Principal’s Report
Wishing all students a happy and safe spring holiday. Term 3 has been a busy term filled with wonderful learning opportunities and enrichment activities such as Yoga, Book Week, Environment Day, Excursions and Sporting Activities. I would like to thank all our teachers who have organised events and given the extra time needed to ensure all activities are run smoothly and safely.

Thank you to families who have settled their term invoice. It is appreciated if outstanding term invoices could be paid by the end of this week. Please contact the office if there are financial difficulties in which we may assist.

Parliament House
This Wednesday, 18th September, our school leaders are off to the NSW Parliament House to meet Mr Victor Dominello, State Member for Ryde. The captains will have the opportunity to tour Parliament and participate in a Recognition Ceremony for Young Student Leaders.

Our School Leaders, Aidan, Siobhan, Zara and Thomas have developed many leadership skills over the course of the year and are to be congratulated for the wonderful way in which they lead student assembly, lines each day and the way they conduct themselves around the school.

Summer Uniform
From day one next term all students are required to be in full summer uniform which includes the wearing of a hat. Please note that the wearing of jewellery (simple studs or sleepers acceptable), nail polish or make up is not part of the school uniform and should not be worn.

Students without a hat stay under the shade shelter during play time.

Lost Property
Hats, jackets and jumpers, boxes and bottles with clearly labelled names are sent back to students when found. However items with no names are difficult to return to students. Please take the time over the holidays to clearly label all student property.

Student requirements
For students in Year 1 to 6 holidays are a great time to replenish pencil cases with new glue sticks, lead pencils, pens if necessary and lost scissors. These items are necessary for full participation in class activities. Please check your child’s pencil case to ensure that your child is ready for a new learning term.

School Photos
As previously advised our school photos will be taken on Tuesday, 15th October (T4 W2). There will also be the opportunity for sibling photographs. If you would like your children to be photographed together, please collect a “family” envelope from the school office.

Cyber safety
Please find attached information about keeping your child safe while using the Internet. Make time over the holidays to sit with your child and discuss safety rules when online.

Your children will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives. You are in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

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STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, 8th OCTOBER
Summer uniform

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I.C.T. News

MPPS Robocup Challenge - Thursday 19th September @ 2pm in the school library.
Some students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been working on building and programming lego robots this term. Robotics is not only lots of fun, it encourages teamwork, problem solving and develops communication skills. On the last Thursday of this term we will be holding a MPPS Robocup Challenge. Teams of students will program their robots to compete against each other to complete a number of tasks. Parents/carers are invited to join us to see the robots at work.

Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome
Did you know that all students with an Internet connection can also access Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress and Spellodrome at home using their school login and password?

Reading Eggs - an online reading program that makes learning essential reading skills a fun and motivating experience for 4 – 8 year olds. Reading Eggspress - a fun, engaging and interactive world that provides an online platform for pupils to develop key reading skills and strategies, encouraging pupils to form opinions and build confidence, leading to a love of reading. Mathletics - students are matched against others around the world in 60 second mental arithmetic races. Mathletics builds to an engaging maths environment that encourages students and rewards results.

Spellodrome - encourages independent learning and the development of critical spelling awareness through interactive and engaging games make learning to spell fun and highly motivating for students.

Some teachers will set homework tasks using Mathletics or Spellodrome. Any student who does not have an Internet access at home is always welcome to come to Computer Club (2nd half of lunch each Thursday) to complete their homework tasks.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
From 15th September, the minimum version of Flash needed to access these learning resources is 11.6. Users with older versions of Flash may be unable to access 3P Learning after this date. It is important to check your Flash version and update (if needed). You can check if you have the correct version of flash on their website...
http://www.3plearning.com/flash/

If your child has lost their login please ask for a copy from your classroom teacher. Mathletics and Spellodrome have the same login but a different one to Reading Eggs/Eggspress.

Pam Grover
Computer Co-ordinator
P&C Report
Term 3 was a great term for fundraising efforts within the school. Thank you to all the parents that helped in any way big or small. Term 4 will consist of our major fundraiser for the year, our Market Day/Fete on the 2nd November. Lots of volunteers will be needed on this day; more information is enclosed separately in this newsletter. Our other fundraisers for Term 4 will be our Calendars and Xmas Hamper donation and Xmas Raffle – neither of these requires any time to be volunteered by parents.

Tea Towel Fundraiser
We had a great response for this new fundraiser; all images are currently being scanned and sent to the printers early this week. The Tea Towels will be sent out early Term 4.

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 and the school will receive 2% of your annual spend.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week's helpers Kim and Megan.

Have a great break and see you all back next term.

Term 4
14th October – P&C Meeting @ 7.30pm (2nd week back)
2nd November – Market Day/Fete (9am-2pm)

Deborah Riley & Nina Mather
Presidents
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melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Assistant Principal’s Report
Resilience
Over the past couple of weeks, students from K-6 have been participating in a resilience program. They have completed surveys and participated in activities that have involved teamwork and cooperation. One activity involved working together to build the tallest tower out of lego. Students discussed what made them resilient in the activity and what they did when their tower fell. “When our tower fell we just continued to rebuild it”. Jasmin, Chloe, Carla, Jess E and Valeria.

Through such activities, students are developing their strengths and understand that when they are faced with difficulties and challenges they can work together to solve problems. Next term, students will develop an understanding of empathy through case studies and scenarios.

