### Coming Events

**Term 4, Week 10**
- **Monday, 8/12**
  - Swim Scheme
- **Tuesday, 9/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Hour of Code
- **Wednesday, 10/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - School Banking – 8.30am
  - Hour of Code
  - Robocup – 2-3pm
- **Thursday, 11/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Hour of Code
  - Year 6 End of Year Bowling Night
- **Friday, 12/12**
  - Swim Scheme
  - Sausage Sizzle – 10 parents to assist

**Term 4, Week 11**
- **Last Week of Term**
  - **Monday, 15/12**
    - Celebration Café - Students
    - Thank You Breakfast - Parents
  - **Wednesday, 17/12**
    - School Banking 8.30am
    - STUDENTS’ LAST DAY

### 2015

**Term 1, Week 1**
- **Tuesday 27/1**
  - Staff Return
- **Wednesday, 28/1**
  - Students Yrs 1-6 return
  - Uniform Shop open 8.40-9.15
- **Thursday, 29/1**
  - Best Start testing – Kinder
- **Friday, 30/1**
  - Best Start testing – Kinder
  - Uniform Shop open 8.40-9.15

**Term 1, Week 2**
- **Monday, 2/2**
  - Kindergarten students start

### Principal’s Report

As this newsletter could be the last newsletter of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for another wonderful year of learning at Melrose Park Public School. The support you provide to the school through involvement in school programs, activities and the support you provide your children ensures we have an outstanding school learning community. As I have recently read all student reports I am very proud of their efforts and learning achievements this semester. Our students are hard working and enthusiastic learners. On behalf of the staff we are very proud of all students and wish you, your families and friends a happy and safe Christmas, New Year and holiday period.

Thank you to our student leaders of 2014; Lara, Mark, Faith and Oscar. These young leaders have been wonderful role models to our young students and have been a great support to teachers and the office throughout the year. I would like to thank all our Year 6 students who have been a wonderful cohort of learners, always willing to ‘have a go’ but most importantly kind and caring young people.

We say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students next Wednesday, 17th December. We congratulate them on a successful primary school journey and wish them every success as they head off to high school. Students will form a traditional arch from 2.50 pm for our departing Year 6 to walk through. Farewell to our families who leave us this year including Davis, Burke, Ortlipp, Winter, Hemat-Siraky, Franklin, Guiroyan, Goodyer, Eagles, and Macleod families. Thank you for your wonderful contributions to Melrose Park over the years that you have had children go through this wonderful school. We look forward to hearing how your children grow and prosper in high school. We look forward to you visiting us and coming back to enjoy Market Day as community members.

### School Uniform

The uniform shop will be open in the first week of term to purchase new summer uniforms. Thank you to our parent volunteers who give their time freely to help our school community.

We take pride in the wearing of correct school uniform. School hats should be clean and in good condition. If not please purchase a new one.

When buying shoes to wear back to school, remember that we encourage students to wear...
black leather shoes. Leather shoes last longer than sneakers, they have more ‘give’ and they tend to smell less than sneakers. To purchase sneakers please remember to buy sneakers with as much white as possible. When buying girls shoes we recommend that the heel is flat (no high heels please).

- Girls wear white socks above ankle height
- Boys wear grey socks

Wet Weather As your child has grown over the course of the year, many students have outgrown their wet weather clothes. New rainwear may be necessary and as students walk around the school even on rainy days a raincoat is essential.

Class Requirements
Class requirements lists were sent home yesterday with student reports. These requirements will help set up students to return to school prepared and ready to commence work. Remember all items need to be labelled with names on all items.

Student Leadership Team
Congratulations to....... Jasmin, Dean, Valeria and William on being elected as the 2015 student leadership team. Congratulations on your success and I look forward to supporting you on your leadership journey. Early in the new year our young leaders will be off on a Leadership Camp discovering skills and strategies that will help them in their role.

School Returns
We look forward to seeing students for Year 1 to Year 6 at 9.00AM on Wednesday 28th January ready to engage as learners for 2015.

New Kindergarten students commence school at 9.00AM on Monday 2nd February. Kindergarten will finish at 2.30PM on their first day only. After that 3.00PM is the time all students finish school. Kindergarten Best Start Interviews will be conducted on 29th and 30th January.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

ICT News
An Invitation
Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have produced some entertaining short films and animations this semester as part of HSIE, Literacy and computing studies. 5/6M and 4/5E will be viewing these films on Tuesday morning from 9.15am to 10am in C block (5/6m and 4/5E classroom area). Parents are welcome to join us. As not all students in 4/5E have work to show, please check with your child first, although you are very welcome to come along and enjoy other films.

3D Printer
On Tuesday 2 December, 5/6M had a special visitor, Mr. Grover who is Mrs Grover’s husband. We were shown how a 3D printer works and an app on the iPad that makes your drawings move. Mr. Grover showed us all the things he made on the 3D printer and some work that other students had made. He also showed us a video of students making a 3D printer.

