Coming Events

| Term 4, Week 10 |  
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| Monday, 9/12    | Rehearsal for Presentation Day                          |
| Tuesday, 10/12  | Presentation Day – Marsden High School Hall –            |
|                 | Commences 10.30am – Full School Uniform                 |
| Wednesday, 11/12| School Banking                                           |
| Thursday, 12/12 | Tuckertime – Yr 3 to host                                |
|                 | Year 6 Farewell Bowling Night                           |

| Term 4, Week 11 |  
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| Monday, 16/12   | Celebration Café                                        |
| Wednesday, 18/12| Final 2013 School Banking – Students’ Last Day           |

| Term 1, Week 1  |  
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| Wednesday, 29/1 | Students return                                          |

| Term 1, Week 2  |  
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| Monday, 3/2     | New Kindergarten students                                |

| Term 1, Week 4  |  
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| Monday, 17/2    | Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival – Granville Pool – 10.00am-2.30pm |

Principal’s Report

Thank You Breakfast Morning
This morning we enjoyed our first ever Thank You breakfast for parents. Thank you Mrs Price for organising the food and thanks to our guests who arrived with good cheer to share, before setting off for their day’s work. Same time next year.

P&C Tonight
To complete the year, come along and support the P&C at their last meeting – tonight at 7.30pm.

Presentation Day
We are eagerly awaiting our Presentation Day tomorrow morning at Marsden HS. Presentation Assembly will commence at 10.30am. Families are welcome to attend. All students are recognised for their efforts throughout the year with selected students from each class rewarded for outstanding contributions to their class.

Celebration Café
Next Monday 16th December, all students enjoy a wonderful lunch and participate in fun activities as a celebration for the end of the year. Thank you to students from the SRC who have brought in bonbons to help make the event festive and fun.

Reports
The school provide written reports twice a year. This Friday, Semester 2 reports will go home with your child.

Banking
Before the end of the year, students can redeem their tokens for a reward. All points return to zero in 2014. Thank you to our wonderful parents Marion and Asha (and Cathy) who have done a wonderful job each week organising and carrying out the school banking.

Swimming Carnival 2014
Book in the date of 17th February for the school’s swimming carnival for next year. Although it seems a long way away, I encourage all students 8 years and over to spend the holidays training for the swimming carnival in 2014. It would be great to see more students participate next year and ‘have a go’ in either the 25 or 50 metre events. The new skills gained by the children at swimming lessons can be put to good use to represent their house and possibly go further to represent their school.

Clare Kristensen
Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

ICT Showcase
Year 4/5 and 5/6
4/5E and 5/6M will be holding an ICT showcase on Thursday 12th December from 9.15am in the C block classrooms. All parents are welcome to attend and see the amazing student work they developed with their class teachers and Mrs Grover. Some sculptural works will be on display in the hall. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Climate Clever - We have submitted the boys Climate Clever quest again. Mark, Bejaie and Casey decided to use their technology skills and have created a climate clever quest. You will notice that there are QR Codes in the school and also attached to the newsletter are codes and questions. You will need to use your phone and either a QR code reader app or Layar app. Scan the codes and answer the questions at the back of the newsletter. Submit your answers to the office. Mark, Bejaie and Casey have created prizes for students and the winners will be drawn on Monday, 16th December. The boys anticipate that the community will learn about saving energy from the climate clever quest that they have designed.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

P&C Report

***** P&C Meeting *****
Our final P&C meeting for this year will be Tonight Monday 9th December @7.30pm. This will be a recap for the year and a get together. All welcome.

Xmas Raffle
Tickets are due back this Friday 13th December for the Xmas raffle. 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

Thank you to Big Sister for donating some goodies to add to our hampers again this year. The hampers are going to be filled to the top with lots of goodies for our winners. The raffle will be next Monday 16th December

Please ensure you write your name on each ticket (as some ticket numbers/colours could be duplicated) and return all unused tickets for future raffles.

School Banking
We have 2 more weeks of school banking left, last day will be Wednesday 18th December (last day of school). All tokens need to be cashed on or before this date, so go and see Cathy and Marion to claim a nice prize.

We hope to have new awards for next year through the bank.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to Simone, Lesley and Wendy for helping last Friday, that was out last sausage sizzle for the year and thank you to Marion & Danielle for perfecting your coffee making skills and selling to volunteers and parents. The ladies are selling coffees some mornings to help raise funds to purchase a grinder for the coffee machine.

Volunteer Breakfast
It was a great turn out this morning for the breakfast. I would like to thank everyone that has helped over the past 12 months for all the work everyone has put in to the P&C. It makes it much easier to do each fundraiser and make it a success with all the help that Nina and I get.

P&C Committee
Our first P&C Meeting next year will also be our AGM, where all the positions become available. I have attached a list of the jobs and descriptions. If you are interested please feel free to discuss with any of the current committee about expectations and what you can offer. We are open to anyone who is interested in joining the P&C in 2014, it is a wonderful way to meet people and assist in the needs of your child’s school.

