



MELALEUCA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Department for Education



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From the Principal

Governing Council Meeting

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held Week 3 Term 4, **Monday 27 October** at **5.30pm**. All interested parents who wish to have a say in their child's education are welcome to join us in the school library.

Late arrival on a school day

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.

School Lunch Orders

Monday, 13 October there will be **NO** lunch orders available on this day.

School Closure

Friday, 24 October the school will be closed due to Mount Gambier Show day.

Pupil Free Day

Educators at Melaleuca Park will be completing some training and development around the Site Improvement Plan for our school on **Thursday 23 October**

Daylight Savings

Move clocks one hour **forward** in the early hours of Sunday 5 October during the school holidays.

Early Dismissal

Term three finishes on **Friday 26 September** at **2.10pm**.

Term four begins **Monday 13 October**.

Erica Hurley

COMING EVENTS

25 September Thursday (W10)

1/2 Arena51 excursion 12:15

Footy Colours Day

1/2 Learning Celebration

26 September Friday

Rm 1 swimming

Last day of term 3

Early dismissal 2:10pm

Term 4

13 October Monday (W1)

First day of term 4

No Lunch orders today

16 October Thursday

Millipalooza! Excursion to
Millicent 9:30

17 October Friday

Rm 1 swimming

21 October Tues (W2)

Choir practice at SRHT 10:15

Story Dogs

22 October Wed

5/6 Market Day

23 October Thurs

Pupil Free Day

24 October Fri

School Closure due to Show day

27 October Thurs (W3)

Governing Council Meeting 5:30

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

Wonderverse



Excellence Awards

Dean Waihape

Well done Dean on a great week in week 9! We love how helpful you have been and what a great job you have done of listening and following instructions. Keep up the great work.

Jacob Phuangphansa

For a positive attitude and always trying your best. You have been working hard at learning to write your numbers. Keep up the great work!

Patrick Forster

Patrick, we have been so impressed with your hard work and determination over the past few weeks. You give every activity your very best and show great persistence by asking for help when something is unclear. We are especially proud of how fluently you now reading and the pride you show in your progress. Keep shining — we are so proud of you!

Ivory Andrews

For increased participation in class activities. We love your sense of humour and when you share your ideas with us. Believe in yourself, you are awesome!

Poppie Stephens

The class has chosen you to receive this award because of your amazing effort and persistence during the board game assignment.

Brax Case

For demonstrating exceptional kindness and continually supporting fellow students. Your thoughtful actions and caring nature make our school an amazing place for everyone. Keep being awesome!

Destanie Martin

For taking onboard feedback on how to improve and challenging yourself in your learning. Keep it up.

Kane Kellett

For pushing yourself to extend your writing skills in your Narrative. Your story was engaging and met the criteria well.

Work Hard—Principal's Afternoon Tea

Kenzie Goodes

Kenzie, we love seeing how hard you are trying in your learning. You have made amazing progress in learning your letters and sounds and you always try your best in your speech sessions with Tara. Keep up the great work Kenzie!

Tia Waihape

Your hard work in our literacy lessons has seen you achieve some amazing progress with your reading. Keep up the great work Tia!

Caleb McNulty

Caleb has shown great determination and perseverance in our classroom. He has been working hard to follow our routines and putting in his best effort during intervention sessions with Billie. Through his dedication, Caleb is beginning to see real progress in his reading and writing. We are so proud of his commitment and growth—keep up the amazing work, Caleb!

Jordon Scott

For working hard during literacy to improve his reading and writing skills. We are proud of your focus and willingness to learn. Keep it up!

Delilah Paterson-Delaney

You have shown amazing effort and determination in all areas of your learning. Your hard work and positive attitude make you a shining star in our class. Keep up the great work!

Haylee Lawn

For demonstrating exceptional dedication, resilience, and commitment to learning, while supporting others. Your determination to embrace challenges and strive for success has been truly inspiring. Your recent efforts have been remarkable, showcasing perseverance and growth.

Memphis Schreiber

For demonstrating exceptional skills and top effort in you're autobiography and narrative writing.



Instrumental students performance at assembly



SAPSASA Basketball



Disco Glow Party



Community News



This event was founded by passionate, LEGO® loving volunteers who want to share their favourite hobby with the rest of the South East. Brick Gambier is a family LEGO® Fan Event, where exhibitors share their passion of LEGO® to the young and young at heart. Melaleuca held their own building comp at school.

Gastro



Gastroenteritis ('gastro') is a common and very contagious illness that can affect your stomach and intestines, causing vomiting and diarrhoea. Babies under 6 months should always see a doctor if you think they may have gastro. Treatment of gastroenteritis includes drinking fluids to avoid dehydration. Reduce your risk of catching or spreading gastro by washing your hands well after using the bathroom, changing nappies and before handling food or eating.

