Melrose Park Public School
‘Learning and Growing Together

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Principal’s Report
Welcome Kindergarten 2014
Let me take this opportunity to welcome all new families and especially Kindergarten families to our wonderful school. I thank you for making Melrose Park Public School your choice of school.

We have a dedicated group of enthusiastic and highly trained teachers ready to give your child a wonderful start during their education journey, delivering excellence in the academic program not only of literacy and numeracy but an education for your whole child – sporting, cultural environmentally and socially.

Our student body led by a fantastic cohort of Year 6 students and a dedicated and committed parent committee all contribute to a wonderful learning environment. Together we strive for continued improvement and excellence in all our endeavours. With your support and positive partnership we can achieve great outcomes.

Term 1, Week 2

Coming Events

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| Monday, 3/2 | Kindergarten students start |
| Wednesday, 4/2 | School Banking |
| Thursday, 6/2 | Tuckertime – Popcorn 50c
School will provide |
| Friday, 7/2 | Welcome Afternoon Tea – 2.30-4.00pm – Hall |

Term 1, Week 3

| Monday, 12/2 | School Banking |
| Thursday, 13/2 | Assembly – 2.05pm - Yr 1 to host |
| Friday, 14/2 | Sausage Sizzle – Class 5/6 parents required to assist
PSSA – Yrs 3-6 |

Term 1, Week 4

| Monday, 17/2 | Swimming Carnival – Granville Pool – 10.00am |
| Wednesday, 19/2 | School Banking |
| Thursday, 20/2 | Meet the Teacher Evening – from 6.00pm
Tuckertime 5/6 |

Already our senior students are developing leadership skills in order to deliver a positive Peer Support program across the school and are ready to support new students as buddies in learning and play.

Class Names are based on the letters that make MELROSE
5/6 M Mrs Sadie Gow
5/4 E Miss Alex Roberts
3 L Mr Wayne Kelly/ Ms Jen Riley AP
2 R Miss Leah Coles
1 O Mrs Jennie Spenceley
1/K S Miss Alice Mee - Assistant Principal
K E Miss Emma Davey

Support Staff
Mr Tony Hubbard teaches music education across the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Mr Hubbard is also trained in Teaching English as an additional language and will support students across the school.

Mrs Christina Price will be found in the library on Wednesdays and Thursdays bringing literature to life through books.

Mrs Pam Grover will act as Learning and Support, supporting student learning needs and supporting the volunteer Multilit program. She will also be found in the ICT room supporting the integration of technology across the curriculum.

Education Acronyms
Here is guide to the many acronyms that are used in school. Sometimes it seems we have our own language that we use everyday

DEC Department of Education and Communities
EAL/D English Additional Language/Dialect
RFF Release from Face to Face
ICT Information Communication and Technology
GnT Gifted and Talented
T/L Teacher Librarian
LaST Learning and Support Teacher
Multilit Making up for lost time in literacy
**GnT program**
In the coming weeks our Talented Writers Project will commence. This project will endeavour to extend our talented writers across the school. We look forward to publishing great work for you to read.

Mrs Grover will lead students in project based learning through technology, including animation, robotics and film making.

**Citizen Science**
In 2014 our senior students will be involved in a Citizen Science bird project in conjunction with the Science team at Bicentennial Park. More information will follow.

**Welcome Afternoon Tea**
You are invited to join other parents for a WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA this Friday 7th February starting from 2.30 pm – 4pm in the school hall. This is a great way to meet other parents in the school.

A “MEET THE TEACHER” evening is scheduled for Thursday 20th February. It is an opportunity to hear from your child’s teacher about the class programs and activities planned for the year. You will also have the opportunity to hear an address from me about the whole school’s programs and vision for 2014.

**Student Progress**
Parent Interviews will be held in April and teachers will discuss your child’s Term 1 progress; however if you need to speak to your child’s teacher at other times please make an interview with your child’s teacher or through the office.

**P&C**
Melrose Park Public School is a great school supported enthusiastically by a wonderful parent body. I encourage you to actively join the many opportunities to get involved. The P&C are seeking new members to take up roles which help keep a parent body strong. Our first P&C meeting for the year is Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in the library.

**Sport**
Swimming Carnival – permission notes and intention to swim notes have been sent home to students 8 years old this year and over. Please return these notes by this Friday to help with organisation.

PSSA – try-outs for representative teams for t/ball and softball teams are being held throughout the week. The first game is Friday 14th February.

**Clare Kristensen**
Principal

**NEWS FROM 1/K S**
The class is brilliant, super awesome, fantastic because there are very clever Year 1 students who are talented at reading, cricket, soccer, running, drawing, maths, knowing things, painting and being a good friend.

We have the best teacher in the world. Our teacher’s name is Miss Mee. Year 1 are helping Kindergarten to be respectful, responsible learners.

It is great to be in 1/KS.

