Principal’s Report

School Photos
Our students looked great today all dressed proudly in summer uniform for their annual photos. The photos will take several weeks before returning to school.

MP Visit
Yesterday, Monday 14th, our school leaders welcomed Dr Geoff Lee, State MP for Parramatta to the school. Dr Lee was impressed with the presentation of the school grounds, the development of the Kitchen Garden and glasshouse. He was delighted to see the completed refurbishment of C Block and was impressed by wonderful learning from the senior students.

Transition
We are very excited to welcome the new Kindergarten students and families to our school, tomorrow Wednesday 16th October. Please take the opportunity to say ‘hello and welcome” to any new visitor that will be in the playground around 9.00 am. It can be a little daunting taking the first steps into ‘big school’

Thank you to the P&C who have organised the purchase of uniforms and will also provide morning tea to our new families. If possible would you send in a cake, slice or biscuits to share?

Eli Lilly
We thank the volunteers from Eli Lilly who came on an extremely hot Thursday to create a new garden at the front of the school, worked in the Peace Garden, and painted our playground. Volunteers were cool in the library covering reading books.

The volunteers were impressed with the students from the “Green Team” who guided them around the school and promoting all the environmental activities in which they participate.

Learning Expo
Congratulations to Mrs Pam Grover who will present the students’ robotics project at a Learning Expo in North Sydney this week. Mrs Grover and a group of talented and enthusiastic students have been developing skills in robotics throughout the year. Last term parents had the opportunity to view the inaugural “Robo” competition here at school.

Parent Representative Needed
The school has been informed that a second Assistant Principal will be appointed to Melrose Park next year through Merit Selection. There will be a selection panel formed to select a new AP (Jen Riley is our Assistant Principal) and the panel requires a Parent Representative,

Are you available to sit on the panel, help develop a selection criteria, read numerous CV’s, short list, listen to referees and sit in on interviews?

Training in the process is needed if not already trained.
Please contact me for more details and time demands if you are willing to volunteer for this important parent role.

Selective School Applications
Selective School Applications are open for 2014 Year 6 students for entry into High school in 2015. Application forms can be downloaded from www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. More details will be given to Year 5 this week.

Reminders
Excursion notes for the Year 4 and Year 5 excursion to the Eco Summit at Homebush are due back.

Clare Kristensen
Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

Website and Blog
Please view our website and blog. We aim to update the sites regularly with photos and information. The link for the school blog can be found on the website under the heading latest news. Have a look at the photos from education week, the book parade and yoga from last term. The website has gone mobile and a shortcut can be created on your phone which links directly to the calendar and newsletter.

iPads In Action
The students and teachers have been enjoying using iPads in their learning activities. The iPads (which were purchased with the Commonwealth Bank Foundation Financial Literacy Grant, Rhodes Shopping Centre Prize Money and Formula Chemicals donation) are being used to record information, take photographs and to further develop students’ literacy and numeracy skills through various apps. Wi-Fi is due to be installed in the school in the coming months.

This is what the students have had to say…
“We have been using iPads in reading groups and spelling. They help us learn the correct spelling and answers”. Dylan 1O
“We have been learning about descriptions and the iPads have helped us to write”. Sophie 1/2R
“I think iPads will improve our learning because we can learn in a fun way”. Nic 3L
“We have been using them to investigate energy and create animations”. Sophia 5/6M.

Climate Clever Energy Savers
Congratulations to Kaelan, Zara, Siobhan and Leon who developed a rap song about saving energy. The students worked with Mr Hubbard to record their song and they plan to teach it to all students in the school. They are hoping that their song will make a difference and help people make positive changes to minimise the effects of climate change.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

P&C Report
With the upcoming Market Day – lots of information and assistance is needed. Please read through our P&C report and see where you can assist. This is a busy couple of weeks coming up for the P&C and all help is greatly appreciated.

Kindy Orientation
With our first Kindergarten orientation on this Wednesday we are looking for donations of Morning tea. Any donations of cakes/biscuits/fruit would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped with Nina or Marion from 8.30am on the Library Verandah. If you are dropping earlier please leave in the office. Orientation starts at 9.15am for any parents attending.

Market Day/Fete
Walkers Needed – Flyer Drop
We are in need of volunteers to do a letterbox drop of the flyers for market day. As of Thursday this week we will have the map and flyers located in the office. Please see the P&C person in the office and assistance is needed. Please read through our P&C report and see where you can assist.

