Principal’s Report
I would like to thank the wonderful parents who put up their hand to act in an official capacity as part of the Parents and Citizens P&C for 2013. Thank you to Deb Riley for stepping into the big shoes of President. Your time and enthusiasm is greatly valued and I look forward to a wonderful year ahead of activities that support our students and community.

Thank you to the outgoing committee including Nicole, Allison (the unbelievable), Marina and the many coordinators and helpers, Nina, Raleigh, Sheridan, Cathy, Kim and everyone else. Your efforts and commitment to Melrose Park PS has been fabulous and truly appreciated

Last Tuesday our well organised Swimming Carnival was held at Granville Pool. Again Ms Riley excelled herself in the planning so that the day ran smoothly and we were able to complete all the events. Thank you to the many parents who assisted. A special thank you to Sheridan Collins (Max and Oscar’s mum) who was kept busy writing all the names on ribbons throughout the day. Your help made the day such a success. Congratulations to all students who participated. WENTWORTH are the proud winners of the house competition

Mrs Grover, our computer teacher, will be organising a computer club starting in the next few weeks. The club will be held once a week in the Tech room at lunch time. Students will be invited to complete a form to show their interest as there are limited places available.

School Banking
School Banking continues every Wednesday morning during Term 1.

The small room at the end of A Block is where you find our wonderful volunteers Cathy Lincoln and Marion Daly who do a great job. Don’t forget your bankbooks on banking day!

March
March is a busy month as there are numerous activities that are planned which our community can participate in.

Easter
Easter is coming and a tradition at Melrose Park is to hold a Mufti Day as a fundraiser for the P&C. ‘Mufti Day” is where students wear play clothes to school and not school uniform. The cost of wearing mufti is a donation of Easter eggs for the P&C Easter Baskets. The Easter Baskets will be raffled off on the Thursday before Easter. Raffle tickets will be soon sent home to families.

Mufti Day will be Wednesday 20th March. Students love coming to school for a day in their home clothes. Covered in shoes and a sun safe hat need to be worn.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is a government initiative that acknowledges and celebrates the cultural diversity of Australia.

Harmony Day will be celebrated at Melrose Park PS on Thursday 21st March. Students will participate with their Peer Support groups learning about different cultures. As the colour of Harmony Day is orange maybe add an orange to your child’s lunchbox for the day. The SRC will give more information next week.

Working Bee
Now that the weather is cooler our annual Working Bee is set for Sunday 24th March. Look out for more information in next week’s newsletter.

There are many jobs around the school that need completing.

West Ryde Street Fair
Once again in 2013, West Ryde will host the annual “West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair”. The Parade and Fair is planned for Saturday
Term 1, Week 6

23rd March 2013 from 9.00am to 3.00pm on the Saturday before Good Friday in Market Street, West Ryde.

Book in the morning of Saturday 23rd March to come and parade with Melrose Park PS as we promote our school as part of the West Ryde St Fair. The Street Fair is held to promote Easter and generate community spirit in the area.

It is easy to do. Students wear their sports uniform and Easter hats and wave to people as we participate in a small parade on the way to West Ryde Shopping Centre. Parents can walk behind the students as well to join in the fun. Our school was fortunate to win a great cash prize last year.

Please send back the return slip if you can participate in the Saturday activity.

Swim Scheme
Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms for Swim Scheme. Everyone who has responded so far has been given a place. We currently have 4 places left. If you are interested in your child participating and haven’t let us know, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Contact Information
Thank you to those families who have returned the 2013 Contact Information cards.

At times details change regarding telephone numbers and carer details. These cards are used to contact you in case of illness or injury and it is necessary to have the most up to date information. It is appreciated if all Contact Cards can be returned to your class teacher. As details change throughout the year please keep the office informed.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

What is PBEL – Positive Behaviour for Engaged Learners?
PBEL is a behaviour systems approach providing students and teachers with a framework to develop a positive school culture in order to ensure learning environments are effective and supportive of all students.

