**Coming Events**

**Term 1, Week 3**

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**Principal’s Report**

Thank you to the many members of the school community who enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea last Friday. Thank you to the P&C who hosted the event. It was wonderful meeting so many of our new families and hearing of the successful beginning to the school year of our new Kindergarten students.

Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is an important component of the learning curriculum in primary school. Melrose Park Public School is committed to developing positive attitudes towards health, wellbeing and building an active lifestyle. The school participates in the Premiers Sporting Challenge each year and we have a number of programs within the school. In Term 2 **Footsteps** dance fitness will run a specific program in the school leading up to the school’s disco.

We encourage students to have their own personal sunscreen to apply. Teachers organize students and remind them to apply sunscreen before participating in outdoor activities. Students also need a water bottle at school. Cordial and fruit drinks are high in sugar and are not necessary. On hot days students may take their water bottles into the class.

This year we have moved the eating of lunch (11.15-11.30am) to classrooms. This will give teachers an opportunity to discuss healthy eating and manage any specific food issue within the classroom. The school encourages families to pack a healthy lunch whilst leaving ‘treat’ food for home time. At afternoon break time (1.30 – 2.00pm) families are encouraged to pack small pieces of fruit and vegetables for students to munch on.

**Daily Fitness**

Students participate in fitness activities Monday through to Thursday. These activities aim to develop endurance, games, relays, hand eye coordination and foot eye coordination.

**Fundamental Movement Skills**

On Friday mornings, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 participate in fundamental movement skills. Students wear their sports uniform each Friday. These gross motor skills follow a skill continuum from **Get Fit Get Active**. Miss Davey is the K-2 sports coordinator.
Sport
This week the PSSA Ryde District Summer Competition commences with an away game against North Ryde PS at Magdala Oval in softball and Tball. Good luck to all teams competing. Parents are welcome to attend games and support the team. Students may be signed out from the ground following the completion of both games. Permission notes and the Code of Behaviour have been sent home with selected students and these notes need to signed and brought back to school tomorrow.

School sport will include table tennis, touch football and tball for the first five weeks. We anticipate some Marsden HS students will support our students in activities to develop fundamental skills in selected games.

Swimming Carnival
Come along and cheer on students as they participate in the annual swimming carnival to be held at Granville Pool next Monday 17th February. As it is a school day all students from Yr 3 -6 are expected to attend the swimming carnival. Students who do not go to the carnival will have an alternate learning program to complete at school.

For safety reasons all students will wear a wrist band indicating whether they are a non-swimmer, average swimmer or a proficient swimmer.

Safety
Students keep themselves safe by playing in the correct areas of the school. We can help all our students stay safe by driving safely around the school zone. Parking Rangers often patrol the area so remember to follow road and parking rules. The School Car park is for staff only and not for the drop off and pick up of students.

Meet the Teacher Evening
Learning and Growing Together is one of our school’s mission statements. As part of our commitment to a learning partnership between home and school our Meet the Teacher Evening will occur on Thursday 20th February. Teachers will present their session twice on the evening so that parents can make it to two classrooms.

The night begins at 6.00pm in your child’s classroom. Teachers will discuss class plans, homework requirements and class learning goals. At 6.35pm I will present the school plans and projects for 2014. This will be conducted in the hall. From 7.00pm teachers will repeat their information session. The evening should conclude by 7.30pm.

Communication
Would you like to receive the weekly newsletter from the school via email? If so please send an email to the school’s email account at melrosepk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and Mrs Price will send your newsletter straight to your inbox. I know some parents did not receive their newsletter last week as some newsletters did not make the school bag as they were left on the ground.

Check out the school’s web site each week for permission notes and calendar events.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Principal's Award for Book Work
The following children will be receiving a Principal Award at this week’s assembly:

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P&C Report
Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon
We are having a bowling night on Sunday 2nd March from 4pm. This is a great opportunity for all kids from K – 6 to come and have fun. A note in regards to this is attached. I plan to allocate lanes to all students prior to the night to make it easier for TenPin City Lidcombe, so once you arrive I will let you know which lane you are bowling in. Kids are usually allocated according to class/year where possible. Please ensure you turn up on time so you don’t hold up your lane from starting. If you could arrive at 3.50pm to get shoes sorted to start bowling at 4pm. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun outside of school and parents to catch up or get to know the new parents in the school. Notes and money are due back by Friday 21st February, 2014.

*An adult must be present for the duration of the bowling*
Sausage Sizzle
***TERM ORDERS ONLY – TERM 1***
The first sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday, 14th February and 5/6, will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by tomorrow WEDNESDAY 12th February, NO orders will be taken on Thursday/Friday. 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.

Fresh Coffee
This Thursday 13th our barrister’s extraordinaire Marion and Danielle will be selling freshly made coffee in the canteen from 8.40am @ $3 per cup.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
This was a great success with lots of new and existing parents also with some teachers enjoying afternoon tea. Thank you for all the wonderful food donations, there was so much to choose from.

Year 6 Shirts
The order has been sent off, thank you to Simone W for organizing it all. They will hopefully be back in time for the swimming carnival.

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

** The Secretary and Vice-President Roles will be available for the taking, if anyone is interested in one of these positions please feel free to contact me.

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”.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
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

Mobile – 0414 540 430 (Deb)
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Deborah Riley & Nina Mather
Co-Presidents

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open Monday & Thursday mornings from 8:40 - 9:15. If you can’t make it to the uniform shop on either of these days 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 or Thursday. If you are interested in helping in the uniform shop this year please see either Kate Bannon on Thursday or Thea Gange on Monday.

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 office at the end of the A Block verandah. 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.
**Kitchen Garden Update**
All classes who were at school last week did a wonderful job of setting goals for the Kitchen Garden this year. They also helped our Groundsperson, Leisa Cuneo, in weeding the Kitchen Garden. Pictured below is 5/6M and the pile of weeds they amassed from just 10 minutes of weeding. Apologies to 4/5E...your pile was equally as big!

**Kitchen Garden Stall**
Produce that the students harvest from our Kitchen Garden is available for sale every Thursday morning, at 8:40 am in the playground under the COLA. The classes are on a roster to harvest and sell. This Thursday it will be 5/6M students and the Green Team are selling Warrigal Greens (bush tucker), yellow and purple egg plants, tomatoes and spring onions. There will also be herbs including kaffir lime, rosemary and lemon grass available. Please come on Thursday morning if you want to purchase some of the wonderfully fresh Melrose Park produce.
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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WE NEED YOU ON THE P & C
AGM 24TH FEBRUARY 2014
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.

**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 and send out donation letters.

**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 Coordinator:** 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 direct 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 Thursdays.

**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.
BOWLING NIGHT

Dear Families,

Bowling Night is a big event at Melrose Park P/S & it’s on again this term!!! Come & join the FUN!!!

When: Sunday, 2nd March 2014

Location: Tenpin City, Lidcombe Power Centre
Top Level (behind Spotlight)
92 Parramatta Rd, Lidcombe

Time: 4.00pm start (arrive 3.50pm for shoes and lane allocation)

Cost: $20 per bowler (for 2 exciting games & shoe hire)

In order to book enough lanes, we require final numbers by Friday, 21st February 2014.

Please return the slip below along with your money to the school office by Friday, 21.02.14.

All Welcome from Kindy to Year 6. Hope to see you there.

P & C COMMITTEE

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SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT
Sunday, 2nd March 2014

We would like to attend the school bowling night.

Number of bowlers: ____________ Adults _____________ Children

Names of bowlers:

_________________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed:

Return to School office by Friday, 21.02.14.