



Toucan - George Year 8

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Monday 22 November

Year 10 Exams

Tuesday 23 - 26 November

Year 11 Camp

Friday 26 November

2022 Year 11 Aspire Day

Tuesday 29 November -

Friday 3 December

2022 Year 11 and 12 Quickstart

Monday 29 November

9.30am -2.30pm

Prep Observation Sessions

Tuesday 30 November

9.30am -12.30pm

Prep Observation Sessions

Thursday 2 December

Year 5 Excursion

Fiday 3 December

11am -1pm Primary Orientation

Please refer to email communications

for more information

and check calendar for updates

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord’s

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you,

remembering you in my prayers”

(St Paul in the Bible)

Dear Parents,

This fortnight I am writing to you, about you.

Over the past several weeks the state government has delegated the task of contact tracing to schools. The job of communicating quarantine requirements has now been assigned to school principals. It has very disheartening to have to send such rotten news to some of you, when your child’s class is required to quarantine. Having to inform a class-group of parents that their children have to quarantine has been an awful email to send.

What has not been awful, is your gracious response.

All parents who have got back to me about this situation have been utterly courteous and understanding. Some have had questions, some have required clarity, and all have been calm and respectful ... and that says a lot about you!

I totally understand that any parents to whom this quarantine has applied, must feel huge frustration and disappointment. Family events may have been cancelled, family visits postponed, and yet there has not been one cross or cranky word from any of our parents in this situation. That is significant.

It made me think of this section of the Christian Bible, written by Paul the Apostle, who penned many parts of God’s written message to us.

“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith

in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I

have not stopped giving thanks for you,

remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that

the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious

Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and

revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray

that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in

order that you may know the hope to which he has

called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in

his holy people, and his incomparably great power

for us who believe.” (Ephesians 1:15-19)

Isn’t that great, and amazing, really; because when he is writing this letter, Paul is in prison for being a Christian. Yes, St Paul was in lockdown, in the lock-up, and not for being a criminal. He was imprisoned simply because he decided to believe that Jesus is God. Despite that unjust imprisonment, he still had kind and uplifting words to say.

I often tell people how fortunate I am to be part of Melton Christian College. Ours is a lovely school community because our parents, who have been again and again inconvenienced by lockdowns, are courteous and calm in the face of further constraints.

Later, in that same letter written from a Roman prison, Paul says:

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit

through the bond of peace”

So, parents and teachers, since we are a school that acknowledges Jesus as God in the same way St Paul did, let’s continue to protect that lovely tolerance and understanding that has come to characterise our school community.

David Gleeson

Principal

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud,

but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12:16 (NIV)



Community

PRIMARY UPDATE

This week, I want to help you all be as informed as possible about our end-of-year happenings in Primary, so that you can plan accordingly.

- Primary Orientation Day – Friday 3 December

 - Sessions 3 and 4
 - The rest of the school day will run as normal
- Final Day of School – Tuesday 7 December

 - Year 6 Celebration Day ceremony – begins at 1:30pm
 - Final day for students

- Casual clothes may be worn with a gold coin donation
 - School finishes at 3:30pm
- Primary Celebration Night

 - You and your child will be able to celebrate a bit differently this year by enjoying an end-of-year celebration video that will be created for you by our staff. We hope you will enjoy this as a family in the comfort of your own homes. More details to come.

Let’s help our children finish this year well by

- doing the following:
- Nightly reading
 - Packing a healthy lunch and snacks
 - Going to bed at a reasonable time
 - Maintaining open communication with your child’s homeroom teacher
 - Checking in with your child to see how they are feeling

Let’s make these next few weeks as successful and as productive as possible.

Take care and stay safe,

Jodie Vamplew
Head of Primary



Bunnies - Meika Year 10

SECONDARY UPDATE

Before this year officially wraps up, we have a couple of important events that still need to take place. One of them is the Year 11 camp. The Year 11 camp is one that focuses on teamwork and leadership. It is where the four pillars that make up the ANZAC spirit is introduced to students and discussed. Courage. Mateship. Perseverance. Sacrifice. This year will not be any different. We will continue to talk and teach our students about these four pillars. However, we will also be starting our discussion on Student Senate and House Captains for 2022, and beginning the process of selecting these students for these positions.

COURAGE
 Courage is being willing to stand one’s ground for what is right, even when you are in the minority. It does not fear man or fear consequences. It is willing to swim against the

tide and be mocked, ridiculed and persecuted for righteousness’ sake.

MATESHIP
 Mateship goes beyond comradeship. It is a mutual respect that binds colleagues together for life, and enables them to either embrace or overlook each others failings, It draws on a seemingly limitless depth of commitment to each other, and helps to form teams with combined strengths far exceeding the sum of those of the members.

PERSERVERANCE
 Perseverance (or Grit) is the ability to persist in something when you face obstacles. It means sticking with it, and to continue to work hard, even after experiencing difficulty or failure. Being naturally talented is great, but to truly do well and thrive, we need the ability to persevere.

