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Please refer to email communications  
for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord’s

“All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.”

(From the Bible in Isaiah chapter 54:13).

Dear Parents,

When I last wrote to you, I wrote about the Garden Party, acknowledging that event as a celebration of community. I want to write again about the same event, but this time to tell you a simple yet illuminating anecdote from that evening.

After the Garden Party was over, and the pack-up had begun I noticed two little guys, a prep child and a grade two child. I know these small dudes, they are brothers. They were doing something that I want to write to you about... but more importantly, they said something that will be a privilege to tell you about.

How super it was to see these little chaps participating in the massive post-event pack-up. The younger one was lugging a plastic chair; his brother who is a year older but not any bigger, was manfully hauling two chairs. They were imitating the adults who had all joined in to help, and these cute little men were doing their bit.

I know these little guys’ parents. They are great

people. They are the sort of people who do their bit. The sort of people who don’t have to be asked. These two boys many times would have seen their mum and dad packing up chairs after church events. That’s what they do, and that’s the kind of family that these parents are forming.

How proud I was to overhear the following conversation:  
Mrs Vamplew: “Oh, look at you Jediah, it must be hard for you and Denzel to carry those chairs.”  
Jediah: “Not hard for us.”  
Mrs Vamplew: “Well, you’re very good to be helping pack up.”  
Jediah: “We’re from Melton Christian College; this is us. Helping out is what we do.”

Whoever you are reading this story, maybe you’re a parent, a grandparent, a past student or staff member, you must also be proud to hear that statement of identity:“ ... this is us.”

Let’s learn from these brothers. Let’s all serve one another like these little boys served. Let’s be contributors to this school community that so wonderfully nurtures hearts of service in our beautiful children.

David Gleeson  
Principal

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)



PRIMARY UPDATE

This is an exciting week as we will be holding our first Parent Teacher meetings in what seems like quite a while. Whilst we call them ‘meetings’, it doesn’t entirely fit this definition. A meeting is often seen as something quite formal and may appear to be led by one person. What might be a better name is Parent Teacher conversations. A conversation indicates more of a two-way talk. A chance for people to freely exchange ideas and thoughts. A chance to freely ask questions. This is the aim of this first meeting.

We want to hear from you. We want to know about your child. We have had the privilege of

teaching your child for a maximum of 30 days so far this year, but you have known them for a much longer time. That is why this early ‘conversation’ is so important. We will ask questions and hope to learn from you about your child. You will want to ask us questions so that you can find out how your child is going at school so far. This relationship, this sharing of ideas and knowledge, will ensure that your child receives the benefits of this positive and open partnership.

Our Parent Teacher conversations will be held on Thursday 18 March from 4:00pm until 8:00pm and on Friday 19 March from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

You can book an appointment time with your child’s homeroom teacher via the email link that was sent to you.

Please do not forget that on Friday there is no school for our primary children as all teachers will be involved in these meetings.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to help your child become all that God intends them to be.

Bless you,

Jodie Vamplew  
Head of Primary



Garden Party - 2021

SECONDARY UPDATE

I’m sure I don’t need to tell you how different and difficult last year was. But in the face of these difficulties, a group of students decided that they were not going to let what was happening externally effect their internal work ethic. These students continue to work hard through these difficulties and made last year count. They truly represented what we strive for at the College in our core value of Excellence.

Recently we recognised some of these students at an Assembly. I want to recognise them here as well.

Jarred Mills - Year 7 Academic Excellence  
Sarah McPartland - Year 8 Academic Excellence  
Ryan Halim - Year 9 Academic Excellence  
Amandeep Singh - Year 10 Academic Excellence

Matty George - Year 11 Academic Excellence  
Loughlin Holt - Internal VET - Subject Achievement  
Sophia Calub - Outstanding Achievement Award: Music (junior)  
Alison Corado - Outstanding Achievement Award: Music (senior)  
Madison Brown - Outstanding Achievement Award: Drama (junior)  
Alison Corado - Outstanding Achievement Award: Drama (senior)  
Sarah McPartland - Outstanding Achievement Award: Visual Arts (junior)  
Sofia Calub - Outstanding Achievement Award: LOTE Japanese (junior)  
Andrew Nguyen - Outstanding Achievement Award: LOTE Japanese (senior)

Ruby Murphy - Outstanding Achievement Award: Sports (junior)  
Elizabeth Conde - ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award  
Phebe Loi - Year 7 Effort Achievement Award  
Callum Clayton - Year 8 Effort Achievement Award  
Hannah Johnson - Yr 9 Effort Achievement Award  
Paige Casley - Yr 10 Effort Achievement Award  
Alison Corado - Yr 11 Effort Achievement Award  
Sarah McPartland - Junior Secondary Principal's Award

I congratulate these students on their efforts towards excellence last year.

