



Melaleuca Park PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



COMING EVENTS

WEEK 9

- 14 September Monday
 - MGHS tour 1:45pm
- 15 September Tuesday
 - Work Hard afternoon tea with the principal
 - Musical instrument practice
- 17 September Thursday
 - Musical instrument practice
 - Auskick
- 18 September Friday
 - Rm7 & Rm1 Swimming

WEEK 10

- 22 September Tuesday
 - Musical instrument practice
- 23 September Wednesday
 - Pirates of the Curry Bean Musical rehearsal
- 24 September Thursday
 - 12:00 matinee Musical
 - 6:00 night Performance Musical
- 25 September Friday
 - early dismissal 2:10

TERM 4 WEEK 1

- 12 October Monday
 - Student Free Day
- 13 October Tuesday
 - 1st day of term 4
- 18 September Friday
 - Rm7 & Rm1 Swimming

WEEK 2

- 20 October Tuesday
 - Choir Practise at the SRHT
- 21 October Wednesday
 - Choir at SRHT at night
- 23 October Friday
 - School closure day due to Show Day

From the Principal

Whole School Musical

The whole school will be part of this year's musical performance of **Pirates of the Curry Bean**. Matinee performance will be on **Thursday 24 September at 12:00noon** at the Wehl Street Theatre. Tickets have been on sale at the Front office for \$5.00. The evening performance will take place on **Thursday 24 September at 6:00pm** also at the Wehl Street Theatre. Tickets are \$5.00.

Early Dismissal

Early dismissal on **Friday 25 September**, last day of term 3 at 2:10pm.

Pupil Free Day

Melaleuca Park will be holding a Pupil Free Day on **Monday 12th October** therefore the first day back at school for term 4 will be **Tuesday 13 October 2026**. Pupil free day will be for staff to upskill in Literacy.

School Closure Day

Melaleuca Park Primary School will be closed on **Friday 23 October** for the Mount Gambier Show Day.

Whole School Swimming Safety Lessons

Students will be learning swimming safety lessons in week 4 term 4, starting on **Monday 2 November** to **Friday 6 November**.

EDSMART consent has been sent out if you could please give consent and fill in the water safety form and return the water safety forms to the front office.

Before your child can enter the pool, payment for swimming will need to be paid prior to the first session on Monday 2 November.

Erica Hurley

Melaleuca Park Primary School proudly present



A piratical musical that's sure to shake your booty!

**THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
AT WEHL STREET THEATRE**

SESSIONS AT 12PM AND 6PM

**TICKETS \$5
AVAILABLE FROM
THE FRONT OFFICE**

Excellence Awards

Sophie Welsh

Sophie, you have been trying so hard in your literacy lessons with Meg, and it is wonderful to see how much your writing has improved this term. Keep up the great work Sophie!

Ragnar Easton

For a fantastic start to school and the great growth you have already made in your literacy and math. Well done Ragnar!

Skye Richardson

We love how you can fluently read now and you did a great job on your phonics screener. It is wonderful to see you transferring this knowledge into your independent work keep being brave and having a go at difficult tasks.

Harlie Delaney

Always helping others in class. Harlie makes our classroom a friendly and welcoming place for everyone.

Logan Redden

You have begun to display some amazing leadership skills this term. This term you have gone out of your way to help your younger classmates with their learning. You have done your best to show kindness towards your classmates.

Ariella Thomson

Ariella, you are receiving this award for your fantastic improvement in attendance and for the caring nature you show towards others. You are always willing to support your classmates and help make our classroom a kind and welcoming place. Keep up the great work, Ariella!

Charlie Denham

Charlie, you are receiving this award for the great improvement you have shown in engaging across all areas of learning. Your growing confidence, effort and willingness to participate are showing just how much you are developing both as a person and as a learner. Keep up the fantastic progress!

Charlie Pratt

Charlie, you showed fantastic effort at Basketball Day by putting yourself out there, having a go and giving it your best. You also did a great job including everyone in your team and being a positive teammate. Well done, Charlie! Keep backing yourself, giving things a go and being the great teammate you are.

12JP5 Book Week costumes



Principals Afternoon Tea Award – Work Hard

Kenzie Goodes

Kenzie you have been working so hard in both the classroom and in your speech sessions with Tara. It is wonderful to see how much your communication has improved. Well done, Kenzie!

Nikita Newlyn

You consistently display enthusiasm and a positive attitude to learning. You work hard in all learning areas and should be proud of the progress you have made this year. Well done Kiki!

Jimmy Tun

For always being on task, always giving all tasks a go and taking pride in your work.

Emily Burley

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 your great work!

Elijah Dunn

You are always on task and give your learning a go. You always try your best and give your best effort in all areas of your learning. You have worked hard this term in Literacy to continue to develop your skills.

