Dear Parents and Guardians

We have started the school year with 704 students made up of kindy - 80, PP- 76, Yr 1 - 65, Yr 2 – 99, Yr 3 – 86, Yr 4 – 99, Yr 5 – 81 and Yr 6 – 118.

A warm welcome to our new families and students. I have absolutely no doubt you will love being part of the Melville Primary Community. I hope you will take the opportunity to get to know each other at the Twilight Picnic on the oval and organised by the P&C. It will be held on the Friday 15 March.

**The parent information evening is next Thursday 21st February.**
6.30 to 7.00 Pre-primary, Year 1, 4 and 5 in your child’s classroom
7.00 to 7.30 Executive team – directions for 2019 in the Undercover Area
7.30 to 8.00 Kindergarten, Year 2, 3 and 6 in your child’s classroom

If you have more than one child at the allocated time I suggest you go to the talk of your eldest child or the teacher who is new to you.

You will be given two handouts, one from the teacher about the classroom procedures and the other from the Executive team about operational matters of the whole school. Please read and keep somewhere handy as the information provided will answer a lot of your questions.

Parking is always going to be an issue around the school so please be patient and drive slowly and park courteously – especially not on pathways where pedestrians are walking. Please also share this information with grandparents if they are bringing grandchildren to and from school.

There are 3 community groups which strongly support our school in a variety of ways.

The School Board represents the parents to support the governance of the school and in conjunction with the Executive team, make decisions about the strategic development. The Board meets at least once a term, sometimes twice, should there be a need. We have two vacancies this year. If you are interested in this role, please email me an expression of interest including a short biography and the attributes you would bring to the Board. If there are more than two applications received, then the positions will be decided by parent vote. betty.mcneill@education.wa.edu.au

The P&C meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month. Please note the P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th March and all are welcome to attend. The work the P&C does supports the school with fund raising and social events for you and your children. Volunteers are always needed to help run our canteen and uniform shop. If you are unable to do that then becoming your child’s class P&C rep to help disseminate information, organise helpers, is an easy job to do, especially if you are at home with young children.

The MOMPS are affiliated with the P&C. They run the father and child camps, meet to discuss men things and help at busy bees – usually 1 or 2 per year.

The MOMPS have their first get together Thursday 28th February in the Undercover Area starting at 7pm. $10 per ticket includes food and beverages.

Have a wonderful weekend indulging in the delights of our summer weather.

Betty McNeill

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**What’s On!**

**Uniform Shop Open**
Every Wed 8.00-9.00 am

**Parent Evening**
Thu 21st Feb - note times below
- PP, Yrs1, 4, & 5:  6:30 - 7:00pm
- Leadership Team Talk (Undercover Area):  7:00 - 7:30pm
- Years 2, 3, and 6:  7:30 - 8:00pm

**Assembly - S4**
Fri 1st Mar

**Labour Day Public Holiday**
Mon 4th Mar

**Yr 5 Exc - Ghost in my Suitcase**
Wed 6th Mar

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**TERM DATES 2019**

**Term 1**
Mon 4th Feb to Fri 12th April

**Term 2**
Mon 29th Apr to Fri 5th Jul

**Term 3**
Mon 22nd Jul to Fri 27th Sep

**Term 4**
Mon 14th Oct to Fri 20th Dec
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