



School Newsletter

Just Around the Corner	Coming Up	Later on
3rd July Playhouse Theatre Excursion (Grades 3-6)	29th July Flinders and District Athletics Day	6th Oct Term 4 Begins
4th July SWPBS Whole School Reward Day: Movie and Park Visit	20th – 22nd Aug DOXA Malmnsbury Camp (Grades 3/4)	3rd Nov Student Free Day\
4th July Last Day of Term 2 School Finishes 2:20pm OSHC Closes 5:00pm	22nd Aug Student Free Day OSHC 8:30am–4.00pm	4th Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
9th July OSHC Movie Magic Holiday Program 8:30am - 4:00pm	11th Sept School Concert	17th – 19th Nov Grade 6 Camp: Lady Northcote
16th July OSHC Cool Cricket Clinic Holiday Program 8:30am - 4:00pm	19th Sept Last Day of Term 3 School Finishes 2:20pm OSHC Closes 5:00pm	1st Dec Student Free Day OSHC 8:30am–4.00pm
21st July Term 3 Begins		

Principal's Report

It has been a fantastic term of learning and experiences for all our students. Teaching staff have had the pleasure of writing the student reports recently and celebrating their accomplishments and milestones. I wish our school community a happy and safe winter holiday break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back and recharged for Term 3.

SWPBS Whole School Reward

This Friday the students will be having their SWBPS Reward Day. We couldn't decide between a Movie Day and a Visit to the Meredith Park and Oval, so we are going to do both! (weather dependent) Congratulations to the students on displaying positive behaviours throughout the second term.



Learning Conferences

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who participated in the Learning Conferences last week. The conferences were a wonderful opportunity for teachers to share student growth, goals and achievements from the first half of the 2025 year. We welcome any further feedback from parents or carers about our assessment and reporting procedures. Please email the school on **meredith.ps@education.vic.gov.au**. Please note Mrs. Daglas' class will have their Learning Conferences in the second week of Term 2.

Financial Contributions

Each year we ask families for a voluntary financial contribution and I thank those families that have already done so for the 2025 school year. This on-going support from families ensures we are able to continue to offer the students at Meredith Primary School the best possible education, experiences and supports. As a school and School Council we continually look for ways to reduce camp, incursion and excursion costs for all. The voluntary contributions go towards many things including art supplies, science resources, sports equipment, reading resources, numeracy supplies, subscriptions like MARC Van, first aid equipment, iPad/laptops and all stationary/classroom resources. To make a contribution please contact the school office. Further details attached to this newsletter.

Kind regards

Lachlan Day
Principal



Introducing Our New Tech!

Jarred Crowe is our new Computer Technician, who maintains and fixes our technology resources. Jarred is here on Friday mornings, to ensure everything is running smoothly.





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Voluntary Financial Contribution Request

Dear Families

Meredith Primary School is now half-way through another great year of teaching and learning and would like to remind you of Meredith Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Value for money – for \$220 your contribution covers all of this and more!

Student supplies & stationery – All Items will be delivered directly to the classroom

Classroom resources – including take home books, up to date reading material, maths resources

1:1 devices for all students: Laptops (Grades 3-6) & iPads (Foundation - Grade 2)

Building maintenance & furniture upgrades

Grounds maintenance

Art/STEM/PE/Auslan materials

Marc Van – Visiting library service with book borrowing facility

Teaching and Learning subscriptions

Less than \$5 per week

Consider an automated payment. This can be set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Pre-Payment

Sick of writing your card details on excursion forms? Consider making a pre-payment onto your family account. Pay for excursions, simply by circling 'Credit Balance' on the form. You can also use your credit balance for other expenses, such as uniforms, camps and OSHC payments.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. Contact Judith Wood (Business Manager) to make a payment or if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Lachlan Day
Acting Principal