WE NEED YOU ON THE P & C AGM EARLY 2014 – DATE TBC ALL POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE
P&C EXECUTIVE
President: This is a great opportunity to meet new people and continuing to foster our relationships within the school and into the community. This requires a little office time with the Principal but is great for knowing what is going on around the school!

Vice President: Important support role for the executive. This is a great entry position onto the P&C executive.

Treasurer: Holder of the cheque book and counter of the cash. A great role for someone with a nice autograph (for the cheque book) and who is also good with a calculator.

Secretary: Keep all our affairs and records in order and be the letter writing extraordinaire.

Book Club: Get a few friends together once a term to submit then deliver the book orders. All the happy faces are reward enough.

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator: Let your inner Master Chef free by working being available every second Friday to run and coordinate the sausage sizzle. This position can be split into 2 roles, the main Master Chef each fortnight and the person who organises all the orders/money that is returned and calculating how many sausages/rolls etc that need to be purchased each fortnight.

Market Day Coordinator: Take charge of our incredible parent workforce and guide the event and fundraising agenda. We’re all about working smarter not harder so bring your brilliant ideas to the table….or simply harness direct the existing powerful talent and keep the FUN in fundraising!

Uniform Shop: Versace, Myaki, Dinnigan, Wang - whoever you’re wearing, bring them along to the blue and white paradise of the uniform shop and add your flair. We need 2 helpers on the days the uniform shop is open for approx. 1 hour.

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 IMPORTANT OHSC NEWS
Dear Parents,
Please make sure you have received your Re-enrolment emails with your parent log in details and have the Re-enrolment process completed by the end of the week so your child can start back into OSHC Week 1 next year. Please provide the following information printed out or emailed to Lauren so you can get approved. Receipt of your membership payment, Immunisation record from the Medicare website, Behaviour contract and enrolment supplement as well as any supporting documentation for any medical needs. If you have any questions email Lauren at melroseparkoshc@gmail.com or call 0411 526 238.

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER AVAILABLE
- Reliable 18 year old
- Extensive babysitting experience
- Local to the community
- Work experience at MPPS.
- MPPS School Captain 2007.
- HSC completed
- Studying Primary School teaching next year.
- Referees Available: Neridah- 0415194009 & Marina-
Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
Content for your school’s newsletter

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is the biggest kids triathlon in the world and continues to grow with over 35,000 kids in Australia and New Zealand taking part this year. The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon inspires children aged 7 -15 years to get moving in a friendly and supportive environment where the emphasis is on enjoying an active lifestyle. Kids of all abilities cross the finish line a champion and everyone who participates takes home a medal. Melrose Park PS encourages students to take part in the event at Sydney Olympic Park on 17 and 19 January 2014]. Kids will not only share in the fun and excitement of the event but will give our school a chance to WIN a $5,000 cash prize to go towards new soccer goals or one of 12 trampolines from Springfree Trampoline valued at over $1,200. Parents can register their children online at http://try.weetbix.com.au/ Entry is just $42.60 (further discounts may apply) however places are limited so get in early! Entries will close when field limits are reached.

CHRISTMAS CAFÉ
Call for Helpers

Dear Parents

It’s time again to celebrate your child’s year of learning with our annual Celebration Café. We are asking for parent helpers to assist with making this possible and a memorable event for the students.

Name:_________________________________ Child’s name and class: ___________________________

I am available at:

☐ 9.30am (to help make the sandwiches for students and then assist with popcorn) 6 helpers required

☐ 11:00am (to help distribute students lunches, pour drinks and hand out ice creams) 4 helpers required

Please return these forms to Mrs. Price (KE) ASAP and she will be in contact with you. Thank you for your help.
**MELROSE PARK OSHC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Come and celebrate the end of the year at our Melrose Park OSHC Christmas party on Wednesday 18th December.
Celebrate with us by bringing something Christmas themed to wear!
**We have lots of fun activities planned including:**

- Pass the parcel
- Decorate Christmas biscuits
- Christmas tree toss
- Christmas drawing competition and more
- As well as some Christmas music and yummy party food!

If your child is does not attend OSHC on a Wednesday afternoon and you would like to put them in as a casual please speak to the staff about getting this organised. Standard OSHC fees apply.

**Kitchen Garden Update**

We are after volunteer families to come and help look after our Kitchen Garden during the Christmas holidays. If you are interested, please return the slip below back to your class teacher.

We are interested in helping to look after the Kitchen Garden during the school holidays.

Names: ________________________________
Contact Numbers: ________________________________
Contact Email: ________________________________
**CLIMATE CLEVER QUEST**

**Instructions:** Use a QR reader app to find the answers to the questions. Please submit answers to the office by Monday, 16th December. Bejaie, Casey and Mark will choosing winners from each class. Parents are encouraged to support their children in completing the quest.

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   - What is energy?  
   - What are some energy forms? | |
| 2 | What is renewable energy? | |
| 3 | How can you choose energy efficient appliances? | |
| 4 | Write down 5 tips for saving energy. | |
| 5 | Apart from the environment, how else can energy efficiency help you? | |
| 6 | What is solar energy? | |
| 7 | What did the students make in the kitchen garden last year? | |