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`Learning and Growing Together`

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**Term 4, Week 9**  
2nd December, 2014

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**Coming Events**

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**Principal’s Report**

**School resumes for Year 1 – 6**  
**Wednesday, 28th January 2015**

**2015 Kindergarten commence**  
**Monday, 2nd January 2015**

**Mini Fete**
This Friday Year 5 and Year 6 will host MINI FETE. Senior students look forward to the privilege of hosting mini fete and the day is nearly here. Students are getting excited with many great activities planned for the rest of the school to enjoy. Send the money for tokens to school in an envelope with the child’s name and class clearly marked. Tokens will be given to class teachers for distribution.

**Transition**
Our Term 4 New Enrolment program was successful with our new kindergarten students and families more aware and confident of beginning ‘Big School” in 2015. Year 6 students are engaging with the high schools they are enrolled in for 2015. These opportunities give students more confidence starting Year 7. Last week Marsden HS hosted our senior classes for the day giving students a taste of high school.

In the coming weeks, students across the school will have the opportunity to prepare for the change of moving into a higher grade at Melrose Park PS. Students and teachers will participate in activities bringing students together and working with different teachers in different settings. These opportunities will give students strength and confidence to start the New Year in a positive frame of mind.

**Classes for 2015**
The school will form its 8th class next year. This is an exciting growth for the school. Eight classes mean a new permanent teacher will be appointed by the Department. The class structure for 2015 include two Kindergarten classes, Year 1, Year 2, a combined Year 1/ Year 2, Year 3, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6. Teachers will not be assigned classes until the New Year.

If your child will not attend Melrose Park PS in 2015 and you have not yet informed the office please do ASAP. This will help us in forming class sizes and structures. We appreciate your support.
Will your child be absent on the first day of the new school year? If you will be on holiday and not back for the commencement of the new school year, it is essential that you inform the office in writing when your child will commence school.

**Reports**
Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Monday 8th December. You may notice a change to the report format. Slight changes have been made to the reports reflecting parent feedback from the survey that was sent home in June.

I would like to thank teachers for the enormous time and effort they make in providing parents a progress report on each student’s learning endeavours. After reading every student’s report, I am proud of their improved effort, attitude and progress they have achieved in Semester 2. Congratulations to students and staff for a wonderful learning semester.

**Swim School**
The ten day program is off to a great start. Ms Roberts and Miss Coles will coordinate the program.

Remember to name every item of clothing and equipment to minimise items getting lost. Swimming will continue every day no matter what type of weather it is on the day.

**Swim Carnival**
Over the holidays I encourage all students to practice swimming 25 metres and 50 metres in preparation for the school swimming carnival. Granville Pool has been booked for 9th February 2015 for a day of competition and personal best.

**Term Invoices**
All term invoices are to be paid by the end of next week. If you are unable to bring your account up to date, please to speak with me. Thank you.

**ICT News**

**MPPS ROBOCUP**
Next week, Wednesday 10th September will be the final round of our robotics competition where teams will battle it out to become the 2014 RoboCup champions in one of four competitions:

- **RoboCup RESCUE**: Robots compete by following a winding line to a designated rescue area then push the victim to safety. They gain points for the distance traveled and successful rescue.
- **RoboCup DANCE**: teams program their robots to dance to music. Decorate your robot and/or dance with your robot for extra points.
- **Google rescue** - Robots compete by finding the Google men and pushing them to safety. They gain points for each successful rescue.
- **SUMO ROBOTS**: two robots attempt to push each other out of a circle. The first robot to win two rounds, wins the match. The robot that wins the most matches wins the contest.

This year we have had approximately 42 students (12 teams) from Years 4, 5 and 6 involved in building and programming robots to compete. Not all teams have made it to the final round but all have contributed overall to the competition by creating and programming wonderful robots.

The competition will be held in the school hall from 2 – 3pm and parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us.

**Pam Grover**
Robotics coordinator

**Live Life Well**

**Water**
Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

**Fruit juices**
Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption. Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:
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✓ Limit fruit juices to no more than half a glass per day.
✓ Too much juice can lead to diarrhoea.
✓ Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the number of kilojoules whilst still enjoying the taste of juice.
✓ It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.
✓ Consider eating a piece of fruit instead. Whole pieces of fruit and veggies have higher levels of many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre, some of which are protective factors against some cancers and heart disease.

