Principal’s Report

PSSA
Congratulations to the Junior Boys T/ball team. The team has made it to the semi finals of the
Ryde PSSA competition. This game against Putney PS will be played at Meadowbank Oval this Friday, starting at 1.45pm (weather permitting). Thank you to Ms Roberts and Mr Bramley who organise, umpire, coach and lead the T/ball and softball teams each week.

Marsden Transition
Year 4, 5 and 6 have been invited back to Marsden High School this Thursday 20th November to participate in Gala Day of activities. We thank Marsden HS for this opportunity for our students to get the feel of a high school and work in a different way with the great team of teachers at Marsden.

Student will need to wear sports uniform and hat and bring a drink bottle and a snack. Lunch will be provided by the high school.

Popcorn Day
Year 2/3L have been studying how to buy and sell things as part of their learning unit on “Products and Services”. This Thursday afternoon, students in Kindergarten to Year 3 will be able to buy a bag of freshly popped POPCORN (made by 2/3L) at the canteen. Popcorn will cost 50c a bag and proceeds (after costs are calculated) will go to World Vision.

Presentation Day
We invite our parent community (including grandparents) to join us in a celebration of learning.

This event will be held at the Marsden High School Hall commencing at 10.30. Presentation Day is usually over within 2 hours for those parents who will dash out of work to be present. A reminder to our community that parking is a serious concern in Winbourne Street. Please be considerate of residents and remember to monitor parking signs.
Swim School
As Swim School draws nearer, all monies owing for the scheme should now be finalised at the office. If your child is no longer participating in the 10 day Learn to Swim campaign please let the office know as there are students on the waiting list for a place.

End of Year
Many parents may not know that schools End of Financial Year (Rollover) is at the end of November. If there are outstanding term invoices to pay, it is appreciated if these accounts could be settled as soon as possible. We understand if there a financial difficulties affecting payment. Please speak to Karen in the office to organise a suitable support plan. Mrs Price will be busy in the coming weeks preparing the Annual Financial Statement for the Department.

Carpet Cleaning
This week the school will have its scheduled Carpet Clean. The truck will be in the school grounds with hoses moving between classrooms. The cleaners are due to commence right on 3.00pm. Please move out of their way as they are keen to get all rooms cleaned efficiently.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

ICT News
Our school blog
Have you had a look at our school blog? http://melrosepark.edublogs.org

The school blog also has links to each of our class blogs:
http://mppskindergarten.edublogs.org
http://msmeesclass.edublogs.org
http://mppsyear2.edublogs.org
http://mppsclass2and3l.edublogs.org
http://45eclassblog.edublogs.org
http://mppsyear5and6.edublogs.org

Our blogs have photos and stories from throughout the year including excursions, assemblies, special events, sport and student's works. The KE, 1KS, 1O and 2R blogs are mostly maintained by the class teachers. Students in 23L, 45E and 56M add work to their blogs with the support of teachers.

Blogging is not only a good way to share what is happening in our school and classes, it is a wonderful educational tool that improves students' literacy skills. It also increases student engagement as they write for a purpose, communicate and converse with others.

We also use blogging to teach students the importance of being "safe online" by keeping information about themselves and others private and using appropriate online behaviours in an authentic setting.

We would love you to have a look at our class blogs and leave a comment but please first read and follow our “Blogging Guidelines” (found on all our blogs) so we can all stay safe online. Thank you.

Pam Grover
ICT teacher

Live Life Well
Nutritional and easy lunch or dinner idea the whole family will LOVE!

Apricot Drumsticks
Ingredients:
- 4 skinless chicken drumsticks
- ¼ cup apricot nectar
- 1 tablespoon low salt soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Method:
1. Make a few slashes in each drumstick using a sharp knife.
2. Put drumsticks in an ovenproof dish.
3. Pour over the combined nectar, sauces and lemon juice.
4. Marinate for 30 minutes.
5. Preheat oven to 180 degrees and bake with marinade for 30 minutes turning once.
Can be served hot or packed cold in a school lunchbox with a frozen water bottle.

