Principal’s Report

Welcome
Welcome back to a wonderful learning year at Melrose Park Public School and a warm welcome to our new families who join us across many different classes. 2013 promises to be filled with great learning opportunities for students and staff. We appreciate the support that families and the community give to the school and in partnership we will Learn and Grow Together throughout the year.

Welcome Afternoon Tea

Welcome and Welcome Back Afternoon Tea

When: Friday 8th February
from 2.30pm

Where: In the hall

Please bring a plate of food to share

Come along and say hello to old friends and make a new friend along the way!

Kindergarten

Over the next two days our new Kindergarten students will participate in Best Start Interviews with their first full day of ‘big school’ being next Monday 4th February. This is always an exciting morning where we hope our new students come with a smile to embark on an exciting adventure of learning in Kindergarten.

Transition

Today students enjoyed sharing their holiday news with their classmates and teachers from 2012.

To assist students’ transition to new groups and classrooms, students will spend the next two days rotating through a variety of learning activities meeting and working with each teacher. Activities include ICT, Music, Safety, Environment, Mathematics and Sport. It is hoped that these activities will give students a sense of new beginnings and expectations for the learning year ahead.

Classes will be formed next week when Kindergarten numbers are confirmed.

C Block
The long awaited refurbishment of C Block is nearly complete and we are hoping desperately to host classes from next Monday.

C Block will be the home base for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

We look forward to these rooms being on line as soon as possible.

Assembly

A short “Welcome Back” assembly will be held this Thursday afternoon from 2.05pm in the hall. Assembly is conducted by a host class and our school leaders from 2.05pm.

You are welcome to attend our assemblies which are held on a fortnightly basis on a Thursday afternoon.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Be Skilled Be Fit – Gymnastics Program
Melrose Park is excited to be conducting this program during Term 1. These gymnastics classes will be held each Tuesday and sports uniform should be worn. Students will be taught the fundamentals of gymnastics by qualified staff using safe equipment. The cost of this program will be $40 per student. A permission note will be
sent home for this program over the next day or so, and payment can be made then or can be paid via term invoice.

Jen Riley - AP

Coming Events

Term 1, Week 1
- Wednesday, 30/1
  - Yrs 1-6 Students Return
- Thursday, 31/1
  - “Welcome Back” Assembly

Term 1, Week 2
- Monday, 4/2
  - Kinder Starts
- Tuesday, 5/2
  - Gymnastics – Sports Uniform to be worn
- Thursday, 7/2
  - Tuckertime – Class 5/6 to host
- Friday, 8/2
  - Welcome Afternoon Tea – 2.30pm – school hall

Term 1, Week 3
- Thursday, 14/2
  - Assembly – 2.05pm
- Friday, 15/2
  - Sausage Sizzle

P&C Report
Welcome to all the new families and welcome back to school for everyone else.
This section of the newsletter is aimed at keeping the school community informed on P&C activities.

Sausage Sizzle:
For the new families, at Melrose Park we hold a sausage sizzle for lunch once per fortnight. This equates to 5 times per term.

Each class takes a turn to be the ‘host’ and as such we ask that 2/3 parents from the host class volunteer their time to help cook and serve the sausages.

You can either purchase a term ticket or a ticket per sausage sizzle. Ideally we would prefer a term ticket as it makes it easier for all concerned. For the new parents, we collect the tickets at the end of each sizzle so they do not get lost!

The first sausage sizzle for this term is on the 15th February 2013 and class 5/6 will be host.

If you are able to help on this day, please see Allison Brownlee or Kim Bowen

P&C meeting:
The first P&C meeting for 2013 will be on Monday 25th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the school library. We encourage our school community to attend. This will actually be our AGM where all current positions will be vacant. As the majority of the current committee are in their final years at Melrose we hope to handover the reigns to a new group so we can support them whilst we are still at the school.

Positions available will include:
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sausage Sizzle Coordinator
- Book Club Coordinator
- Market Day Coordinators

Yr 6 Shirts
We are once again getting Yr 6 sports shirts. Each Yr 6 child should have received a note in regards to this. Should you wish to order one please return the note by Monday.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
Next Friday we are having a meet and greet of the new families at school. If you are able to help with catering by providing some nibbles or cake this would be appreciated. Also if you are able to come to school early and meet some of the new faces, it would be lovely to have you.

Should you ever wish to speak to me I am available on 0407107104, the other committee members are also available should you require any assistance.

Bowling Night
Look out for information for a first Family Night of the year, “Ten Pin Bowling” in March.

Nicole Belling (Young)
President
WE NEED YOU ON THE
P & C AGM
25TH FEBRUARY 2013
ALL POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

P&C EXECUTIVE

President: This is a great opportunity to meet new people and continuing to foster our relationships within the school and into the community. This requires a little office time with the Principal but is great for knowing what is going on around the school!

Even if you can only do it with someone else, I am still available for the next 12 months to support and help you learn the position.

Vice President: Important support role for the executive. This is a great entry position onto the P&C executive.

Treasurer: Holder of the cheque book and counter of the cash. A great role for someone with a nice autograph (for the cheque book) and who is also good with a calculator.

Secretary: Keep all our affairs and records in order and be the letter writing extraordinaire.

Book Club: Get a few friends together once a term to submit then deliver the book orders. All the happy faces are reward enough. Our current book club mum is still available to show you the ropes.

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator: Let your inner Master Chef free by working being available every second Friday to run and coordinate the sausage sizzle. Again our current coordinator is available to help you learn the position.

Market Day Coordinator: Take charge of our incredible parent workforce and guide the event and fundraising agenda. We’re all about working smarter not harder so bring your brilliant ideas to the table….or simply harness direct the existing powerful talent and keep the FUN in fundraising!

Uniform Shop: Versace, Myaki, Dinnigan, Wang - whoever you’re wearing, bring them along to the blue and white paradise of the uniform shop and add your flair. You will have the current coordinator working along side you for 12 months so you will not be expected to know everything at once!