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Melrose High School Message Stick



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2021 Elective Selections

Students in Year 6, 7, 8 & 9 will be making their selections for their 2021 Elective units in Week 3. Selections will be made electronically via the Web Preferences - Select My Subjects form which will be emailed to Year 6 parents and students in Years 7-9.

Before selecting classes, parents/carers and students are advised to consult the Electives Website to read the unit descriptions and understand any restrictions or conditions that are on each unit. Included on the website is a planner that you can download and print to assist you with your selections. Access the website here: <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/melrosehighschoolselectives/home>

Revamped reopens

This term, the MLRHS Sustainability Crew will re-open the op-shop 'REVAMPED' for student purchases from Friday 23 October. This is a community partnership with Koomarri, where all the proceeds are given back to help support people with disabilities in the community. Formal dresses and suits are priced \$5 to \$10, casual wear and shoes range from \$1 to \$5. Check the MLRHS facebook page next week for further details.

Year 7 Indigenous Plant Use Walking Tours

All Year 7 students will have the opportunity to participate in an Indigenous plant use walking tour with local Wiradjuri man Adam Shipp at Mt Taylor in Term 4. He is a passionate and skilled communicator, providing a wealth of knowledge and understanding of Indigenous plants within the ACT. Adam will guide the students along the designated fire trail, identifying Indigenous plants and discussing their use as food, medicine, tools and/or art. See below for specific tour dates, taking place during the student's science class. Permission notes will be handed out in class.

Week 2 – Tuesday 20 October-E line-Ms Narayan; Wednesday 21 October-G line-Ms Jalil

Week 3 – Tuesday 27 October-G line-Ms Jones; Thursday 29 October-B line-Ms Jones & D line-Mr Tozer

Week 4 – Tuesday 3 November-E line-Mr Chand

Week 5 – Thursday 12 November-D line-Ms Driver; Friday 13 November-B line-Mr Tozer

Upcoming dates:

October 23: Book Week Costume Parade

October 26: Orangutan Cupcake fundraiser

October 28-29: Entertainment night

November 13: Non-uniform day - NAIDOC week

November 30-Dec 1: Yr 7 Immunisations

December 4: Year 10 Last day & Graduation Brunch

December 10: Year 6 Transition Day

December 18: Last day of Term 4

Parent/Carers Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Join us for Webinar on Introduction to Read & Write for Google Chrome

Tuesday 20th October 2020 3.30pm

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with *literacy needs*. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research. RW4G is available free for all students in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool online at school and home. The licence has been extended for the next 3 years.

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to how Read&Write can:

1. Support reading and access to the curriculum.
2. Supporting readers with text to speech, dictionary and vocabulary tools, study tools, annotation tools and more.
3. Support writing and the ability to demonstrate understanding.
4. Supporting writers via word prediction, voice notes, speech recognition, vocabulary support, research skills and more.

Webinar Registration

Click on link to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6266222728869005328>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please still register to gain access to the recorded live webinar

Videos on the program

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>

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