Principal’s Report

Parent Information Sessions

Wednesday, 20th February

Parent information sessions are held at the commencement of each school year. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher and to hear what is happening in the classroom. These sessions are not for individual interviews – if these are required, please arrange a suitable time with the class teacher. The sessions will be held in each teacher’s classroom and run for approximately 30 minutes. An opportunity exists at 6.35pm to hear about the school’s programs and targets for the year.

6.00pm – 6.30pm
Session 1  Class information in classrooms

6.35pm – 7.00pm
School Information Session in the hall

7.05pm – 7.45pm
Repeat of Session 1 in classrooms

C Block

The fences are down around C Block and we are waiting for the paint to dry, but we hope to be in our newly refurbished rooms by the end of the week. Everyone is very excited to finally have our building back in use!

Rhapsody Dance Studios

Rhapsody Dance Studios have commenced dance lessons in the school hall Monday and Thursday afternoon as well as on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in dance lessons for your child come along and speak to Natalie or visit their website www.rhapsodystudio.com.au for more information.

Other leadership roles include Sport, ICT, Environment, Green Team, SRC – Student Voice

The House Captains of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson will be out and about for the swimming carnival and at lunch time play. Our senior students develop leadership skills throughout the year and in many different roles. All senior students develop skills that will allow them to confidently lead a Peer Support and Learning Buddies group.

Balmain Tigers Visit

Yesterday students from Year 3-6 met several of the Balmain Tigers players who came to the school to highlight healthy living programs and the importance of self-esteem and self-assertiveness through the “Tackle Bullying” program. Students enjoyed the visit and enjoyed hearing how important cooperation and team work is in achieving success.

P&C Meeting

P&C meetings are every four weeks on a Monday night. Our first meeting is Monday 25th February. Our meetings commence at 7.30pm and will be held for the first time in C Block

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, February 26th we will be holding our annual Swimming Carnival at the Granville Aquatic Centre. This is a half day event. Students travel by bus to Granville after lunch. Classes will not operate for students in Years 3-6 as they are expected to attend the carnival. Students who are in Year 2 who can swim 25 metres confidently and are turning 8 this year are also invited to attend.

It should be a fantastic day. Students are required to bring their own towel, hat, sunscreen, and snack, as well as plenty of water.

All students need to return their permission note prior to the swimming carnival. Parent volunteers are essential and we welcome your support.
PSSA Commences
Our summer PSSA competition commences this Friday, 15th February (Week 3). This is an inter-school competition and is for students in Years 3-6 and held each Friday afternoon. The summer sports are t-ball (Years 3 and 4) and softball (Years 5 and 6). Trials for these teams commenced last week. Students, parents and teachers are required to read and sign the Code of Conduct and Permission notes. There is a bus cost associated with this activity and the selected students need to commit to the training sessions each week.
Parents are welcome at games to support the teams.

Mathletics / Reading Eggs / Spellodrome
Here at Melrose Park Public School we are proud of our outstanding Information and Communication and Technology (ICT) program led by Mrs Pam Grover. As part of our ICT program the school subscribes to 3P Learning. This group is responsible for the interactive web based programs of Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome. These programs are fun and effective for all ages and abilities, helping students achieve more across the full Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum.

The yearly subscription of $30 allows Melrose Park students and families to access Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome any time of the day and being web based, from any computer or tablet. This cost is significantly lower than purchasing an individual program.

Teachers program lessons, assign individual levels and often set homework tasks. Certificates are gained after completing certain levels and we participate in extra events such as World Maths Day, World Spelling Day and World Science Day. Students love competing with other students from around the world in “Live” Mathletics. A log-on user name and password is needed and this is provided through the school’s yearly subscription.

Later in the year a Parent Information session will be held to demonstrate how parents can support their child at home using Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

If you have any questions, your child’s teacher will explain how they use this program in their class at Meet the Teacher evening. The subscription to these programs will be included in the terms’ invoice.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Principal’s Award for Book Work
The following children will be receiving a Principal Award at this week’s assembly:

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<td>Yrs 3-6 – PSSA v Truscott St – Magdala Oval</td>
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<td>Bowling Night – everyone welcome</td>
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💰 Tuckertime - Congratulations to Class 5/6 who raised $78. This money goes towards our World Vision sponsorship of Lucas Da Silva in Brazil.
P&C Report

Sausage Sizzle
The first sausage sizzle for this term is on the 15th February 2013 and class 5/6 will be host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by WEDNESDAY. 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 new C Block. 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

Welcome Afternoon Tea
On Friday we had a meet and greet for the new families at school. It was great to meet some of the new families in our school. Hopefully we answered your questions and you enjoyed meeting more members of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who donated a plate, came and helped me set up and clean up.

Bowling Night
We are having another bowling night on 23rd February 2013. A note was sent home last week. We plan to allocate lanes to all students prior to the night to make it easier for TenPin City, so once you arrive we will let you know which lane you are bowling in.

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

Nicole Belling (Young)
President

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.

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for FRIDAY, 15th February, 2013
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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: $ ___________________
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: ____________________________________________

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Amount Enclosed: ____________________________________________

Return to School office by Friday, 15.02.13.
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

1ST CLASS free

Rhapsody Studios

MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL

MONDAY

4PM - 5PM  JNR HIP HOP (7 - 11YRS)
5PM - 7PM  SNR CONTEMP, JAZZ AND HIP HOP COMBO (13 YRS AND UP)

THURSDAY

4PM - 5PM  TAP, JAZZ AND BALLET COMBO (5 - 7YRS)
5PM - 6:30PM TAP, JAZZ AND BALLET COMBO (8 - 11YRS)

SATURDAY

9AM - 9:45AM LITTLE STARS (0 - 4YRS)
10AM - 11AM TAP, JAZZ AND BALLET COMBO (5 - 7YRS)

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