Principal’s Report
Thank you to our wonderful community who made Education Week a wonderful celebration of learning at Melrose Park PS. Our students were eager to participate in Open Day and enthusiastic to share their learning with their parents, a grandparent or a special visitor to the class room.

Thank you to Mr Hubbard who organised a fantastic showcase of music at our special assembly. Some people may not be aware that while the students were performing with glockenspiels, all the backing tracks were composed by the students in their class time. I can’t wait to be part of the next music assembly later in the year.

The day was filled with glorious weather which allowed some of our families to enjoy a picnic lunch on the oval.

Mr Hubbard led a music lesson with several of our Kindergarten 2014 enrolments last Friday. This event was supported with our 2013 Kindergarten students showing our new families how clever they all were. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

Resilience Workshop
This Wednesday evening, 7th August, there are two opportunities for parents to participate in a workshop which will focus on developing resilience and coping strategies within our children. Ms Riley will lead the workshop sessions in the library. Thank you to those families who have given their RSVP to the presentations.

Musica Viva
Music is everywhere at Melrose Park with glockenspiels, recorders, singing, drumming and this afternoon a wonderful performance by B’tutta. It was a wonderful performance by a fantastic group who brought the beat and rhythms of percussion to the students.

RTA Crossing Supervisor
Our long term supervisor, Nadim, has taken leave until November. From next week we will have Ailsa as our regular supervisor. I am sure that the many families who use Wharf Rd will follow the RTA guidelines and instructions keeping our children safe when crossing the road. We welcome Ailsa to the position of RTA Crossing Supervisor on Wharf Rd for the next few months.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report
Financial Literacy
At MPPS students develop their financial literacy skills through the kitchen garden program, special lunch days, tucker time and within class teaching and learning activities. Last Wednesday, Zara, Thomas, Maxine, Miss Young and myself showcased the types of activities that we do to Commonwealth Bank employees and guests. The students were active in selling fruit and vegetables to demonstrate their financial literacy skills. Congratulations to staff and students for their dedication to financial literacy.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal
Students should consider swapping books that they have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. Ideally books should not just be an unwanted item but a book that they think someone else would enjoy as much as they did.

At Melrose Park Public School
The SRC are planning the Melrose Park Great Book Swap Challenge for Book Week. Students are invited to bring a book that they would like to swap on Wednesday 21/8/13 in Week 6. SRC will run a book depository before school and at lunch times to collect books. On the day, SRC will host the book swap in the library. Students, families and teachers are invited to purchase a book with a gold coin on the day. The money raised will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

For more information about the Indigenous Literacy foundation and the Great Book Swap, please visit the following link http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au

Your SRC representatives will keep you posted.

Karen Young
SRC Co-ordinator

Our school blog
http://melrosepark.edublogs.org
The Melrose Park school blog was officially launched last week with students from Years 5 and 6 receiving awards to acknowledge their work. Now that we have the blog up and running our aim is to continue adding photos and news so that parents and the community will see more of what’s happening at school. Each student has an ongoing area of responsibility and we will be adding class “reporters” to ensure each class is represented. Thank you to those parents and students who took the time to visit us in the library after the assembly to take a look at the blog. We hope many more of you will visit it online and leave a comment.

Pam Grover
ICT Co-ordinator

Help Needed – Book Covering
Our library has purchased some lovely books recently and we would appreciate some help in covering these books. If you are able to help out, by either taking them home or covering here, please see Karen or Debra in the office.

Many thanks

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The Great Book Swap Challenge for Schools
The Great Book Swap Challenge is an opportunity for schools to support the literacy skills of Indigenous students living in remote Australian communities today. Being able to read is fundamental to learning and opens doors to the future.

