Term 4, Week 4

Monday, 27/10
- Kinder – Community Walk – West Ryde

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

Wednesday, 29/10
- School Banking – 8.30am

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

Term 4, Week 5

Tuesday, 4/11
- Bird Project – 5/6 (VC)

Wednesday, 5/11
- School Banking – 8.30am

Thursday, 6/11
- Public Speaking K-6 Comp
- Tuckertime – 2/3

Friday, 7/11
- PSSA – Rnd 13 v H/Hill @ Bill Mitchell Res.

Term 4, Week 6

Tuesday, 11/11
- Kinder 2015 – Transition 3
- Remembrance Day – 11am

Wednesday, 12/11
- School Banking – 8.30am

Thursday, 13/11
- Assembly – 2.05pm – KE

Friday, 14/11
- Sausage Sizzle – 2/3 parents to assist

Principal’s Report

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

I think there are hundreds and thousands of THANK YOUS I need to extend to all the wonderful families, organisers, helpers, supporters, volunteers, donors, visitors and well-wishers that came together to help make Market Day a wonderful success.

I am sure I would miss someone out if I tried to give a Thank You to each and every one of the P&C members and their families who organised and worked tirelessly for the greater good of the school. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. I am sure that you would agree that Sheridan, Nina, Deb and team excelled in making Melrose Park come alive for the day. I am sure every student enjoyed their special day on Saturday having fun and playing happily at Market Day.

Some of our hard working volunteers enjoying a coffee after a great (but hot) market day.

Red Flags - PAYCE

Did you notice the two large red flags flying on Saturday? They were hard to miss! The P&C kindly accepted a donation from PAYCE Developments to support Market Day. We thank PAYCE for their generous donation. In future, our community will hear more from PAYCE as this is the development company who will develop the Reckitt’s site. PAYCE are keen to develop a positive working relationship with the school and we look forward to positive support for our school and the Melrose community.
AWARD Group
I would also like to pay a special THANK YOU to David and his team from Award group in West Ryde. Award Real Estate supported Market Day by donating the wonderful prizes for the raffle. They were really impressed by the wonderful community feel the day generated and were appreciative of the warm welcome they received. I am sure that the prize winners are pleased with their wins.

Sponsors
Thank you to the many sponsors and families who donated cakes, food, drinks, basket goods and white elephant objects. Working together and supporting the organisers made the efforts on the day so rewarding.

Thank you to another wonderful sponsor from Proactive Strata Services who sponsored the Animals and the enjoyable Petting Zoo. The calf, piglet, alpaca, ducks and chickens were a smash hit with every child who visited the attraction.

Melrose Park P&C
Come along to the next P&C meeting on 17th November and hear the feedback from Market Day. The P&C do not just run the fetes, raffles and sausage sizzle. P&C members also give input and feedback regarding school programs, policy and projects. If there is an issue that concerns you regarding school programs or about the school, the P&C meeting is the best place to have your views heard and discussed. We welcome all families along each month and we look forward to welcoming new members.

Band Program 2015
It was wonderful to listen to the Ermington Public School Concert band as they performed several items and gave our students from Yr 2-6 a taste of what a school band looks and sounds like. They played with great confidence and our students were an appreciative audience.

Students took home a yellow note for you to read, thus giving parents the opportunity to find out more about the 2015 band organisation. If you are interested in having your child belong to the band and learn a band instrument, please complete this form return to school ready to take the next step of realising the beginning of our band program.

Transition Day 2
This Thursday afternoon, 30th October, we welcome our new 2015 Kindergarten students and families back to school. Our visitors come to assembly to see how we celebrate student learning and acknowledge our Merit Award winners.

2016 Selective High School Applications
The 2016 Selective High School placement test will be held on Thursday 12th March 2015. Selective High Schools are a strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students transitioning from Year 6 into high school. Application for 2016 Year 7 Enrolment in a Selective High School opened online on Tuesday 14th October 2014 and close on Monday 17th November, 2014. Please ensure any applications are completed online by the closing date as late applications for Selective High Schools 2016 will not be accepted. The following link will connect you to the application process: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Sun Safety
Our school takes sun safety seriously and we aim to implement a range of strategies to protect students from the damaging effects of the sun. We all have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff and this includes providing adequate protection from the sun.

As the weather warms up, we encourage students to drink water during play time to keep hydrated. Teachers also encourage playing in shaded areas and ensure that students are wearing the school sun safe hat. If they do not have their sun safe hat, students play under the shade shelter.

