



Newsletter

ISSUE 3

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

FOR YOUR DIARIES

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Interschool Sports
(Grades 5/6)

MONDAY 8TH MARCH

Labour Day Public Holiday
(no school)

THURSDAY 11TH MARCH

Immigration Museum Excursion
(Grades 3/4)

Principal's Message

As we enter the Labour Day long weekend I would like to thank the entire school community for the wonderful start to 2021. Students have settled well into school after a torrid 2020 and have been successfully completing some amazing work in all subject areas.

NAPLAN

We are currently preparing our students in Year 3 and Year 5 for NAPLAN, which will be held on 11th—13th May in Literacy and Numeracy.

Students may be exempt due to disabilities or withdrawn from NAPLAN at parent request. A consent form will need to be signed to enable this to happen and it will need to comply with NAPLAN guidelines for exemption or withdrawal.

We encourage all students to participate in this program as it is a standardised measure of progress that is used across all of Australia.

If you are unsure about NAPLAN and have any questions about your child's participation, please speak to your child's teacher or one of the Principal team.

Tutor Learning Initiative

At the end of 2020, the State Government announced that schools would receive funding to enable students to be the recipients of tutoring during school hours.

Students entitled to access this program are identified through data collection at school. The basic purpose of tutoring is to assist students to 'catch-up' on progress they may have missed out on whilst in remote learning in 2020. Therefore we have a range of students working with tutors in areas such as literacy support, literacy and numeracy extension and social skills for Foundation students who may not have spent as much time at kindergarten last year. As the year progresses, these groups will change and evolve. Not all students will be part of this program over the year as many have continued to make the necessary growth despite the impact of COVID.

Our staffing for 2021 has also enabled smaller class sizes, which has enabled the 'catch-up' to take place more naturally within the classroom spaces.



Clean Up Australia Day

Our wonderful students all took part in Clean Up Australia Day today as they begin to develop an understanding of their roles and responsibilities as inhabitants of this planet. Teaching students to look after the Earth is a big part of what we do in schools and this is just one way we can teach them that everyone can make a difference to the world, no matter how insignificant the action might seem.

Thank you to Miss Bull for organising the event.

Labour Day Holiday

A reminder that there is no school on Monday for our students as it is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Darryl Spiteri

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Miss Pierce
12A Classroom
Teacher

Meet Our New Staff

Hi, my name is Chloe Pierce, and I am the new teacher in grade 1/2A. First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome to the Rockbank PS community. It has been an absolute pleasure meeting and getting to know all the students at Rockbank PS and I look forward to the rest of 2021 filled with lots of fun, learning and adventure. Before beginning my teaching career this year, I was a gymnastics coach for 8 years. In my

spare time I enjoy taking my dog for a walk and catching up with my friends and family. I also enjoy camping at the Murray River. One thing that many people find fascinating is that I have an identical twin sister who is also a teacher.

I look forward to the year ahead and am excited to share my love for learning with the Rockbank community.

Reporting Absences

Reporting



Absences

A reminder: if your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence **by telephone**. (Notifications via SeeSaw do not go to the school office). **Please call the school** office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason. There is also an option to leave a message on the absence hotline.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

If your child is absent and the school has not been contacted, we will ring you as soon as practicable on the same day. If we are unable to contact you, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

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A Word from Wellbeing



Christopher Daxecker
Assistant Principal/
Primary Welfare



ClassDojo connects teachers with students to build amazing classroom communities. All our classrooms and their teachers at

RockBank Primary School utilise Dojo to recognise positive behaviours aligned with our school values of Respect, Learning, Togetherness and Safety. Once teachers recognise a student doing a behaviour, the behaviour is named and the student receives 'Dojo points' that are tracked over the course of the hour, the day and the week. Students then have the opportunity to use these points to spend at the Vicki & Vinnie Values shop if they choose for items such as stress balls, drink bottles, rubbers and more.

Students across Rockbank Primary School have been excited about achieving Dojo points for positive behaviours and when asked about it, have replied:

'We get points for being respectful, kind and helpful. I think it is very good to have the dojo shop.' **Tyler West**

'Our dojo rewards are the best because you get toys and icy poles. We get points for being good.' **Brigid Vella**

'We get points by being respectful and helping each other. We can spend our points at the dojo shop on different activities and toys.' **Mia Middling**



Have you asked your child about DOJO?