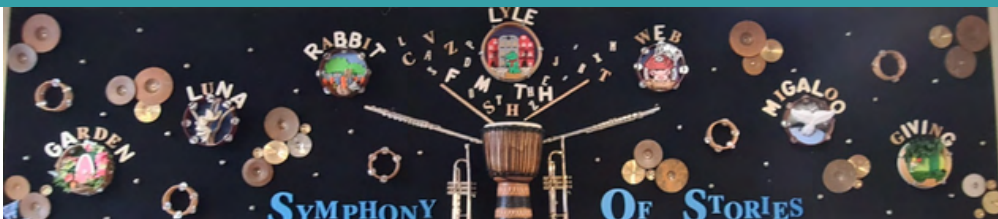
Zhi Hall

Congratulations to Zhi for the outstanding growth he has shown across all areas of his learning. Zhi consistently demonstrates persistence when faced with challenges and approaches new learning with a positive attitude. His willingness to keep trying, learn from mistakes, and work hard has led to fantastic progress. Keep up the excellent effort, Zhi – we are very proud of you!

Kaitlyn Radzimanowski

You have shown determination and responsibility, especially when working in a group and others haven't contributed as much as they should. You have been staying focused on your tasks, completing your work, and taking on feedback to make improvements. It has been wonderful to see you working hard to produce your best and not giving up when things get challenging. Keep up the fantastic effort, Kaitlyn! Your hard work and positive attitude are really shining through!

45P9 Book Week Costumes



Class Book Week Displays in the Library



Room1 Book Week Costumes

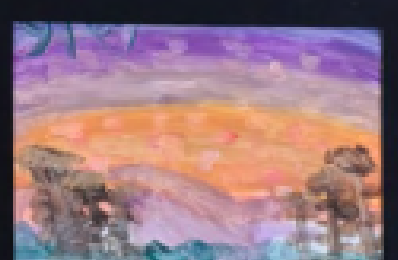
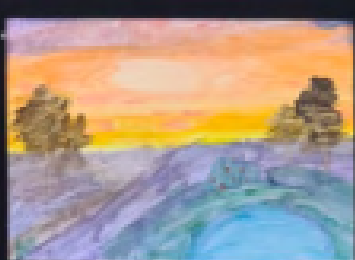
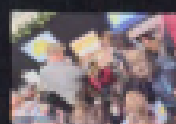
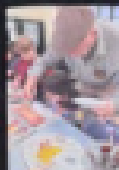
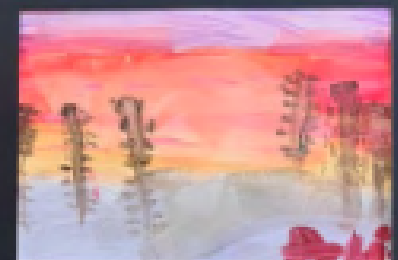
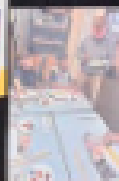
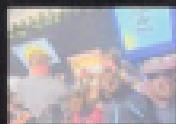
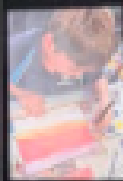
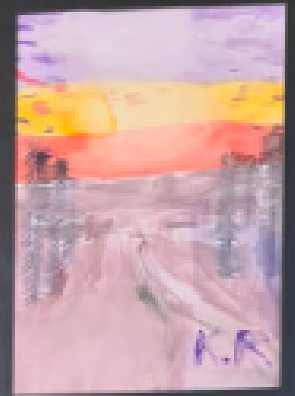
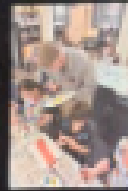


6P10 Book Week Costumes



Winners are Grinners





Book Week Parade Winners

<u>Pre-school</u> Jayden dressed as 'Woody'	<u>Pre-school</u> Maddy dressed as 'Room on the Broom witch'
<u>RJP3</u> Kiki Newlyn dressed as a 'scarecrow'	<u>RJP3</u> Manaia Lockwood dressed as 'Little Red'
<u>Room1</u> Louis Zammit dressed as 'Titanic Pilot'	<u>Room1</u> Aria Davies dressed as 'Harry Potter'
<u>12JP5</u> Tia Waihape dressed as 'Lion King'	<u>12JP5</u> Linken Bodmer dressed as 'bird on shoulder'
<u>Room7</u> Scarlett Kennett dressed as 'Ruby'	<u>Room7</u> Elijah Dunn dressed as 'Harry Potter'
<u>3P8</u> Levi Ellis dressed as 'Platypus'	<u>3P8</u> Aya Lavia dressed as 'Possum'
<u>45P9</u> Biancca Major dressed as 'Lorax'	<u>45P9</u> Thomas Radzimanowski dressed as 'Dog Man'
<u>6P10</u> Hailie Brodie dressed as 'Grandma'	<u>6P10</u> Sophie Parsons & Kiesha Latham-Sailor dressed as 'Slinky'

Library Displays





Melaleuca Park
KINDERGARTEN

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT

Is your child turning 4 before 1 May 2027?