Without grit, talent may be nothing more than unmet potential.

SACRIFICE
 Sacrifice is forgoing or giving up something that you desire or need, to support or provide for someone else and their needs. It is to truly put others before yourself. In Philippians 2:3, it says *“do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves”*.

All of these four pillars closely align themselves to our Christian values, don’t they? God wants us to do well, and do our best. It says in Col 3:23 ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.’

Derek Bendall
Head of Secondary

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

Selflessly Committed to Growth and Development.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others”
(Philippians 2:3-4, New International Version).

When I read this part of God’s Big Story, I can’t help but see our teaching team faithfully living out these scriptures each and every day. Our team is selflessly committed to helping each student in our care to grow and develop in all areas.

The MCC teaching team is obsessed with learning! We are committed to excellence. We are intensely focused on students’ growth and development. MCC teachers are learners themselves.

Our team commits countless hours to reading research papers, analysing data, deepening their subject-knowledge, grappling with the curriculum, designing meaningful and relevant learning experiences, assessing work samples, providing feedback, learning new programs and systems, all with a single objective: improving student learning outcomes.

So, it was delightful news, but not surprising news, to hear that both Mr Adam Court and Mrs Fiona Meager, our Year 7 and Year 8 Maths teachers, were shortlisted for 2021 *Mathspace Transformative 20* teacher awards. Well-done to you both, Mr Court and Mrs Meager!

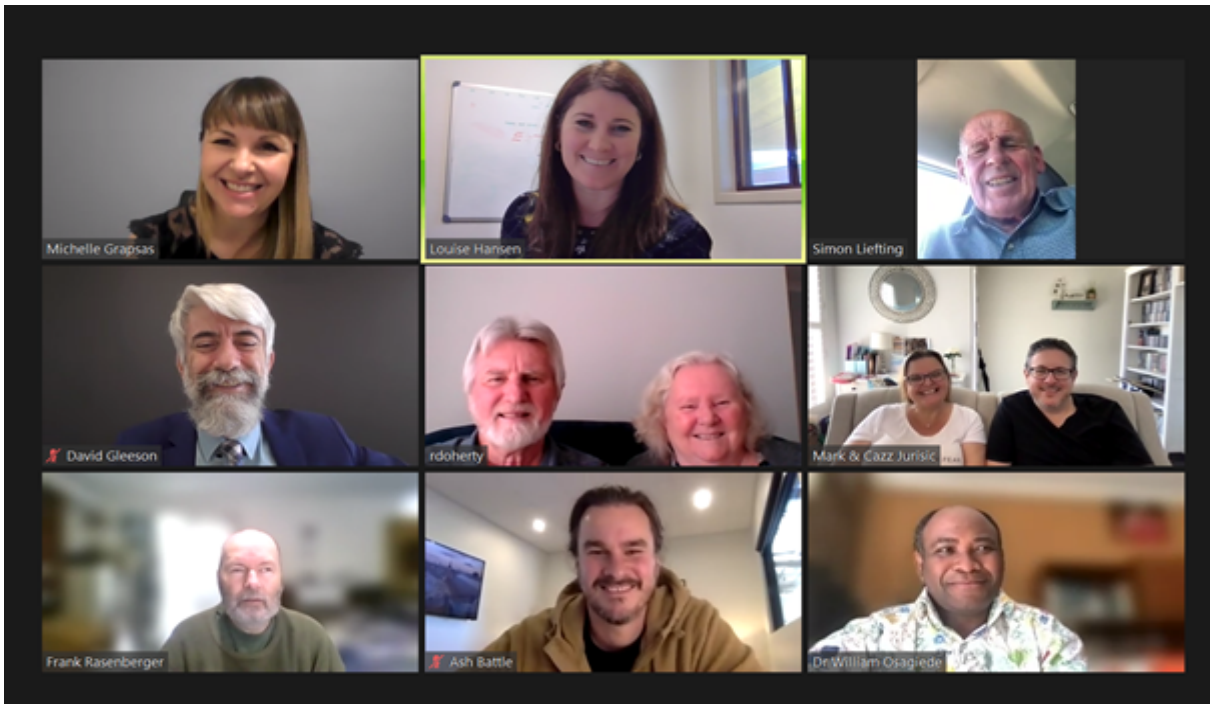
The Transformative 20 is a national awards program designed to celebrate exceptional teachers and students. It recognises the top 20 teachers in Australia and their engagement in the Mathspace learning program and their effectiveness in using it to help improve

student learning.

It is with great joy that I write to our wider College community to announce that Mrs Meager took out teacher category and won *The Transformative 20* Award: well-done, Mrs Meager! We are blessed to have teachers like you on team at MCC. You imbue the qualities of an MCC teacher: you care for every student, and you are selflessly (and obsessively) committed to each learner’s growth and development.