At Melrose Park, we have 3 core expectations
- Responsible
- Respectful
- Learners

The expectations are taught to all students through regular social skills activities. These expectations are applied across all areas of the school and at times staff and students have a focus area either in the playground or classroom. This week, students will be focusing on expectations during incursions and when lining up. Thumbs up awards are handed out to those students who demonstrate the values of respectful, responsible and learners. Please take the time to discuss the importance of being respectful, responsible learners with your child/ren.

Gymnastics Update
Gymnastics has been outstanding and the students have developed great skills in jumps, landings, rolls and cartwheels. For the remainder of the term, students will be using the bars and beam, participating in circuit activities and some classes will even get to develop a routine/performance.

Here’s what the students have to say:

I like rolling in gymnastics.
Sharlae KE

I like cartwheeling
Tiffany KS

Balancing on the balance beam is fun
Kamryn 1O

Today I was swinging on the bars
Armen 1/2

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the students that participated in our annual swimming carnival last Tuesday. It was a fantastic afternoon and pleasing to see so many students entering races, supporting each other and enjoying their day.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who acted as timekeepers, recorders and lifeguards. Congratulations to Wentworth, first place house in the swimming carnival.

Good luck to all the students participating in the Zone Carnival this Thursday and Friday. If there is a parent who is keen to act as team manager at the carnival for either one or both days, please let me know.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Coming Events

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| **Tuesday, 5/3** | • Gymnastics (sports uniform)  
|  | • Anti-Bullying Show  
| **Thursday, 7/3** | • Zone Swimming Carnival  
|  | • Tuckertime – Class 3L to host  
| **Friday, 8/3** | • Zone Swimming Carnival  
|  | • No PSSA  

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| **Tuesday, 12/3** | • Multilit – Information Session – 9am - Library  
| **Thursday, 14/3** | • Assembly – 2.05pm – SRC Induction  
| **Friday, 15/3** | • Sausage Sizzle – 2 x Yr 3 Parents to assist  
|  | • PSSA v’s Eastwood Heights – Meadowbank Park  

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| **Monday, 18/3** | • Swim Scheme Commences  
|  | 12.30-3.00pm  
| **Tuesday, 19/3** | • Swim Scheme  
| **Wednesday, 20/3** | • Multi Day – Easter Basket Donation  
|  | • Swim Scheme  
| **Thursday, 21/3** | • Harmony Day + add a little orange  
|  | • Tuckertime – Year 1/2 to host  
|  | • Swim Scheme  
| **Friday, 22/3** | • Swim Scheme  
|  | • No PSSA  
| **Saturday, 23/3** | • West Ryde Street Fair & Parade  
| **Sunday, 24/3** | • Working Bee  

Student Voice 2013

We would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected by their peers to represent them in the S.R.C. These students will attend meetings with Miss Karen Young and propose initiatives that will make Melrose Park an even better place to learn.

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| 5/6M  | Rebecca B       
|       | Matthew W       |
| 4/5E  | Patrick D       
|       | Georgia D       |
| 3 L   | Max D           
|       | Antonija b      |
| 1/2 R | Jack Mc         
|       | Arjun B         |
| 1 O   | Oliver D        
|       | Aniela S        |
| K S   | Cielo C         
|       | Logan D         |
| K E   | Ruby C          
|       | Hugo S          |

Our Kindergarten representatives will hold office for Semester 1 (Terms 1 & 2), when they will hand over to another 4 students.

Student Voice Representatives in other classes will hold office for all of 2013.

These students will be presented with their badges (medallions in the case of Kindergarten students) at our next assembly. We would welcome a parent or family member for each Representative (if available) coming along to that assembly (Thursday, 14th March – 2.00pm) to present them with their badge/medallion.

**World Education Games**

http://www.worldeducationgames.com/

This week all students in Years 1 to 6 have the opportunity to participate in the World Education Games - an exciting event for all schools and students around the world, involving 5.5million students from over 200 countries and territories. Students are matched in real time with up to 3 other students of similar age and ability in exciting live challenges.

Only the scores from a student’s first 50 challenges are counted towards their competition points tally. Each game lasts for 1 minute, so full participation takes only 1hr (approx. 2hrs for World Science Day). This can be done in several sittings over the 48hrs of the event. Some classes will participate at school, depending on Tech Room availability.