Did you know we can offer an extended transition process at Melaleuca Park Kindergarten starting in Term 3, 2026.

Call into Kindy and meet our wonderful staffing team to chat about how we can best support your child.

For more information call 088723 5513 or email dl.6534.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

ENROL NOW

Complete a registration of interest form at: 

Also offering Occasional Care, Play Group and Kindy options for 3 year olds.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

Spring School Holidays 2026

Pop-Up Playgroup

Monday 28 September
9:30am to 11:00am
at Cave Garden/Thugi

Join Mount Gambier Library and Family Connections Program/Centacare at Cave Garden/Thugi for a playgroup suitable for preschool children and their families.

Drop-in activity, bookings not required.

UNDER 5s

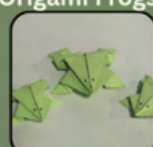
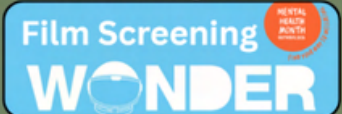


 City of Mount Gambier

 centacare family connections program

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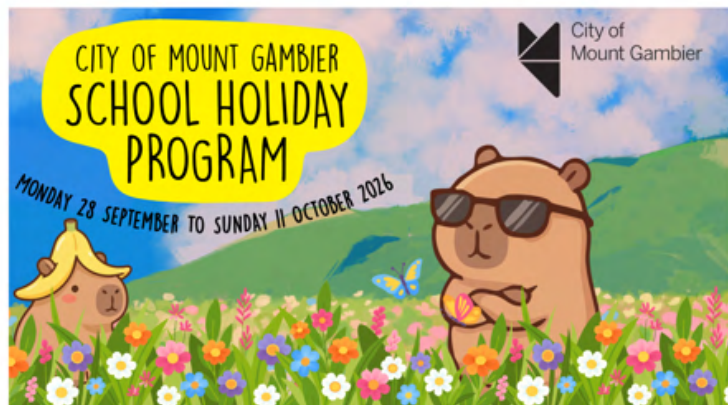
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SEPT 28 - 11 OCT 2026

Froggy Faces  Monday 28 - Tuesday 29	CD Animals  Wednesday 30 - Thursday 1	Grass Animals BOOKED SESSION  Thursday 1 10am	Dragonflies  Friday 2 - Sunday 4	Hopping Origami Frogs  Monday 5 - Tuesday 6
Mental Health Month Film Screening - Wonder  Wednesday October 7 at 2pm (Bookings required)	Wallabies  Wednesday 7 - Thursday 8	Limestone Coast Landscape Board SA - Event supported by Southern Limestone Coast Council at Lions Park  Friday 9 at 10am-2pm	Woven Echnidas  Friday 9 - Sunday 11	

Community Complex
5 Charles St Port MacDonnell
For more information and bookings please call 8738 3000 or inbox us!

 SOUTHERN LIMESTONE COAST COUNCIL

 Port MacDonnell COMMUNITY COMPLEX



MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER: GIANT GAMES FREE – ALL AGES

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Drop by the library for school holiday excitement and challenge family and friends to some super-sized games! DIY activity, bookings not required.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER: CHILDREN'S MAP FREE – ALL AGES

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

The Children's History Walk is a fully illustrated self-guided walking-tour map that brings the Cave Garden/Thugi precinct to life for young explorers. Get your free copy from the library or view online via the QR code. DIY activity, bookings not required.



MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER: COMMUNAL COLLAGES FREE – AGES 7+

During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre

Create a wall of storytelling on the Riddoch balcony, using collage materials. Inspired by the *Shimmering Worlds* and *Girls Day Out* exhibitions. Parental supervision required. Drop in DIY craft activity, bookings not required.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 5 OCTOBER: BATH TIME CAPYBARA CRAFT FREE – ALL AGES

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Dive into some crafty fun and create your very own 'Bath Time Capybara'! Drop in DIY craft activity, bookings not required.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER: POP-UP PLAYGROUP FREE – UNDER 5s

9:30am @ Cave Garden/Thugi

Join Mount Gambier Library and Family Connections Program/Centacare at Cave Garden/Thugi for a playgroup suitable for preschool children and their families. Drop in activity, bookings not required. *Note: In the event of wet weather, the playgroup will be held at City Hall.*

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER: FELT PUPPETRY \$5 – AGES 10+

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre

Step into a world of creativity inspired by the *Shimmering Worlds* exhibition. Using felt, fabric and decorative materials, participants will create their own puppet character from scratch. Whether it's a magical creature, curious explorer or fantastical friend, your puppet is sure to be full of personality. Bookings essential.

