Principal’s Report
Happy New School Year for 2014!
Welcome back to an exciting learning term as we make welcome our new families to Melrose Park PS. I hope everyone in our school community enjoyed a wonderful holiday full of fun and relaxation. I hope all students are ready and eager to commence the New Year with enthusiasm for learning, life and growing.

Welcome Afternoon Tea

Welcome and Welcome Back Afternoon Tea
When: Friday 7th February
from 2.30pm – 4pm
Where: In the hall

Please bring a plate of food to share
Come along, say hello to old friends and make a new friend along the way!

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Transition Days
To develop a sense of school community, students and teachers participate in transition activities in the first weeks of the new school year. Students and teachers get to know each other and set up expectations for the school year. This week students will rotate through activities including ICT, music, environment, PE, drama, safety and art. Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) expectations are revised so that all students are aware of what makes a respectful responsible learner at Melrose Park PS.

Students visit all classrooms in the school so that they know where to find teachers and the particular grade when needed. All playground expectations are revised in order to remind students of the appropriate playground behaviour and safety expected of all students.

Our transitions days are a wonderful way to build a supportive environment within the school, set up positive expectations for the school year and also check out how much each student has grown over the break.

Kindergarten 2014
Individual Best Start Assessments occur this week for our new Kindergarten students. We look forward to next Monday, 3rd February, when we meet the new Kindergarten class for the first time in their new school uniforms. I am sure they are excited about starting ‘big school’.
Student ‘buddies’ will support our young students in the playground as they learn routines and find their way around the school.

I am sure that you will welcome our new families to our school and make them feel part of the wonderful Melrose Park school community.

Classes 2014
Once Kindergarten interviews have been completed the school will have accurate information on school numbers. Whilst teachers have made several plans for class structures based on anticipated student numbers, 2014 classes will be formed following departmental guidelines for class sizes. Classes will be formed during Friday. A class note will be sent home with your child.

School Hours
School Hours for students are from 9.00 – 3.00pm each day.

Kindergarten will finish early on the first day at 2.30pm. After that Kindergarten will finish at 3.00 like the rest of the school.

I encourage all families to organise a special meeting point in the playground so that at bell time students can find you easily. At no time are students to wait outside the school grounds. Students are encouraged to wait on the verandah for collection.

Students are not to be left unattended in the playground before 8.30am in the morning. A teacher is on duty from this time. Before 8.30am we encourage the use of before and after care.

Please see the OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) and Lauren to organise supervised care.

Swimming Carnival
The annual swimming carnival is fast approaching. Monday 17th February is the date chosen for all students in Year 3 – 6 (and any Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year and can swim 25 metres) to participate in 25 metre, 50 metre and 100 metre events. Students travel by bus to Granville Pool for the carnival.

The first permission note for the year is the Swimming Carnival note and needs to be returned ASAP.

Parent and community volunteers are essential to ensure the carnival is a success. If you can spare some time to help run the event your time is appreciated by staff.

Ms Alex Roberts will act as the school’s sports coordinator this year.

Student Leadership Team
Congratulations to Lara, Mark, Faith and Oscar who comprise the student leadership team in 2014. Our young leaders look forward to your support as they develop new skills in representing the student body.

Photo of captains

Thank You
Melrose Park PS has a wonderful parent community who take pride in our school and the school environment. The first thank you of the year is extended to our family volunteers who maintained the gardens over the holidays. The volunteers came in to water the kitchen garden and the new garden beds, keeping plants alive during the hot weather and have done a wonderful job.

Congratulations
We congratulate Mrs Jenny Piper and her husband on the wonderful news of the birth of their first child, a baby girl. We take great delight in the safe arrival of Miriam Giselle Piper. Miriam was born 25th January. We look forward to meeting both mother and baby when they visit.

Clare Kristensen
Principal
P&C Report
Welcome back to all returning families and welcome to our new families. Should you ever wish to speak to me I am available on 0414 540 430 or the below email, alternatively I am at the school on Mondays and Fridays both morning and afternoon – Deborah Riley CoPresident. Nina Mather CoPresident - is at the school on Thursdays and Fridays.