Jessica Snieders
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Student Classroom Resources Student supplies & stationery Diary	\$60
Year P-6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment Art Supplies STEM Resources Mathematics – Numeracy supplies English – Reading resources Sports Equipment	\$60
Year P-6 Online Subscriptions Reading A-Z Essential Assessment MARC Van Dibbles Assessment Platform	\$55
Year P-6 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$20
Year P-6 Printing and photocopying - worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$5
First aid equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$5
Total Amount	\$220



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Meredith Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Year 3 school camp – estimate only	\$340
Optional Year 4 school camp	\$325
Optional Year 5 school camp	\$375
Optional Year 6 school camp – estimate only	\$340
Optional Swimming Program	\$50
Other optional camps, excursions & activities to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Payment methods

Payments can be made to Meredith Primary School by BPay, EFTPOS (phone or in person) or Cash.

Refunds

Please contact the Business Manager if you would like to request a refund.

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

Financial Support for Families

Meredith Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

- State Schools Relief (Uniforms)

- Payment Plans for Extra-Curricular items and activities

- School Savings Bonus – In 2025, every student receives \$400 to use for uniforms, camps & excursions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Judith Wood, Business Manager

Ph: 03 5286 1313

Email: meredith.ps@education.vic.gov.au



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.

Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.

Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.





SCHOOL EGGS:



\$7 per dozen.

Available but in demand.



**Second hand uniform available from
St Joseph's Op Shop,
Lawler Street, Meredith.
Open Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-4pm.**



State Schools Relief can provide a range of uniform items at no cost for families in need. This includes non-logoed items, vouchers for logoed items from Meredith PS as well as shoes, socks and underwear.

Please see Jude in the office



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Money Well Spent!

With winter upon us, and intermittent bad weather, PE lessons can be moved into our newly-floored sports shed when required. The classes enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy sport while staying out of the bitterly cold wind and intermittent misty rain this week.



Pippa the Therapy Dog

Pippa the Therapy Dog is a welcome visitor to our school, whether it is for reassurance, someone to read to, to explain your work to or just for some support and companionship which only a dog can offer.





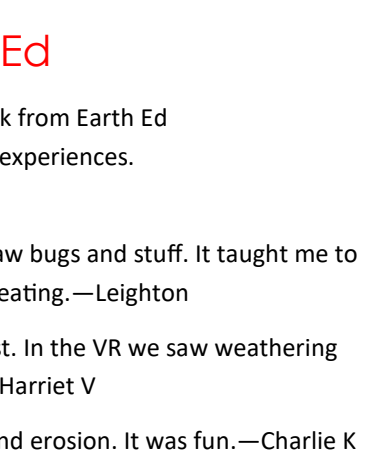
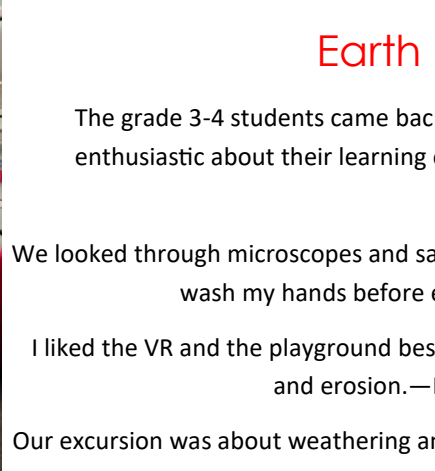
Earth Ed

The grade 3-4 students came back from Earth Ed enthusiastic about their learning experiences.

We looked through microscopes and saw bugs and stuff. It taught me to wash my hands before eating.—Leighton

I liked the VR and the playground best. In the VR we saw weathering and erosion.—Harriet V

