



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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## COMING EVENTS

**17 March Monday (8)**  
Governing Council AGM .30

**21 March Friday**  
Harmony Day

**21 March Friday**  
SAPSASA Athletics

**24 March Monday (9)**  
Choir excursion 12:00-14:15

**03 April Thursday (W10)**  
GRIP leaders to SRHT

**04 April Friday**  
Assembly 2:30

**08 April Tuesday (w11)**  
Principal's Afternoon Tea

**11 April Friday**  
School Sports Day

**11 April Friday**  
Early Dismissal 2:10

**Term 2**  
**28 April Monday (w1)**  
Student Free Day

**29 April Tuesday (w1)**  
First day of term 2

## 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 Dismissal

**Friday 11 April** is also an early dismissal of 2.10pm due to firstly, sports day and also the last day of term.

### Student Free Day

**Monday 28 April** is a student free day for term 2. First day of the school term for term 2 is Tuesday 29th April.

### Governing Council AGM Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday week 8 with new councillors joining the committee and some councillors continuing from 2025.

**Chair Person:** Ms Caitlyn McNulty

**Deputy Chair Person:** Ms Lorraine Pratt

**Secretary:** Ms Michelle Lavia

**Treasurer:** Ms Gemma Ellis

Council Members include: Christopher Brodie, Laura Paterson and Melissa Brodie

### Sports Day Captains

Melaleuca Park Sports Day Captains were inducted and received their sports day vice/captain badges and certificate at last Friday's assembly. Congratulations to these students:

Jack & Kelsei **RED captains** and Tarlaihah & Lily **RED vice-captain**

Hanna & Viv **BLUE captains** and Peyton & Lucas **Blue vice-captains**

Bella & Evie **YELLOW captains** and Paige & Porcia **YELLOW vice-captains**

*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 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.



## 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
<b>11:15-11:45</b>	<b>1st Break</b>
11:45-11:55	Eating lunch in class
11:55-1:10	Learning Block 2
<b>1:10-1:40</b>	<b>2nd Break</b>
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. Melaleuca Park Policy states that mobile phones need to be handed up to the front office if a child/student needs to bring their phone for emergency concerns when walking to and from home, at the start of the day and collected at the end of day. 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

### Ned Jackson

Wow Ned, what a great start you have had to the school year in Room 1. We are very proud of you for staying in the classroom and starting to join in with group times on the mat. You are learning to follow the class routines and asking others to help when you need it. Keep up the great work Ned!  
Mrs Allen

### Tia Waihape

For the resilience you have shown in adjusting to school and for your increased engagement in learning activities. Keep up the great work Tia!  
Ms Harkness

### Jack Lockwood

For staying in his learning space and doing a learning task when he returns from his 5 minute break. Jack is also a tricky work king. We love seeing you in our class.  
Mrs Maxwell

### Amari Smith

For focusing on improving her listening and problem solving skills to make value contributions in our classroom. Keep working hard and be confident, you can do it!  
Ms Merrett

### Delilah Paterson-Delaney \*\*as voted by her peers\*\*

Your classmates have noticed that you are good at sharing and have encouraged learners in our class. Thank you for being such a kind classmate.  
Mrs Peacock

### Jaxon Walters-Radford

for always working hard and going above and beyond expectations.  
Mr K

### Bohan Adams

for challenging yourself and pushing through when feeling uncomfortable with learning tasks.  
Mrs Schultz

### Hanna Spencer

for having an excellent attitude towards learning and wanting to challenge your capabilities. Your drive to achieve will lead you to amazing places.  
Mrs Schultz

## YELP Camp 1 2025



On Wednesday Kath drove us (Viv, Paige, Lucas and Peyton) to the Naracoorte Caves. We met with Damian and Mel at the playground. Damian talked about how in the Youth Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) we all are going to choose a project to do each term to help improve our school. We identified that rubbish is a problem across all schools however we chose to focus on the soft plastics, cans/aluminium and paper. We are going to build some pictures from all the bins and do a demonstration in the junior primary classes on what goes in each colour bin. We will also put up some posters around our school.



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## Meet Bug!

Bug is a caterpillar who is afraid of change. Although he feels afraid, Bug secretly dreams of flying. When he feels cautious, you can tuck his wings away in his back. When he feels brave, you can spread his wings to make him fly! Bug's favorite number is 2, his favorite color is magenta, and he loves to read maps. Bug feels shy when meeting new people. Bug feels brave when he tries new things. Bug feels left out when his friends think he doesn't want to play when he's being quiet.