Written by Year 1

**P&C Report**
Welcome to all our new Kindy families. Should you ever wish to speak to me I am available on 0414 540 430 or the below email, alternatively I am at the school on Mondays and Fridays both morning and afternoon – Deborah Riley CoPresident. Nina Mather CoPresident - is at the school on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Sausage Sizzle**
***TERM ORDERS ONLY – TERM 1***
For the new families, at Melrose Park we hold a sausage sizzle for lunch once every fortnight. This equates to 5 times per term. Each class takes a turn to be the ‘host’ and as such we ask that 2/3 parents from the host class volunteer their time to help cook and serve the sausages.

The first sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday, 14th February and 5/6, will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by WEDNESDAY 12th February, as we are placing our sausage orders on a Thursday morning, order form is attached. Total per
child for the term, including ice block is $17.50 – 5 sausage sizzles this term.
If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Nina Mather or Mick West or email our P&C email below.

As we currently don’t have a dedicated Sausage Sizzle co-ordinator, we are only able to offer term tickets for Term 1 this year. If you need to discuss payment of the term ticket please do not hesitate in contacting myself on the number/email at the bottom.  
** If you are interested in coordinating the Sausage sizzle on a fortnightly basis, this will involve collating the orders that are due in 2 days prior. Collating orders into classes, counting money, supplying quantities and tickets. Most of this work can be done from home as we have a dedicated person to cook on the day.

Welcome Afternoon Tea  
**This Friday 7th February**, we are having a meet and greet of the new families at school. If you are able to help with catering by providing some nibbles or cake this would be appreciated. Also if you are able to come to school early and meet some of the new faces in the afternoon, it would be lovely to have you. Come meet a new parent or catch up with existing families.

Year 6 Shirts  
Orders forms for the shirts are due back tomorrow **Wednesday 5th February**. All Yr6 students tried on the sample shirts yesterday and Simone W will supply you with the sizes to order if required.

P&C AGM/Meeting  
The first meeting for 2014 will be on **Monday 24th February @ 7.30pm** in the library. This will also be our Annual AGM. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on the P&C and would like to discuss the roles please call/email me on the details below. **Positions are**  
President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Sausage Sizzle Co-ordinator  
Book Club Coordinator  
Market Day Coordinators  
OOSCH Committee Member  
School Banking Coordinators

In coming along to the meetings you do not have to put your hand up for a position on the committee.

You can help out for certain events, as little or as much as you are available - if you are unable to help out you are still encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about the school. All help is greatly appreciated – “many hands make light work”.

Uniform Shop  
The uniform shop is currently open on Mondays and no set day at this stage for another day until we have another helper. Order forms are found on the school website which can be printed and sent in with payment enclosed or Internet transfer to the P&C account. Once payment has been cleared, the Uniform shop will collate the order and deliver to your child’s class on the following Monday.

Labels Fundraiser  
Going home today is a flyer for Ozlabels for all your label needs, so that your children’s belongings come home each day from school. Alternatively visit [www.ozlabels.com.au](http://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.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:  
7th February – Welcome Arvo Tea (all welcome, afternoon tea donations required)  
24th February Monday @ 7.30pm – P&C Meeting & AGM  
2nd March Sunday @ 4pm–Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon (students/siblings/parents welcome)  
4th March – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Forms going home  
16th March Sunday - School Working Bee  
7th April Monday – Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation as penalty more info to come  
11th April Friday – Easter Raffle  
12th April Saturday – West Ryde Street Fair

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Deborah Riley & Nina Mather  
Co-Presidents

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School Banking  
Welcome back to another year of great savings with school banking taking place every Wednesday morning from 8.30 – 8.55am in the library. We would like to welcome all new families to join in. With every 10 deposits, a child can claim an award and this year there is an exciting range
of new awards to choose from. Each child needs to have their bank account set up before they can start with the school banking program but please, feel free to come and ask if you have any questions.

School banking co-ordinators: Marion, Asha & Cathy.

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**Does your little miss or master want to play soccer this season?**

WEST RYDE ROVERS

http://football.westryderovers.asn.au/ is a large local soccer Club whose home pitches are at Meadowbank Park. It is run by family like a family and welcomes all new players. Register online today www.myfootballclub.com.au and ensure you complete the box which indicates which school he or she goes to as MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL. In the past we’ve had as many as 2 Kindy teams from Melrose Park PS though The Rovers Club.

I also have several pairs of small football boots which need a new home. Contact me for more information about any of the above – I’m in the playground most mornings/pick-up times.

LESLEY SLENDER (0403 794571)
MPPS Parent Liaison Person 😊

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**SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – TERM ORDERS ONLY**

**FRIDAY, 14th February, 2014 (First One)**

Form must be returned with the money by **Wednesday, 12th February, 2014**. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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**Term Order Only Term 1, 2014** (5 Sausage Sizzles this term)

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