bookings essential.



Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier
Phone 08 8721 2540
mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

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STEAM CLUB

CARNIVAL CURIOSITIES

Term 4: Tuesdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm
15 October to 10 December

From funhouse mirrors to Ferris wheels, get your creative engineering mind on this carnival themed term!

Suitable for ages 8-12.
Bookings essential.

City of Mount Gambier