



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

8 August 2025



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Department for Education



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In support of  
**White Ribbon**

## From the Principal

### COMING EVENTS

#### 8 August Friday

Rm 1 swimming  
Assembly 2:40  
Music instruments

#### 12 August Tuesday (W4)

34 Hotshots Tennis  
Auskick + Story dogs

#### 13 August Wednesday

Yr 2 Basketball Shootout

#### 14 August Wednesday

#### School Photos

#### 15 August Friday

Rm 1 swimming  
23 Library tour

#### BOOKWEEK (W5)

#### 18 August Monday

Book Week Parade  
in gym 9:15

#### 19 August Tuesday

Auskick + Story dogs  
Glow Party JP3:45 –4:45  
6:00 UP 5:00-

#### 20 August Wednesday

YELP to Burrundies

#### 22 August Friday

Rm 1 swimming  
56 Andy Griffith online  
Music instruments

#### 27 August Wed(W6)

34 SA Water incursion  
JP classes 'Wondaverse' at  
SRHT

#### 29 August Friday

Rm 1 Swimming

### The Department for Education's annual parent survey

You're invited to complete the 2025 annual Public Education Parent Survey.

The 2025 parent survey opens late July and closes midnight Sunday 7 September 2025.

During the survey window you will receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you have not received an email or SMS with your unique survey link by Friday 15 August 2025, please check your spam or junk folders. Otherwise, please contact [education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au) and include our school's name in your email. A new survey will be sent to you.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school.

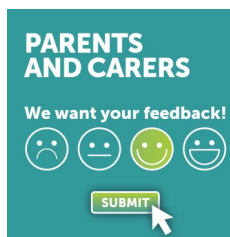
Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

The survey closes midnight Sunday 7 September 2025.

For more information visit (schools can direct parents to the department's website or to their own website with the above content).

*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*

## School Uniforms

Our uniform consist of a **navy jumper with school logo and name, navy and teal or navy polo shirt, navy pants/shorts/skirt** and a navy and white check summer dress.

If students need to wear a jumper or shirt other than our school jumper because it is still in the wash etc, the jumper or shirt must be plain navy blue with no visible logos.

Navy Jumpers, with our school logo, have now arrived, jumpers and shirts can be purchased for \$35 from the administration office.



## Mid Year Receptions

We welcome our new mid-year reception students starting their first year at Melaleuca Park Primary School. Welcome Issac, Charlie, Manaia, Ruby and Jacob into Miss Harkness' RJP6 class.

## OSHC Demand parent survey

Dear parents and care-providers,

The Department for Education is seeking our help to inform the future planning for Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) services. You are invited to participate in a short survey about your family's need for flexible care, to better understand the demand for OSHC services in our community and across the state.

While completing this survey does not mean a service will be established at our **school/preschool**, it will help the department better understand the needs of our local community to help inform the planning and implementation of OSHC services across the state.

You can access the survey here: <https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/n/1vWSnjr>

The survey is only 5 questions long and is completely anonymous – your answers will never identify you or your child. The survey is open until **Sunday 10 August 2025**.

## Principals Excellence Awards

### Aria Davies

Aria you have been doing a wonderful job of learning all of your letter sounds and using these to spell CVC words. You try your hardest to write neatly and you are always proud of the work you produce. Great job!

### Spencer Schutz

for a great start to term3. You have demonstrated your growing resilience as you have adjusted well to our class changes and have been a good role model for our new receptions. Amazing work Spencer!

### Jack Wandin

for working hard to build your confidence and independence in our classroom. You have been persistent with your learning, making some great progress particularly in our math lessons. You have also started to show us some great independence skills like looking after things and asking your friends or teachers for help when you need it. keep up the great work Jack!

### Charli Haggett

Charli, you have shown increased independence in the mornings and come to school 'ready to learn'. Fantastic work, keep it up!

### Hailie Brodie

For your enthusiasm for reading and exceptional effort in learning, demonstrating patience and diligence in your work.

### Biancca Major

For your exemplary dedication to learning and outstanding effort, consistently demonstrating responsibility and a positive attitude in all your work.

### Hunter Christiansen

the class has selected you to receive this award because you show kindness by playing with people that have no one to play with.

### Dekota Redden

for writing a thoughtful and detailed autobiography using paragraphs correctly and taking on board the feedback given. Great work.

### Vivian Heenan

for giving each task 110%. You put lots of effort into your work and seek feedback to improve it. Your autobiography was a comprehensive piece. Well done!