**Compete at school or at home!**

Students can participate in all 3 events from school and/or home with access via their Mathletics login and password. All students have been given this information.

5 March and 6 March - World Spelling Day  
6 March and 7 March- World Maths Day  
7 March and 8 March - World Science Day

**Pam Grover**  
Computing Teacher
P&C Report
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself Deborah Riley, as the newly appointed President of the P & C. I have 2 children currently attending the school, Hannah in Year 3, Joshua in Year 1 and Brock who will be attending in a few years' time. I am very excited to take on this new challenge and a big Thank You to Nicole and Allison for ensuring my transition into this role a successful one. I look forward to working with the newly appointed committee members during 2013.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you very much to our helpers last week, Kim Bowen (Outgoing Sausage Sizzle Co-Ordinator), Mick, Mickey and Avril.
The next sausage sizzle for this term is on next FRIDAY 15th March 2013 and Class 3 will be host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by WEDNESDAY.
If you are able to help on this day, please see Nina Mather or leave a message for her in the office.

Uniform Shop
Thank you to Jane Montgomery who has put her hand up to assist Danielle in the Uniform Shop. The Uniform shop will now be open on Monday and Thursday mornings. If you prefer, please find a copy of the Uniform Shop Order on our school website and send it in with your child and this will be returned to you on the next day the uniform shop is open.

Aussie Farmers Direct
If any of our school community already receives products from this company, you can register your details online at www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising and the school will receive 2% of your annual spend.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
- Easter Raffle Tickets – Will be sent home next Tuesday 12th March
- Mufti Day – Easter Hamper Donation Wednesday, 20th March (more information to come, helpers needed on the day for Hamper sorting)
- Easter Raffle Draw – Thursday 28th March
- School Working Bee – Sunday 24th March
If you would like to contact me, my details are: Call / SMS – 0414 540 430 Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Deborah Riley
President

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### Sausage Sizzle Day – Order Form for FRIDAY, 15th March, 2013

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

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Total Amount Enclosed: $________________
WEST RYDE STREET FAIR  
Saturday, 23rd March

☐ My child/ren is/are available and willing to participate in the West Ryde St Fair on Saturday 23rd March.

☐ My child/ren will not be available on Saturday 23rd March

☐ My child/ren is/are interested but cannot make a firm commitment at this stage

Name/s: ____________________________________________  Class/es ________________
Parent’s Name: ______________________________________

Seeking Reading Volunteers

At Melrose Park we run a variety of programs for students for our students.

Multilit is a chance to assist our students in with reading in a structured one to one program. The program is very successful in supporting low progress readers and is relies on our wonderful volunteers for support.

We would love your help for an hour a week. It could be in 20 minute time slots.

We will be holding an information session next Tuesday, 12th March, in the school library at 9:00 am

If you are interested in supporting this program or attending the Information Session please return the slip below to the school office or speak to Nadia Morcom (Learning and Support Teacher).

MULTILIT VOLUNTEER

☐ I would like to volunteer to support Multilit.  ☐ I can make the meeting next Tuesday

My name is ____________________________________________
Contact Number _______________________________
My child’s name is ________________________________  Class_________________
Looking for a part time job?

DISPATCHER/ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT WANTED
Permanent Part Time position in a local IT Consulting Company

Azteq is a small IT business operating in Melrose Park. It is conveniently located within walking distance to Melrose Park Public School and public transport.

We are looking for a dispatcher to organise our incoming requests and liaise with our customers.

The RIGHT person will be required to:
- answer all incoming telephone calls in a timely, professional and friendly manner
- respond to email enquiries
- input new job requests into the ticketing system and allocate jobs to our consultants
- manage & monitor the ticketing system
- liaise with our customers
- undertake general administration/office duties.

The successful applicant will be trained on the systems we use.

The RIGHT person will need to have:
- a high level of oral and written communication skills
- a moderate working knowledge of Microsoft Office
- initiative and an eye for detail
- the ability to work within a small and friendly team, yet independently.

Previous experience in a similar role is desirable

Salary range: $19-$25 per hour (depending on experience)

The position is part time or full-time & can be worked during school hours.