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Celebrating Our Education Support Staff

Thank you for all that you do,
you should know,
that we appreciate you!

Kathy is as kind as a
phoenix
Generous
Beautiful
Helpful
Understanding
Loving
Caring
Pretty as a flower
Super sweet
Kind



Amazing
You're the best
Helps everybody
Respectful
Awesome
Perfect for 3/4s
Brightens up everybody's day
Trustworthy
Happy
Best helper in the school



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Peer Mediators

We are proud to introduce our Peer Mediators for 2021.

As part of our student leadership model, peer mediators are expected to be ambassadors who embody the school values: **we are respectful, we are learners, we value togetherness and we are safe.** They demonstrate a high level of communication & social skills, take pride in the school and show respect to all school and community members. They must be approachable, reliable and trustworthy. They implement their roles with a sense of maturity and responsibility.

Students will be trained to support their peers in the yard and the yard duty teachers. Some of their duties might be helping students solve problems and working with the yard duty teacher to acknowledge positive play in the yard.



LILAH



BRAYDAN



KHUSHMEET



CHARLOTTE



YUVRAJ



JASMEET



SOPHIA



MONIQUE



ALYSSA



AASHDEEP



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SAMERAWIT



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Let's **BE** **COVIDSAFE** together



We need to all keep making COVIDSafe choices to help stop the spread.

- Keep physical distancing in public spaces.
- Wear a mask when needed.
- Practise good hygiene.
- Protect others and stay at home if you're unwell. If you're experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms get tested for COVID-19.
- Have the COVIDSafe app.

Together let's keep going and stay safe.

Visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au) for more information, or call the National Coronavirus Helpline on **1800 020 080**. For translating and interpreting services call **131 450**.



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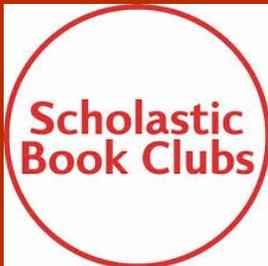
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Congratulations to Alyssa whose 2nd place in backstroke at regional swimming this week qualified her for the Western Ranges Division next week. Good luck Alyssa!

20% of the order spend goes back to the school to use for educational resources.



Book Club

We partner with Scholastic each year to provide families with an affordable and convenient way to bring the best in children's literature into their homes through Book Club.

Book Club catalogues are sent home, each containing curated, age appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional book lovers.

Current catalogue orders are due by 19th March.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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Download on the App Store

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Big Childcare is excited to be partnering with Rockbank Primary School from 29 January 2020, to offer fantastic Outside School Hours Care to families who require this service for their children. Our team will be providing Before School, After School and Curriculum Day Care onsite at your school.

Our educators focus on the individual needs and interests of children, by offering stimulating activities such as craft, cooking, gardening, sports activities, indoor/outdoor play and much more... We are committed to ensuring that children in our care have fun and enjoy being part of an engaging and safe program.

Big Childcare will operate before school, where breakfast is provided prior to 8am and after school, where a healthy but tasty afternoon snack is on offer.

BIG SAVINGS

If you are interested in using our service, please contact Centrelink on 136 150 ASAP to learn more about how child care through Big Childcare could cost you less, through the government's Child Care Subsidy or visit www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy.

BEFORE CARE
6.30AM to 8.30AM
\$20.00

AFTER CARE
3.15PM to 6.30PM
\$22.00

Add \$2.00 extra for a casual booking
Pricing before CCS discount



MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON...

More information about our service will be available in coming days... but until then please also visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/bigchildcare/

enrolments@bigchildcare.com | 8682 9400 | bigchildcare.com

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Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

At Rockbank Primary School, we celebrate Harmony week all week with lesson plans with a diversity focus. We finish the week with our whole school dressing in their traditional cultural dress (or for students who do not have a cultural dress they can wear orange), and having a parade.