Mr Grover gave out plastic gold coins to students who answered questions or were doing their work properly. The person with the most coins at the end got to choose a prize.

After lunch Mr Grover challenged us to try and balance 6 flat head nails on one nail. It was very hard but all of us ended up getting it.

After afternoon break we went to the ICT room and learnt how to make a house on easy software. All of 5/6 had a great time and hope to see Mr Grover in the future.

Jessica D and Angelique W

Hour of Code
All students have been have a wonderful time learning how to program during the Hour of Code.
They have been registered with code.org and K-3 have been given their passwords so they can continue at home. Access to their class logins can be found on the school blog.  
http://melrosepark.edublogs.org/  

Pam Grover  
ICT Coordinator  

Live Life Well  

Turn off the TV or computer and get active  
- Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.  
- On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear “I’m bored” — think of something active to do.  
- During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.  

Why reduce television time?  
- studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still  
- TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours  
- TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity  
- there is an association between TV watching and being overweight  
- 40% of children 5 – 12 years report watching an average of two hours or more of television or videos a day.  

Followed by the 7 large Xmas hampers made  
All tickets will need to be returned by this Friday 12th December. You will find your tickets attached to today’s newsletter. This will be drawn on Monday 15th December, straight after the volunteer’s breakfast. Please ensure you write your name on each ticket (as some ticket numbers could be duplicates). Thank you to all the companies that have donated for this Raffle.  

Hamper Making  
Thank you to the people that helped out making the hampers.  

Calendars  
These were sent home yesterday, they all looked amazing. Thank you to Tara (Yr3 parent) for co-ordinating this fundraiser.  

Sausage Sizzle  
The last sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 12th December and Class 10 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.  

Labels Fundraiser  
You may find that you have run out of name labels and need more for next year. Please visit www.ozlabels.com.au and use the fundraising code FRS1240. They have different size sticky labels, sew on, stick on and shoe labels. They do package deals or separate orders, with very fast delivery. 20% of all sales are donated back to the P&C.  

P&C Committee  
Our first P&C Meeting next year will also be our AGM, where all the positions become available. I have attached a list of the jobs and descriptions. If you are interested please feel free to discuss with any of the current committee about expectations and what you can offer. We are open to anyone who is interested in joining the P&C in 2015, it is a wonderful way to meet people and assist in the needs of your child’s school.  

P & C Report  

Xmas Raffle  
We are running a Xmas raffle; the prizes for this year’s Xmas Raffle will be all the wonderful hampers that we made yesterday and also the following 3 prizes:  
- Australian Museum Family Pass  
- Phd Parramatta – Shampoo/cut & blowdry  
- Arnotts Hamper
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.

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

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Triple P Program - Seminar.
The power of positive parenting!
A five week parenting course.

The three P’s in ‘Triple P’ stand for ‘Positive Parenting Program’.

The program aims to support parents with behaviour management strategies for their children born to twelve years. More than half of its 17 strategies are focused on developing positive relationships, attitudes, skills and conduct. Triple P teaches parents broader principles that may be applied positively in most parenting situations.

Triple P helps parents:
- Create a stable, supportive, harmonious family environment.
- Teach their children how to get along with others.
- To deal positively, consistently and decisively with challenging behaviours.
- Encourage appropriate behaviours.
- Develop realistic expectations of their children and themselves. Take care of themselves as parents.

Date: Thursday, commencing on the 19th of February 2015 or five weeks.

Time: 10am to 11:30am.

Venue: Telopea ‘Schools as Community Centres Project’. (SaCC)

Childcare: FREE childcare is available.

Register: Sharlene Pasqual (Family and Community Worker) Parramatta Mission
phone: 0448825219

Or Pip Martins Telopea SaCC Facilitator
phone: 5898 3448
email: philipine.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

Bookings are essential for this FREE course.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

1st Ermington Scout Group
A BIG WIDE WORLD OF FUN!

JOEY SCOUTS (6-8)

CUB SCOUTS (7.5-11)

If you love fun, games and learning new skills then you’ll love being a member of your local Scout Group

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- air activities
- bike riding
- billy cart racing
- camping
- canoeing
- climbing wall
- hiking

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At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
**Kitchen Garden Update**

At the start of the year we surveyed students about the plants they wanted to grow in the Kitchen Garden. Thanks to Leisa, Jimmy and every class, we have now planted all of those suggestions, including the chillies!

We are after volunteer families to come and help look after our Kitchen Garden during the Christmas holidays. If you are interested, please return the slip below back to your class teacher.

Miss Emma Davey and Mrs Jennie Spenceley

We are interested in helping to look after the Kitchen Garden during the Christmas holidays.

Names: ____________________________________________________________

Contact Numbers: ________________________________________________

Contact Email: _________________________________________________

Dates/Days Available: ____________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Please fill in and return ____________________________________________

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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)*