# Melrose Park Public School

**Learning and Growing Together**

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## Term 4, Week 6

### Coming Events

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## Principal’s Report

The school is now midterm with the year quickly drawing to a close. However the school is busy with many exciting activities for all to enjoy as we plan activities for the festive season. Please look out for the many notes that will be in students’ bags including permission notes to walk to Marsden HS, Celebration Cafe orders, Raffle tickets and Thank You Breakfast Notes.

## Planning Questionnaire

Thank you to those families who have returned the planning questionnaire. It is appreciated if the questionnaire could be returned this week. I will give the P&C an update of the community’s responses at next week’s meeting.

We ask you for just a little more of your time and opinion. Each year schools are asked to review an area of curriculum for evaluation. This year as part of our Review Cycle it was felt that the subject of Mathematics needed review. Please respond to the survey that should be found in your child’s bag and return it to school as soon as possible. We value the input of our parent voices as we work towards improvement in all areas of school life.

## Tucker Time

Unfortunately there has been an undercurrent of misinformation regarding Tucker Time. Students love it and we love supporting the work of World Vision. At no time was it ever proposed to end our favourite Thursday activity. In line with reviewing the school’s nutrition policy and with the guidance of a parent committee, it was felt that Tucker Time needed to refocus and encourage more healthy options for consumption. In a time of highly processed food and sugar consumption we are mindful that we need to provide the best options for our students to eat.

Thank you to our community who sought clarification when they were not sure of the misinformation being generated. I appreciate your feedback and value your input.

Tucker Time welcomes home baked cakes and biscuits, natural popcorn, fresh fruit and jelly with fruit as examples of acceptable snack foods. Instead of buying a packet of store bought biscuits choose some fruit instead to send in. Teachers and students will prepare the fruit in the morning to serve for Tucker Time in the afternoon.
Digital Citizenship
We welcomed Senior Constable Crystal from Gladesville Police yesterday to the school as she spent time working with our primary classes. Her visit was aimed at giving students information about how to be a responsible and safe user of technology.

I encourage all parents to visit this site and explore the Parent Area for information and support. http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/

Digital citizenship is the concept of using technology responsibly and not misusing it to the disadvantage of others. As we spend more time online, it is vital to understand how to stay safe online.

2015 Leadership Speeches
Our Year 5 students will present their 2015 leadership speech next Monday 17th November. Speeches will commence at 12.45 pm in the hall. After the speeches, staff and the students from will vote for their preferred choice of Leader. The 2015 school leadership team could consist of 2 boys and 2 girls; or 4 boys; or 4 girls or any combination that is voted in. The leadership team will be announced at Presentation Day.

Celebration Cafe
To celebrate the end of the school year the whole student population come together and join in a special festive “Celebration Lunch”. Monday 15th December is the day chosen for this special occasion. In the morning parent volunteers prepare the sandwiches while the students enjoy ‘a party day’ of activities organised around the school. Look in your child’s bag to find the note giving you more information to order Celebration Cafe lunch.

Thank You Breakfast for Volunteers
We would like to invite all our volunteers to a Thank You Breakfast on Monday 15th December. Our community supporters have helped the students and school in so many ways. From being a classroom helper, Multilit tutor, Class Parent, helping with uniform, banking, the P&C, Sausage Sizzle helper, coffee maker, Market Day worker, OSHC committee member or being a generous donator of goods and services to our school, there have been numerous ways our parents and community volunteers have supported the school in 2014.

If you have some time before setting off for a busy day please join staff from 7.30-9.30am am for an egg and bacon sandwich, tea, coffee or water over at the hall. Please RSVP to the invitation for catering purposes that is attached to today’s newsletter.

P&C Meeting
The last for the year
Come along and support your P&C - supporting your school
Monday 17th November 2014
7.30pm in the library

Clare Kristensen
Principal

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

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School Evaluation in Mathematics
This year, Melrose Park Public School has identified Mathematics as a curriculum area to be evaluated as part of the Annual School Reporting process. We have already begun to implement the new Mathematics curriculum, increase differentiation in class programs and give additional direct instruction in problem solving skills. We have offered a parent course to inform parents about changes.

We would now like your feedback on the teaching of Mathematics at Melrose Park Public School to inform our future planning. Please take the time to complete the blue school evaluation form sent home on Monday (even if it is just to tick the boxes) and return by Friday.

Thanks,
Miss Mee
**Live Life Well**

**Keeping lunchboxes safe**

- Before preparing your child’s lunchbox, always wash your hands and ensure you have a clean chopping board, lunchboxes and utensils.
- Bacteria that cause food poisoning grow at room temperature so it is a good idea to keep lunchboxes cold, even in winter. Include a frozen drink or ice-brick to keep sandwiches fresh and safe.
- Wrap frozen drinks in a paper towel to stop condensation making lunches soggy.

Be selective about what you pack, especially on hot days. Try to avoid cold meats, chicken and eggs on hot days.

**P & C Report**

**P&C Meeting**

Next **Monday 17th November at 7.30pm** in the library all welcome. This is the last meeting for the year.

**Blue Volunteer Shirts** – If you have not returned your blue volunteer shirt, could you please wash and return your blue shirts to the school this week so they can be packed away for next year.

**Calendar Orders**

These will be sent off early this week. They will take approx 3-4 weeks to be returned.

**Sausage Sizzle**

The next sausage sizzle for this term is this **Friday 14th November** and **Class 2/3** 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.

**School Banking**

This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

**Dates to remember**

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

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**1/12/14** – Mufti Day – Penalty Xmas Hamper Donation  
2/12/14 – Raffle Tickets sent home for Xmas Raffle  
5/12/14 – Xmas Hamper Making - Volunteers Needed

**Deborah Riley**

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**Uniform Shop**

**Change of Days – Now Monday and Friday**

Due to the work commitments of our volunteer operators, the uniform shop will now open on Monday and **Friday** mornings.

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**Mud Dash – 6th December 2014, Sydney International Equestrian Centre**

Come join us for a muddy day out of fun and laughter. Run, crawl, leap and belly flop your way across the seven or one kilometre course of mud pits, tunnels and slides. A unique feature at this year’s event will be a Foam Frenzy obstacle! Imagine a huge pit of foamy bubbles to run through with a foam cannon shooting over the top of you. It’s sure to bring some laughs.

The Mud dash is designed for kids 5-10 years old and the seven kilometre run for kids 10-13 years. Currently there is availability in the following time slots: 8am, 8:30, 3:30pm and 4pm.

Use the following code when entering to receive a $10 per person discount: MelrosePark2014

This deal will not last and expires midnight Thursday 27th November!
Please fill in and return

2014 Volunteers’ Thank You Breakfast

RSVP

Monday morning 15th December
From 7.30 – 9.30am

I / we will be able to attend the Volunteers’ Breakfast

Name/s

(Please note this breakfast is not for students)