Please check your child’s sunscreen to ensure that the cream is still within the use by date. As students have different skin types and allergies all students need to have access to their own personal sunscreen. Teachers encourage students to apply their personal sun screen independently. A small container of sun screen is appropriate.

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

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**Bennelong Table Tennis Tournament**

Congratulations to the Melrose Park team who competed in this Tournament last week. Our team of Jasmin, Carla, Chris and Liam all competed very well and made it through to the semi finals. Thank you to our parents Trinh Phun and Hye Won Hwang for accompanying our students.

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**BAND NEWS**

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2015 and participation is open to all students who are currently in Year 2-5. No prior experience is required.

The students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a yellow Expression of Interest form (“Band Program Introduction”). Students who return this form will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This yellow Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or for more information email [info@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:info@teachingservices.com.au)

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**Live Life Well**

**Keep food cool**

Sandwiches can be frozen for up to a week and, if removed from the freezer in the morning, will thaw by lunchtime. Some nutritious sandwiches to freeze include those with fillings of cooked meats, baked beans, eggs, fish and cheese. Most fresh vegetables do not freeze well so put them on the sandwich when it’s packed in the lunch box.

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**P & C Report**

**Fete & Market Day**

What a wonderful day Saturday was for the whole school and community. As always the day was a VERY hot day and was a huge success. The profits will be reported in next week’s newsletter once all the money has been collated and counted.

With a day running as smoothly and successful as it did, there are so many people to thank for all the hard work and companies that donated some wonderful prizes or sponsored parts of the day. I would like to thank the following:

- I would like to firstly thank the Fete/Market Day Co-ordinators for this year Nina, Sheridan and Chantel for all the amazing work that goes on behind the scenes from Term 1 all the way through to being there the entire day.
- Thank you to all the volunteers for their help on Saturday, especially the people that stayed on stalls all day even though they weren’t allocated to be, to help out where people didn’t make it.
- Thank you for the white elephant donations on Friday and all the amazing cakes from parents and extended family.
- Thank you to Yvonne Howard (Alex Howards Yr 5) at Proactive Strata Management for donating the money to pay for the Animals and Ponies that we had on the day.
- We were recently lucky enough to have been given a donation of $2000 from a local company Payce to help with the cost of running the day.
• A huge thank you goes out to David Johnson and Jed Cresswell from Award Group Real Estate. They donated the 3 major prizes for the raffle and delivered over 1,000 flyers for day and came down and spent some time at the Raffle/Choc Wheel.
• I would like to thank Luke Mather from Vistaclean and West Family for donating the meat for Market Day this year.
• Bethanies Jumping Castle for discounting the Jumping Castle for the day.
• Allison B for donating all the eggs used at the BBQ.
• Dimitrios T for donating 8 slabs of drinks for the BBQ.
• Danielle D for sourcing all the donations
• Dolores, Ivanka and Chantel for printing all the flyers
• Lana R for sourcing a 7Eleven Donation
• Rhapsody Studios for coming on down on such a hot day and performing
• Mr Hubbard and the Choir and Ms Coles and the Recorder performers.
• Mrs Kristensen and Mrs Price for helping out the whole day. Leisa for making the grounds look great for the day.
• Thank you to the families that had banners up in their front yards

****Thank you to all the companies that donated for the Raffle and for the Chocolate Wheel. Please see attached logo page for all the companies that donated. This day wouldn’t happen without their assistance. A huge thank you goes to the Award Group for their huge donation and assistance in the lead up to the day.

Blue Volunteer Shirts – Could you please wash and return your blue shirts to the school this week so they can be packed away for next year.

Calendar Art Work
The kids will be busy creating beautiful artwork for this year’s Calendars this week. An order form is attached to today’s newsletter with more details; if you would like to see samples of all the products on offer, please have a look in the foyer of the office. Orders are due back by next Thursday 6th November.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 31st October and Class 4/5 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.
*** If you have not placed a term order and wish to purchase please let us know. No orders will be accepted on the day of sausage sizzle.

Coffee
Coffee is available in the canteen on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays from approx 8.40am for $3.00 and can be purchased as take away.

P&C Meeting
17th November at 7.30pm in the library. All welcome. This is the last meeting for the year.

Dates to remember
17/11/14 – P&C Meeting
27/11/14 – Presentation Day Marsden High School

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Not only do we know how to have fun, but at Melrose Park, we can sing and dance!
A big thank you to all those who supported our school for Market Day!

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners