Dear Families

Today our Student Representative Council organised and held a Jeans for Genes day to raise funds for Medical Research into Childhood Cancers and Illnesses. While the children enjoyed the opportunity to wear jeans to school, the money raised is an important part of days like this and will go towards finding cures for the genetic diseases and illnesses which 1 in 20 of Australian babies and born with. Thank you for your support of this day. Together we raised $448.20 for this cause.

This week we brought together all of the feedback and suggestions from parents, students and staff to work on finalising our Vision Statement. Thank you to all of you who were able to send your thoughts in to us. This statement is an important document as not only does it need to reflect who we are as a community and differentiate us from other school communities; it also will be a driving force for who we are into the future. Thank you to everyone who was able to assist us in this process. Once we have finished refining this statement it will be sent to all families.

On Monday we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption with staff and students from St Dominic’s. This has quickly become an event that we all look forward to and is a wonderful way of coming together as the Primary School Community of St Dominic’s Parish. Children and staff from St Dominic’s will arrive throughout the morning, we will have morning tea together and then celebrate Mass with Fr Michael and Fr Geoff at 11:45am. After lunch the children from St Dominic’s will begin to head back to school at about 2:15pm. You are more than welcome to join us for this liturgy.

Best Wishes for a great week,

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events

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Congratulations to the following children who received an award at our assembly today. Well done on all you have achieved this week. Keep up the great work!!

Prep B - Louis Van Berkel
Prep C - Adhieu Chol
Prep D - Indie Thorneycroft
1E - Asher Bongiorno
1F - Kristian Sare
1H - Riley Zanghellini
2I - Matthew Caruana
2K - Bella Van Munster
2/3M - Ryan King
3J - Amein Anyar
3L - Hudson Bourke
3N - Mitchell Weaver
4O - Nikita Pereira
4P - Jordyn Briggs
5Q - Harrison Wood
5S - Seth Briggs
6R - Dean Abela
6T - Darcy Makin
6U - Isaac Dalumpines
As part of our Book Festival celebration this year we have organised two dress up days......

1. Friday 19th August - **Bedtime Stories Day**
On this day all children can wear their pajamas to school! They will participate in organised bedtime stories activities, and be provided with a milk and cookie snack.

2. Friday 26th August - **Book Character Parade**
Please join us in celebrating Children’s book week on Friday 26th August for our Annual Book Character Dress-up Parade! We will be starting at 9:30am in the hall and children can come to school dressed up as their all time favourite character from any book.

We would love to see family and friends there to celebrate and have some fun with us!

Any questions about either of these days please see your child’s teacher.
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| Week 7 | 23 | *Class Mass Yr 3 & 2/3 @ 9:15am | 25 | 26  | *Book Festival Dress Up Parade  
*Assembly at 2:30pm in the hall | 27  |
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| Week 8 | 30 | *Year Prep Excursion to Donegan's Farm | *Class Mass Yr 2 @ 9:15am | 1 | *Athletics Track & Field Carnival Yr 5/6 | 2  |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| Week 9 | 6 | *Book Fair @ school this week | *Class Mass Yr 1 @ 9:15am | 8 | *Parent Teacher Interviews | 9 |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| Week 10 | 13 | *Class Mass Yr Prep @ 9:15am | *Pajama Immersion Day - Science  
*School Disco | 16 | *Last Day of Term 3 -  
Children Dismissed @1:30pm | 17  |

Hello families,

The children have been enjoying their time at OSHClub over the past few weeks, participating in weekly themed activities such as, the solar system, insects and animals.

Last week the children had a fantastic time getting involved in many group games such as, golden child, jump the creek, AFL, Simpsons and wall tag. They were also enjoying creating puppets using arts and crafts as well as using dress ups to perform plays for the group.

This week will be of the magic theme, the children have suggested this in the past, so if anybody has any tricks or illusions we would love to see them!!

Please check out your child’s portfolios and our learning journal at the program to see what wonderful creations and fun they have been involved in.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Allison, Cindy and Heidi.
**EXHIBITION**

**MELTON GALLERY**

The Storybook Characters of Dromkeen

Dromkeen Homestead has a wonderful collection of original Australian children’s picture-book illustrations. From ferocious pumas, dirty dinosaurs, cheesy tom cats and scowling gargoyles, your heart will be captivated by these marvelous characters created by Australian authors and illustrators. Exhibiting artists Freya Blackwood, Ron Brooks, Terry Denton, Leigh Hobbs, Karen Bystedt and Australian Children’s Laureate, Ann James (Member of the Order of Australia). Roland Harvey, Alison Lester, Craig Smith, Julie Vivas, Anna Walker and Mark Wilson.

**DATES** August 13 - 24

**LOCATION**
Melton Library & Learning Hub, 31 McKenzie Street, Melton

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**EXHIBITION**

**CAROLINE SPRINGS GALLERY**

In Good Company!

An exhibition of original artwork, limited edition prints and developmental drawings.

In Good Company! celebrates the work of children’s book illustrators who live in Victoria, with a special focus on illustrations by Craig Smith and Michael Cassilier who will be presenting workshops during Write On, Read On.

Exhibiting artists Graeme Base, Kevin Burgemeestre, Michael Cassilier, Terry Denton, Sue de Garis, Roland Harvey, Leigh Hobbs, Ann James, Alison Lester, David Miller, Patricia Mullins, Anna Pignataro, Craig Smith, Shawn Tan, Jane Turner, Anna Walker, Judy Watson, Azeez White, Trudy White and Mark Wilson.

