

MELVILLE NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The end of the school year is nearly upon us and there is much to celebrate and remember. Even the fire brought the community together in many different ways.

Once again we have had many academic successes, not only within in the school but state wide and nationally as well. In particular our Maths Olympiad entrants had great success with several finishing in the top 20% of all Australian students of the same age. The Quest competition held in WA for the first time saw our team finish 2nd in maths and 3rd in the science components and 3rd overall. A very credible finish amongst the private and government schools who competed against each other.

Our sporting prowess was once again clearly evident in a variety of sporting competitions and our Beater Bands, Ukulele Band and Choir members represented us in various concerts and festivals with pride and talent.

Our STEAM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) are in full swing with teachers and students learning together to program robots, create sustainable living environmentally friendly projects and writing, performing, filming and editing films. Our Arts program goes from strength to strength with the children creating stand-up comedy skits to performing excerpts from the musical Matilda.

And of course there is the excellent teaching and learning that happens in every classroom every day. Many of you take the opportunity to share your child's learning journey when delivering or picking up from school. Communication with you and the more formal teacher parent interviews, help us to make sure the teaching and learning programs we have in place are the ones which will help your child to not only develop their cognitive abilities but just as importantly, develop their social and emotional intelligences as well.

We say farewell to a number of students and their families including our fantastic Year 6 students, who have been a very clever and involved in everything, cohort since day one. A reminder that the formal graduation ceremony is on the evening of Wednesday 13th and the school farewell will be on the afternoon of the 14th December. You are all most welcome to attend this final assembly.

We also say goodbye to Miss Elissa Wilkes who has taught in pre-primary since March 2015. She came to us as a graduate teacher and is now leaving us as a highly competent and confident teacher. Bertram Primary is very lucky to have someone of her calibre on staff next year.

Mr Matt Stretton, has taught music and Year 6 part time, since his arrival beginning of 2016. He and his family are returning to Canberra. Very much our loss as Mr Stretton has had a big impact on all aspects of school life in his short time with us.

Leanne Uttley who has worked as a Special Needs EA, very successfully with many children since 2014. Miss Uttley now has her teaching degree and we wish her well as she begins her teaching career. Kate Olsen has worked for us this year as a Kindy EA we thank her for her work and dedication.

To our lovely parents who are "graduating" from MPS this year, we have enjoyed teaching your various children over the years and really appreciate and thank you for the help you have given the school in a variety of roles.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season enjoying time with family whether it is in Australia or overseas. Return to us safely 31st January 2018 ready to start all over again!

Kind regards

Betty McNeill, Principal

What's On!

Uniform Shop Open
Every Wed 8.00-9.00 am

Swimming Lessons - Pre Primary
Mon 4th Dec to Thur 14th Dec

Graduation Dinner
Wed 13th Dec

Graduation Assembly - Whole School
Thurs 14th Dec at 1:00 pm

End of Year for Students
Thurs 14th Dec

2018 - Students Return
Wed 31st Jan

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1

Wed 31st Jan to Fri 13th Apr

Term 2

Mon 30th Apr to Fri 29th Jun

Term 3

Tue 17th Jul to Fri 21st Sep

Term 4

Tue 9th Oct to Thu 13th Dec

School Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

An extra special long weekend for
you!

Friday 1st June and
Tuesday 5th June

Students return Wednesday
6th June

Merit Award Winners

Logan Wang	Roman Calvert
Adam Wan Muhammed	Emily Sawford
Imran	Lilla Salerno
Ollie Scott	Scarlett Bird
Jett Whitford-Smith	Cooper Kriel
Max Curran	Holly Gillies
Zareena Abou-Yousseff	Elissa Gallichan
Heidi Grunwaldt	Charlotte Dysart
Bailee Testa	Joshua Paskov
Enara Kim	Daniel Gould
Zoe Niven	Ashley Paskov
Melissa Tungate	Jack Dyer
Henry Butler	Abby Wheeler
Trinity Mason	Alex Oates
Lu Xu	Holly Rawlin Smith
Estella Byrne	Walter Stacey
Bailey Halsall	Jade Pitt
Latalia Rose Curtis	Jacob Warby
Abby West	Max Breen-Shinner
Max Neville	Jessie Richards
Parker Louvel-Finn	Thanush Daivandren
Nicole Wharton-Street	Elliot Tither
Hamish Hull	Noah Strongman
Cassidy Lawton	Thomas Langdon
Judd Leitch	Keira Buschenhofen
Pasha Lopukhova	

