Principal’s Report
Welcome back to school for Term 4. I trust everyone enjoyed the great weather and had the opportunity to get out and about playing at the park and having great adventures.

Term 4 is again a busy term welcoming the new Kindergarten class of 2014, the choir performing at Ryde School Spectacular at the Opera House, Years 4 and 5 participating in the Eco Youth Expo at Homebush, preparing for Presentation Day, saying farewell to Year 6 as they transition towards high school and of course most importantly, all students working extremely hard to achieve their learning goals for the term.

The term is 11 weeks in duration with the last day for students of the school year being Wednesday 19th December. Remember to stay aware of the many activities planned for the term by keeping a copy of the school’s newsletter close by or logging onto the school’s website where diary dates, newsletters, permission notes are within easy access.

School Photos
School photos are planned for next Tuesday 15th October. Students are required to be in full summer uniform. A whole school photo is planned for 9.00 AM so be early for the morning bell. Class photos and individual photos will be taken during the morning session while family photos will be taken at 11.15 am. Sibling photos will only be taken if they have a separate envelope which is available from the office.

All students need to return their photos envelope either on the photo day or before.

Sports and group photos will be taken during the mid session of the day. Students who have played PSSA sport( soccer, netball, softball, tball) or have represented the school in zone swimming, cross country or athletics are required to bring their sports uniform (and shoes) along on the day for sports photos.

Market Day
We need all our families to commit to supporting our Annual Market Day. This year the date set aside as the school’s major fundraiser is Saturday 2nd November. The P&C hope to raise enough funds to purchase new air conditioners for classrooms, put funds aside for covered walkways and support the school in learning projects for every student. Volunteer your time, your skills, your ideas and we also welcome grandparents, siblings and friends along as extra volunteers that will help make Market Day a great success.

Kindergarten Orientation
We welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families along on Wednesday 16th October for the first of many transition activities to prepare them for ‘big school’ in 2014.

The first activity our young students will participate in is a terrific ‘Teddy Bears’ Picnic’ in the Kindergarten classrooms, while our new parents are informed about the wonderful programs of the school.

| Transition 1 | Wednesday 16th October |
| Transition 2 | Tuesday, 5th November |
| Transition 3 | Thursday, 21st November |
| Transition 4 | Friday, 6th December |

If you know of any child ready to start Kindergarten in 2014 and they have not yet enrolled, encourage them to come and pick up an enrolment form from the office.

Eli Lilly Day of Service
Eli Lilly is a leading multi-national pharmaceutical company based here at the end of Wharf Rd,
West Ryde. They aim to produce medicines and products that enable people to live longer, healthier and more active lives.

Lilly Australia maintains a community relationship with Melrose Park Public School providing financial support and selected support opportunities. Last year they provided funds for the wonderful playground equipment our students enjoy. This year we welcome many Lilly volunteers to our school this Thursday 10th October for a Day of Service.

Each year Lilly Australia participates in the global Lilly Day of Service volunteering program. This one-day event provides employees with the opportunity to participate in team-based volunteering activities in local community organisations.

Volunteers help in the library covering books and making classroom resources, while other volunteers maintain gardens and rejuvenate playground paintings. These fantastic volunteers benefit the school and we thank them for giving their time so freely.

Curriculum Development
Our teachers are working enthusiastically preparing for the implementation of the new English Curriculum in 2014. Teachers are participating in a professional learning project here at school this term, writing units of work and trialling activities in the classroom. Simultaneously teachers are involved in learning about the new mathematics curriculum and integrating ICT into learning areas. I commend our teachers for their commitment to professional learning and the extra occasions they use of their own time to develop new knowledge and skills.

