Melrose Park Public School

110 Wharf Road, WEST RYDE 2114
Email: melrosepk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: www.melrosepk-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

Term 4, Week 11 17 December, 2013

Coming Events

**Term 4, Week 11**

- Monday, 16/12
  - Celebration Café

- Wednesday, 18/12
  - Final 2013 School Banking
  - Students' Last Day
  - 2.55pm – Year 6 “Farewell Arch”

**2014**

**Term 1, Week 1**

- Wednesday, 29/1
  - Students return

**Term 1, Week 2**

- Monday, 3/2
  - New Kindergarten students

**Term 1, Week 4**

- Monday, 17/2
  - Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival – Granville Pool – 10.00am-2.30pm

Principal’s Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for another wonderful year of learning at Melrose Park Public School. The support you provide to the school through involvement in school programs, activities and the support you provide your children ensures we have an outstanding school learning community. As I have recently read all student reports I am very proud of their efforts and learning achievements this semester. Our students are hard working and enthusiastic learners. On behalf of the staff we are very proud of all students and wish you, your families and friends a happy and safe Christmas, New Year and holiday period.

Thank you to our student leaders of 2013; Aidan, Siobhan, Thomas and Zara. These young leaders have been wonderful role models to our young students and have been a great support to teachers and the office throughout the year. I would like to thank all our Year 6 students who have been a wonderful cohort of learners, always willing to ‘have a go’ but most importantly kind and caring young people.

We say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students this Wednesday as they head off to high school. Students will form a traditional arch from 2.50 pm for our departing Year 6 to walk through. Farewell to our families who leave us this year including the Young, Michel, Logan, Moffitt, Manger, Wilde, Brownlee, Angelo and Gellen families. Thank you for your wonderful contributions to Melrose Park over the many, many years that you have had children go through this wonderful school. We look forward to hearing how your children grow and prosper in high school. We look forward to you visiting us and enjoying Market Day as community members.

School Uniform

The uniform shop will be open in the first week of term to purchase new summer uniforms. Thank you to our parent volunteers who give their time freely to help our school community.

We take pride in the wearing of correct school uniform. School hats should be clean and in good condition.

When buying shoes to wear back to school remember we encourage students to wear black leather shoes. Leather shoes last longer than sneakers, they have more ‘give’ and they tend to smell less than sneakers. To purchase sneakers please remember to buy sneakers with as much white as possible. When buying girls shoes we recommend that the heel is flat (no high heels please)

- Girls wear white socks above ankle height
- Boys wear grey socks

Wet Weather - As your child has grown over the course of the year many students have outgrown their wet weather clothes. New rainwear may be necessary.
School Returns
We look forward to seeing all students for Year 1 to Year 6 at 9.00AM on Wednesday 29th January ready to learn.

New Kindergarten students commence school at 9.00AM on Monday 3rd February. Kindergarten will finish at 2.30PM on their first day only. After that 3.00PM is the time all students will finish school. Kindergarten Best Start Interviews will be conducted on 29th and 30th January.

Dates 2014

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term 1 for students</th>
<th>Term 2 for students</th>
<th>Term 3 for students</th>
<th>Term 4 for students</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday, 29th January - Friday, 11th April</td>
<td>Tuesday, 29th April – Friday, 27th June</td>
<td>Tuesday, 15th July – Friday, 19th September</td>
<td>Tuesday, 7th October–Wednesday, 17th December</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Class Requirements
Class requirement lists were sent home last Friday with student reports. These requirements will help set up students to return to school prepared and ready to commence work. Remember all items need to be labelled with names on all items.

Community Grant Success
Melrose Park P&C has received a NSW Community Grant for $20,000 in the current round of funding. I would like to thank Mr Victor Dominello, State Member for Ryde and Dr Geoff Lee, State Member for Parramatta for their support of our application. This grant money will be directed toward the construction of Phase 1 of the covered walkway project. Thank you to Mr Lindsay Donald for the support in applying for the Community Grant.

The first phase of the covered walkway project is expected to commence in 2014.

If you know of other grants and funding opportunities that can be applied to support programs for the school and student learning, please inform the office or the P&C.

Leadership Team
We welcome Ms Alice Mee to Melrose Park Public School. Ms Mee was the successful candidate through merit selection and will commence in Term 2 2014. Ms Mee will become the school’s second Assistant Principal and will be a great addition to the executive team.