Our excursion was about weathering and erosion. It was fun.—Charlie K



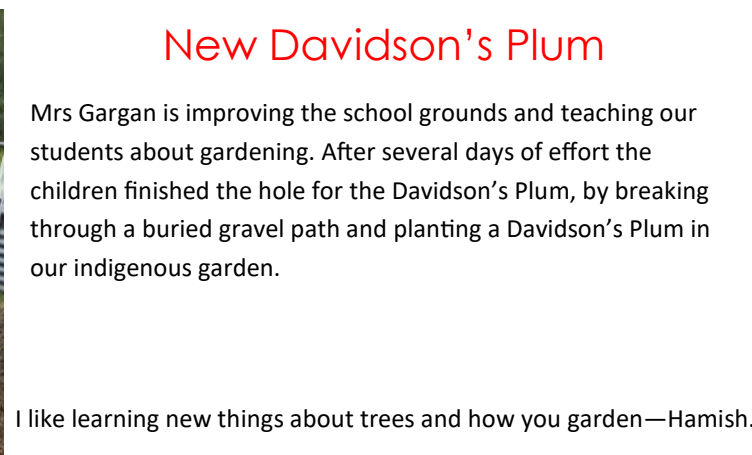
New Davidson's Plum

Mrs Gargan is improving the school grounds and teaching our students about gardening. After several days of effort the children finished the hole for the Davidson's Plum, by breaking through a buried gravel path and planting a Davidson's Plum in our indigenous garden.

I like learning new things about trees and how you garden—Hamish.

Breaking up gravel is best—Carter

My favourite part was using the pick axe and hammering stakes in place—Damon.



congratulations

Week 9

Foundation / Grade 1

Wenzy Ngwenya

For always bringing a fun and positive attitude to our classroom.

Grade 1/2

Ayla Nydam

For always putting in time and effort to all her learning tasks.

Grade 3/4

Charlie Kelly

For his information poster on wildebeest research and his creativity when making it.

Grade 5/6

Rusty Perry

For his persistence during music this week.

The Arts

Isabelle Gebbie

For her respect and pride, shown with all art activities..

PE

Ava Jones

For showing excellent skills in netball this week.

STEM

Hamish McColl

For showing creativity in creating his Rube Goldberg machine.

AUSLAN

N/A

OSHC

Evie Rudland

For taking pride in packing up straight away without hesitation.

SWPBS

Dacian Harvie

For his creative picture storybook "Crocs Holiday".

Week 10

Foundation / Grade 1

Hudson Bellew

For showing enthusiasm during writing when writing a procedure on how to make a snowman.

Grade 1/2

Jarvis Filmer

For his incredible work on his information report on Zebras.

Grade 3/4

Charlie Kelly

For his engagement during our Earth Ed excursion.

Grade 3/4

Jed Nydam

For completing his first computer project; a poster on Capybaras on Canva.

Grade 5/6

Maddy Pengelly

For always being a supportive and reliable student.

The Arts

Ava Jones

For her enthusiasm and contributions during concert rehearsal.

PE

Sonny Evans

For showing excellent improvement in cooperation and teamwork during P.E.

AUSLAN

Tate Gebbie

For excellent signing of his AUSLAN numbers.

OSHC

Isabelle Gebbie

For her excellent attitude, respectful engagement with others and for taking pride when packing up.

SWPBS

Hudson Bellew

For his hard work, concentration and sharing in class with Mr Le.



Outside School Hours Care



OSHC Days of the Week:

What have we done?

Mystery Mondays:

Celebrity Heads

Tasty Tuesday (Cooking):

Cloud Bread

Wacky Wednesday!:

Wacky Moving Toothpicks

Thoughtful Thursday

What I Want In A Friend

Free Friday

Bouncing Bubbles



See you soon!



Outside School Hours Care



School Holiday Program:

What are we doing?

Week 1:

Games

Scavenger Hunt with a Twist!

Movie and Popcorn

Week 2:

Meredith Cricket Club are paying a visit.

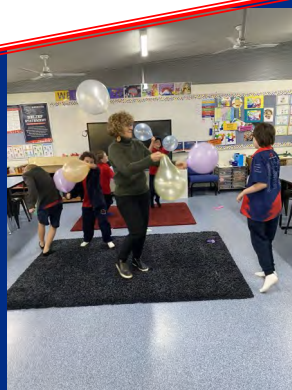
Flip Books

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This is another of the 3-ingredient recipes being made by students in OSHC during term 2 in their 'Tasty Tuesday' sessions.



