Principal’s Report

Election Day BBQ
Now that the election date has been fixed and the school hall is identified as polling place the famous P&C BBQ and cake stall pops up for the day. Besides voting, take some time to volunteer to help out on the BBQ. Many hands make light work and funds raised are directed towards school projects.

Book Week
Next Wednesday, 21st August, the popular dress up event is held to celebrate BOOK WEEK. Students dress up as a book character from a book or dress up to identify with the theme: Read Across the Universe.
This year instead of having book prizes for the best dressed, (which is always difficult to judge) we plan to send a donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Students are encouraged to bring along a gold coin donation for the Literacy Foundation in exchange for the opportunity to swap a book of their own for another book. Our aim is to support the Literacy Foundation supply new books to disadvantaged indigenous youth.

West Ryde Library
There are many activities planned for Book Week at the local library. Next Monday 19th August, the two Kindergarten classes will travel by bus to West Ryde Library to celebrate Book Week. Permission notes will be sent home today and need to be returned by this Friday.

Excursions
Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) have excursions planned to highlight the learning that is happening in their classrooms. The first excursion is planned to visit the Old School House Museum as part of the HSIE unit of work on “The Way We Were”. This means students are taking a step back in time to see ‘the olden days’ in action. The next excursion has a science focus where Stage 1 students will conduct investigations and fair tests at Putt Putt golf as part of the learning unit on “push/ pull”.
Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) are focusing on “Cooperating Communities”. They will visit local government offices and speak to councillors to investigate the importance of Local Government. A walking excursion is also being planned to investigate how governments supports the needs of local residents.
Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6) are off to Canberra in September. They head to Canberra for 2 days and an overnight stay at a motel. Stage 3 has a focus on Democracy and how Federal Parliament operates. They will visit, Parliament House, Australian Electoral Office, Old Parliament House, The Mint, Australian War Memorial, CSIRO and the Space centre. All permission notes and money need to be returned promptly.

Health Forms
New medical forms were sent home last week with each child. This form is to update the medical knowledge of your child. All schools across the Department of Education are updating student health records; Melrose Park PS is included in this process. Please fill in the form for each child and return it promptly to your class teacher. While these forms identify students with medical conditions including allergies, asthma and anaphylaxis, forms are required to be returned for all students even if they have no medical conditions.
If your child has a medical need and you would like to bring issues or concerns to my attention please make an appointment to speak to me regarding supporting your child at school.

Clare Kristensen
Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

Student Welfare

This term, students are completing child protection units of work to develop an understanding about safety and wellbeing. In the playground, students are expected to use the No, Go, Tell approach if they encounter any issues with other students. Incidents that are reported by students are documented and managed appropriately. Next week, students will begin activities about resilience which will involve students in identifying their strengths and using those strengths to build resilience. Initially, the program will begin in each class and be extended to peer support activities. Thank you to the parents that attended the resilience workshops, I look forward to implementing the program in our school.

Marsden Learning Alliance

Year 11 Sport Program

Thank you to Mr Aguilera and Year 11 students from Marsden HS for supporting our students in further developing their fundamental movement skills. The students have enjoyed learning a range of skills from the Year 11 boys.

Asian Languages Program

The Asian languages program was a great success with our students last year. This year, Year 5 and 6 students will begin learning Mandarin with Ms Tina Mo each Thursday. We look forward to having Ms Mo work with our students again.

Yoga Family Day

The students and teachers are thoroughly enjoying yoga so we have decided to organise Yoga Family Day which will be held on Monday 26th August. Family members are encouraged to see the program in action and are welcome to join in the yoga sessions with their child/ren. The sessions are:

- 5/6M - 9:15-10:15am
- 4/5E - 10:15-11:15am
- 1O - 12:10-12:40pm
- KE and KS - 12:40 - 1:10pm
- 1/2R - 1:10-1:40pm
- 3L - 2-3pm

We hope to see you there.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Coming Events

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| Monday, 12/8   | • Yoga – sports uniform  
|                | • Smith Family Bags to be returned by am Wednesday.  
|                | • Yoga – sports uniform |
| Tuesday, 13/8  | • K-2 Sport – sport Uniform  
|                | • ICAS Maths Competition |
| Wednesday, 14/8| • School Banking  
|                | • Enviro Workshops |
| Thursday, 15/8 | • Enviro Workshops  
|                | • Assembly – 2.05pm-1O to host |
| Friday, 16/8   | • Environment Enrichment Day  
|                | • Sausage Sizzle – Yr 3 parents  
|                | • PSSA Semi-finals – Senior Netball |

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| Monday, 19/8   | • Kindergarten – visit to West Ryde Library  
|                | • Yoga – sports Uniform |
| Tuesday, 20/8  | • Spelling Bee Finals – 12.40pm  
|                | • K-2 Sport (names to be announces) |
| Wednesday, 21/8| • Book Week Parade – 9.00am  
|                | Children come dressed as favourite book character  
|                | • Book Swap  
|                | • School Banking |
| Thursday, 22/8 | • Book Week Performance “Herman & Rosie” 2-3pm  
|                | • Tuckertime – Yr 3 to host |
| Friday, 23/8   | • PSSA – Finals |