TRADITIONAL DRESS DAY

On Friday 19th March, all staff and students are encouraged to come to school dressed in traditional cultural clothing or the colour orange.



HARMONY WEEK



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

HARMONY.GOV.AU



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Friday 19 March 2021-
National Day of Action

BULLYING. NO WAY!
TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Definitions of bullying

Bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence are all interpersonal behaviours that can create or contribute to negative social environments. All school communities should have clear definitions outlined in their school policies and procedures for bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Bullying

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Likewise not all online issues are bullying. (Online bullying is sometimes referred to as cyberbullying and refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.)

**BULLYING.
NO WAY!**

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Physical Education News



Get Active Victoria

Great news! The Victorian Government have recently started the Get Active Kids Voucher program. Eligible families, can claim up to \$200 to cover the cost of joining sports clubs and/or purchasing uniform/equipment. If you want to find out more and see if you are eligible click this link:

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

Local Sports Clubs

We have had a few parent queries asking about local sports clubs. If you go to the below website, you can scroll down and choose from a huge list of different sports. There is a link to click on called 'Find a Club'. If you enter your suburb or close suburbs, it will give you a list of local clubs and contact details.

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/find-a-club>

Hockey Clinics

It was a fantastic experience having Hockey Victoria recently attend our school as part of their roadshow program. Our students learnt the skills of hockey through exciting game-based activities in an engaging, fun and safe environment.

While the roadshow is over, students can continue their hockey journey by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program at www.hookin2hockey.com.au. Melton Hockey Club's program started on Thursday 4th March so click on the link above if you want to join.

Hookin2Hockey will allow children to expand on the skills they recently learnt at school, develop fundamental motor skills while making friends and having fun!



Cricket Clinics

The grade 3-4 students are currently participating in cricket clinics. They have been learning the skills required to play cricket such as throwing, catching and hitting. They have participated in many fun games and activities designed to improve their skills whilst also having fun.



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Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser



We are excited to announce we are holding a *Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough* drive as a major fundraiser this term.

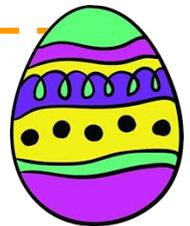
Order forms with instructions on how to collect orders from family, friends and neighbours are going home this week.

Thank you and happy fundraising!

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Final orders due 11th March

EASTER RAFFLE



CAN YOU HELP?

it's almost time for our annual Easter raffle. Being a small school we are always appreciative of the generosity of our parents and friends.

Any donations (e.g. eggs, baskets etc.) to help make up our raffle prizes, would be much appreciated.

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Announcements

March Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in
March

Aria Joshi	Arsheen Kaur Bindra	George Taufu
Kiarah Pace	Ekam Sing Bhowan	JJ Delgadillo-Kolio
Nivan Joshi	Boston Rayment	Aiden Mwaura
Dante Pradilla Quintero	Gabriel Diyago	Saai Palanivel Raja
Tristan Cutting	Siera Spiteri	Teertha Gaddam
Aaradhya Srivastava	Einathan Ayele	Max Faleauto
Sehaj Kaur Tamber	Ezekiel Ayele	Vihaan Reddy Bojja
Kaiden West	Harnaaz Kaur	Alex Beer

Subway Lunches



Subway provide lunch orders once per week, each Friday.

Please ensure orders are placed in a sealed envelope containing order form and correct money (no change will be given) and handed to the classroom teacher by each Wednesday morning. Envelopes are to have students names, class, amount and 'subway' written on the front.

Please note that we cannot accept late orders.

Subway order forms are available for download and printing from our school website.