Once again, well-done to Mrs Meager and Mr Court. And well done to every single teacher who has given nothing but their best throughout this school year and served with their whole hearts.

Kristie Barber
Head of Teaching and Learning



Pastors' Appreciation Morning Tea

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At Melton Christian College, you will often hear us talk about partnership and community. These are qualities that we not only value, but that we recognize as vital if we desire to be an effective College – and we do! Partnership is obviously required between students and teachers, and between staff and families. As a College, it is also important that we develop and maintain strong partnerships with other key stakeholders and organisations within our Melton community; people like Councillors, Police Officers, Firefighters, other local schools and kindergartens, our

neighbours, and other community groups.

Last week, we held our very first (online!) Pastors’ Appreciation Morning Tea with some local pastors and ministers from within the Melton Community. We see that we are in partnership with one another to share the good news of Christ with the Melton Community; we each play our part, and we trust God to touch hearts to reconcile them to Himself.

Church ministers are men and women who pour out of themselves regularly. Whilst the work is

incredibly fulfilling, it can also be tiring. Our desire was to encourage these church leaders, to uplift them, and to let them know that the work that they are doing in our community is important. I asked Mr Gleeson to share a devotion with the group. I must say, I was proud to see our Principal and our College sharing our strength, hope and encouragement. It was a lovely time shared together; the ministers were incredibly appreciative and thankful!

Michelle Grapsas
Community Liaison



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Show

Welcome to this year's Art Show online!

Mrs Linda Karman and Mrs Elizabeth Sfameni are so excited to share this year's Melton Christian College art show online. Students have continued to show great resilience this year and have expressed themselves again throughout the arts. We are so proud of our MCC artists and all that they have achieved this year!

We encourage them to keep on being creative & sharing their artworks with us to enjoy.

Well done everyone!

Simply click [HERE](#) for the Art Show link.

Medications

In order to keep your child safe and in an effort to start 2022 fresh, we ask that all medications held in the First Aid room, for your child, be collected at the end of term. Any unclaimed and out of date medications will be taken to the pharmacy for disposal. No medications will be held onsite over the Term break.

Lost Property

If you are missing an item of clothing or equipment, please take the time to check Lost Property before the end of this term. Any uniform which has not been collected before the term break will be disposed of.

In order to have your clothes returned to you, it is advised that all items are labelled clearly.

Also, please ensure the name in your uniform is yours and doesn't belong to someone else.

Animal Land Excursion

As part of their Science curriculum; Staying Alive, the Preps will be visiting Animal Land, on Wednesday, December 1. Students will be required to wear full sports uniform, including their hat.

We ask that students arrive at school on time, by 8.45am, ready for a 9am departure.

Students can bring a small backpack clearly labelled with their name.

In the backpack please pack a snack, lunch and a drink bottle with water. Please put sunscreen on your child before arriving at school. We are looking forward to this fun day!

Janice Deo, Jade Doherty and Rachelle Grady

Prep Incursion

2022 restrictions may have interrupted our usual excursion and 100 Days Celebrations;

however, we are bringing the farm and fun to us! On Monday 6 December, we will have an animal farm, ponies, a jumping castle and mini-golf all coming to our Prep playground! The three Prep classes will rotate these activities over a 2-hour session of fun. Students will need to wear their PE uniform and bring their snack, fresh fruit, lunch and water bottle as normal. As this event will also include some 100-Day themed activities, if you have created something special for our 100th Day of School party, please bring it along to show the class.

(No food creations) We are looking forward to celebrating the end of Prep on this day!

Any questions, please email your child's teacher.

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. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via the Parent Portal. Visit the blog: <https://campaustalia.com.au/blog>



PRIMARY AWARDS

Prep

Amber P
Jaxon D
Makayla A
Asher S
Akram H
Jax G
Neitlei B
Biekhaichai F
Arhab H
Zac W
Indi C
Jediah N

Year 1

Ava S
Udhayvir S
Isabella B
Max T
Karley L
Paul L
Karen K
Elise B
Veronica M
Katherine G
Zara S
Arjun M

Year 2

Benjamin T
Kurtis L
Aarush A
Eknoor K
Seerat S
Saanjh S
Ayana B
Norah A
Eliana K
Nicholas M

Year 3

Ekshan C
Isaiah H
Thenara L
Anay B
James M
Rebecca H
Luke D
Aurora T

Year 4

Milah V
Sargun S
Isla C
Lachlan M
Seth S
Trae W
Jason C
Tanisha M
Zoe A
Grace G
Jack S
Nate M

Year 5

Zach M
Eliana A
Alannah G
Rachelle N
Hamish A
Jazmine S
Ella C
Lachlan M

Year 6

Jasmine C
Tom G
Sophie T
Jarrod N
Indiana C
Sarahi G
Lucy M
Max N

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MCC Uniform Shop opening hours:

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.

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