Merit Award Winners

Aliya Burgess	Charlotte McGregor
Alex Lafuente	Jed Blackshaw
Harry Goodall	Abigail Hunt
Lila Hess	Skye Balmont
Tai Kozak	Levi Vandersteen
Olivia Evans	Chase Pascoe
Jake Hamley	Charlie Bowler
Caelan Gandy	Jimmy Ndaayizeye
Jai Micale	Daniel Gould
Amber Farrell	Max Lynn
Caelan Gandy	Jersey Thurston
Dylan Tasker	Seth Telling
Chloe Fisher	Lewis Anson
Stewart Bilney	Zac Gorton
Aiysa Wan Muhammed	Jake Enever
Imran	Lauren Brown
Poppy Elder	Lani Burvill
Albie Blackshaw	Travis Healy
Emma Sheppard	Ben Datzburger
Xavier Cook	Sienna Gallant Harvey
Tia Britton	Jade Sonsee
Grace Oliver	Ava Zappara Vikingur
Minnie Clark	Jake Boniwell
Carris Merredew	Liam Evans
Xavier Mulcahy	Ivy Nadin
Alessandra Sima	Isla McIntosh

PARENT SURVEY

With our IPS review occurring next year, we are seeking feedback via a parent survey.

We would appreciate parents/care givers taking the time to complete the survey. There is also an opportunity to win one of two fully paid Personal Items Lists.

The link for the survey is: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/melvillepsparentsurvey2017> If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, printed copies of the survey will be available at the front desk.

The survey **closes on the 8th December at 4pm.**

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

More volunteers are needed to help out in the Uniform shop on Wednesday mornings please! **To offer this uniform shop service we need help!**

We now have an EFTPOS machine for uniform purchases. The uniform order form has also been updated to allow for card payment.

If you are unable to make it in to the shop, please complete an order form and place it together with payment in the P&C box located in the school office.

Volunteer Roster Term 4:

Mon 6th Dec: Vanessa Wheeler, Marie Farrow, Michelle Delgado

Wed 13th Dec: Nicole Gray, Christine Ross Davies, Annelie Hansen, Emma Richards

CANTEEN NEWS

It's been a great year for us in the canteen and we've had some wonderful support from our volunteers. We honestly can't thank them enough for their ongoing help! If you are interested in volunteering next year, we would be very happy with whatever amount of time you can offer.

Have a safe and happy holiday.
Best Wishes - Sally and Liana.

Volunteer Roster:

Fri 8th Dec: Jo Ferguson, Ben McGrath

Mon 11th Dec: Manager & Assistant

Wed 13th Dec: Manager & Assistant

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

EMERGENCY CLINICS DURING HOLIDAYS

15-22 December - Beaconsfield Dental Therapy Clinic 9335 8758

27 December to 29 January - Mt Henry Dental Therapy Clinic 9313 0552

29-30 January - Palmyra Dental Therapy Clinic 9339 4868

LIBRARY NEWS

We have just finished Book Fair for 2017. We sold approximately \$12,000 worth of books, stationery and posters. The commission from this event will be used to purchase the latest books for our students and staff in 2018.

Thank you to the hardworking students who offered to help out over the 3 days. I even had a couple of Year 6 and Year 3 boys come in early this morning, offering to help me pack up Book Fair. Wow!

Thank you also to our parents/grandparents, prac students and staff who assisted over this chaotic week

The support from our school was amazing. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

See you all next year.

Danielle Casserly
Library



P&C NEWS

We begin by celebrating how wonderful the school community is and thanking everyone for their contributions through our fabulous events, their time and donations. Together we have raised more than \$19K for the school and our children.

Thank you to all the office staff including Ann-Marie, Cecilia and Bronwyn for supporting us to promote P&C events throughout the year. Thanks to Sally, Liana and Linda for their dedication to our fantastic canteen and uniform shop services.

While we have amazing volunteers that keep us running, next year we have many of our regulars in the canteen and uniform shop leaving us. So all new help is appreciated, even an hour can make a big difference. Uniform shop is Wednesday morning from 8.30 am to 9 am, that's just half an hour of your time! Canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday - you can help for as long as you like. You don't need to go every week, even once a term is wonderful. Please email the P&C or see the lovely ladies in the Canteen and Uniform Shop if you can help.