Cloud Bread

Light and fluffy bread which is low-carb alternative to regular bread made with only 3 ingredients.



3 Eggs

1/4 tsp Cream of Tartar

3 Tablespoons Cream Cheese, softened (or Yoghurt)

1. Preheat oven to 150C.
2. Separate Eggs into 2 bowls.
3. Add Cream of Tartar to the Egg Whites and whip into stiff peaks.
4. Add the Cream Cheese into the yolks and mix until combined.
5. Fold half of the Egg White mixture into the yolks until it is just combined.
6. Fold in—very gently—the rest of the Egg Whites until just combined.
7. Line a baking sheet with baking paper and place six dollops of the mixture on the tray.
8. Spread out the circles with a spatula until about 1 cm thick.
9. Bake until golden—about 30 minutes.
10. Allow to cool for at least 1 hour
11. Enjoy!







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The Bringing Up Great Kids Program is a six week supportive program for parents of children aged 12 months - 12 years.

The program aims to:

- support parents with the skills to enhance their communication with their children
- promote positive interactions between parent and child
- encourage the development of children's positive self-identity.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION	Bannockburn Family Services Centre 2A Pope St Bannockburn
DATES	6th August–10th September 2025
DAY/TIME	Wednesdays 10am–12pm
CONTACT	Please call Meli reception on 5226 8900 or email groups@meli.org.au
COST	FREE



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Winter

Holiday Program 2025

Open to all young people aged 12 to 25 years

Week 1

Tuesday 8th July
1pm to 5pm
Masterchef Cake Making
The Well, Smythesdale

Wednesday 9th July
1pm- 5pm
Movie Afternoon
Bannockburn Cultural Centre,
Bannockburn

Thursday 10th July
6pm to 9pm
Geelong Ghost Tour
Geelong Gaol, Geelong

Week 2

Monday 14th July
1pm to 5pm
T Shirt Decorating
Bannockburn Cultural Centre,
Bannockburn

Tuesday 15th July
1pm to 5pm
Masterchef Mexican Feast
Bannockburn Cultural Centre,
Bannockburn

Wednesday 16th July
1pm to 4pm
Woodwork- Bird Box Making
Linton Men's Shed, Linton

Thursday 17th July
10:30am - 4:30pm
Gold Rush Indoor Mini Golf
Ballarat Mini Golf, Warrenheip

To learn more and register for events please go to

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- PLUS: SPECIAL LONG-TERM PROJECTS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY
- FLEXIBLE ENROLMENT: JOIN FOR THE TERM OR CASUALLY
- FOR CHILDREN AGED PREP TO GRADE 9
- LED BY CARING, LOCAL FACILITATORS
- ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

TERM 3
22ND JULY TO 19TH
SEPTEMBER

 **WHEN:** Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. start for Out-Of-Town friends

 **WHERE:** Meredith Community Centre
4, Russell street, Meredith

 **Chill Hour** (optional): 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

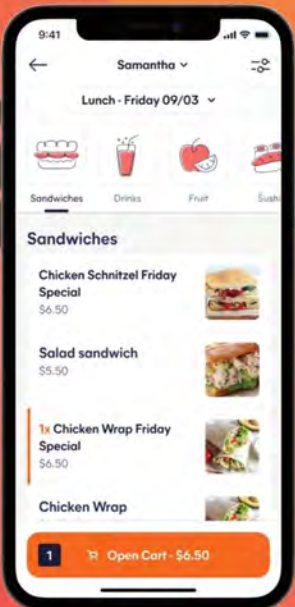
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School Phone Numbers



School Landline: 03 5286 1313

School Mobile: 0439 611 476

OSHC Mobile: 0436 395 288

[Our school landline](#) Please use this number to contact the school between 8.30am – 4.30pm.

The school mobile should be used for after-hours communication that can't wait until the next school day.

The OSHC mobile is carried by our OSHC Coordinator (Kym). Please remember that Kym works morning and afternoon/evening, so you may need to leave a message if you are calling outside of OSHC hours.