What is it?
The Great Book Swap Challenge is a fundraising event in which students swap books with one another. Participating students bring along a gold coin and a book they’ve read and enjoyed. All these pre-loved books are put together in a central location and students then choose a ‘new’ book they would like to keep.
P&C Report

Family Photo Day
We are currently 3 spots away from getting a free E Reader donated to the school among other prizes. If there is anyone that would still like to book a place for photo day this Sunday please contact me. There are currently only afternoon spots available.

*** If you have already booked and have not paid please send your money to the school as no money can be paid at the shoot, as only the photographer will be there.

Fathers’ Day
Fathers’ Day is fast approaching and the P&C will be holding a stall and raffle on Friday 30th August. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week with the newsletter, some great prizes to win with this year’s raffle.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday 16th August and Class 3, will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by next WEDNESDAY.
If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Mike West or email our P&C email below.

Term 3
11th August – Family Photo Day
19th August – P&C Meeting
Bingo Night – Date to be confirmed next week
30th August – Fathers’ Day Stall (helpers needed on the day)
Election Day BBQ – 7th September
Tea Towel Fundraiser – More info to come soon

Deborah Riley
President
0414 540 430 - melroseparkpc@hotmail

Environment Update
Thanks to many suggestions from the Green Team, all the teachers are busy planning for our Environment Enrichment Day, on Friday 16 August. Activities the students may complete include:
- planting shrubs, grasses and trees around the school,
- orienteering,
- seed sowing,
- seedling planting,
- singing,
- a texture walk,
- an energy find,
- weeding, and
- a garbage sort game.

We look forward to learning a lot about how we can take better care of our environment.

Mrs Jennie Spenceley

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Rovers Cricket

CRICKET REGISTRATION FOR 2013/14 SEASON
Boys and Girls
In2cricket (Milo) 4 - 7 yrs (10 week program, term 4.)
U8/U9 modified cricket competition.
10 – 16 yrs competition + girls only team.
Registration: Sunday 11 August (11am – 4pm)
Denistone Sports Club
59 Chatham Rd West Ryde.
Contact: Kerrie O’Brien (Club secretary)
roverscricket@gmail.com

OSHC Report
We are having Active After School Sports again this term.

Wednesday afternoon we are having Gymnastics
Friday afternoon we are doing Multisports

If you would like your child/children to do these activities, please come and enrol them in on these days.

See you there !
Lauren
Thank you to our wonderful community who came and shared in our Open Day last Thursday. It was a wonderful morning!
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Annual MULCH and FERTILIZER DRIVE
by ERMINGTON SCOUTS

It’s that time of year. Does your garden need some TLC… Place your mulch orders in support of the Ermington Scouts.

Orders may be placed by phoning 9630 8220, 9871 4742 or email: fertilizer@ermingtonscouts.asn.au by Sunday 18th August 2013 for PREMIUM QUALITY FERTILIZERS & MULCH

DELIVERED DIRECT to your home – CASH ON DELIVERY – Sunday 25th August 2013 [8-1pm]

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for FRIDAY, 16th August, 2013

Form must be returned with the money by Wednesday, 14th August, 2013. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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☐ Term Order (3 remaining Sausage Sizzles this term) $_____________
Read Across the Universe

Celebrating Literacy
at
Melrose Park Public School

Monday 19th August
Kindergarten visit the West Ryde Library to celebrate Book Week with activities in the library.

Tuesday 20th August
Spelling Bee in the hall from 12.40pm watch our students showcase their skills in spelling. Students in the Junior and Senior Section will compete to represent the school in the Zone Premiers Spelling Bee Competition.

Wednesday 21st August
Book Parade 9.00am Dress Up and come to school as your favourite book character. This year’s theme is Read Across the Universe. Our first ever book swap is also on this day. Bring along a book to swap for another book. Bring a gold coin donation to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. After the book parade, families are welcome to spend a literacy session in the classroom.

Thursday 22nd August
This afternoon students will participate in a Book Week performance from ‘Tony Bones’ productions. This production is based on “Herman and Rosie”, a book from the Children’s Book Council Short List.