



Newsletter

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Welcome to 2025

Charles, Leo, Spencer and Tia were welcomed as new members of our Reception class in week 1. This group of children along with new students Ned, Kenzie Aria and Louis have spent the last three weeks developing relationships with the educators and establishing routines as part of school life that started them on the path to becoming powerful learners.

Every child is a member of a learning community within which they are supported by a team of educators to engage with and progress their learning.

- **Reception & Year One**- Jaymee Harkness, Kate Macpherson and Caitlin White.
- **Year One & Year Two**- Vanessa Maxwell, Kate Macpherson Michelle McKinnon and Caitlin White.
- **Year Two & Year Three**- Brydie Merrett, Bec Huebner and
- **Special Options** - Haidee Allen, Kate Macpherson, Mel Griffith, Brody Allison and Billie Jones.
- **Year Three & Year Four**- Jayde Peacock, Rachel Beavis and Rachel Larsen.
- **Year Four & Year Five**- Steve Paleokastritis, Nicole Copping and Tracy Eady.
- **Year Five & Year Six**- Karissa Schultz, Nicole Copping and Kath Blacketer.

Some staff changes to our community this year: we welcome a number of new staff members to our school community. **Steve Paleokastritis** is the Year 4/5 teacher in the primary area. **Brydie Merrett** teaching the year 2/3 class, and **Bec Huebner** from Melaleuca Park Kindergarten is teaching with Brydie. **Kate Macpherson** is the Non instructional teacher in the junior primary area, and **Caitlin White** is the new SSO working in the junior primary area. The partnerships between families and the schools are enhanced by an inherent trust in each other (children, parents and educators) and the knowledge that every member of the community is competent.

As a school community Melaleuca Park holds the belief that children are: **competent, powerful and rich in potential**. Learning begins from birth and happens in relationship with each other. The commitment as an educating community is to involve children, parents/caregivers and teacher as active participants in learning, growth and development.

We welcome our new families to our school community and invite you to actively participate with us. With the start of the school year we remind families that change can be difficult for children and young people. I ask that families work together with educators to support children as they adjust to the expectations of their class. We have high expectations for your child's learning and it may at times be difficult for children to believe that they can meet these expectations. Our children can communicate their fear and anxieties in any manner of ways.

If you have any concerns with regard to your child's learning please make an appointment with their teacher, please refer to the parent conduct leaflet if you have any queries.

Erica Hurley

COMING EVENTS

10-13 February (W3)

5/6 Warradale Camp
Governing Council 5:30

18-20 February (W4)

4/5 Noorla Yo Long Camp

14 February (W4)

Assembly 2:40

07 March (W6)

SAPSASA Swimming

10 March Monday (W7)

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

12, 13, 14 & 17, 18, 19 March

NAPLAN

14 March Friday

Assembly 2.40

17 March Monday (8)

Governing Council AGM
5.30

21 March Friday

Harmony Day

21 March Friday

SAPSASA Athletics

03 April Thursday (W10)

Grip student leaders
attending

04 April Friday

Assembly 2:40

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.

School Crossing



Parents and care-providers who park on the **YELLOW** lines at the school crossing when student crossing monitors are present are making the monitors line of vision impossible to see cars coming in each direction.

We request as a school site that you do not park on the yellow lines at anytime of the day to keep everyone safe.

Causing an obstruction or danger

It is an offence to stop or park a vehicle on a road in a position that could:

- cause or be likely to cause danger to other traffic or people and be likely to obstruct traffic on a road.



South Australians are looking at a fine of \$198 if they are caught stopped in that area. Expect to receive a hefty **\$272 fine** from local authorities if caught parked on a continual yellow line. Drivers will be issued a penalty of two demerit points which is equivalent to a \$275 fine.

Where Stopping and Parking are banned

Unless a sign permits you to do otherwise, you must not stop or park your vehicle:

- within 20 metres of an intersection with traffic lights, these are usually indicated with a yellow line.
- on a pedestrian crossing or within 20 metres before, or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing this is indicated with a yellow line.
- A continuous yellow edge line is a road marking which runs parallel to the kerb. **You are not permitted to stop or park in these zones at any time, regardless of the reason.**



Even if you are only stopping to let someone out of the car and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car.

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.

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.



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



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	Break 1
11:45-11:55	Eating lunch in class
11:55-1:10	Learning Block 2
1:10-1:40	Break 2
1:40-3:10	Learning Block 3
3:10	Dismissal

Lunch orders

Lunch orders are now only available on MONDAYS. Please order through the QKR app. There is information for families on the school website with a parent "How-to-guide" if you need assistance setting this up.



Newbies for 2025