Presented by Books Illustrated

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3Gallery, Caroline Springs Civic Centre Library, 199-201 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs

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**WRITE ON, READ ON**

**MELTON CITY WORD FEST**

**CAROLINE SPRINGS LIBRARY**

199-201 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs

**MELTON LIBRARY AND LEARNING HUB**

31 McKenzie St, Melton

**PROGRAM GUIDE**

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**FESTIVAL GUIDE 13-24 AUGUST 2016**

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**ABOUT**

Welcome to the first Write On, Read On festival! Melton City Council is proud to present a festival of books, exhibitions, workshops and opportunities to celebrate the power of words. Come along to be entertained, informed and inspired. Join us for some of the activities that are taking place over the twelve day festival.

**WRITE ON, READ ON** has something for everyone. Harness your individual creativity through the Short Story competition and workshops. Listen to some of Australia’s best writers. Investigate the amazing displays of literature-related artwork and enjoy the power of words through song and theatre.

All sessions are free, waiting for you to be a part of them. Explore this program and see where it can take you. Immense regard to Write On, Read On.

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**BOOKINGS & INFORMATION**

Free Event.

Book online at tiny.cc/cemby
FESTIVAL GUESTS

WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND INDIGENOUS STORYTIME
Saturday August 13, 10.30am CSP
Saturday August 13, 2pm MLLH
This ceremony respectfully acknowledges the original custodians of the land now occupied within the boundaries of Melton City Council. Wurrundjeri Tribal elder, Dr. Joy Murphy Wandin will lead this special ceremony.

TEENA HARTNETT — STORYTELLER
Sunday August 14, 1pm MLLH
Sunday August 14, 3pm CSP
Teena has been a storyteller all her life. Teena gets completely caught up in telling a story and cocooned in another world when she hears one.

VICTORIA STANBOURGH — OPERA SINGER
Sunday August 14, 2pm MLLH
Victoria will sing excerpts from Puccini, Verdi, Strauss, Mozart and some lighter numbers.

GREG FLEET AND RIZ HAMMOND
Thursday August 18, 6pm MLLH
Actor Riz Hammond interviews comedian Greg Fleet about his bestselling biography These Things Happen.

ROSALIE HAM — AUTHOR TALK
Saturday August 20, 11am CSP
Saturday August 20, 2pm MLLH
Rosalie is best known for her first novel, The Dreammaker, which has been adapted into a film starring Kate Winslet. She is an Australian author, as well as a playwright for stage and radio.

MEET LOCAL AUTHORS
Saturday August 20, 12pm CSP
Saturday August 20, 2pm MLLH
Local authors will be available to chat about the process of writing and publishing their books. The authors will also have the books available for purchase. Local authors will include Amra Pajalic, Esta De Araujo, Chris Mack, Jenny Ealey, Terry Probert and Karen Nikkalas.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION LAUNCH—OPEN TO ALL AGES
Monday August 15, 7pm CSP
Launch of the Melton City Council Short Story Competition for 2016. Previous winners will read their stories as inspiration for this competition.

ELLIE MARNEY — YOUNG ADULT CRIME
Tuesday August 16, 1:30pm CSP
Tuesday August 16, 5:30pm MLLH
Have a look at where the genre came from and what makes young adult crime different. Take a quick glance down the list of new Australian and overseas young adult crime fiction, including Ellie’s book Every Breath.

MICHAEL CAMILLERI — ILLUSTRATOR
Sunday August 21, 2pm CSP
Michael is a Melbourne artist who creates books, comics and visual theatre. Michael’s latest illustration work can be seen in One Minute’s Silence by David Metzcnethen.

CRAD SMITH — ILLUSTRATOR
Sunday August 21, 2pm MLLH
Craig’s warm, quirky illustrations have amused kids for more than three decades. The humour and pathos of home and school life, and a fondness for unusual perspectives are features of his work.

DRAMA PERFORMANCE BY NORTH BY NORTHWEST ACTING GROUP
Monday August 22, 5:30pm CSP
Scenes from Forensic City – on the eve of what might be the end of the world seven teenagers and a dinosaur grapple with the complexities of life, love and frozen yoghurt.

WOMEN IN CRIME — DISCUSSION PANEL
Tuesday August 16, 7pm MLLH
A forum of three crime writers will discuss women in crime.

RUTH WYKES
Book editor and true crime writer with a strong interest in social justice and human rights.

KYLE FOX
Award-winning short story writer, editor and true crime writer.

LINDY CAMERON
Author of four crime novels including Blood Guilt and the thriller Redback.

Wednesday August 17, 7pm CSP
A forum of three crime writers will discuss women in crime.

EMILY WEBB
Journalist and author, specializing in true crime.

VICKI PETROSOS
True crime writer with over 20 years of experience. Her best-selling book, The Frankston Murders, about serial killer Paul Derenys has become a classic in the genre.

LOZ PORTER
Writer of fact and fiction. Her award-winning true crime books are: Written on the Skin and Cold Case Files: past crimes solved by new evidence.

CHILDREN’S BOOKWEEK AFTERNOON STORYTIME
Tuesday August 23, 4pm MLLH
Wednesday August 24, 4pm CSP
Dress up as your favourite book character and join us for a special Storytime featuring a selection of the Children’s Book Council Awards shortlisted books for 2016. The session will be followed by a craft activity.

TOMORROW, WHEN THE WAR BEGAN
Wednesday August 24, 7pm CSP
Author of titles including So Much to Tell You, Letters From the Inside and the much celebrated Tomorrow series, adapted for film in 2010.