Derek Bendall  
Head of Secondary



AWARDS

PREP

Nyandeng Dau  
Athian Dhieu  
Adut Dhieu  
Jack Malcolm  
Eloise Grubb  
Caleb Puyk  
Harper Wilson  
Levi Edwards  
Akram Hourani  
Harjas Singh  
Amelia Devitt  
Callum Garg

YEAR 1

Darren Kamara  
Margaux Espana  
Elise Broad  
Jonah Richards  
Riley Dunne  
Elizabeth Bendall  
Chanel Portelli  
Nithila Samarakoon Mudiyansele  
Ajooni Arora  
Gabriel Villapando  
Nate Gatt  
Chelsea Borysiewicz

YEAR 2

Jacob Newberry  
Aluel Kuol  
Benjamin Schofield  
Seerat Sidhu  
Lacey King  
Aiden Esdaile  
Amelia Gabriel  
Jacoby Hussey  
Denzel Ntaborwa  
Eliana Kim  
Eknoor Kaur  
Dane Dawson

YEAR 3

James Matthews  
Rachel Grimaldos  
Ekshan Chatha  
Luke Di Filippo  
Emma Rengthlang  
Any Versteeg  
Sarah Chihwayi  
James Treganowan

YEAR 4

Zac Francome  
Asees Toor  
Isabella Treloar  
Amy Azzopardi  
Zoe Arnell  
Max Newberry  
Jaxon Brown  
Elena Lee  
Clova Rowe  
Cooper Gatt

YEAR 5

Sara Sachdeva  
May Stevenson  
Zach Mellis  
Taliyah Allison  
Amos Laithang  
Alannah Green  
Hrona Lauchai  
Lilly Hayes-White

YEAR 6

Noah Portelli  
Zoe Hanson  
Ryden Versteeg  
Nathan Schofield

Uniform Shop

MCC Uniform Shop is open  
Wed to Fri - **8:45am - 11am & 2 - 4pm.**  
Orders can be placed at the Uniform Shop or via email  
with an order form on the College website.  
MCC Uniform Shop Manager: Denise Eddy  
MCC Uniform Shop contact details - Ph: 9732 3019; Email: uniformshop@mcc.vic.edu.au

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Primary Parent Teacher Meetings**

This is a reminder that there will be no primary students onsite this Friday March 19 as teachers will be involved in parent teacher meetings on this day.

**Working Bee**

This Saturday March 20 there will be a Working Bee 8am - 12pm at the College  
If you are keen to work alongside other parents as part of our College community and have a current Working With Children Card, call reception to register.

**WANTED - Wheelbarrows** Please bring along your wheel barrow on the day.

**Year 8 Kryal Castle Excursion**

Year 8 students will be attending a History Excursion to Kryal Castle for their topic of study:  
Medieval Europe on April 27. Students are required to wear full PE uniform.

Any students who are not wearing the correct uniform will not be allowed to attend the excursion.  
Students are to bring their lunch and a snack as the canteen at the venue will not be operating on the day.  
For any further enquires please email me Glen Pettifer on [gpettifer@mcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:gpettifer@mcc.vic.edu.au) or  
Adam Court on [acourt@mcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:acourt@mcc.vic.edu.au)

**Melton City Council - Autumn 2021 Vacation Care Program**

Bookings for the Melton City Council Autumn 2021 Vacation Care Program are open. Bookings will close on Friday the March 26. The program is open to all primary school aged children and operates every school holidays (excluding public holidays). If you have any queries about the program please call 9747 7200 or email [VacationCareProgram@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:VacationCareProgram@melton.vic.gov.au)

**Primary Athletics Carnival**

The 2021 Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday March 24 at the Bridge Rd Sports Precinct, better known as the Melton Athletics Track, 82 Bridge Rd, Melton. The Athletics carnival will be for Year 2 to 6 students only. An Athletics Carnival for Year Prep -1 students will be in Term 4 on the MCC oval. Bus departure will be at 8.50am sharp. We recommend students arrive at school at 8.30am to allow rolls to be completed. Students will be bussed back to school upon completion of the events.  
Events are scheduled to commence at 9.30am and finish events by 2.30pm. Due to the venue restrictions, parents will not be allowed to stay and watch the carnival. If you live close to the Bridge Rd venue and wish to drop off and/or pick your child up from the event, please notify your child's teacher.

**Secondary Athletics Carnival**

Melton Christian College Secondary Athletics Carnival will be at Melton Athletics track, located at 82 Bridge Rd, Melton on March 25. The students are encouraged to make their own way to the track.  
Students should be at the College at 8.45am to allow rolls to be completed.  
A bus for secondary students will be available at 8.30am from the College.  
Caleb – Red, Daniel – Yellow, Joshua – White, Gideon - Blue  
If you are unable to find clothes in your house colours children will be required to wear normal sports uniform.  
Please note that NO BALL GAMES are permitted at the venue.

**Camp Australia**

Outside School Hours Care service is open and operating for those that need care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs.  
It's FREE to Register (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).  
**Register at [pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login](https://pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login).**  
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