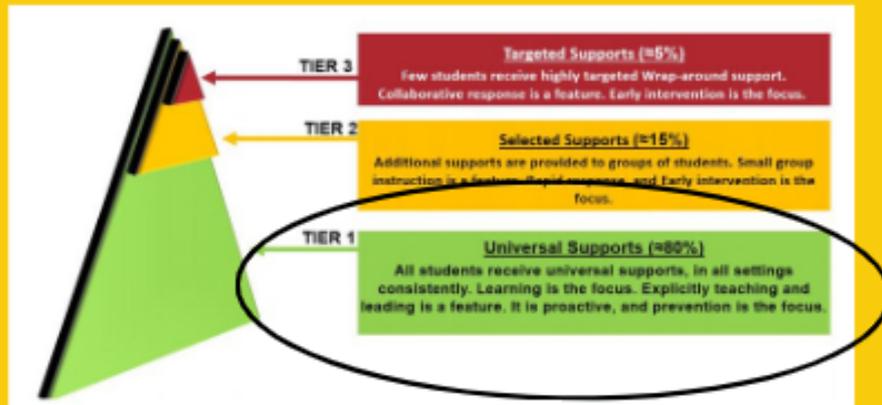
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Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Focus



TIER 1 UNIVERSAL SUPPORTS

Tier 1 systems, data and practices Impact everyone across all settings. They establish the foundation for delivering regular, proactive support and preventing inappropriate behaviours. Tier 1 emphasises prosocial skills and expectations by teaching and acknowledging appropriate student behaviour.

THE CORE PRINCIPLES GUIDING TIER 1 INCLUDE THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD:

- Effectively teach appropriate behaviour to all children
- Intervene early before inappropriate behaviours escalate
- Use research based, scientifically validated interventions whenever possible
- Monitor student progress
- Use data to make decisions

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Our Values Focus

As part of our SWPBS model at Rockbank Primary School, we teach our school wide expectations. Teaching is more than the initial instruction alone; we provide frequent opportunities for practice in the relevant context. As part of this focus, we have a concentrated focus on specific expected behaviours each fortnight. **Over the next fortnight, our values focus is:**



**WE ARE
RESPECTFUL**
Outside

- Use the bins
- Follow the game rules
- On time to class
- Equipment away



We Are Respectful



We Are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We Are Safe



House Points

Following our school values in yard is acknowledged with House Points. Our House Captains tally the results at the end of each week.

Missen	1,280
Peacock	700
Fisher	1,130
Harrison	1,190

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Celebrating our Successes



We are Respectful



We are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We are Safe

Students of the Week

A class member from each class is recognised weekly with our Student of the Week Award. This award recognises students who consistently display our school values.

Class	Week Ending: 26th February	Week Ending: 5th March
F1A Miss Lane	Indy T	Miles C
F1B Miss Bencich	Salesi T	Stephanie A
F1C Miss Coffey	Hardit S	Izaiah S
12A Miss Pierce	Kaitlyn S	Cooper M
12B Miss Magnano	Phoenix S	Samairah D
12C Miss Bull	Fale P	Alina D
12D Miss Andrews	Burak B	Jesiah E
34A Ms Ninkovic	Angad C	
34B Mr Cassano	Andrew U	Max F
56A Mr Randich	Andy C	Alyssa L
56B Miss West	Hailee P	Lily H
56C Miss Zemunic	Deluca R	
P.E. Mrs Lehane	Ruby S	Sophia M
The Arts Mrs Georgievski		Kaitlyn S (12A)
Auslan Mr Still		Armaandeeep S (12B)

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It's Not OK To Be Away

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence by phone.

Come to school every day, and on time, and be recognised for your great achievement!



2021 term 1 stats at 05/03/2021

Our Goal: 95% school wide attendance average	Current school wide student average: 84%
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Number of students with 100% attendance so far in term 1

27

Names of students to go into a raffle for a prize to be announced at the end of term.

Term 1 Classroom statistics

F1A—Miss Lane	84%
F1B—Miss Bencich	84%
F1C—Miss Coffey	81%
12A—Miss Pierce	88%
12B—Miss Magnano	88%
12C—Miss Bull	78%
12D—Miss Andrews	91%
34A—Ms Ninkovic	87%
34B—Mr Cassano	84%
56A—Mr Randich	88%
56B—Miss West	78%
56C—Miss Zemunic	81%

Class with highest attendance at the end of term will be recognised with a class celebration .

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STAND UP, TAKE ACTION FORUM

Everyone has a role to play in promoting gender equality and preventing family violence



Learn how your community group or sporting club can become a champion for equality and stand out as a welcoming space where everyone can participate.