## SA Dental

Data shows there's over 50% of eligible South Australian kids missing out on free dental care! (Whether they attend a private or public dentist) And sadly, tooth decay still remains one of the most common preventable diseases in children.

Early education and regular dental appointments are key to creating healthy long-term habits that are much more likely to follow on into adulthood.

### SA Dental

Statewide Clinical Support Services (SCSS) | Central Adelaide Local Health Network

Telephone

[08 7117 0073](tel:0871170073)

Email

[Health.SADentalCommunications@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.SADentalCommunications@sa.gov.au)

Website

[dental.sa.gov.au](http://dental.sa.gov.au)

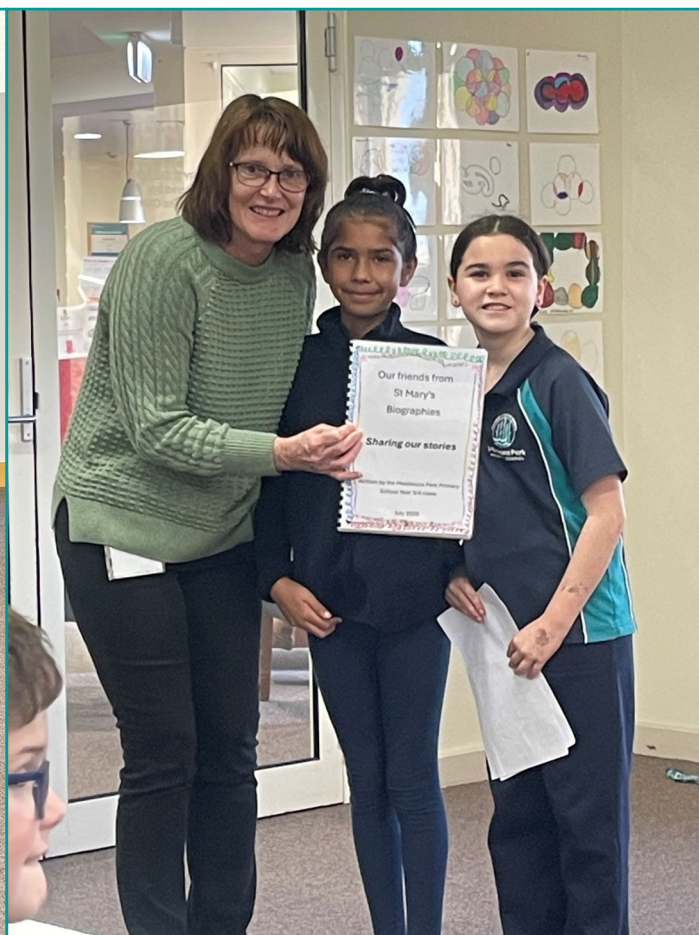
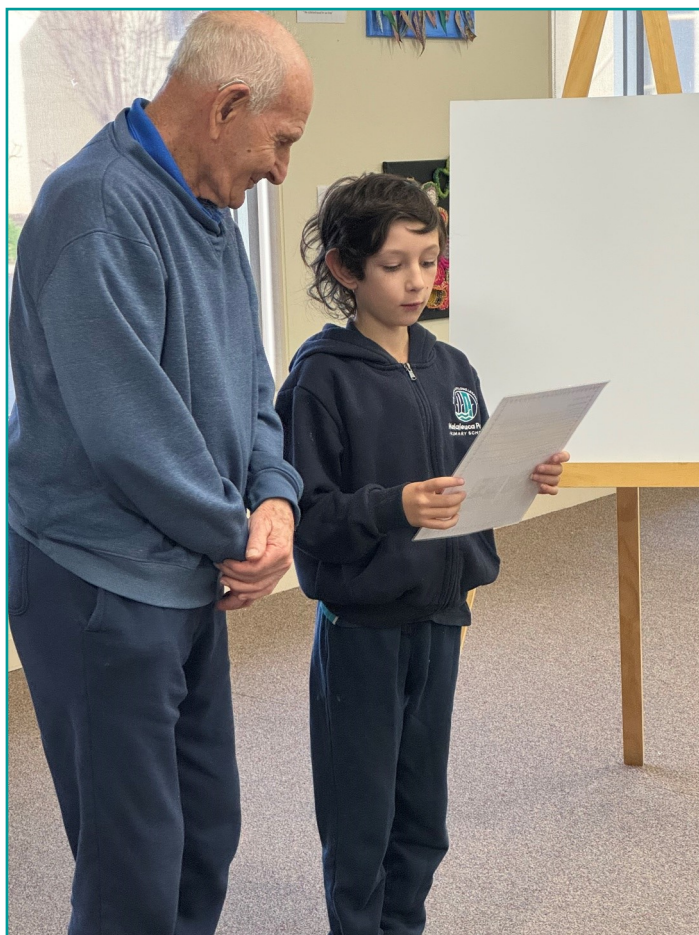


Love your smile

## 34 St Mary's Presentation



Room 34P2 visited St Mary's on Tuesday 29th August to present their special friends with their portrait and biography. The celebration ended with scones with jam and cream which the students prepared for morning tea.



