**Coming Events**

**Term 4, Week 2**

**Monday, 13/10**
- Ryde Schools Spectacular – Opera House – 7.00pm

**Tuesday, 14/10**
- Leaders’ Day at Parliament House

**Wednesday, 15/10**
- School Banking – 8.30am
- Kinder 2015 Transition Morning – 9.15-11.00am

**Thursday, 16/10**
- Assembly – 2.05pm

**Friday, 17/10**
- Sausage Sizzle – 5/6 parents required to assist
- PSSA – Round 10 v Erm PS @ Meadowbank Park

**Term 4, Week 3**

**Monday, 20/10**
- Parents’ Maths Course

**Wednesday, 22/10**
- School Banking – 8.30am

**Thursday, 23/10**
- YES Eco Summit Excursion – Years 3 & 4
- Tuckertime – Class 2R

**Friday, 24/10**
- Market Day Drop Off Day
- PSSA – Round 11 v Putney PS @ Morrison Bay

**Saturday, 25/10**
- MARKET DAY

**Term 4, Week 4**

**Monday, 27/10**
- Kinder – Community Walk

**Tuesday, 28/10**
- Mac ICT – Game Design – Yrs 5&6

**Thursday, 30/10**
- Transition 2 – Assembly – 2.05pm – Class 1/KS

**Friday, 31/10**
- Sausage Sizzle – 4/5 parents to assist
- PSSA – Rnd 12 v Gladesville @ Westminster

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**Principal’s Report**

**Transition**
We welcome all our new 2015 families to Melrose Park Public School. Our transition program commences tomorrow, Wednesday 15th October, with the traditional Teddy Bears Picnic. Other activities include coming to assembly, discovering literacy and numeracy activities, learning about the school’s welfare procedures and programs and participating in fitness activities.

Our parent community plays such an important part of our transition program. Thank you to the members of the P&C for the morning tea and thank you to the super volunteers for organising the uniforms that need purchasing.

**Leaders Day**
Today, our four school leaders, Mark, Lara, Oscar and Faith are being acknowledged at Parliament House in recognition for their student roles and skills of leadership. They will be presented with Recognition Certificates from Mr Victor Dominello, State MP for Ryde. These students have been positive role models for all our students this year. We acknowledge the wonderful contribution they have made as Young Leaders of Melrose Park Public School.

**Choir**
Our choir sang wonderfully as part of a massed choir last night at the Opera House. We congratulate the choir members who committed time and energy into learning and performing a large repertoire of songs. Thank you to Mr Hubbard who led the choir and for giving up many hours of rehearsal time. The efforts are spectacular though I am sure there are many very tired students after the late night.

Congratulations to Chris Kim who was chosen to perform violin as part of the Ryde Schools Spectacular concert. We are very proud of his achievement.

**Health Plans**
All students with an identifiable medical need must have current a Health Plan on record at the school. If it is time to update your child’s Health Plan, please visit your local GP to obtain a new plan or update the current plan. This includes students with asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies and other medical needs. Please make a time to speak to me regarding any issue concerning your child’s health.
Band Program 2015
Are you interested in having your child be part of the new school band in 2015? Preparations are well advanced to introduce a Band Program at Melrose Park PS next year.

Students from Yr 2 -5 will have the opportunity to see and hear a school band perform in the school hall on Monday 27th October.

After the performances, information will be sent home highlighting how the band program will be operated at the school.

I would like to thank Mrs Marlene Winter for her efforts and contribution with the establishment of the 2015 band program.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Public speaking made easier
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

Happy News
We are thrilled to share that Ms Jen Riley gave birth to a beautiful little girl on 18th September – Violet Amelia. (3.91kg and 52cm long) Congratulations Ms Riley from all of us.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Principal’s Award for Book Work
The following children will be receiving a Principal’s Award at this week’s assembly:

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2015 Kindergarten Transition – Wednesday, 15th October
Kindergarten are very excited to meet next year’s new Kindergarten students at Transition Day 1 on Wednesday. They have been learning about change in class and discussing how every year our classes and school environment changes. They are looking forward to being in Year 1 and helping the new students love coming to school and learning just like them.

