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### Principal’s Report

The year is quickly drawing to a close. However the school is busy with many exciting activities for all to enjoy as we partake in activities for the festive season. Please look out for the many notes that will be in students’ bags including permission notes to walk to Marsden HS, Celebration Cafe orders, Raffle tickets and Thank You Breakfast Notes.

### Public Speaking Showcase

This Thursday 28th, selected students from across the school will represent their class in the annual Public Speaking Showcase. Students have been developing their skills in the classroom all year and have been preparing their own speeches for the mini competition in their class. Kindergarten will speak for a minute whilst Stage 3 has a time limit of three minutes. The showcase will be held in the hall commencing at 9.15am.

### Thank you Breakfast

An invitation is attached to the newsletter inviting our volunteers and parent community to join the staff for breakfast on Monday morning 9th December.

The staff of Melrose Park would like to say thank you for your support this year and for the wonderful contributions you make to the learning environment of the school.

### Mini Fete

This Friday, 29th November is an exciting day for all students as they have fun and experience a mini fete run by Year 5 and Year 6. Tokens are prepaid so that money is not exchanged on the day. Year 6 are planning a great session of activities that all can enjoy on the day.

### Presentation Day – Tuesday, 10th December

A change has been necessary to the date of Presentation Day this year. The new date is Tuesday 10th December, Regrettably a change has occurred from the Marsden High end, however, we are quite fortunate to be able to use their newly refurbished hall this year.

All students will walk to and from Marsden HS for rehearsal and presentation day. A permission note is required for this walk.
Mufﬁ Day
Next Monday 2nd December is Christmas Mufﬁ Day. This day is a traditional day at Melrose Park to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas Season. Students come to school wearing play clothes with a Christmas theme. It could be wearing red and/or green t-shirt, wearing a Christmas t shirt or something special and decorated for the day. (Covered-in shoes, covered shoulders and sun hat needed).

The cost for the day is a donation to the Christmas Hampers for the P&C Raffles. Items for the raffle could include Christmas food, Christmas decorations, Christmas Books or Music, chocolates, drinks and items that would be great to share for a family.

Celebration Café

To celebrate the end of the school year the whole student population come together and join in a special ‘Celebration Lunch’. Monday 16th December is the day chosen for this special occasion. In the morning parent volunteers prepare the sandwiches while the students enjoy a ‘party day’ of activities around the school. Notes will be sent home soon for students to order Celebration Café lunch.

Captains Speeches
Our Year 5 students will present their 2014 captain’s speech next Tuesday 3rd December. These speeches will commence at 9.30am in the hall. After the speeches, staff and students from Years 2 to 6 will vote for their preferred choice of Captain. The 2014 school leadership team could consist of 2 boys and 2 girls; or 4 boys; or 4 girls or any combination that is voted in. The leadership team will be announced at Presentation Day.

Enrichment Day
Several students had the opportunity to attend Marsden High School today to participate in a Year 4 and Year 5 Gifted and Talented Enrichment day. The focus for the day was using science skills and knowledge to solve problems in a collaborative team situation. To work collaboratively with Marsden HS supports both schools’ commitment in creating opportunities for our students as part of the Middle Years School’s Project.

Sydney Buses
Kindergarten and Year 1 are given the opportunity to decorate a Sydney Bus on Tuesday 3rd December. The bus will be parked on Mary St while the students have fun putting decorations in the bus. They will then take a short trip in the bus. Passengers get to see the decorations whilst taking the bus throughout the month of December and usually delight in their colourful and happy interior. Thank you to Kathy Patsidis for organising this activity for the students.

Group of Excellence
Melrose Park PS is fortunate to belong to several learning alliances that provide professional support and development to staff. These include our local Community of Schools and a Northern Sydney Small School’s alliance. This Thursday we welcome the Group of Excellence Schools to Melrose Park including Mt Colah PS, Turramurra North PS, Berowra PS and Northurst West PS. With Mrs Grover’s support we will present our learning project of “Integrating ICT into Pedagogy” to our visitors.