## SA POLICE ROAD SAFETY CENTRE

## MILLCENT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for something to do with the kids in the April School holidays?  
Join SA Police for a free road safety session at the Millicent Road Safety Centre,  
Fifth Street Millicent on:

- Tuesday 15 April 2025 10am to 12pm for 5-8 years
- Tuesday 15 April 2025 1pm to 3pm for 5-8 years
- Wednesday 16 April 2025 10am to 12pm for 5-8 years
- Wednesday 16 April 2025 1pm to 3pm for 9-12 years



To book your child into one of these sessions please visit Eventbrite and search SA Police Road Safety Centre Millicent School Holiday Program (bookings live from 9am on 15/03/2025).



For more information on our range of programs visit [www.police.sa.gov.au/road-safety](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/road-safety) or use the QR code on the left to take you straight to SAPOL's road safety page.



### Story Dogs News

Melaleuca Park Primary School is very excited to have a new regular visitor to our school to help our students with their reading. 'Bella' and Karen will be visiting every Tuesday to help Ms Merrett's children with their reading. (We also are lucky enough to have 'Miss Maggie' and Helen returning and visiting each Monday, working with Ms Peacock's class, as they did last year.)

The Story Dogs program partners with the classroom teachers to help students with their reading. 'Bella' and Karen will help the same 4 students each week. The students will come out of their classroom and sit one-on-one with 'Bella' and Karen and read to 'Bella'. 'Bella' loves to listen and will not mind if the student makes a few mistakes, she just wants to have a fun time so that books and reading become a joyful experience.



'Bella'



'Bella' and Karen



'Miss Maggie'

'Bella' is an Australian Shepherd who loves to do tricks. She especially loves a treat and listening to stories. 'Bella' has been practicing at home with her new reading rug and books so that she will be ready to help the students. She is super excited, and had her first session on Tuesday.

If you are interested in volunteering in this rewarding program, please contact Lesley Okholm, our Story Dog Coordinator, on 0410036567 or by emailing [lesleyokholm7@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyokholm7@gmail.com). Coordinators name on [email@storydogs.org.au](mailto:email@storydogs.org.au)

**Welcome 'Bella' and Karen, and welcome back 'Miss Maggie' and Helen!**



## 12JP4 Resilience Project

Mrs Maxwell's Year 1/2 class have been learning about different emotions in their Resilience project lessons. They have been also thinking about how other people may be feeling by reading their facial expressions.

Great learning everyone!  
Mrs Venn – Well Being Leader



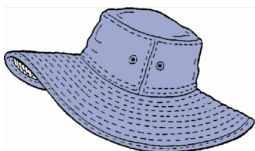
## School Card

School Fees are due. If you need to discuss payment options please contact Trudy Horsburgh on 87251404. 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.

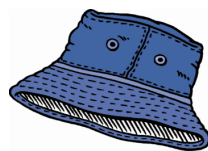
## SunSmart

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.

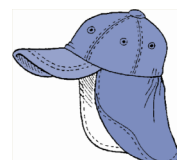
SunSmart hats are broad-brimmed hats, bucket hats, or legionnaire style hats. A SunSmart hat not only protects the face, head, neck and ears, it can also reduce the amount of UV radiation reaching the eyes by 50%.



**Broad-Legionnaire**



**brimmed Style**



**Bucket**

# FAMILY TOURS

Grant High School warmly welcomes Year 6 families to explore our school and facilities.

Join us for guided tours led by our Leadership Team where you'll explore our learning spaces, our school community and learn more about the opportunities we offer.

Tours will depart from the Junior Floor and run regularly in small groups, with each lasting approximately 45 minutes.

The last tour will depart at 6:00pm.



**WEDNESDAY  
2 APRIL 2025**

From 4:00pm - 6:00pm

RESPECT TRUST COMMITMENT



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**2025 Year 6  
Twilight Tours**  
4.45pm or 5.45pm  
Monday 17 March

Dear parents/caregivers

Families of year 6 students wishing to explore enrolment opportunities at Mount Gambier High School for 2026 are invited to attend one of our 2025 Twilight Tours from **4.45pm and 5.45pm on Monday 17 March (week 8)** in the Mount Gambier High School Collaborative Learning Centre.

The evening will include:

- A presentation about Middle School at MGHS
- Meet the Middle School Team
- Presentations about core curriculum areas - Solutions and Global Perspectives
- Mini tours of curriculum specialty areas in HPE, Arts and Technologies

Please contact the school to register your attendance for the Twilight Tour on 8721 0200 or via email [dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au) and include your student's name, current Primary School, contact phone number and how many family members will be attending the tour. If you are unable to make a Twilight Tour or would like to speak further with our Principal and Leadership team we also have **Principal's Information Sessions scheduled for Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 March between 5.30pm and 6.30pm**. You can register your attendance for one of these sessions via the contact methods above.

We look forward to meeting you all!

**Kathryn Sutton**  
Head of Middle School

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