



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Department for Education



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In support of
White Ribbon

From the Principal

School Fees

School Fees are due. If you need to discuss payment options please contact Felicity Goodwin-Perry 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.

Mid-Year Intake For Primary Schools

SA's education department is continuing mid-year intake for primary schools in term 3, 2025. If your child is turning 5 years old between 1 May and 31 October, they can start reception in term 3 (mid-year). If your child turns 5 after 31 October they can start reception in the following year, 2025.

School absences — Late arrival on a school day

During our colder months and seasons I understand that it is going to be difficult to get out of bed in the mornings to come to school.

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.

Transition to High School

Parents of Year 6 students will have been emailed a registration of interest link for nominating their preferred high school for 2025. This needs to be completed online by the end of May. If you are having trouble accessing this, please come into the front office and Annette will assist you. If your listed email address has changed please notify the front office as you may not have received the link.

Pupil Free Day

Melaleuca Park will be holding a Pupil Free Day on Friday 6 June.

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation is in week 5, 26 May to 2 June. As a school we focus on everyone working together to make our country fair and equal. We also look at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and contributions to Australia, past present and future. There will be an assembly on Monday morning, keep an eye on Seesaw for more information.

Erica Harley



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

21 May Wednesday (W4)

Simultaneous Story Time

23 May Friday

Dr Helen Edwards visiting 56

Rm1 swimming lessons pm

26 May Monday (W5)

Reconciliation Assembly 9:15am

Gymnastics 4/5 @11:30

Gymnastics 3/4 @12:30

27 May Tuesday

34 visit to St Mary visit

29 May Thursday

YELP Camp to Naracoorte

45 Reconciliation Movie &
Council chambers visit

56 Reconciliation Movie

30 May Friday

Rm1 Swimming

YELP Camp to Naracoorte

2 June Monday (W6)

Jam Band

4 June Wednesday

Australian Ballet 34, 45, 56

6 June Friday

Student Free Day

9 June Monday (W7)

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Principal's afternoon tea

Aria Davies

Aria, we love how kind you are to everyone around you and how you greet everyone each day with a beautiful hello and great big smile. You are amazing!

Charles Cruz

For always being kind, friendly and helpful student who sets a great example for his peers.

Kaitlyn Radzimanowski

For always being kind, working hard and helping others.

Thomas Radzimanowski

For showing kindness when others have a problem.

Kiesha Latham-Sailor

For always showing kindness towards others and for being a helpful class member. Your kindness makes our classroom a happier place for everyone.

Tahlia Redden

You are always kind to your classmates and only need to be asked once to complete a task. You are a super helper at pack up times and always make our classroom look neat, well organized and tidy.

Hanna Spencer

For always demonstrating kindness to your peers and others.



Excellence Awards

Dean Waihape

Dean we are so proud of how you have worked hard on regulating yourself and keeping calm when you face a challenge. We love to see you trying to help others to calm themselves as well. Way to go Dean!

Jhett Andrews

For his enthusiasm and participation in our music lessons with Mr. Maxwell. Keep up the great work!

Dominik Radzimanowski

For being kind and playing safely with his friends. Nik has also done a great job staying in his learning space and using his regulation tools to help stay calm.

Isabelle Brodie

For showing improved focus in her learning. Issy has worked hard particularly during Literacy, to improve her knowledge and skills. Keep it up!

Katie Pratt

For show respect and being helpful in the classroom.

Biancca Major

for consistently approaching challenges with a smile and a can-do attitude. Your determination and effort in all tasks are truly inspiring.

Hailie Brodie

for your determination and effort in all tasks are truly inspiring. You consistently put in your best effort, and it shows in your progress. Your commitment to trying your hardest in everything you do is commendable.

Chevy Parson

for his thoughtful and mature contributions during class discussions. You set a great example for others to really think about their answers. Keep it up Chevy.

Charlotte Whitfield

Charlotte, I was really impressed with how thoughtful and meaningful your questions were for Jeremy (The Waste Management Expert). You then listened to the answers and used that information to ask further questions. Keep it up.

SAPSASA Swimming



📸 📷 📺 Congratulations to Charlie! 📸 📷 📺

We are incredibly proud of Charlie, who represented Melaleuca Park Primary School at the SAPSASA swimming competition. Competing in the 11-year-old boys category, Charlie showcased his talent in the 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, and the 4x50m freestyle relay.

🌟 Highlights:

- Achieved personal bests in the 50m breaststroke, improving by an impressive 7.67 seconds!
- Set a new personal best in the 50m freestyle, shaving off 1.32 seconds.

His relay team finished 4th overall, with Charlie contributing another personal best time of 48.97 seconds.