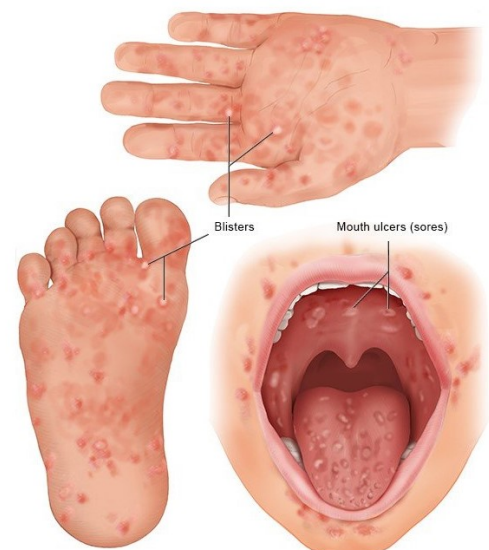
Hand foot and Mouth

Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is caused by a virus (usually from the coxsackie group of enteroviruses, particularly coxsackie virus A16). It causes blisters on the hands and feet, in the mouth and often in the 'nappy' area. It is generally a mild disease that lasts 7 to 10 days.

HFMD is more common during warmer weather and tends to spread easily between children.

There is no connection between this disease and the foot and mouth disease that affects cattle and some other animals.

HFMD occurs mainly in children under 10 years of age, but can also affect older children and adults. Outbreaks may occur in childcare settings. By the time they are adults,



Typical rash on the hands, feet and in the mouth.

Ruby's
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Ruby's Mount Gambier is holding its annual lawn bowls tournament!
At Ruby's we celebrate the hero in everyone, and with that in mind we present

SHE'S MY HERO!

The winning superhero bowls team and the best dressed will receive prizes – and, of course, all the glory superheroes deserve! All while raising much-needed funds for a super local charity – **Four Reasons Why!**

An online auction
with donations from local businesses will open on **Friday 24th of October.**

Items can be bid on up until **Friday 7 November at 7 pm**, with winners announced at the event.

We have a SUPER array of prizes to bid on! Visit: 32auctions.com/shesmyhero or use the QR Code



WHERE you can save the day
Mount Gambier Bowls Club
172 Commercial St West

WHEN the world needs saving
Friday November 7th @ 5:30pm

HOW to save the day

- Teams of up to four superheroes
- \$10 entrant fee per player (MG Bowls club will be donating \$5 to FRW)
- Pizza for superheroes, and the club bar will be open to purchase drinks

Register your team of 4 superheroes by Friday 31st of October including your team's name and captain/contact person

Phone 8725 4383 or email chateley@unitingcommunities.org

Mount Gambier Bowls Club

Four Reasons Why

UNITING COMMUNITIES

Melaleuca Park Primary
Hub Shop Cooking

COOKING AT THE HUB

With Kerrin and Julie

Hidden Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognaise

Wednesday, September 24th
Start at 12.30 pm - 1.30pm

Ingredient Packs available from the hub for you to recreate at home

Come along for a cooking session, learn either slow cook or stove cook versions fussy eater approved!

RSVP by 17/9/25-
Julie.Brooks380@schools.sa.edu.au

Bush Playgroup **FREE**

Wednesday 1 October

10.00-11.30am
Telford Scrub Conservation Park
DISMAL SWAMP

Come along to connect with nature and explore the scrub while engaging in fun activities.

For families with children aged 0-5*

Please bring snacks and a drink bottle.
*Older siblings are welcome.

CONTACT

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Updates via the Family Connections Program Facebook Group.

Learning Together

centcare family connections program

EMPAK HOMES

BrickGambier 2025

LEGO® FAN EVENT

SUNDAY 5TH & MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER
10AM - 4PM

AT THE MOUNT GAMBIER SHOWGROUNDS

\$8 SINGLE TICKET | \$30 FAMILY TICKET
(2 Adults, up to 3 children)

LEGO® DISPLAYS FROM LOCAL AND INTERSTATE BUILDERS | SCHOOL BUILDING COMPETITION FINALISTS | LEGO® TRADERS | PHOTOBOOTH
SENSORY FRIENDLY SESSION 9AM MONDAY
COFFEE VAN & FOOD TRUCKS | FREE PLAY TABLES
ORGANISED BY LOCALS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **LC LUG** **Alexander Symonds** **SOUTHERN BRICKS**

MORE INFO & TICKETS

PROUDLY SUPPORTING: **MOUNT GAMBIER SUPPORT GROUP** **Royal Flying Doctor Service**

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Tuesday 7 October

10.00am – 11.30am

Nangwarry Football Oval

- For children aged 6 and under (older siblings welcome)
- Please BYO snacks, water, sunscreen and hats.
- Please check our Facebook group for updates due to weather or other circumstances.
- Contact number: 0488 946 896



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OUR FACEBOOK
GROUP

Learning
Together



Melaleuca
Playgroup

Tuesdays

9:00—10:30 am

Melaleuca School Gym

Boandik Terrace,

Mount Gambier



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Date	Theme
14 OCT	Little Explorers on Safari
21 OCT	Children's Week - Sensory
28 OCT	Jobs and Community Helpers
4 NOV	Explore Numbers
11 NOV	Space and Stars
18 NOV	Nursery Rhymes
25 NOV	Let's go Shopping
2 DEC	Summer Splash Fun
9 DEC	Christmas Celebrations



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