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<td>Monday, 26/8</td>
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| Wednesday, 28/8| • Years 3 & 4 Walking Excursion  
|                | • School Banking |
| Thursday 29/8  | • Assembly–2.05pm - KS to host |
| Friday, 30/8   | • No PSSA  
|                | • Sausage Sizzle – Yr 1/2 parents to assist |

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Principal’s Award for Book Work
The following children will be receiving a Principal Award at this week’s assembly:

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PSSA News
Melrose Park Netball
Congratulations to both our Junior and Senior netball teams. You have improved so much throughout the PSSA competition. Our Junior team ended up 5th out of 15 teams and our senior team made the semi finals which will be played this Friday. Good luck to all the girls!

Emma Davey

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

Environment Update
Nude Food
In keeping with the theme of Science Week this week, students are being encouraged to minimise any unnecessary wrapping in their lunch boxes and make their food ‘nude’. A survey was taken in each class yesterday showing students the different types of rubbish - worm farm/organic waste, recyclable and landfill, and how much of it they had in their lunch boxes. The aim by the end of this week is to have minimised the amount of landfill rubbish brought to school, with increases in organic waste and recyclable or even no waste at all!

Students have also been introduced to our new coloured bins, which are also encouraging less landfill waste and more organic and recyclable waste. Have a conversation with your children about waste and ways you can work together to minimise the waste they bring to school!

Mrs Spenceley, Miss Roberts and the Green Team

P&C Report
Family Photo Day
The day was a success with 24 families getting photos taken on Sunday and raising $480.00 for the school. I hope all the families enjoyed the experience and are happy with their photos that arrive in time for Fathers’ Day. Pick up day for the photos - Wednesday 28th August and you would have been given a time slot on Sunday.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is next Monday 19th August @ 7.30pm, all welcome to come along.

Fathers’ Day
Each year we run a Fathers’ Day Raffle, this raffle will be held on Friday 30th August. The prizes for the raffle are:
- Captain Cook Cruises – Voucher for 2 on Harbour Cruise
- Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club – A round of golf for 4 people
- Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club - $50 Brasserie Voucher
- “Stephanie’s Beauty” in Melrose Park – 1hr facial plus head/hand & foot massage for Dad
- PHD Parramatta – Shampoo, Cut & Blowdry

All tickets will need to be returned by Wednesday 28th August. You will find your tickets attached to today’s newsletter. Please ensure you write your name on each ticket and return unused tickets (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 on Friday 30th August for the Fathers’ Day Stall. I need people to help with wrapping presents and selling. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated from 9am in the Hall.
**Bingo Night**  
We have booked out Bingo night for all families to come along and have some fun, on Saturday 31st August at Rydalmere Bowling Club, see attached flyer for more information. Pre-payment is not required, just turn up on the night.

**Election Day BBQ – 7th September**  
With Election Day now fast approaching we will need helpers on the day to man the BBQ and the Cake stall. This will be open from approx 8am through to about 2-3pm (depending on voters). On Friday 6th September we will be asking for families to please bake a cake/biscuits/slice etc to donate to our Cake Stall that will be held, these can be brought straight to the canteen on Friday morning/afternoon.

**Sausage Sizzle**  
Thank you to Cathy and Peter who helped out at the last Sausage Sizzle.  
The next sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 16th August and Class 3, will be the host.

Please ensure ALL orders are in by **this WEDNESDAY**.  
If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Nina Mather or Mick West.

**School Banking**  
Don’t forget this is on tomorrow – Wednesday.

**Term 3**  
19th August – P&C Meeting  
30th August – Fathers’ Day Stall (helpers needed on the day)  
31st August – Bingo Night 6.30pm  
6th September - Cake donations brought in  
7th September – Election Day BBQ/Cake Stall  
Tea Towel Fundraiser – More info to come soon

Deborah Riley & Nina Mather  
Presidents  
0414 540 430  
melroseparkpc@hotmail

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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)  

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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.
PRIZES GALORE

BINGO

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

AT RYDALMERE BOWLING CLUB

PARK RD RYDALMERE

STARTS 6.30PM SHARP

COST: $5 PER PERSON

EXTRA GAMES $1 EACH

Melrose Park OSHC

Would you like to join an Active afternoon of sports?

OUR MELROSE PARK OSHC PARTICIPATES IN ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

On Wednesdays we participate in Gymnastics and on Fridays we play multisport (including Circus skills, Invasion games etc.)

“At Active After School sports this year, we’ve played Circus Games, Team Activities, Gymnastics and much more. I like playing new sports that I haven’t played before. Sometimes there’s even great prizes for playing your best. Lizzie, Year 3”

Come and see us in the OSHC room or visit our website for more information.

www.melroseparkoshc.com.au

Regular OSHC fees apply. Childcare rebate and Childcare benefits available to eligible families

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