

Week 1

Thursday 16th June

Term 3

From the Principal:

Tonight ask your child the question "Have you been a good learner at school today?" Teachers are equipping students with the knowledge around what skills are needed to become a learner. At the moment students are learning about what good writers and what good readers do. When your child is reading at home tonight, engage with them in their reading, talk to them about the book, and encourage them to be learners. Certainly, at school, students are expected to be learners at all times.



If you have visited the school web site lately you will have noticed that there are now class room blogs. These additions to the website highlight student work and school experiences. Part of the school experience is to develop links between school, home and the community. As a result pictures of school / classroom events regularly appear on the blogs site. Whilst we have permission to display the images of most children, it is acknowledged that some parents might not want their own images displayed on the site. At the end of this newsletter, there is a tear off slip. If you do not want your image displayed on the classroom blog site could you please fill out the slip and return to your child's classroom teacher.

As part of the Commonwealth Governments Stimulation Package, work has begun on replacing decking and steps around the school as well as preparing the outside walls for painting. It is planned to have the external works including painting completed by the commencement of term 4. School Council is also very hopeful that planning for internal changes to the school will commence shortly as a result of the Stimulus Package.

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Special Dates this Term

July	Friday 24th Tue 28th	Area 4 EQ Assembly Hot Dog Day
August	Friday 7th Wednesday 19th Friday 21st Monday 31st	Winter Sports Carnival Grades 5/6 Area 12 EQ Assembly Scholastic Book Fair begins Whole School Athletics Area 8 EQ Assembly Arts Festival Week
September	Wednesday 2nd Friday 4th Monday 14th Wednesday 16th Friday 18th	School Photos Area 7 EQ Assembly School Concert Grade 3/4 Camp Last Day Term 3



Assistant Principal's Report

Thank you to all parents and carers who have assisted their children to return to school in such a settled and enthusiastic manner. It is very enjoyable to wander though out the school and see such focussed teaching and learning occurring at all times of the day. Appreciations to all staff and students for your efforts.

Premier's Reading Challenge:

I am continuing to validate finished books for those children who have been adding their reading record online. If you have been keeping a paper record sheet, please bring it to me and I can add your information for you. The reading challenge finishes on August 31st but I will need all books listed online during the week prior in order to finalise student details and records. Keep working hard to meet the challenge!!!

Regular Reading at Home:

We want every student at Melrose to develop into capable readers who LOVE reading. Please help us to do this by ensuring that your child reads each night. As part of a push to get Term 3 reading off to a flying start, we are handing out raffle tickets for each night read, with a raffle each Friday for the first three weeks of term. Increase your chance of winning by reading each night to collect as many tickets as possible!!

Preps for 2010:

We continue to conduct tours for next year's Prep students. If you know of a family with a child who is coming to us next year, please check that they have phoned for a tour and enrolment details. This will assist us with planning for transition activities.

Book Fair:

The annual Melrose Book Fair will be held on Friday 7th August through to Wednesday 12th August (school days only). Books are published by Scholastic and will be available for purchase between 8.30 and 9.am and 3.20 and 4.pm only. Please put this date in your diary and keep a look out for more details over the coming weeks.

100 Nights of Reading:

Have you reached this milestone or are close to reaching it?? I hope so!!! Certificates will be handed out at assembly on Friday.

Cheers,
Mrs B.

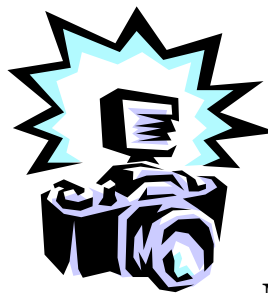
EMA - Education Maintenance Allowance - 2nd Instalment

Parents with a current Healthcare Card or Pension Card are eligible to apply for the **2nd instalment** of EMA due at the school in Term 3.

If you applied for and received the 1st instalment from Melrose at the beginning of this year, there is no need to reapply, your application will automatically be processed by the school.

New families to the school this term must apply at Melrose for the **2nd instalment**. Application forms are available from the school front office. All applications must be lodged at the school no later than August 7th 2009 and unfortunately late applications can not be accepted.

If you are not signing your cheque over to the school, you will need to collect your cheque from the school office and a further note will be put in the newsletter when the cheques



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Leading Image have confirmed that School Photos this year will be taken on

Wed 2nd September

More information regarding this event will be sent out closer to the above date

Scholastic Book Fair

Dates:

7th, 10th, 11th & 12th
August 2009

8.30 - 9.00am & 3.20 - 4.00pm
Outside Area 3

MATHS CIRCLES

This term, two Harvard University Lecturers, Bob and Ellen Kaplan will take up residence in Wodonga from July 20th to August 7th. They will work with teachers and students in Wodonga Government schools focusing on developing an understanding and love of mathematics. Their approach is called "Maths Circles" and involves students being asked a mathematical question and then talking and experimenting with ideas and theories to construct their own understanding of mathematical concepts. For parents and community members who are interested to find out more about Maths Circles, Bob and Ellen will run a Community Forum at Wodonga Senior Secondary College on August 4th. See below for further details, or please see me if you have any questions.

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**Maths Circles
Parent
Community
Forum**

Presenters:
Bob & Ellen Kaplan
Date : Tuesday August 4th
Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm
Venue:
Wodonga Senior
Secondary College - PAK

NO STUDENT BANKING



Just a quick reminder to parents that there will be **no student banking** this Friday due to it being the first week back of Term, thankyou.

**Yrs 3/4 Snowy River Camp
Tallangatta Valley –
16, 17 & 18th September**
Reminder to Parents that the 2nd
instalment of \$25 is due
Friday 17th July
Please see below for dates of
instalments

Deposit of \$30 due 29th May
1st instalment of \$25 due 19th June

2nd instalment of \$25 due 17th July

3rd instalment of \$25 due 31st July
Final instalment of \$25 due 14th August

Community News

**Birallee Park Neighbourhood House Inc.
Invites you to a**

Shopping Trip to D.F.O. Essendon

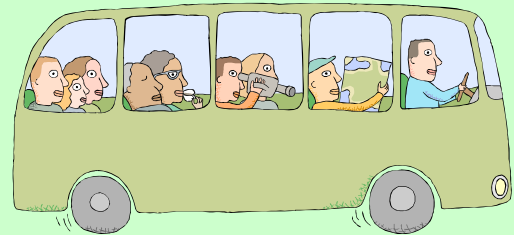


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