If you think you are the RIGHT person for this position, please call Alexandre Michel on 9126 8205 during business hours OR email your details to jobs@azteq.com.au.
DEAR PARENTS
I would like to start by saying welcome back to 2013 for our returning families, and welcome to Melrose Park OSHC for our new Kindy families. We are so pleased with how well the Kindy’s are settling in during this transition time and are enjoying meeting the new children and parents every day! We have a great team working at Melrose Park OSHC (myself - Lauren, Narelle, Nel, Ellen, Zoe and Jasmine) Please come and introduce yourself to any of the staff members you have not yet met.

We are also pleased to welcome a new team member in 2013. Eric, who you may know as the School Captain from 2012, will be doing some volunteer Work at the centre, on a Monday afternoon. We look forward to having him on board for a long time to come.

If you have any enquires, suggestions or comments, I will be working most mornings and every afternoon. If you don’t get a chance to see me you can call the OSHC mobile 0411 526 238 or email me at melroseparkoshc@gmail.com
Lauren - Director

CASUAL MORNING BOOKINGS
Melrose Park OSHC adheres to an industry standard staff to child ratio of 1:15. For this reason, it is vitally important we are aware of all children who will be attending the centre every session.

To assist us in this, could you please ensure you do not bring your child to the centre for a casual booking without first checking we can accept your child. Staff are at the centre from 7am in the morning, so please make a phone call prior to bringing your child to the centre.

If we are unaware that your child will be attending prior to them arriving, a $15 non-notification fee may be charged, and, in some circumstances, we may not be able to accept your child into care for that particular session.

ABSENCES
Melrose Park OSHC policy states that Parents must notify OSHC in advance if they know their child is not coming to before or after school care. When late changes to attendances occur, parents are required to inform OSHC as soon as they are aware.

If your child is booked in to attend after school care but you wish to pick them up directly from school please let OSHC staff know by either calling, dropping in, or sending a text message.

If your child is on the roll and they are not in attendance, OSHC Staff will go through a process of searching for your child. If a child cannot be located, or parents contacted, the police will be called and informed that there is a missing child.

Non-notification fees of $15 will be charged if you fail to notify us that your child is not attending.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC)
The Australian Government’s Active After-School Communities program is a national program that provides Australian primary school-aged children with access to free, structured physical activity programs in the after-school timeslot. For 60 minutes two afternoons a week in term 1 Melrose Park OSHC will be participating in this program. Please see below for the exciting activities we will be participating in this Term.

Term 1 Tuesday’s
Baseball

Term 1 Thursday’s
Golf
ITS RECYCLE TIME!
If you have any toys, games or art and craft materials you no longer want please bring them to us! The children will love it so instead of throwing it out bring it to OSHC 😊

PUPIL FREE DAYS 29/4 & 30/4
This year Melrose Park OSHC will be open on the pupil free days. Our first two pupil free days for the year will be the first two days of Term 2, Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April.

More information will be coming closer to the dates.

CHILD CARE BENEFITS / CHILD CARE REBATE
Would you like to pay 50% of your child care fees?
Centrelink have payments available for almost all families using Approved Child care, and yes, Melrose Park OSHC is approved! To receive Child Care Benefits (CCB) or Child Care Rebate (CCR), which is a non-means tested payment, you must be registered for these payments through Centrelink and you must have provided all relevant information to the centre (CRN’s and DOB’s). To check if you have provided this information, or to find more information on how to apply, please speak to Lauren or call Becklyn on 9878 2651.

NUTELLA POPSICLES RECIPE
These Nutella popsicles are made with just two ingredients. They taste a bit like a chocolate Paddle Pop but you can make them at home and the kids will love them.

Ingredients:
- 1 cup full cream milk
- 1/3 cup Nutella

Method:
Step 1: Gather all ingredients and popsicle moulds.
Step 2: Place the milk and Nutella in a blender and blend until thoroughly combined.
Step 3: Pour into a popsicle moulds.
Step 4: Freeze and serve

SPECIAL THANKYOU
I would like to thank all of the staff at Melrose Park OSHC for all of the hard work they put in over 2012 to make Melrose Park OSHC successful.