Ms Davey

Robocup News
During Term 3, teams of Year 4 students met each week to build and program robots in preparation for Round 1 of our Robocup robotics competition, which was held in the last week of Term 3. Thank you to the Year 6 students who helped judge the competition. The teams had an exciting time competing against each other to complete a number of set tasks and gain points. Robocup Dance required teams to decorate their robot and program it to dance to their chosen music. First place in Dance went to The Roborollers: Max D, Anthony S, Declan T and Ryan S.

In the Can Do challenge teams had to program their robot to stop and reverse at a black line and manoeuvre efficiently across a field to push the cans to safety. First place went to Slide Tackle: Xavier H and Lachlan M.

Robocup Rescue required teams to build and program a robot to follow a line to reach its victim and rescue them from danger. First place went to Robozilla: Harry B, Adam F and Calum B.

Both the girl’s teams did well with The Foxes (Ericka, Antonija and Lizzie) coming second place in the Robocup Dance and Violet Dream (Hannah, Tamsin and Talia) taking second place in the Can Do Challenge.
Three teams, The Robo-rollers, Robozilla and Violet Dream, will now go on to compete against the Year 5 teams in the MPPS Robocup final on (date on notice board). Year 6 students will also be competing at this time using the new EV3 robots.

Pam Grover
Robotics Coordinator

P&C Report
Hamper Making Night
We will be making up the hampers this Thursday night 16th October from 6.30pm in the hall if you have an hour to spare please come and join in – many hands make light work.

Volunteer Forms
All volunteer forms are due back by this Friday 17th so I can allocate everyone to a time slot.

P&C Meeting
Next Monday 20th October at 7.30pm in the library all welcome. This will focus on the Market Day.

Raffle Tickets for Fete/Market Day
This year we will be sending home 1 booklet of raffle tickets home with each family to be able to pre purchase tickets before the big day on 25th October. The prizes have all been donated by Award Group Real Estate West Ryde/Carlingford:

- 1st Prize - 48” Full HD Soniq LED-LCD TV
- Nikon Coolpix 20.1 Megapixel camera, case and SD card
- Apple iPod Nano 16gb Silver

All tickets will need to be returned by Thursday 23rd October for pre purchased tickets. Tickets will be available on the day also. Tickets are being sent home with today’s newsletter; if you did not receive them please go to the office to collect them or if you need any extra.

You MUST write a name and phone number on EVERY ticket not just a child’s name.

****Thank you to all the companies that have donated for this Raffle and for the Chocolate Wheel.

Cake Boxes
Cake boxes are also going home today, if you could please read the notice on the front and return on Friday 24th October or early morning on the day 25th October. Thank you for all the baking efforts that will go into this stall from our parent community.

Sausage Sizzle
The first sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 17th October and Class 5/6 will be the host. If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Yasmin Adami/Mick West or contact - Yasmin on 0432 420 628.

Attached is Term 4 sausage sizzle order form, please return this by no later than this Wednesday 15th October.

Coffee
Coffee will be available an extra day in the canteen now. It will now be available Monday, Thursday and Fridays. These coffees are on sale from approx 8.30am and can be bought as take away - $3.00.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Dates to remember
16/10/14 – Hamper Making Night 6.30pm in the hall
17/10/14 – Volunteer Forms Due back
20/10/14 – P&C Meeting Library 7.30pm
24/10/14 – Used goods brought in for White Elephant Stall
24 or 25 /10/14 – Cake donations due back
25/10/14 – Fete/Market Day

Deborah Riley
President
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Games for young mathematicians

Cards, dice, dominoes, matches and coins are easy materials to use for mathematical games. These games help students practise tables, see number and geometrical patterns and develop logical thinking through using strategy. Here are a few ideas to try with your child at home.