You'll hear from experts and advocates about the steps we can all take to inspire positive change and how equality can strengthen clubs and groups, and create safer communities.

Workshops and 'take action' packs will be available to participants post-event to support your work to stand up and take action.

SPEAKERS



Rosie Batty AO, Australian of the year and family violence advocate



Izzy Huntington, AFLW Western Bulldogs Player



Rana Hussain, Richmond Football Club Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator



Tarik Bayrakli, Club Respect Manager

DETAILS

Wednesday 17 March, 7pm-8.30pm

All local community groups and sporting clubs invited to attend

FREE EVENT



Online event, bookings essential
meltonlearning.com.au/events/standuptakeaction

Presented by Melton City Council, in partnership with Western Bulldogs Community Foundation



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Enrolling into Secondary School

State Secondary Schools in Melton work closely together to provide each and every student in our schools with an enriched and positive experience. We pride ourselves in the quality education we provide.

All government schools are bound by the Department of Education Neighbourhood Schools Policy to guide enrolments. For families seeking enrolment of their children into a state secondary school, the following guiding principles underpin the policy, enrolment process and requirements.

The Neighbourhood Schools Policy seeks:

- To provide each child with the right to a place in a designated neighbourhood school.
- Enrol students with a sibling at the same school at the same permanent address who are attending school at the same time.
- To contain enrolments in each school within the limits of available resources.

If you are unsure of which is your designated neighbourhood school, please visit: <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

2021 Secondary School
Transition Information
Evening
Tuesday March 30 2021



KURUNJANG SECONDARY COLLEGE

Kurunjang Secondary College's vision of achieving success for our community through respect, responsibility and collaboration encapsulates the essence of the 21st Century of instilling in students the need to constantly evaluate new knowledge, work innovatively with peers, think flexibly in an international setting, and value diversity.

Our culture of Learn, Grow, and Achieve Together ensures our students demonstrate our values of Respect, Achievement and Responsibility.

The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program offers an enriched learning environment with classes operating from Years 7 to 10. AVID is an evidence based system, designed to critically engage and prepare students for tertiary education.

Transition Evening

Tuesday 30th March 6pm-7pm



MELTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

Melton Secondary College STARR Values, Success, Teamwork, Ambition, Respect and Responsibility are visible in every classroom.

At Melton Secondary College, Academic Excellence is not just a motto, the results speak for themselves. Our teachers work in teams each week to determine what each student knows, and what they are ready to learn next in their learning journey.

A strong focus on literacy and numeracy and a broad range of programs in Science, the Arts and Sport, ensures that every student is deeply engaged in their learning. Our STARR Connect pastoral program ensures that every student is known and supported as they develop the critical skills for learning and living.

Transition Evening

Tuesday 30th March 6pm-7pm



STAUGHTON COLLEGE

At Staughton we foster a culture where ambition meets excellence. This is a culture where students develop academically, socially and personally to become the best versions of themselves, through a focus on teaching about effort, learning and respect. Students are actively engaged in their passions and interests, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program, as part of The Academy Of Accredited SEAL Schools, is available to cater for our gifted, talented and high achieving students.



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PLAY RUGBY IN 2021
WITH THE MELTON
RUGBY UNION CLUB
@AINTREE



MELTON WARRIORS
RUGBY UNION CLUB



*We are seeking
girls and boys for
our under 10's,
12's, 14's and 16's
teams.*

**TRAINING - ALL TEAMS TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY**

5:30PM

**At Frontier Reserve, Aintree.
Only a 10min drive from Melton and
Taylors Lakes!**

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Melton Warriors



Partners of the Melton Warriors



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Our Learning This Week

By Mr Randich 56A

Over the past few weeks, the students of 5/6A have been learning about the school value of 'Togetherness.'



Our class learnt about being whole people. Heart are at the centre of everything we do!"

Chezney

"If we are present at school and our minds are switched on and our hearts are full, it's easy to work together with others."

Aiden

"We have to think carefully about what we say to people and how we do things in our class because no one wants a broken heart!"

Aashdeep

"It's easier to break someone's heart than it is to build a heart up."

Alyssa

"Being together means being a part of something special. Everyone needs to be at their best..."

Jake

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