NAPLAN
Unfortunately there has been a delay in the publication of the NAPLAN reports this year. I have been informed that the reports will be available for distribution to parents from next week. I am available to discuss NAPLAN reports with parents if there are concerns about the reports.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

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

Coming Events

| Term 4, Week 1 | Wednesday, 9/10 | School Banking - Library |
|               | Thursday, 10/10 | Eli Lilly – Day of Service |
|               | Friday, 11/10   | NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE |

| Term 4, Week 2 | Monday, 14/10 | P&C Meeting 7.30pm |
|               | Tuesday, 15/10 | School Photos – Summer Uniform- (K-2 - NOT SPORT) |
|               | Wednesday, 16/10 | Kinder 2014 Transition – 9.15-11.00am |
|               | Thursday, 17/10 | Tuckertime – KS to host |
|               | Friday, 18/10 | PSSA v Eastwood PS @ Meadowbank Park |

| Term 4, Week 3 | Tuesday, 24/10 | K-2 – Sport Uniform |
|               | Wednesday, 23/10 | Youth Eco Summit – Yrs 4, 5 |
|               | Thursday, 24/10 | Assembly – 2.05pm - 1/2 to host |
|               | Friday, 25/10 | Sausage Sizzle – KE parents |

P&C MEETING
Monday 14th October – 7.30pm
In the Library

P&C Report
Welcome back to the last term of the year.
7Eleven Donation
I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Stephan Roos - John's dad from KS and 7Eleven for the AMAZING donation to the School and P&C. They have donated a massive $5,000 worth of stationery to the school. This was delivered during the school holidays. The kids will be able to do some great things with everything that has been donated and save the school some money with all the items we now have. Donations like this are very much unexpected and greatly appreciated.
Market Day/Fete
It is now less than 4 weeks till the big day, if you haven't already started please go through any items that you may want to donate to the White Elephant Stall eg clothes, used books, toys, kitchen items etc. If you have items that you need help collecting, please let one of the P&C members know and we will organise pick up for your goods. These goods will need to be delivered on the morning of Friday 1st November to the hall; we are unable to have them delivered earlier due to lack of storage space. Please contact me if this day is an issue.

Soon we will be asking for people to help deliver flyers for the day and also volunteer some time to help run the day smoothly – “many hands make light work”.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is Friday, 25th October and KE, will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by WEDNESDAY 23rd.
If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Nina Mather or Mick West or email our P&C email below.

School Banking
Don’t forget this is on tomorrow – Wednesday in the library. Don’t forget to bank on behalf of younger or older siblings.

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.

Term 4
14th October – P&C Meeting @ 7.30pm
1st November – Donations to be dropped for White Elephant Stall and Cake Stall
2nd November – Market Day/Fete (9am-2pm)

Xmas Raffle
Deborah Riley & Nina Mather
Presidents
0414 540 430
melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Chess class
The chess class at Melrose Park Public School runs on Wednesday lunch from 11:15 am - 12:00 pm.
If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

Puzzle information
Answer Puzzle nr. 2:
1. Qb1+ (Queen to b1) checkmate

Upcoming chess tournament
19 October: Parramatta Saturday Fun
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Chess puzzle
Puzzle nr. 3: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves
MELROSE PARK MARKET DAY

How you can help.....

- Printing flyers – Do you know of a business that would sponsor our flyer printing? Or donate paper? We will also be calling for walkers to deliver flyers early next term.

- Donations of prizes / vouchers for raffle / chocolate wheel – Do you know of a small local business you could ask for sponsorship / donation of a prize?

- Do you live on a main road or through road? If so, would you be willing to have a banner / sign advertising Melrose Park Market Day on your fence?

- Do you have a cultural food / cooking skills and would you like to run a food stall at Market Day?

- Performance opportunity! Would you or your child like to be involved in a performance on Market Day eg. Singing / dancing / playing an instrument / telling jokes!

- Everyone’s help will be needed on stalls on the day – so keep the day free! Plus Market Day is a lot of fun!

Please contact Nina Mather (Billy & Riley’s mum) or Sheridan Collins (Oscar, Max, Ava & Lana’s mum) if you can help in any of these ways or email us on melroseparkpc@hotmail.com

All additional ideas most welcome!
This is our major fundraiser of the year! Everyone’s help is essential to raise vital funds for our children and our school.