School Leadership Team
Congratulations to……
Lara Guiroyan, Mark Saba, Oscar Perlstone and Faith Willoughby on being elected as the 2014 student leadership team. Congratulations on your success and I look forward to supporting you on your leadership journey.

Celebration Café
Despite the weather yesterday, our students had a wonderful day at our Celebration Café.

A huge thank you to our tireless volunteer helpers and to Mrs Price and Mrs Hudson for all their hard work in putting on this excellent event. Congratulations!

EOI Language Classes
Last week and expression of interest went out to gauge the interest of the community for Chinese Mandarin Classes at Melrose Park

If interested these expression of interest can be returned to the school or emailed to the address on the form.

Classes are conducted after school.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Green Team News
Congratulations
Well done to all the students for a massive improvement in amount of litter ending up in the correct bins and nowhere in the playground!! Our new colour-coded red, yellow and blue bins are
helping. A special thanks must go to our bin monitors who are helping the younger students to hunt for recycling arrows on their rubbish and know which bin to put their rubbish into. Well done, Green Team Bin Monitors!

**Litter Free Lunchboxes**
While our rubbish is going in the correct bin, we are still bringing a lot of rubbish to school. When students are requiring new lunchboxes, could parents and carers please consider buying those ones that will allow the food not to be mixed up? Otherwise, small reusable containers can be used to bring separate items in. Greaseproof paper and brown paper bags are other more environmentally friendly options than Cling wrap or commercial plastic wrapping.

See the example in the photo below of a lunchbox not requiring any litter.

**12 Do’s of Christmas Website**
Melrose Park Public School encourages all parents, students and staff to check out Planet Ark’s 12Do’s of Christmas website. It offers simple tips for making your family’s Christmas special, without costing the earth – from fun, festive, recycled crafts, to feel good gifts with meaning. Click on the link at [http://12dos.planetark.org/](http://12dos.planetark.org/). Have a fabulous Christmas break.

**Mrs Jennie Spenceley and Miss Alex Roberts**

**P&C Report**
This is the last report for the year. I would like to thank everyone that helped out the P&C and school this year. Your help does not go unnoticed and makes Melrose Park the wonderful school that our children attend. A sad farewell this year to many families from Year 6, with 2 families Belling/Young and Brownlee being a huge driving force behind the P&C for many years, thank you ladies for everything you have done. Thank you to all the other Yr 6 families leaving (and staying), that have contributed over the many years you have been a part of this school.

**Athletes Foot**
When buying your return to school shoes over the Christmas break, consider buying both black and sports from Athletes Foot at Top Ryde. Mention our school when purchasing as $5 from every purchase is donated to the school.

**Xmas Raffle**
Congratulations to the many families that have won some wonderful prizes at this year’s Xmas raffle.

**School Banking**
Last week for banking, cash in all your tokens for a prize.

**School Keys**
If anyone has any keys for the school that they have not returned from Market Day, can you please return to Karen in the office ASAP as they are missing a few.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be open the day before school returns Tuesday 28th from 9-10am and also the first morning back Wednesday 29th January from 9-10am.

**2014 Dates**
- Bowling Afternoon – Sunday 2nd March 4-6pm (earlier time for the younger children)
- AGM / P&C Meeting – Monday 24th February @7.30pm. All positions on the P&C will be up, if you are interested in finding out more please talk to any of us on the P&C (Deb, Nina, Lindsay, Lesley and Marion)
- Bunnings Rydalmere – opening early 2014, letter being sent regarding BBQ in its opening weeks.

**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](http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising) and the school will receive 2% of your annual spend.

**Deborah Riley & Nina Mather**
0414 540 430  
[melroseparkpc@hotmail.com](mailto:melroseparkpc@hotmail.com)  
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

---

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
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: Neridah- 0415194009/ Marina- 0415353787
Contact Hannah Sophia on: 0408431141 ☺

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: __________________________________________
PUPIL FREE DAYS

Do you need care for your child on the pupil free days?

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
AND
TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2014

Send your child to Melrose Park OSHC!
We are open from 7:00am – 6:00pm
Cost of each day is $40 each.

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER – WHEELS DAY
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER- WATER DAY
TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2014 – PIRATE DAY

If you would like more information about each day and the activities we are running please call Lauren on 0411526238 or email Melroseparkoshc@gmail.com

Your child must be enrolled into OSHC before they can attend these days so Enrol them now!
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

2013 PRESENTATION DAY