Uniform Shop - All parents of 2017 Kindy students are reminded to get their Pre-Primary uniform orders in as soon as possible; personal items list collection day is very busy and not recommended for purchasing a full uniform. Please note: as students return to school on Wednesday 31st Jan 2018, the **Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 1st Feb 8.15 am - 9.15 am instead of the Wednesday.**

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



The Department of Health's free healthy lifestyle program for children above a healthy weight and their families is being offered again in Cockburn at Cockburn Integrated Health in term 1 2018. The program is for children aged 7-13 years and their families. Children can register from 6.5 years and siblings (family-based program) can attend with registered siblings if suitable.

Families can self-register by: Telephone: 1300 822 953 | Text: 0409 745 645 | www.betterhealthprogram.org | Email: programs@betterhealthcompany.org | Fax: 1300 325 301

FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM



Join your next **FREE** local program at Cockburn Integrated Health

DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.

PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 1 2018:

Call us: 1300 822 953
Text us: 0409 745 645
Online: www.betterhealthprogram.org

Starts: February 8th, 2018
Day: Thursday
Time: 4-6pm

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VEGGIE PATCH

The Veggie Patch is currently growing: basil, beetroot, silverbeet, peas, a variety of lettuces, corn and carrots. Planting has happened for Summer so there should be some cracker produce ready for when we school returns in February.

A very warm thank you to Mrs Blackwood and Mrs Wright for their support in 2017, it really is appreciated by all. A special mention must be made of Madeline, Heidi, Jacob, Isaac and Presley from year 2. Every assembly week this special veggie team show up to harvest the produce ready for sale - it is fantastic to see such enthusiasm.

The Ministry will not be holding any more stalls for the year, you will have to wait until next year to secure Melville's finest organics.

We are on the lookout for helpers during the school holidays, the main jobs are watering, weeding and official produce sampling - what a great way to spend an hour or so! If you can help out in any way please contact Kristy on 0415 758 994.



SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you for a great year of School Banking! We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in School Banking this year.....We wish you all a lovely Christmas and fun and safe holidays! There will be an exciting new theme, rewards and competitions launched in 2018, we look forward to seeing both our regular and new bankers next year.

Regards from the School Banking Team: Michele Cooper, Naomi Byrne, Taryn Halsall, Meredith Day-Jones.

Holiday Challenge for Parents: How to teach children the value of money in an increasingly cashless society, teaching children about the value of money is challenging. Here are five ways you can involve your child in day-to-day financial activities over the holidays and help them understand more about cash vs digital money:



1. Earning money

You may want to consider giving your child pocket money, potentially as a reward for completing chores or other tasks. It helps them realise that they need to earn money rather than expecting it to be handed to them.

2. Saving up is important

Setting a savings goal for something they really want encourages children to cut down spontaneous spending in favour of sensible saving. Help your child figure out how long it will take them to save for something. It's a great motivation to help them work towards their goal.

3. Different ways to pay for things

Cash isn't always exchanged when something is purchased. So when you next use Tap & Pay in front of your child explain what's happening. It'll help them better understand how to use their own bank card/ Keycard if they have one. Make sure you log on to your bank account and show them that the money's gone out of your account as a result.

4. Checking money online and in an app (at a branch too)

It's really difficult for children to grasp the concept of 'invisible' money and its value. Seeing what happens to money in your bank account before and after something's been paid for really helps.

5. ATMs and how they work

Explain how you need a bank card and a PIN (that you keep secret) to withdraw money and that you can also deposit money and check how much money's in your account at an ATM. Take a look at Commbank's Beanstalk Activity Centre for a range of fun activities.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Fremantle Sailing Club - Holiday & Mid-Term Courses

Contact Travis Burtenshaw 9435 8821 or dinghyadmin@fsc.com.au. www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers

Lion Heart Camp for Kids

A children's bereavement program supporting grieving children following the death of a parent, primary caregiver or sibling. To enquire please contact Program Facilitators Claire Hickey 0400 534 345 or Shelly Skinner 0416 344 024 or email lionheartfoundationwa@gmail.com

Perth Goju Karate

A special offer for the school's students - 4 weeks FREE beginners karate lessons! A great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment. Classes continue over the school holidays (with a short break over the Christmas period). Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial. Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402

South of Perth Yacht Club - Holiday Courses

Tackers courses - 7-12 years and Start Sailing (Dinghy) Courses - 13 yrs and up. Tel: 9364 5844 | or visit www.sopyc.com.au

DO YOUR CHILDREN (OR A FAMILY YOU KNOW) ATTEND

MELVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL?

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