Great Fundraising
One our student fundraising events this year was the Walk-a-thon. Students raised almost $3000 in this event. We have now completed the installation of four new lunch tables, some new bench seating around the garden and also purchased two extra bike racks. Congratulations and thank you.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report
STIHL Green Wall Installation
Last Wednesday, Year 3 were involved in planting activities and created a green wall which can be seen on C Block. Carlo and Harriet Cacuzza from Weils Hardware Gladesville who supply STIHL products assisted the students with the planting. The students will be expected to care for the plants and will be doing a range of learning activities including exploring plant growth and conditions.
Antarctica Adventures

State Library Excursion

Last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of taking a small group of Year 5 and 6 students to the State Library to participate in a gifted and talented program about Antarctica. They investigated primary and secondary sources and used higher order thinking skills to locate information about the early Antarctic explorers Scott and Shackleton. The students developed a video to share their knowledge about the treacherous conditions that the explorers were exposed to in Antarctica. Another highlight for the students was seeing the amazing Mitchell Library which is has books organised from floor to ceiling. The students could believe that it was only 1% of the library’s entire collection.

Antarctica Incursion by Georgia – 4/5E

On the 18th of November Chris came to our school to talk to the years 5 and 6 about his journey to Antarctica. Chris said that he went there three times and he enjoyed them all. Chris told us about what he did in Antarctica.

On his trips he took photos and videos of Antarctica and showed us all the photos and videos. A piece of Mawson’s hut was donated to Chris to share a piece of history to other schools. Chris showed us videos of seals, penguins and other animals in Antarctica.

It was a great incursion and we hope to see him again.
**MUFTI DAY**

**Next Monday 2nd December** is Mufti Day, children can wear whatever clothes they like on this day, as we are heading into Xmas some Xmas colours or accessories might be fun for the kids. The penalty for wearing Mufti is a donation for our Christmas Hampers, which are to be raffled off. Some suggestions but are not limited to these ideas: Xmas decorations, Xmas themed food items, Advent Calendars etc. If you are sending in food please ensure that they have not expired (even if purchased new). These items will be collected from the children at roll call first thing in the morning.

***Volunteers required*** - I am looking for people to help me put the hampers together in the morning next Monday 2nd December from 9am.

**Xmas Raffle**
Tickets will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. The prizes for this year’s Xmas Raffle will be all the wonderful hampers that we make and also the following 3 prizes aswell:
- Featherdale Wildlife Park – 2 Adult Passes
- Aston Medispa – 1hr Aroma Facial
- Phd Parramatta – Weekday Value shampoo/cut & blowdry

**School Banking**
Don’t forget this is held in the library each Wednesday morning.

**Sausage Sizzle**
Thank you to Simone, Cathy, Julie for helping with sausage sizzle last week. The last sausage sizzle for the year is next **Friday 6th December** and 3L, will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by next **WEDNESDAY**. No orders to be sent after this. 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.

**P&C Meeting**
Our final P&C meeting for this year will be Monday 9th December. This will be a recap for the year and a get together. All welcome.

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Year 1 Robotics Club
Students in Year 1 have been busy this term building robotics and now learning how to program them. Thank you to our mentors Kaelen Saunders and Maxine West (Year 6), and Harry Bowen and Adam Faithfull (Year 3) who have provided wonderful support.

Mrs Grover
ICT Co-ordinator

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for FRIDAY, 6th December

Form must be returned with the money by Wednesday, 4th December, 2013. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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Year 1 and their mentors having great fun with Robotics

Some of our 2014 Kinders joined in our Assembly last week – what a show KS put on for them
Dear Parent and Community Volunteers,

As a way of saying thank you for the wonderful support you have given to Melrose Park Public School throughout the year, we cordially invited you to share breakfast with the staff of the school on Monday morning, 9th December 2013.

This is the first time we are trying this form of acknowledgement. It is a busy time of year and many volunteers have missed out on previous “Thank you events”. We hope that if you have time in the morning before rushing off to work, you are welcome to come in early and enjoy a small breakfast of a fresh croissant or muffin, fruit and tea and coffee.

This is an adult only occasion. Students will be supervised in the hall as they will have their own Celebration Café the following week.

Please accept our invitation and respond with the suitable time that you are available for breakfast.

Regards,

Clare Kristensen and the staff of Melrose Park Public School.

Please fill in and return

Name ____________________

“Thank You” Breakfast Event with the Melrose Park Staff on **Monday morning 9th December**.

- [ ] Sorry, but I/we will not be able to attend this event.
- [ ] I/we will be able to attend breakfast and nominate the following time slot for attendance
  - [ ] 7.30 - 8.00 am
  - [ ] 8.00 – 8.30 am
  - [ ] 8.30 - 9.00 am