Sausage Sizzle
For the new families, at Melrose Park we hold a sausage sizzle for lunch once every fortnight. This equates to 5 times per term. Each class takes a turn to be the ‘host’ and as such we ask that 2/3 parents from the host class volunteer their time to help cook and serve the sausages.

As we currently don’t have a dedicated Sausage Sizzle co-ordinator, we are only able to offer term tickets only for Term 1 this year. If you need to discuss payment of the term ticket please do not hesitate in contacting myself on the number/email at the bottom. See attached order form.

For the new parents, we collect the tickets at the end of each sizzle so they do not get lost!

The first sausage sizzle for this term is on Friday 14th February 2014 and class 5/6 will be host. If you are able to help on this day, please leave a note in the office for Nina Mather and Mick West.

Orders are due in no later than Wednesday 12th February, sorry no late orders will be possible this year.

** If you are interested in coordinating the Sausage sizzle on a fortnightly basis, this will involve collating the orders that are due in 2 days prior. Collating orders into classes, counting money, supplying quantities and tickets. Most of this work can be done from home as we have a dedicated cook to Coordinate on the actual day.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
Next Friday we are having a meet and greet of the new families at school. If you are able to help with catering by providing some nibbles or cake this would be appreciated. Also if you are able to come to school early and meet some of the new faces in the afternoon, it would be lovely to have you.

P&C AGM/Meeting
The first meeting for 2014 will be on Monday 24th February @ 7.30pm in the library. This will actually be our Annual AGM. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on the P&C and would like to discuss the roles please call/email me on the details below.

Positions are
President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Sausage Sizzle Co-ordinator
Book Club Coordinator
Market Day Coordinators
OOSCH Committee Member

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is currently open on Mondays and no set day at this stage for another day until we have another helper. Order forms are found on the school website which can be printed and sent in with payment enclosed or Internet transfer to the P&C account. Once payment has been cleared, the Uniform shop will collate the order and deliver to your child’s class on the following Monday.

Labels Fundraiser
The P&C has joined with a local business in our fundraising efforts. For all your label needs, so that your children’s belongings come home each day from school. Please visit www.ozlabels.com.au and use the fundraising code FRS1240. They have different size sticky labels, sew on, stick on and shoe labels. They do package deals or separate orders, with very fast delivery. 20% of all sales are donated back to the P&C.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
7th February – Welcome Arvo Tea (all welcome, afternoon tea donations required)
24th February Monday @ 7.30pm – P&C Meeting & AGM
2nd March Sunday @ 4pm – Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon (students/siblings/parents welcome)
4th March – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Forms going home
16th March Sunday - School Working Bee
7th April Monday – Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation as penalty more info to come
11th April Friday – Easter Raffle
12th April Saturday – West Ryde Street Fair

If you would like to contact me, my details are:
Mobile – 0414 540 430 (Deb)
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com

Deborah Riley & Nina Mather
Co-Presidents

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IMPORTANT OHSC NEWS

Dear Parents,
Please make sure you have received your Re-enrolment emails with your parent log in details and have the Re-enrolment process completed by the end of the week so your child can start back into OSHC this year. Please provide the following information printed out or emailed to Lauren so you can get approved. Receipt of your membership payment, Immunisation record from the Medicare website, Behaviour contract and enrolment supplement as well as any supporting documentation for any medical needs. If you have any questions email Lauren at melroseparkoshc@gmail.com or call 0411 526 238.

Play Netball
Looking for players aged 7 to 12 years

Practice is at Meadowbank Park
5-6pm on Thursdays.

Saturday morning games at
Brush Farm for 10 and under
Meadowbank Park for 11-12 yrs

Register online NOW
as there are limited places left:

www.cometsnetball.com.au

Call Debbie on 0414 256 864 or
E: president@carlingfordcomets.com.au

Be quick to secure your place
COMETS NETBALL CLUB

SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – ORDER FORM for FRIDAY, 14th February, 2014

Form must be returned with the money by Wednesday, 12th February, 2014. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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☐ Term Order (5 Sausage Sizzles this term) $ ___________