## Coming Events

### Term 4, Week 9
- **Monday, 2/12**
  - P&C Mufti Day – Christmas Hamper Donations
- **Tuesday, 3/12**
  - Kinder Bus Decorating
  - Combined Scripture Service
  - Captains’ Speeches
- **Wednesday, 4/12**
  - School Banking
  - Gifted & Talented Review
- **Thursday, 5/12**
  - Assembly – 2.05pm – 5/6 to host
- **Friday, 6/12**
  - Kinder 2014 – Transition 4
  - Sports morning – K-2 wear sports uniform
  - Sausage Sizzle–3L Parents

### Term 4, Week 10
- **Monday, 9/12**
  - Volunteers’ Thank You Breakfast (RSVP Required)
  - 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
- **Monday, 16/12**
  - Celebration Café
- **Wednesday, 18/12**
  - Final 2013 School Banking
  - Students’ Last Day

## 2014
### Term 1, Week 1
- **Wednesday, 29/1**
  - Students return
- **Monday, 3/2**
  - New Kindergarten students

## Principal’s Report
### Presentation Day
Next Tuesday 10th December, we invite our community to Marsden HS to join us at Presentation Day as we celebrate our learning for 2013. All students will walk with their class to Marsden HS hall with the younger students being supported by the older classes.

To ensure a smooth day please be mindful that Winbourne St is a narrow street and has limited parking around Marsden HS. Be careful not to park across driveways.

As we are guests of Marsden HS it is appropriate to follow their requirements. Entrances are to stay clear and the aisle is to be free of prams. There is plenty of seating. As you enter the hall all mobile phones need to be switched off or turned to silent. Parents are required to stay seated during the assembly and not to walk around the hall. Preschoolers are comfortable sitting with you.

Parents may sign their child out at the end of Presentation. All other students will walk back to school.

Students are expected to wear full summer uniform and have clean black shoes. There will be no K-2 Sport next Tuesday.

### Transition
This Friday we welcome our 2014 Kindergarten for a morning session of fitness activities from 9 – 10 am. Students in Year 4/5 will buddy with our younger students to support them in games and PE skills. Our new parents are invited to attend a session in the library discussing issues relating to student wellbeing at school.

### Term Invoices
If you have not already done so, can you please ensure your account is up to date.
Transition K-6
Year 6 students are visiting their new high schools this week and discovering what is in store for them in the next step of their learning journey.

During the next few weeks all our students are involved in many activities whereby they work in other classes and with different teachers as a way of developing transition to new classes for 2014. Combined maths groups, literacy groups, singing, sport and ICT are all in action with students working and playing making new friends and developing skills in change process. Transition time is a very important part of building resilience in our students.

Christmas
Everyone had fun dressing up yesterday as we celebrated the beginning of the festive season. The Christmas mail bags have gone up on the verandah. Students are welcome to write letters and cards to friends and teachers in the school. During the day the SRC reps collect the bags and deliver the mail to the students. While fun, students are developing communication skills and writing for an audience.

A reminder that all Celebration Cafe orders should be in. (See the office if you need another order form)

Year 6 Mini Fete
With some great help from Year 5, our Year 6 conducted their mini fete last Friday. Even with the rain the students had a great time with lots of fun stalls around the school. An amazing $1107.25 was raised at this event. Year 6 will decide on their “Gift to the School”.

Sausage Sizzle – this is the last sausage sizzle for the year. Have your orders in by tomorrow as it makes catering so much easier. A huge Thank you to Nina, Michael and all the volunteers who have given their time so freely to cook and serve the sausages to hungry, hungry students every fortnight.

Thank You breakfast - Monday 9th December
Are you coming along for breakfast next Monday morning? If so please, send along your RSVP for catering purposes.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

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

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Assistant Principal’s Report
Climate Clever Update
Many of our students have completed their climate clever projects. Kaelan, Siobhan, Leon and Zara have created a rap video with the help of Mr Hubbard and Mrs Grover. Their aim is to encourage the students and teachers to save energy and remind them of some simple actions they can take. They are just putting in the final touches and then the video will be uploaded to the school blog and website.

Niah, Lara and Celine have produced teacher’s guidelines to saving energy at MPPS and produced laminated role cards and energy signs and roles and responsibilities for students which will be placed in classrooms. The signs encourage alternative options to using energy. Each classroom will also be equipped with a thermometer so students can measure the temperature of their room and determine whether it is necessary to use heating or cooling appliances.

P&C Meeting
Monday 9th December
7.30pm in the library

The last for the year
Come along and support your P&C - supporting your school
Leon and Aidan have been developing design ideas to demonstrate how pedalling a bike can charge your iPhone at the same time. We are just waiting for some parts to arrive and once constructed the students will demonstrate how the energy they are creating from pedalling is powering the iPhone charger.

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

I.C.T. News

The "Hour of Code" is coming!

"Everybody should learn how to program a computer because it teaches you how to think." – Steve Jobs, Founder of Apple Inc

“Learning to write programs stretches your mind, and helps you think better, creates a way of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains.” – Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft

The importance of students learning some sort of code (programming) is being increasingly recognised as an important skill for 21st century learners. Next week we will try to give as many students as possible this opportunity by introducing them to age appropriate activities. The goal is to get children to think, create, and have fun - all while learning some computer programming.

"The Hour of Code is designed to demystify code, to show that computer science is not rocket-science, and anybody can learn the basics," said Hadi Partovi, founder and CEO of Code.org.

Computer Science Education Week is from December 9 – 15. Code.org are aiming to see 10 million people of all ages (that's parents too!) try an introduction to computer science for one hour during this week. Why not get involved and join in on the ‘Hour of Code’?

Go to Code.org or www.tynker.com/experience/

Pam Grover
ICT teacher

Library News

Please ensure all school library books are returned to school by the end of this week.

P&C Report

Mufti Day/Hamper Making

We got some wonderful donations to make up our Xmas Hampers this year thank you to everyone for the donations. I would like to thank Allison, Marion, Marina and Elena for helping me make the hampers yesterday morning.

Xmas Raffle

We are running a Xmas raffle, the prizes for this year’s Xmas Raffle will be all the wonderful hampers that we made yesterday and also the following 3 prizes:

• Featherdale Wildlife Park – 2 Adult Passes
• Aston Medispa – 1hr Aroma Facial
• Phd Parramatta – Weekday Value shampoo/cut & blowdry

All tickets will need to be returned by Friday 13th December. You will find your tickets attached to today’s newsletter. This will be drawn on Monday 16th December.
Please ensure you write your name on each ticket (as some ticket numbers could be duplicates). Thank you to all the companies that have donated for this Raffle.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is this 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. We have enough volunteers for the day.

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

Tea Towels
We made $741.60 with the tea towel fundraiser this year. I would like to thank Sally Roche for organising this and thank you to Peter Taing at Olympic Embroidery for donating materials and making all the tea towels.

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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**An Invention to Prevent Nearsightedness**

**Are you aware?**
Your children could be exposed to the high risk of myopia or nearsightedness, if they do not have the habit to keep an adequate distance between their eyes and the desk when writing. Please note:

**Maintaining enough writing distance is essential to prevent nearsightedness,** because constantly watching short distances makes the crystalline lens in a child’s eyes easily fatigued and lose elasticity, then **Nearsightedness is inevitable.**

**Do you want your child to…**

- Develop nearsightedness?
- Wear prescription glasses for life?
- Reduce their choices in life?

If you answered NO to any of the above you need to visit: [www.eye pen.com.au](http://www.eye pen.com.au) or Call 1300 eye pen
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.

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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### 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 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? |

Name:  
Class:  

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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