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER: PLAYDOUGH PRINTING FREE – ALL AGES

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Create your own stamps from playdough and turn simple shapes into amazing works of art! Experiment with patterns and textures as you design unique prints and take home your creations. Bookings not required.

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER: KARAOKE AND JUST DANCE FREE – AGES 15 TO 25

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Join the Youth Activation Group for some Saturday afternoon fun! Whether you're a karaoke superstar with your song picked out, a dance floor legend ready to show your best moves, or moral support ready to sit back with snacks and cheer on your friends, we can't wait to see you. Snacks and drinks provided. Bookings not required.

TUESDAY 6 TO SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER: SENSORY SCAVENGER HUNT FREE – ALL AGES

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Collect a Sensory Scavenger Hunt and explore the library using your senses! Show a library staff member your completed scavenger hunt to receive a squishy sensory prize. Drop in DIY activity, bookings not required.

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS FREE – UNDER 7s

BABY BOUNCE

11:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

In this session we encourage face-to-face play between parents and babies/toddlers, lots of laughing, giggling, and singing. Suitable for ages 0 to 18 months. Bookings not required.

STORYTIME

11:30am @ Mount Gambier Library

Spark a love of reading with stories, songs and a fun craft activity. Drop in activity, bookings not required.

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER: 3D PRINTING FREE – AGES 7+

Drop-in session between 2:00pm and 4:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Using TinkerCad, choose a design or build a unique creation. It will then be printed for collection at a later date. Drop in activity, bookings not required. *Note: parental supervision required throughout the session.*

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER: MAKE YOUR OWN WIND SPINNER FREE – AGES 5+

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Create colourful wind spinners using simple craft materials. Take them home and watch them twirl and spin in the breeze. Bookings not required.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER: LINO PRINT TOTE BAGS FREE – AGES 18 TO 25

6:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Relax, learn, snack, and chat while designing your own personalised tote bag. Master the basics of lino carving and create your own custom print in this beginner-friendly workshop. Nibbles provided. Bookings essential.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS FREE – UNDER 7s

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WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: KINUSAIGA – QUILT WITHOUT THREAD \$5 – AGES 12+

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre

Create your own beautiful fabric artwork with this easy to learn modern Japanese technique. No sewing skills required! Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: LITTLEBITS INVENTIONS FREE – AGES 7+

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Become an inventor for a day! A hands-on littleBits workshop where you'll build circuits, experiment with electronics, and create your own interactive invention. No previous experience required. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS FREE – UNDER 5s

CONNECT AND PLAY

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Connect with your child and other families through interactive play. Each week, we will provide a range of play based activities followed by some group songs and parachute! Bookings not required.

This program supports the Words Grow Minds campaign.

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER: WORRY MONSTERS FREE – AGES 7+

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

In recognition of Mental Health Month, create your own Worry Monster with a very important job – gobbling up your worries! Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER: ZINE MAKING FREE – AGES 10+

1:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre

Take inspiration from the Kumarangk exhibition and discover the art of zine-making. Using a mix of images, words and creative techniques, you'll design a unique handmade publication that shares an important message, explores an idea, or celebrates a memory that matters to you. Booking essential.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER: MUSICAL MOMENTS FREE – UNDER 5s

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

With local music teacher Tara Gladigau, this fun and interactive parent-child session features singing games, movement activities, props, and parachute play, all designed to create joyful musical moments together. Bookings not required.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER: DESIGN YOUR OWN SHOE CHARMS FREE – AGES 8+

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Using air dry clay, create your very own shoe charms perfect for personalising your footwear! Bookings essential.

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER: MOSAIC BISCUITS FREE – ALL AGES

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Turn a plain biscuit into a work of art using sprinkles, lollies and colourful toppings to create a delicious mosaic. Bookings not required.

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER: READ, RELAX, CREATE FREE – AGES 8+

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Take a break from the holiday hustle and pop into the library for an afternoon of reading, mindfulness and creative relaxation. Drop in anytime between 2:00pm and 4:00pm to enjoy a cosy reading nook, mindful colouring activities and a selection of snacks. Bookings not required.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Bookings open Monday 21 September 2026.
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below or scanning the QR code.
- Our school holiday sessions are very popular and often book out. If you have booked and can no longer attend please call to cancel so another child can enjoy.
- Parents and guardians must remain with children under the age of 12 during sessions.
- DIY crafts and activities require parental supervision.



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