**Solitaire**
A game for one player. Draw a star as indicated (it is called a pentagram) on a large piece of cardboard. Mark the letters as shown. Place single coins on any 9 of the 10 letters. Now take one coin off by jumping an adjacent coin over it onto an empty letter. The aim is to continue until only one coin is left.

**Toothpick Play 1**
Empty out a box of toothpicks. The two players take turns to pick up some toothpicks – any number from 1-9 may be removed at one time. The aim is to avoid picking up the last toothpick. Whoever is forced to do that loses the game.

**Toothpick Play 2**
Again use a box of toothpicks, paddle pop sticks or similar but arrange them any way into piles, for example,

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Each player in turn takes one pile or part of a pile. The player who takes the last pile or last toothpick is the winner.

**Stick puzzle**
Set out 24 sticks to make squares as shown.
Issue the following challenges:
1. Take away 8 sticks and leave 2 squares.
2. Take away 6 sticks and leave 3 squares.
3. Take away 4 sticks and leave 5 squares.
4. Take away 8 sticks and leave 5 squares.
5. Take away 8 sticks and leave 3 squares.
6. Rearrange all the sticks to make one large square.
7. Rearrange all the sticks to make 2 squares.
8. Rearrange all the sticks to make 3 squares.
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SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – TERM 4 ORDER FORM
FRIDAY, 17\textsuperscript{th} October 2014 (First One)

Form must be returned with the money by Wednesday, 15\textsuperscript{th} October, 2014. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope or indicate paid via EFT.

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\textbf{Term Order Only Term 4, 2014} (5 Sausage Sizzles this term)

(All direct deposits must be processed by 4pm on Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} October, if they are not paid and no alternate arrangement has been made a term ticket will not be created for your child as we do not want to be chasing parents/carers for money)

Direct Deposit Details:
Bank: Commonwealth
Name: Melrose Park Public School P&C
BSB: 062 271 Account: 900288
Reference: Use SS followed by name

Cash/Cheque Enclosed: $ ________________

\(\square\) Paid via Direct Deposit
Reference used for Direct Deposit ____________________________

Receipt number for Direct Deposit __________
FETE & MARKET DAY  
Date: 25th October 2014 - Time: 9am to 2pm  

- White Elephant Stall Donation Drop off Friday 24th October in the hall from 8.30am. All used clothes, books, games, kitchen stuff etc that are still in good condition can be dropped at the school on the Friday to be sorted for sale on Saturday. This would be a great excuse for a spring clean and to help out the school. Please put ALL clothes into separate bags of sizes to make it easier for sorting and mark with sizes. Helpers needed to sort on this day.

Volunteers Needed Prior to the Day  
- Hamper making night in the hall Thursday 16th October from 6.30pm – 8pm unless finished before. We are putting donations into baskets and wrapping in cellophane. Everyone welcome to come help.

- Walkers needed – we need people to do letterbox drops of the flyer for the day. These are available in the office, there is a map and if you can mark on the map what street you are doing, if you are able to drop any at any daycares or preschool please add that to a list on the Map. If you are unable to get to the office please contact me for them to be sent home with your child.

- White Elephant Stall Organising – we need many people on Friday 24th October from 8.45am to help sort out all the used goods that are going to be donated into categories onto the tables ready for selling on Saturday morning.

Volunteers Needed On to the Day  
- Notes have gone home for volunteering on the day. Please fill in the form and send back to the school by this Friday 17th October. Ensure you have put on a mobile phone number so a reminder text can be sent out prior to the day and where you have been allocated. On the day please turn up 10 minutes prior to your allocated timeslot so you can park and locate your where you will be volunteering. We need everyone to volunteer on the day to help the day run smoothly and to prevent people having to volunteer for the entire day to cover gaps in the roster.

Class Allocations  
- 5/6 – BBQ and Yr 6 stall 1 parent  
- 4/5 – white elephant  
- 2/3 and 2R – Choc Wheel/Raffle/Showbags  
- 1O – Games and Animals/Ponies  
- KE and 1/K – Cake/Coffee and Jumping Castle