P&C’s Drop Off Day
School Photos – Summer Uniform (K-2 - NOT SPORT)
PSSA reps (eg soccer, netball, t/ball, etc. + zone teams) bring sports uniform
Kinder 2014 Transition – 9.15-11.00am
School Banking - Library

Term 4, Week 1
Wednesday, 9/10  School Banking - Library
Thursday, 10/10  Eli Lilly – Day of Service
Assembly – 2.05pm – Class 1O to host
Friday, 11/10  NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE
PSSA v Denistone East PS @ Meadowbank Park

Term 4, Week 2
Monday, 14/10  P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday, 15/10  School Photos – Summer Uniform (K-2 - NOT SPORT)
PSSA reps (eg soccer, netball, t/ball, etc. + zone teams) bring sports uniform
Kinder 2014 Transition – 9.15-11.00am
School Banking - Library

Term 4, Week 3
Tuesday, 24/10  K-2 – Sport Uniform
Wednesday, 23/10 Youth Eco Summitt – Yrs 4, 5
School Banking - Library
Thursday, 24/10 Assembly – 2.05pm - 1/2 to host

Term 4, Week 4
Tuesday, 29/10  K-2 Sports Uniform
Wednesday, 30/10 School Banking - Library
Thursday, 31/10 Tuckertime – KE

Saturday, 2/11 MARKET DAY !!!
daycare/preschool we have larger colour ones for notice boards, just write down what location they are going to.

Hampers/Baskets
A bag will come home with your child today in regards to donations for the hamper, if you could please place a new item in the bag from the suggestions on the list and return to the school by Monday 21st October. These hampers will be used for prizes on our Chocolate wheel on Market Day. If you are unable to help out for this donation, please return the unused bag to the school to be used for next year.

Hamper Making – Volunteers needed
Volunteers will be needed on Wednesday 23rd October at the school canteen @ 6.00pm, to help make up the hampers for Market Day. Please let me know if you are available on this night to help out.

******** BASKETS NEEDED – if anyone has any baskets that can be donated to the school to use for making the hampers, please drop off by next Wednesday. If you see any around at local Salvo’s stores or friends that no longer need them please grab them. We are also in need of any ice cream containers with lids for the handling of cash on Market Day. We are also looking for donations of black foam trays that you purchase your fresh meat on from the supermarket, if you could clean them up and drop into the office -these will be used for our plaster craft section on the day.

Sunbeam Coffee School
With the purchase of the new Coffee Machine we have 2 tickets to attend the Sunbeam Coffee School. This course is held in Kent St Sydney, on any weekend before the end of November. The cost of this course would normally be $110.00. We would also like the person doing this course to assist on market day manning our coffee machine, with the volunteers we already have to give them a well deserved break. If you are interested in doing this course please contact Marion on 0424 651 583 or email the P&C email.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday 25th October and KE, will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by next WEDNESDAY.
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.

Athletes Foot
If anyone is in need of new shoes - kids or adults, the Top Ryde store of Athletes Foot donates $5.00 for every pair of shoes purchased in their store to our school. All you need to do is mention the schools name upon purchase.

School Banking
Don’t forget this is on tomorrow.

Term 4
17th October – from Thursday flyers can be collected
21st October – Basket Donations due back
23rd October – Basket making 6pm @ school canteen
1st November – Donations to be dropped for White Elephant Stall and Cake Stall
1st November – Volunteers needed to sort and price White Elephant stall
2nd November – Market Day/Fete (9am-2pm)
November – Calendar Orders due (more information to come)
11th November – P&C Meeting @ 7.30pm
Xmas Raffle

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

OSHC News
OSHC will be involved in Active After School Sports again this term, starting week 2 and going for 7 weeks, On Wednesday afternoon OSHC will be participating in a Martial Arts Program and on Friday Afternoon, a Multisport Program. There is no additional cost for the program. If you would like your child to participate in these activities speak to Lauren via email.

Melroseparkoshc@gmail.com or call her on 0411526238. OSHC is every excited to be participating in Martial Arts. The children have been looking forward to it all year!

Lauren
Ermington United Sports & Recreation Club

Netball Registration Day

Registration Day for 2014 Day Comp

Turning 7 or older in 2014 and would love to play netball, we would love to see at October 19th, 2013. Cowells Lane, Ermington. (Tennis Courts – Club house) 10am – 12pm, $50 deposit required

More information Phone: 0415 618 977 or Email: netball@ermingtonunited.com.au

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CSIRO is looking for 4 to 6 year old children, and one of their parents, to take part in a study that aims to increase children’s acceptance and consumption of vegetables.

The study involves two visits to CSIRO North Ryde for you and your child around dinner time. You and your child will complete questionnaires and your child will be given dinner.

You might also be invited to participate in an at home intervention where you will implement guided techniques with your child.

Participating families will receive a $50 voucher as compensation.

This study is approved by CSIRO Human Research Ethics Committee.

If you are interested to take part in this research please head to the following website (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/vegetable-research), email to tastestudy@csiro.au or contact Monique Zwerkis by phone (94908570).

Staff from Eli Lilly (Australia) on their Day of Service joined our Green Team for a group photo.
Dr Geoff Lee, State Member for Parramatta visited our school yesterday.

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for **FRIDAY, 25\textsuperscript{th} October, 2013**

Form must be returned with the money by **Wednesday, 23\textsuperscript{rd} October, 2013**. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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☐ Term Order (4 Sausage Sizzles this term) $__________