Climate Clever Update
Yesterday, a group of students recorded a rap about saving energy with Mr Hubbard. Their plan is to introduce the rap to K-6 to get them to think about ways to save energy in the school. A video production is also on the way and classrooms will be filled with energy saving information and signage next term. Well done Year 4, 5 and 6.

Ryde City Council Visit
Miss Davey and I took Year 3 and 4 to visit Ryde City Council. It was a very informative visit and students were able to role play and see what happens at a council meeting. They enjoyed being elected as councillors or as the mayor. As always, the students did Melrose Park proud while out and about in the community.

On Monday, 16th September, Year 3 and 4 visited Ryde City Council. First my group went to the library and had a look at all the different sections, then Ms Riley read us a book from the Children’s Section. We then went inside Ryde City Council to the chambers and had a debate about whether we needed to plan more trees in Ryde. We were councillors and Adam got to be the mayor. We all had to vote and make a decision on behalf of all the Ryde citizens. Did you know - that if the vote was a tie then the mayor has to make the final decision?

I found it an interesting excursion and I have a better understanding about local government.

Carla
YEARS 5 & 6 TRIP TO CANBERRA
Year 5 and 6 went to Canberra last week. It took 4 and a half hours to get there. We had a great time. First we went to the Australian National Art Gallery where we saw so many amazing pictures; then we went to Parliament House. It was made of about 100% marble on the first floor. After that we went to the War Memorial and saw the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and left a little later to go to our hotel. On day 2, we went to the Mint and saw millions of coins; then after that we went to the Canberra Museum. We then saw the Canberra Space Centre; then left for home and got there at about 6.40pm. It was a great trip.

Oscar P

On Tuesday, 10th September, Years 5 and 6 were given the chance to travel by bus to the A.C.T. for two days and learn about the huge place. We visited sites such as Parliament House and Telstra Tower. We learnt a lot of things about Canberra and because we left on my birthday, I’d say this was my greatest present ever. We stayed at the Carotel overnight and where we all rested in our rooms. All the sights we visited were: Australia’s National Art Gallery, Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Telstra Tower, the Embassies, Royal Australian Mint, The National Museum, and the Deep Space Centre. I had fun in Canberra and I’m sure everyone else did too.

Casey M

Kitchen Garden Update
The Kitchen Garden stall will now be held every Thursday instead of Friday morning, at 8:40 a.m. Please come and join us in the garden on Thursday morning if you want to purchase some of the wonderfully fresh Melrose Park produce.

We are also after volunteer families to come and help look after our Kitchen Garden during the September 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 September holidays.

Names: __________________________________________________
Contact Numbers: __________________________________________
Contact Email: _____________________________________________
Signed: ________________________________ Date: ________________
Prevalence
An estimated 72,000 children (or 3% of all children who used the internet at any location between April 2008 and April 2009) had experienced one or more personal safety or security problems online at some time in their life. The most common problems were:

- accessing inappropriate material,
- having strangers ask for or gain access to personal information, and
- experiencing online bullying or threatening behaviour.


Tips for parents:

EDUCATE
- Find out about the internet.
- Make children aware of risks.
  o Don’t take everything at face value – people aren’t always honest online.
- Teach children cybersafety rules:
  o Always keep passwords secret.
  o Think before posting information – once posted it’s difficult to remove.
  o Never give out identifying information such as home address, school name or telephone number.
  o Set profile to ‘private’.
  o Use privacy settings when posting photos online.
  o Avoid responding to messages from unrecognised email addresses.
  o Never click on links in emails from strangers.
  o Don’t accept offers that seem too good to be true.
  o If a threatening message is received they should ‘STOP, BLOCK, TELL’.

EMPOWER
- Encourage and support children in their internet use.
- Reassure your children that they can tell you anything without fear of losing internet access.

MAKE THE COMPUTER SAFE
Set up the computer with an internet filter.
Install security software such as anti-virus, anti-spam, pop-up stoppers and firewalls.

SUPERVISE
- Supervise children’s activities on all devices – keep computers in public areas.
- Set a technology curfew – all devices gathered each evening for recharging.
- If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
- Telephone the Cybersafety Contact Centre 1800 880 176 for information or advice.

Useful Websites
  Cybersmart is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)
  This is the Department of Education & Communities’ website for practical help for parents.
- www.thinkuknow.org.au
  ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft.
MELROSE PARK MARKET DAY

How you can help.....

- Printing flyers – Do you know of a business that would sponsor our flyer printing? Or donate paper? We will also be calling for walkers to deliver flyers early next term.

- Donations of prizes / vouchers for raffle / chocolate wheel – Do you know of a small local business you could ask for sponsorship / donation of a prize?

- Do you live on a main road or through road? If so, would you be willing to have a banner / sign advertising Melrose Park Market Day on your fence?

- Do you have a cultural food / cooking skills and would you like to run a food stall at Market Day?

- Performance opportunity! Would you or your child like to be involved in a performance on Market Day eg. Singing / dancing / playing an instrument / telling jokes!

- Everyone’s help will be needed on stalls on the day – so keep the day free! Plus Market Day is a lot of fun!

Please contact Nina Mather (Billy & Riley’s mum) or Sheridan Collins (Oscar, Max, Ava & Lana’s mum) if you can help in any of these ways or email us on melroseparkpc@hotmail.com

All additional ideas most welcome!
2ND NOVEMBER
Save the Date!
Your School Needs YOU!!

This is our major fundraiser of the year! Everyone’s help is essential to raise vital funds for our children and our school.