## Glow Party

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are delighted to invite your child to participate in an exciting Glow Party, hosted by our student leaders. This event promises to be a vibrant and enjoyable experience for all.

**Date: Tuesday, 19th August, Week 5**

**Junior Primary Time: 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM**

*Please note that Junior primary students will need to leave school at 3:10 as entry will not be permitted until 3:45. Students can be collected at 4:45 near the primary undercover area – students will be required to have a parent/caregiver to collect them.*

**Primary Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

*Students will be required to have a parent/caregiver to collect them at 6:00*

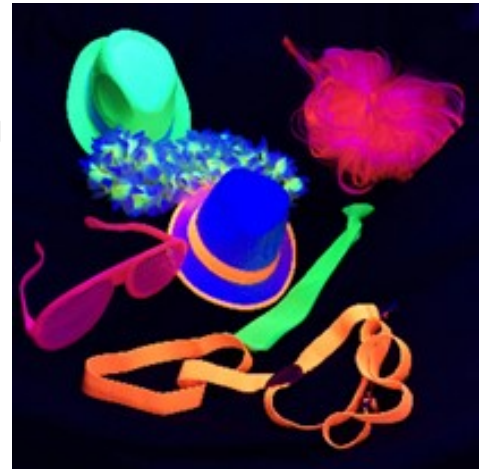
**Location: Mrs Schultz's Classroom** (located at the end of the main building – near the spiderweb)

**Dress Code:** Students are encouraged to wear bright-coloured clothing to enhance the glow effect under UV lights. The brighter the clothes, the better they will glow!

Trade Table: A trade table will be available where students can purchase snack items and glow accessories such as glow sticks and tattoos. We recommend that students bring some money if they wish to make purchases. A detailed price list will be available on Seesaw soon.

Entry Fee: Please return the consent note along with a **\$3 cash** entry fee to the front office at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to a fun-filled event and hope your child will join us.



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I give consent for my child ..... to attend the glow party on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Cost \$3 Cash

I understand that it is my responsibility to drop off and pick up my child.

Parent signature.....

