Principal’s Report

MELROSE

Melrose has 7 letters and from this week Melrose Park Public School has formed its 7th class. Let me take this opportunity to welcome all new families and especially Kindergarten families to our wonderful school. I thank you for making Melrose Park Public School your choice of school. We have a dedicated group of enthusiastic and highly trained teachers ready to give your child a wonderful start during their education journey, delivering excellence in the academic program not only of literacy and numeracy but an education for your whole child – sporting, cultural, environmental and social.

Our student body led by a fantastic cohort of Year 6 students and a dedicated and committed parent committee all contribute to a wonderful learning environment. Together we strive for continued improvement and excellence in all our endeavours. With your support and positive partnership we can achieve great outcomes.

Already our senior students are developing leadership skills in order to deliver a positive Peer Support program across the school and are ready to support new students as buddies in learning and play.

BUILDING WORKS

The refurbishment of C Block was not completed last week however the construction team has ensured me that is it only a matter of days away from going online. When ready, Years 4, 5 and 6 are eagerly awaiting the move across the school. Some room alterations will be necessary with an added class room while waiting for new furniture to arrive. Year 3 will work in the library. Following this, the class will move along the verandah to the old 5/6 room.

In B Block the home base rooms will be for Year 1 and Year 2, while our Kindergarten classes remain in the demountable rooms. All classes are fully air conditioned and carpeted and with an Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) make learning conditions comfortable and enjoyable.

As I have stated, today the school has formed its 7th class based on the enrolment number of 160. This enrolment number is needed to remain stable in order to maintain the extra class while waiting for the Department’s Staffing Unit to confirm any staff changes or future appointments.

6/5 M - Mrs J Piper
5/4 E - Ms J Riley - Assistant Principal
3 L - Ms C Smith
2/1 R - Mrs J Spenceley
1 O - Ms J Branch
K S - Ms A Uren
K E - Ms K Young

Support Staff

RFF - Release from Face to Face
ICT – Information Communication and Technology
G&T - Gifted and Talented
Mrs P Grover; Mrs C Price; Term 1 Friday; Ms N Morcom – Tuesday Learning and Support Teacher (LaST); Counsellor – Mr J Peel - 3hrs Monday

Mrs Christina Price will remain 1 day a week Maternity Leave (RFF Friday) and will take maternity leave in Term 2 for her second child. Mr Tony Hubbard remains on leave whilst living in the Southern Highlands.

This year I have taken myself off a fulltime classroom position and will support classes as librarian, G&T and senior school studies.

I would like to explain the way in which we form classes at Melrose Park Public School. Parents may not be aware of the hours and hours that are put into planning the best class structures to create the most positive learning environment for all children for the year. The process begins towards the end of the previous year and involves further refinements right up until the day classes are formed. A great many factors are taken into consideration and include the Department

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requirement of class size, class dynamics, work habits and teacher qualities.

Although a few children may be initially anxious about their class placement, experience has shown that children settle very quickly into their new classes. Parents are encouraged to support the school’s decision regarding class placement and support their child by assuring them that they have been well placed for a happy rewarding and successful year at school.

**COMMUNITY**

You are invited to join other parents for a WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA this Friday 8th February starting from 2.30pm in the school hall. This is a great way to meet other parents in the school (Let us hope we don’t get the Friday afternoon downpour).

A “MEET THE TEACHER” evening is scheduled for Wednesday 20th February. It is an opportunity to hear from your child’s teacher about the class programs and activities planned for the year.

You will also have the opportunity to hear an address from me about the whole school’s programs and vision for 2013.

Parent Interviews will be held in April and teachers will discuss your child’s Term 1 progress; however if you need to speak to your child’s teacher at other times please make an interview with your child’s teacher or through the office.

**P&C**

Melrose Park Public School is a great school supported enthusiastically by a wonderful parent body. I encourage you to actively join the many opportunities to get involved. The P&C are seeking new members to take up roles which helps keep a parent body strong.

Tucker Time, Sausage Sizzle, Family Bingo Night, Working Bee, and the West Ryde St Fair are all ways in which parents and caregivers can be involved this term. Volunteers are always needed to help support learning programs such as Reading, Multilit, Sport Coaches/Managers and computer helpers are all welcomed. Maybe you know a senior citizen that is looking to give some time to listen to children read. We welcome volunteers and appreciate the time they give to supporting our students.

**Clare Kristensen**
Principal

### Coming Events

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**Tuckertime** - Class 5/6 to host Tuckertime this Thursday. (50c should be plenty of spending money for Kinder children)

**P&C Report**

**Sausage Sizzle:**

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

Each class takes a turn to be the ‘host’ and as such we ask that 2 to 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!
If you are able to help on this day, please see Allison Brownlee.

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. If you have not returned your note ensure it is back by tomorrow so the order is in asap.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
On 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
We are having another bowling night on 23rd February 2013. A note in regards to this is attached.

I plan to allocate lanes to all students prior to the night to make it easier for TenPin City, so once you arrive I will let you know which lane you are bowling in.

I will ensure the younger students can start first, so please arrive in time to commence by 6.30pm.

Nicole Belling (Young)
President

School Banking
Start again this Wednesday. Marion and Cathy will be available for any enquiries from 8.30-9.15am. School banking helps you and helps the school.

Driver Needed
Required to collect a kindergarten student from his home at North Parramatta and bring to school each morning, then drop home again each afternoon.

Excellent payment offered
Please contact school office in the first instance

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**SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for FRIDAY, 15th February, 2013**

Form must be returned with the money by **WEDNESDAY, 13th February, 2013**. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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Term Order (4 Sausage Sizzles this term)

Total Amount Enclosed: $ ______________

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Chess Coaching

Chess coaching for students at Melrose Park Public School is held on **Wednesdays** from **11:15am – 12:00pm**. Term 1 lessons will commence on **13th February, 2013** and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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 alongside you for 12 months so you will not be expected to know everything at once!
Dear Families,

Bowling Night is a big event at Melrose Park P/S & it’s on again this term !!! Come & join the FUN !!!

**When:** Saturday, 23rd February 2013

**Location:** Tenpin City, Lidcombe Power Centre
Top Level (behind Spotlight)
92 Parramatta Rd, Lidcombe

**Time:** 6.30pm start.

**Cost:** $20 per bowler (for 2 exciting games & shoe hire)

In order to book enough lanes, we require final numbers by Friday, 15th February 2013.

Please return the slip below along with your money to the school office by Friday, 15.02.13.

All Welcome. Hope to see you there.

P & C Committee

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**SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT**
Saturday, 23rd February 2013

We would like to attend the school bowling night.

Number of bowlers: ____________ Adults _____________ Children

Names of bowlers: ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________________________________

Return to School office by Friday, 15.02.13.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TIMETABLES

CALL 9817 2805

OR VISIT www.rhapsodystudios.com.au
**Melrose Park Public School**  
**Uniform Order Form**

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**Date:**

*Please note that there are no credit card facilities.*

**3 different options to pay:**

1. Order form with cash in an envelope.

2. Order form with cheque made out to Melrose Park Public School P&C.

3. Order form with direct deposit to Melrose Park School P&C Committee  
   BSB 062271 Account 00900288 include your Surname and type Uniforms as subject.