P & C Report
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.

**********Arnott’s Tiny Teddy Honey Boxes for sale in the coffee shop starting this Thursday for $2 each (normally $3.30 retail) all proceeds go to the School & Camp Quality.
Mufti Day
Monday 1st December is Mufti Day, children can wear whatever clothes they like on this day, as we are heading into Xmas some Xmas colours or accessories might be fun for the kids. The penalty for wearing Mufti is a donation for our Christmas Hampers, which are to be raffled off. Some suggestions but are not limited to these ideas: Xmas decorations, Xmas themed food items or toys, Advent Calendars etc. If you are sending in food please ensure that they have not expired (even if purchased new). These items will be collected from the children at roll call first thing in the morning.

Volunteers required – We will be looking for people to help put the hampers together in the morning of Friday 5th December from 9am in the canteen.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week's helpers Thea, Marion, Deb, Greg and Matt.
The next sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday 28th November and Class 2R 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

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

Calendar Orders
Orders have been sent off.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Athletes Foot
When buying your return to school shoes over the Christmas break, consider buying both black and sports from Athletes Foot at Top Ryde. Mention our school when purchasing as $5 from every purchase is donated to the school.

School Keys
If anyone has any keys for the school that they have not returned from Market Day or during the year, can you please return to Karen in the office ASAP.

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.

Dates to remember
27/11/14 – Presentation Day Marsden High School
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

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OSHC News
Enrolments for OSHC in 2015 are now opened. Re-enrolling your child will guarantee you a position in 2015. The days requested can be changed at any time, you just need to have your re-enrolment completed by 17th Dec. If you aren’t re-enrolled by this date your child cannot start OSHC in the first week back. Please note that enrolments will be opened up to the 2015 Kindy students shortly, so get in before the rush to secure your place.

Science Report
Last Friday, 7 November a scientist named Mark Hallett, who is the father of Gemma Hallett in 1/KS, came to our school in the morning session and did science experiments with 5/6M.
The session was based on solids, liquids and gases. First we had to examine materials, which were in containers and guess if they were solids, liquids or gases.

Next Mark gave each group a block of ice in a plastic bag and we had to try to melt it in a short amount of time.
The next experiment involved Mark showing us a trick. If you put a tissue in a mug, and tip it over in water, the tissue stays dry when you take it out. The tissue stays dry because when the mug is put in the water, an air pocket forms at the bottom of the mug which stops the water from coming up.
After that Mark showed us how to blow out candles with white vinegar and carbon dioxide in a jug. It was awesome! Then we experimented with air pressure in syringes by trying to squeeze the air out.

Finally we went outside to make elephant’s toothpaste. The elephant’s toothpaste was definitely the most exciting experiment! Mark put a few ingredients in an empty bottle then added food colouring and yeast which made a thick, bubbly substance. It exploded out of the bottle and onto the grass. It was really exciting to watch and we all touched it to see what it felt like.

5/6M had a great time while learning a lot about solids, liquids and gases!

We would like to say THANK YOU to Mark for giving up his time to come and teach us science experiments.

By Celine and Matthew L

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. Well done students and thank you Mrs Louis.

KE gave a wonderful assembly performance last week.
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

MULTILIT READING PROGRAMME

***VOLUNTEERS WANTED ***

Multilit (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) is a programme the school have in place during class time for additional reading practice, using parent/carer volunteers to tutor the students. Can you spare an hour a week?

I am looking to train up new tutors so we can continue this wonderful programme and help even more students from the start of Term 1 next school year.

Want to know what it’s all about? Get involved! Come along and be mentored by our existing team of volunteer tutors and make a difference at Melrose. Get in touch today to find out more.

Email: Lesley Slender, Multilit Parent Co-ordinator (lesley@ozslenders.com)

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)