Library News
A reminder that all outstanding library books are to be returned to school (any day) as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Followed by the 7 large Xmas hampers made

All tickets will need to be returned by 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 Volunteers Needed
We will be looking for people to help put the hampers together in the morning of this Friday 5th December from 9am in the canteen, please come along for an hour to help out.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week’s helpers Greg and Marion. The last sausage sizzle for this term is next 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.

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.

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.

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.

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Wednesday 10th December 2-3pm

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WE NEED YOU ON THE P & C
AGM FEBRUARY 2015
ALL POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

P&C EXECUTIVE

President: This is a great opportunity to meet new people and continuing to foster our relationships within the school and into the community. This requires a little office time with the Principal but is great for knowing what is going on around the school!

Vice President: Important support role for the executive. This is a great entry position onto the P&C executive and assist the President in all tasks.

Treasurer: Holder of the cheque book and counter of the cash. A great role for someone with a nice autograph (for the cheque book) and who is also good with a calculator.

Secretary: Keep all our affairs and records in order and be the letter writing extraordinaire. Keep minutes of the P&C meetings.

Community Support Co-ordinator
Sending letters out to companies for donations to the P&C.

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator: Let your inner Master Chef free by working being available every second Friday to run and coordinate the sausage sizzle.

Market Day Coordinators: Take charge of our incredible parent workforce and guide the event and fundraising agenda. We’re all about working smarter not harder so bring your brilliant ideas to the table....or simply harness the existing powerful talent and keep the FUN in fundraising!

Uniform Shop: Versace, Myaki, Dinnigan, Wang - whoever you’re wearing, bring them along to the blue and white paradise of the uniform shop and add your flair. This is for approx 30-45mins once or twice a week. Currently run on Monday and Fridays.

Book Club: Get a few friends together once/twice a term to submit then deliver the book orders. All the happy faces are reward enough.

Banking Co-ordinators
To collect money from children for banking, to be available on Wednesday mornings from 8.30-9.15am.

Food stalls
BBQ
Petting Zoo
Jumping Castle
Zorb Balls
…and more

Friday, 5th December 4pm - 9pm
Christmas Carols
West Ryde Public School
6 Endeavour Street,
West Ryde (behind Shell on Victoria Rd)
Hour of Code is coming!

We live in a world surrounded by technology.

Whatever field our students choose to explore as adults, their ability to succeed will hinge increasingly on understanding technology.

The importance of experiencing coding (programming) is being recognised as a vital skill for 21st century learners.

These are the reasons Melrose Park is participating in the largest learning event in history! During Computer Science Education Week 2014, from 8 to 14 December, tens of millions of students in more than 180 countries will take part in the Hour of Code.

Next week we will offer the experience of coding to students by introducing them to age appropriate activities at school. They can then extend this experience by logging on at home. Our goal is to have students think, create and have fun, all while learning computer programming.

See [http://hourofcode.com/au](http://hourofcode.com/au) for details. Try the new Hour of Code tutorial in beta — Artist with Anna and Elsa, from Frozen

Last year, 15 million students tried an Hour of Code in one week. This year Code.org is aiming for 100 million students worldwide to do an Hour of Code by the end of 2014! Parents can learn to code too!

Why not get involved and join the ‘Hour of Code’?

Pam Grover
ICT teacher
Congratulations to our 2015 Leadership Team  
Valeria (VC), Jasmin (C), Dean (C) and Will (VC)

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)
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SANTA’S COMING TO
BRUSH PARK BOWLING CLUB

Friday 19th
December, 2014*

Brush Park Bowling Club is located:
On the corner of Rutledge St. & Marsden Rd. Dundas opposite Lauriston House

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT B-B-Q for 2014 + Ham & Meat Raffles
STEAK DINNER - $12, SAUSAGE DINNER - $6, SERVED AT 7:00PM
or Enjoy a quality Chinese Meal from DRAGON 88.

TELL US IF YOU’RE ATTENDING ON 9858 1166 + HOW MANY

The program is:

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<td>Arrive and find your spot for the nights entertainment “On the Green”</td>
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<td>'Elphina’ Face Fiction’s own larrikin elf, will land right here on Brushies Green via her GIANT parachute, for fun &amp; games before blowing things up! Elphina really puts on an interactive magical family show, fun for all ages.</td>
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<td>BBQ dinner is served + Draw Christmas Hamper + Raffles whilst we eat.</td>
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* All children MUST be accompanied and supervised by a Parent/Guardian at all times.