Coming Events

**Term 4, Week 8**

- **Monday, 24/11**
  - Yr 4-6 NRL Sessions – Sports Uniform
- **Wednesday, 26/11**
  - School Banking – 8.30am
  - Presentation Day Rehearsal – Marsden High school
- **Thursday, 27/11**
  - Presentation Day – Commence 10.30am – Marsden High School
- **Friday, 28/11**
  - Kinder 2015 – Transition 4 – 9.15-10.30am
  - Sausage Sizzle – 2R parents required to assist

**Term 4, Week 9**

- **Monday, 1/12**
  - Mufti Day – P&C – Christmas Hamper Donations
  - Yr 4-6 NRS Sessions (Mufti)
  - Swim Scheme Commences
- **Tuesday, 2/12**
  - Swim Scheme
- **Wednesday, 3/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - School Banking – 8.30am
- **Thursday, 4/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Tuckertime – Class 1O
- **Friday, 5/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Mini Fete – Run by Year 6 - AM

**Term 4, Week 10**

- **Monday, 8/12**
  - Swim Scheme
- **Tuesday, 9/12**
  - Swim Scheme
- **Wednesday, 10/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - School Banking – 8.30am
- **Thursday, 11/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Year 6 End of Year Bowling Night
- **Friday, 12/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Sausage Sizzle – 1O parents to assist

Principal’s Report

We look forward to this week’s Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday at Marsden High School. Our families are welcome to join us as we celebrate learning by recognising all students’ learning efforts for the year.

The weather forecast indicates there could be showers Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has wet weather clothing to wear for our walk to Marsden HS.

**Season Greetings**

Next Monday the school celebrates the beginning of summer and the beginning of Christmas festivities. Students are encouraged to wear play clothes to school with a touch of the Christmas spirit. The cost of coming to school in mufti is a donation to the P&C Raffles.

**MINI Fete**

Year 5 and Year 6 are well underway planning their student centred Mini Fete for Friday 5th December. Mini Fete will be held in the morning session this year due to Swim School. A note is being sent home today to give more information and a request to buy tokens for the activities.

**Lost Property**

The school is drowning in lost property. There are many containers and jackets that cannot be returned to their owners as they do not have a name on them. Tomorrow morning and afternoon, Wednesday 26th November, all lost property will be on display on the verandah. If you are missing a container or jumper please come and inspect the selection and take what belongs to you. At the end of the week items without an owner will be donated to the second hand clothing rack.

**Transition 4**

This Friday 28th November, our final transition activity will occur. Our young pre-schoolers will participate in fitness activities whilst the parents will learn about the many aspects of the PDHPE curriculum. This curriculum covers all facets of Student Wellbeing. Thank you to Ms Davey who has been coordinating our Transition Program this year.
New Funding Model for Schools: Investing in our Children’s Future

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is investing $664 million in NSW public schools to assist students with the greatest need, NSW Premier Mike Baird and Education Minister Adrian Piccoli announced today.

“This massive investment in public education is tremendous news for families and students at our public schools,” Mr Baird said.

“We are delivering $664 million to schools with the greatest need, so they can respond to the particular learning needs of their students, including an additional $97 million being delivered in 2015 as a result of the Gonski agreement.

“The funding is being distributed under the needs-based Resource Allocation Model (RAM), which now sets the standard, both here in Australia and in other countries, for best practice for funding schools based on student needs, consistent with the Gonski recommendations.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government was the first to sign up to the Gonski agreement to deliver significant additional funding to NSW students.

“With the Gonski money now flowing, vital extra dollars are being delivered to principals and school communities across the State who will decide how best to use this funding to support their students.”

In 2015, the RAM features five loadings to improve education outcomes:

- $253 million for students from low socio-economic backgrounds;
- $240 million for students with low-level disability;
- $104 million for students still developing English language proficiency;
- $50 million to support students from Aboriginal backgrounds; and
- $17 million for remote and isolated school communities.

Mr Piccoli said 84 per cent of NSW public schools will receive increased needs-based funding under the 2015 RAM, with 658 schools receiving an increase of more than $50,000.

“The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government accepts the Gonski report’s key view that ‘Every child should have access to the best possible education, regardless of where they live, the income of their family, or the school they attend’, Mr Piccoli said.

“We trust NSW public school principals, and their school communities, to decide how this additional funding can best be used to support learning needs in their school.

“It is principals, teachers, staff and parents who know students best, and how their needs can best be met to improve student performance.”

Parramatta City Mission Hamper Appeal

Every Year at Christmas Parramatta City Mission supplies Christmas Food Hampers and gifts to families and individuals. Last year they supplied 650 hampers to families who may not otherwise have enough food for their table or a gift for their child.

Melrose Park PS is a supporter of Parramatta City Mission. If you can donate an item from the list below to place in the collection box at the office it will be appreciated. Donations will be accepted up to Monday 8th December.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

ICT News

Earlier this term Year 5 and 6 went to Macquarie Uni to learn about how to program games with a man named Daniel. We learnt how to use a game tool called Kodu. We also played a game that was only made in 24 hours which is now famous. The game is called “Thomas Was Alone” and it is about a red rectangle that finds new friends as it moves to new levels of the game. We all learnt a lot and had a great time. Some of us are continuing to work on our game during ICT lessons at school.

By Patrick D, Year 6
MINI FETE – Friday, 5 December 2014
Mini Fete is only two weeks away! It is on Friday, 5 December and Years 5 and 6 will be hosting.

As Swim Scheme is on the same day, Mini Fete will be held in the morning session so that no one misses out.

There will be many different stalls for K-6 students to enjoy. Tokens will cost 50c each, with the maximum amount of money you can spend on tokens being $10. This will give you 20 tokens to spend at the stalls!

Please bring your money in an envelope, marked with your name and class, to give to your class teacher.

We hope that you will support Years 5 and 6 in this fundraising event, which allows us to buy a gift for our school.

Lara
5/6M

Live Life Well
Lunchbox snack foods

Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

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Confectionary and lollies are very high in sugar, provide extra kilojoules and cause tooth decay. They are not recommended for lunch boxes. Keep these foods for special occasions only.

P & C Report

**** MUFTI DAY ****

Next Monday 1st December is Mufti Day, children can wear whatever clothes they like on this day, as we are heading into festive season 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.

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 for $2 each (normally $3.30 retail) all proceeds go to the School & Camp Quality.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is this 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

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.

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.
Facebook
If you haven’t already done so, like the P&C page on Facebook – Melrose Park P&C PS.

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.

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)
Celebration Café – Request for Helpers

Dear Parents

It’s time again to celebrate your child’s year of learning with our annual Celebration Café. We are asking for parent helpers to assist with making this possible and a memorable event for the students.

Name:____________________________________________________

Child’s name and class:________________________________________

I am available at:
* 9.30am (to help make the sandwiches for students and then assist with popcorn) 6 helpers required

Please return this to Miss. Coles (2R) and she will be in contact with you. Thank you for your help.

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)