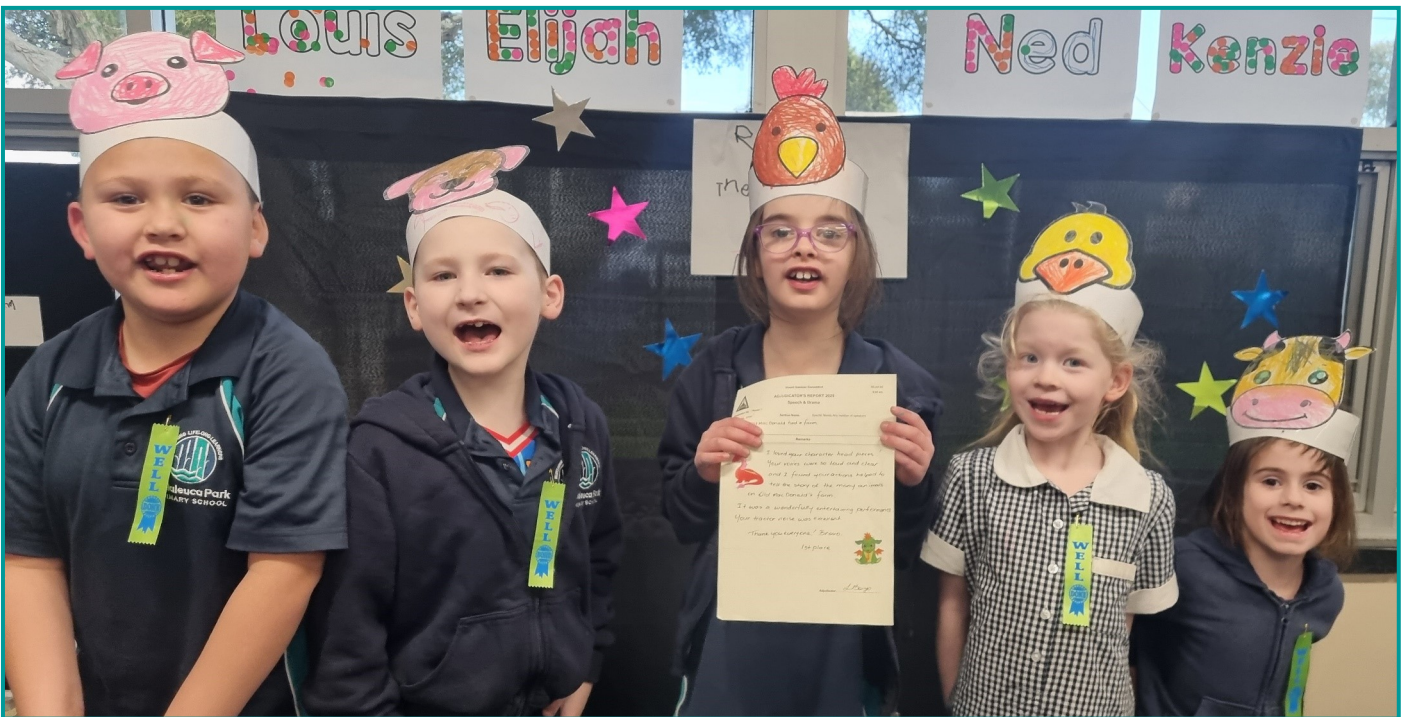
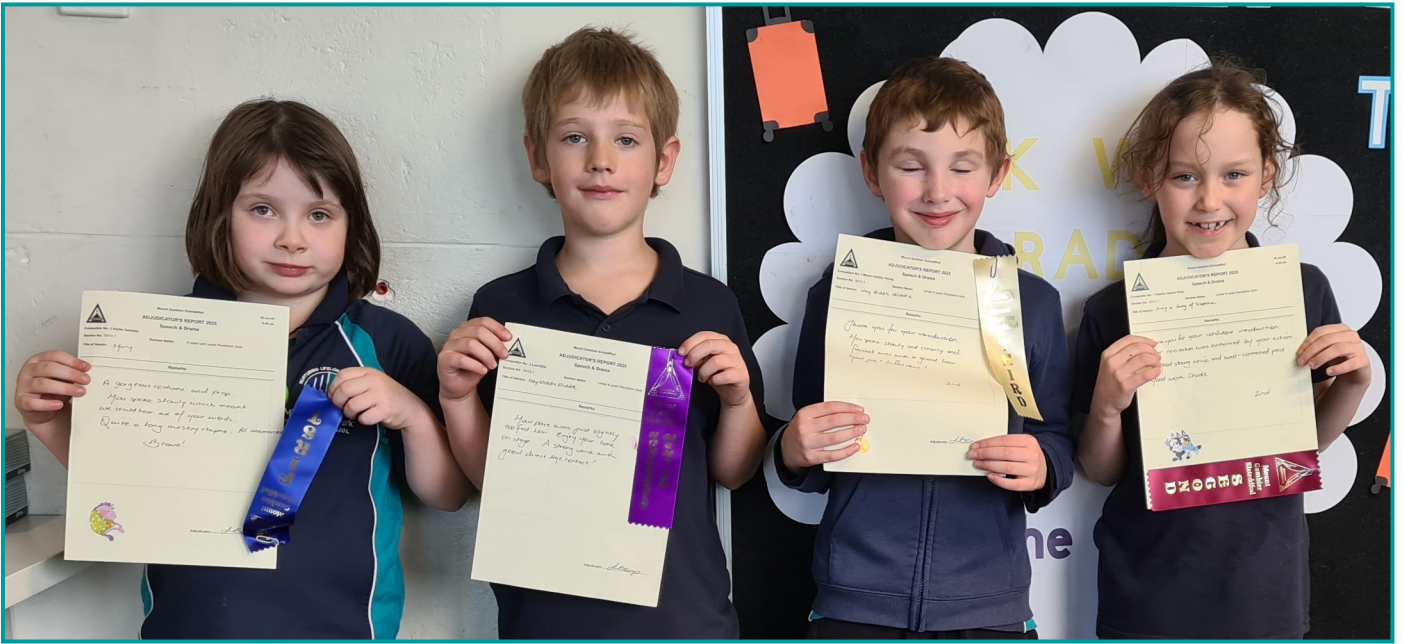
## Speech & Drama Eisteddfod



2025 Speech and Drama Eisteddfod took place at the Wehl Street Theatre on Wednesday the 30 July. Many students from school took part in this section of the Arts.