Well done, Charlie! Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring. Keep up the fantastic effort! 🌟



**GOOD
LEADERS**
*have the courage
to make difficult*
DECISIONS

On Thursday 3rd of April, we went to the Grip Student Leadership Conference with Mrs Schultz. We talked about leadership and what other schools have done in the past. We learnt about all the different ways to be a good leader.

Some of the key points we learnt about were:

1. having conversations and being out in the school community is more effective than written instructions.
2. We need to set an example for our peers and be helpful to others.
3. It is better to share your leadership rather than be a show off that you have the power.
4. We need to be a voice for younger students.

At the end of the day, we came up with some of our own ideas on what we can do for the school. We are excited to really get started next term on some of our ideas.

Watch this space.
Eve, Jack, Navneet and Hanna.



Term 1 Sports Day Sprint Winners



Year 6 boys



Year 6 girls



Year 5 boys



Year 5 girls



Year 4 boys



Year 4 girls



Year 3 boys



Year 3 girls



Year 2 boys

Term 1 Sports Day Sprint Winners



Year 2 girls



Year 1 boys



Year 1 girls



Reception boys



Reception girls



parents vs teachers



GO BLUE GO BLUE GO BLUE GO BLUE GO BLUE GO BLUE GO BLUE GO BLUE

Cross Country

We had a lovely day in Naracoorte at cross country. It was a beautiful day and the weather was perfect. When we arrived we walked the track to see where to go. On the way we saw an echidna on the track which was pretty cool.

We had to run 1300m and we all tried our best and ran most of the way. We enjoyed cheering for our friends from the side lines



9 Year old girls	Pratt	Katie	8.21
9 year old boys	Lawn	Cruz	7:08
9 year old boys	Hall	Zhi	7:12
9 year old boys	Christiansen	Hunter	7:58

Mem Fox visit



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MOST WANTED



9 APRIL 2025

WANTED



BROKEN TOYS



WANTED FOR:
Serious Project



DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Year 5/6's will be looking at Waste and Recycling over the next term. It will involve students looking at what we could be recycling at school, what is considered waste and goes to landfill and objects that may have another purpose after their shelf life is done. The final part of this project will result in some 3D artwork. Any broken toys or unwanted (doesn't have to be broken) would be highly appreciated.



PLEASE DROP INTO THE OFFICE OR

5/6 CLASSROOM



THANK YOU



Community News

If your child turns 4 before 1 May, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 that year.

If your child turns 4 between 1 May and 31 October, they're eligible to start preschool in term 3 that year.

If your child is born after 31 October, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 the following year.

DON'T FORGET!

At preschool, children are learning through play to:

- ★ make friends, share and play with others
- ★ become confident learners
- ★ understand their feelings and the feelings of others
- ★ express their creativity through dance, movement and art
- ★ develop their physical skills and fine motor skills
- ★ develop their literacy skills such as listening, speaking and communicating
- ★ develop maths skills such as counting, measuring, and solving problems

Government preschools provide specialised support for children, including:

- ★ bilingual support for children with little or no English
- ★ educational support for children with hearing, speech or language impairment and children with developmental delay or disability
- ★ Aboriginal children and children in care can access preschool from 3 years of age

Learn more about how to enrol your child in a government preschool by visiting

www.education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment



FIND OUT MORE



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We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:



@theresilienceproject_




The Resilience Project



The Resilience Project




theresilienceproject.com.au




Melaleuca Playgroup

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




centacare.org.au

Date	Theme
29 th APR	SHOPPING
6 th MAY	MOTHER'S DAY
13 th MAY	FIRE TRUCK
20 th MAY	UNDER THE SEA
27 th MAY	RECONCILIATION WEEK
3 rd JUN	CIRCUS
10 th JUN	THE VERY CRANKY BEAR
17 th JUN	NO PLAYGROUP
24 th JUN	BUNNINGS VISIT
1 st JUL	GROSS MOTOR PLAY



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I AM THE BOSS OF HOW I THINK, FEEL & ACT.

Growing Resilient Kids Workshop

This is a practical solution focused workshop for parents, caregivers, grandparents, educational staff who connect with young people.

This 2-hour workshop focuses on:

- The brain science behind emotions.
- Understanding and working with feelings.
- Learning about the purpose of anxiety and stress (it's not all bad!).
- Increasing understanding of how feelings (e.g., anxiety, stress) impact our thoughts and body (physiology).
- Learning ways to recognise, accept and/or manage unpleasant feelings.
- Practical tips and strategies for supporting young people to cope and persist through challenging moments and feelings (e.g., anxiety, overwhelm, frustration, disappointment) within the home and educational settings.


Wednesday 28th May 2025
6.30pm-8.30pm

Cost: \$60

Location: Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre


Register via:
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/7KUOW>

Presenter:
Lana-Joy Durik
Senior Psychologist



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