Principal’s Report
Welcome to and welcome back to Term 2!
I trust you enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather and students had a good chance to rest and relax. Term 2 is a nine week term but is a very busy one with NAPLAN, Drama, music, Mother’s Day and the athletics carnival to look forward to. Over the holiday staff has been very busy preparing an extensive learning program for their classes.

Thank you
Over the holiday a number of projects were completed and I wish to acknowledge the support from our community in making our school a better place to play and learn.

Eli Lilly Aust Pty Ltd, our wonderful community partners, for the new playground equipment which has been enthusiastically received.

Charlie and Max Falzon who gave their time to paint new lines for the handball and netball courts

Formula Chemicals - The new performance platform will mean students having an opportunity to meet and create in a special place. Thank you Leigh and team for the wonderful new addition to the playground. Thank you also for the tap and pump for the water tank which will make our gardeners very happy.

Staffing
We welcome back Mr Tony Hubbard to the staff. Mr Hubbard will fill a three day a week role as Relief from Face to Face (RFF) teaching. He will use his expertise in music to take all classes with ideas to create performance groups in percussion and instrumental music. Working with Mr Kelly, Mr Hubbard will also target measurement as part of the Mathematics curriculum.

We welcome Mrs Sadie Gow to the staff of Melrose Park PS. Mrs Gow has extensive experience in education as a teacher, executive and recently working in Curriculum Learning Innovation Centre before taking early retirement. Mrs Gow is excited to be working two days a week with Mrs Hudson in the KS classroom. Mrs Hudson (Monday Tuesday, Wednesday) and Mrs Gow (Thursday, Friday) will provide KS with an exceptional learning program.

Miss Leah Coles is a new addition to our casual staff and will be teaching the Year 1 class until the new permanent teacher takes their position at the school in the coming weeks.

Mrs Beauman has an additional day in the office which is welcome support for the hard working Mrs Price and we welcome Priscillia as a new cleaner on site.

Teacher Professional Development
While students enjoyed extra days at home, teachers have been working diligently preparing for the new English Curriculum. Staff undertook a personal and school audit of English as a basis of moving our knowledge base forward, taking time to become aware of the latest research in comprehension, looking at the new forms of program building and undertaking an Action Learning project in Vocabulary.

Throughout this term teachers will undertake courses in Best Start for Literacy, Early Education, Science and Assessment. Staff are an example of being leading learners within their classrooms. We see education as a lifelong journey with new knowledge and skills to be acquired practised and accomplished across many different stages in life.

Drama
This term we welcome the ‘Let It Shine’ drama program to our school. Lessons will be on Monday throughout this term. Please make sure all permission notes are returned promptly.

OSHC
Work has been completed in the old office and these rooms will become the new home for Out
of school Hours Care (OSHC). After Care workers are excited to have an area to call home.

**Winter uniform**

Our uniform shop is run by parent volunteers who give their time to keep our students looking smart and correctly dressed. Thank you to the wonderful uniform team who have organised the winter uniforms that our students wear in Term 2 and Term 3.

The Uniform shop is open is on Monday and Thursday - morning. If you cannot get to the uniform shop personally, print out the order form on the school website, send the order and money in to the office. The order will be processed and uniforms distributed within two days.

Remember to label your child’s jumper in two places. If a jumper or jacket is clearly marked with your child’s name, it then can be returned to your child. The lost property basket is in the office.

Raincoats/ponchos (clear with a blue hood) are now available in small, medium and large for $18. These will replace windcheaters, as they are fully waterproof. The remaining stock of windcheaters will be sold off for $30.

**Mother’s Day**

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Our famous Mother’s Day stall will be held next Friday 10th May in the hall. Students bring money in a purse in which to purchase a present for their mum, grandmothers or carers. Items for sale are priced between $2 and $7. The present is carefully wrapped by our volunteers and then lovingly given to mums on Mother’s Day.

Mother’s Day Raffle tickets are being sent home with a chance to win some beautiful prizes for Mother’s Day.

**Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2014**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2013. If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2014 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.

Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

**OSHC AGM**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Melrose Park Out Of School Hours Care Inc will be held on Monday 27th May 2013 at 4:00pm in the School Staff Room.

As a not-for-profit organisation, Melrose Park OSHC requires the support of a volunteer Management Committee to operate. The committee roles include making decisions on matters such as fees at the centre, authorising payments and attending a meeting once per Term. If you are able to commit to the role, are dedicated and able to attend the 4 short meetings per year, please come on board.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

**Coming Events**

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The Hon. John Alexander, MP was our guest on Ride2School Day.
Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Each year the NSW Department of Education conducts a Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition for all students in Stages 2 and 3 throughout the state. This year, Melrose Park PS will be competing in the competition. This week and next, all Stage 2 and 3 students will be involved in developing a speech based on a multicultural theme. Four students will be selected to represent the school and have the opportunity to attend district finals in June. What a wonderful opportunity for our students!

Climate Clever Energy Savers Program
4/5E and 5/6M will be involved in the Climate Clever Energy Savers Program this year. The program aims to develop student understanding of energy and encourages them to identify issues within the school. From this identification, students develop and implement a plan to save energy and educate the community. The students will be working with their classroom teachers, Mrs Grover and Mrs Kristensen to generate ideas and an action plan. Watch out for some energy saving tips in the next newsletter!

Jen Riley

3-6 Recorder Enrichment Group
Once again Recorder will be offered to students in yrs 3-6. This enrichment group will be held on Tuesday mornings before school beginning 8:20am. If you are interested and willing to commit to weekly sessions please see Mrs Piper for a note. Recorder will begin on Tuesday 7th May, Week 2.

Mrs J. Piper

P&C Report
Mother’s Day Raffle
Each year we run a Mothe’rs Day Raffle, this raffle will be held on Friday 10th May. The prizes for the raffle are:
• Fernwood Fitness Ryde – 3 month membership & 3 personal training sessions
• Beauty by Stephanie Melrose Park – Facial (1hr) & Head, Hand & Foot massage
• Aston Medispa West Ryde – 1hr Aroma Fusion facial
• Evanescence Beauty Clinic & Day Spa – Mini Facial
All tickets will need to be returned by Wednesday 8th May. You will find your tickets attached to today’s newsletter.
Please ensure you write your name on each ticket (as some ticket numbers will duplicate).

Thank you to all the companies that have donated for this Raffle.

Helpers Needed
I will need many helpers next Friday 10th May for the Mother’s Day Stall. I need people to help with wrapping presents and selling. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated from 9am in the Hall.

Sausage Sizzle
The first sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday 10th May and Class 1 will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by next WEDNESDAY. If you are able to help on this day, please see Nina Mather or leave a message for her in the office.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting for 2013 will be on Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.30pm, all welcome.

Deborah Riley
President
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At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Wow – Week 11 in Term 1 was very busy. We had our great Cross Country Carnival, Ride2School Day and our Anzac Day Service.

Students and staff had a lovey time at the cross country carnival.  
(Thanks to our photographers on the day – Zara Yr6, Mark Yr 5, Alex Yr 4)

Our special thanks to Mr Lindsay Donald for being guest speaker at our Anzac Day Service. Our students found his talk very informative.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for FRIDAY, 10th May, 2013

Form must be returned with the money by WEDNESDAY, 8th May, 2013. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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☐ Term Order - 4 Sausage Sizzles this term. $ ________________