## Speech & Drama Eisteddfod



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# LEGO CLUB & COMPETITION

**GRADES R-6**

Every creation deserves to be seen!

Starting Thursdays  
Weeks 3-9  
2nd Break  
in the Library

**PRIZES**  
★ 1st PLACE Prize for each Age group  
Including:  
• A Medallion  
• A BrickGambier Family Pass  
• An Echo Farm pass with an accompanying adult.  
BRICKGAMBIER EXPERTS LEGO JUDGES will be CHOOSING WINNERS IN WEEK 9, T3.

**EVENT RULES**

- Open to all students in grades R-6.
- Each entry must have a title and the student's name, grade, and contact information on a cover slip.
- One entry per student
- Entries will be judged on creativity and originality.
- No Store bought and built Lego sets.
- You can bring an entry from home to enter into the competition.

**How to Register?**  
Sign up and provide entries to Mrs Schultz

The winner will go on to be entered in the BrickGambier community challenge to win a trophy and LEGO vouchers of up to \$200.

## Creative Art Group

*Wednesday's  
9.30am at the hub*

During Term 3, 2025

Bring your own craft or try one of ours!

See Julie Brooks for more information.

# What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!*

## ***EVERY DAY COUNTS!***

### Community News

**LIMESTONE COAST MARKET NETWORK PRESENTS:**

**Pre Christmas Community Market**

**17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10-2PM**

**WULANDA RECREATION CENTRE  
MARGARET ST - MT GAMBIER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
[LIMESTONECOASTMARKETNETWORK.COM.AU](http://LIMESTONECOASTMARKETNETWORK.COM.AU)  
[LCMN@OUTLOOK.COM.AU](mailto:LCMN@OUTLOOK.COM.AU)

**60+ MARKET STALLS | FOOD & BEVERAGES  
SCAVENGER HUNT | ENTERTAINMENT**

**BEST DECORATED STALL CONTEST!  
COME AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE STALL!**

**Charity Raffle!**

PRIZES DONATED BY MARKET VENDORS  
RAFFLE ON THE DAY  
WITH ALL PROCEEDS BEING DONATED TO:

**sunser COMMUNITY KITCHEN**  
PO Box 48 Mount Gambier SA 5260

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**Bendigo Bank**

**Willow Financial Services**

Got a new bub? or a new bub on the way?

Would you like to connect with other expecting and new parents in the Melaleuca/Mount Gambier East area for social connection and support?

If so call or message Kerrin, Community Development Coordinator on 0439 569 599 or email [kerrin.donnelly@sa.gov.au](mailto:kerrin.donnelly@sa.gov.au)

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Human services

# THRIVE WITH 5

## PLAY TALK READ EAT WELL AND SLEEP

READINESS  
FOR  
LEARNING

**READINESS FOR LEARNING IS A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON FUTURE SUCCESS. APPA ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO FOCUS ON FIVE KEY WAYS THAT GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO WELL IN LEARNING.**

### 1 PLAY

Make time to play with your child, including outside and inside play. Play develops key motor skills like running, balancing, throwing and catching. Play helps develop game skills as children follow instructions, take turns, share with others and build resilience. As well as having fun, children increase fitness, muscle strength and flexibility, and enhance their creativity and imagination.



### 2 TALK

Talk with your children to build their speaking and language skills. Through conversations they increase word vocabulary, pronounce words better, understand instructions, and develop imagination and knowledge about the world around them. We know that by developing oral language skills we lay strong foundations which help children learn to read.



### 3 READ

Reading with, and to, your child sets up attitudes and behaviours for later learning. Modelling reading, too, influences your child's reading habits. Reading is more than books; it's reading the packaging on a breakfast box, the signs and notices around us and the stories your children write. Through books, children boost their imagination, creativity and knowledge.



### 4 EAT WELL

When children eat well they have energy for learning and play. They concentrate better and achieve more. Limiting your child's sugar intake, drinking water rather than soft drinks and ensuring plenty of fresh food sets up the right habits for later in life. Eating well yourself is the best way to influence your child's attitude to eating.



### 5 SLEEP

Children need sleep to give their body and mind a chance to rest and grow. Limiting screen time and putting in place routines and behaviours for a good night's sleep, will see your child more alert and ready for the day. Model the behaviour you want by turning off your screens and ensuring you get enough sleep.

