Principal’s Report

We look forward to welcoming new families to Melrose Park PS to our school tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday 12th March. Families will have the opportunity to see our students engaged in learning on a typical day at school. Enrolments are now open for 2015.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Zone swimming team who displayed outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour whilst representing Melrose Park PS last Friday at carnival at Ryde Pool. All swimmers swam their personal best and are congratulated for their excellent efforts. Chris Kim was selected to continue onto the Sydney North Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. Thank you to our wonderful parents and grandparents who came and supported the students with special thanks to Margaret Kelly and Karen Sheehy for acting as Team Managers.

School Photos

Remember to put next Tuesday 18th March in your diary as the date for school photos. All students took home an order form last week. These envelopes need to be returned by next Tuesday. Students will have their photo taken as part of the class and as an individual. Sibling photos will also be taken before school. If you are interested in a sibling photo please pick up a photo order form in the office.

Get, Give, Given

Get, Give, Given, was the theme for last week’s volunteer day by 70 volunteers from Optus Rockcorp. For the young volunteers giving up 4 hours of time to paint, plant and ponder at Melrose Park meant that they were given a free concert ticket at Luna Park this week. You can read all about Optus Rockcorp on their website and how volunteer projects help communities around Australia.

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Projects completed including building two new garden beds in the kitchen garden, refreshing the lunch seats in rainbow colours, painting a large map of Australia and numbers on the playground whilst refreshing the mural on C Block. These projects enhance the environment of the school and the students really love the fresh look of the playground.

Citizen Science Project
Do you have a pair of binoculars? If so, may we borrow them so that students can undertake a wonderful citizen science project?

Birds in Schools is an environmental education project designed and delivered by BirdLife Australia and its Birds in Backyards program with support from the NSW Environmental Trust.

Birds in Schools aims to engage students in the scientific process through investigating and monitoring the birds and habitat of their school grounds with the ultimate aim of developing and implementing an action plan related to improving school biodiversity. Today Year 5 and 6 students attended the Birdlife Discovery Centre at Bicentennial Park to learn how to be a bird watcher and to understand that they can all play a part in becoming part of a science project Australia wide. Students will collect data, analyse and interpret information before loading information into a website.

Our younger students in Kindergarten and 1KS are also keen to be mini bird watchers and will find out more about our school environment through their unit on ‘Living Things’.

Student Voice News (SRC)
Student representatives from each class have been elected and are meeting each week in their lunchtime with our captains leading the meeting. Ms Coles and Ms Davey will act as support teachers. The students come together to discuss issues that are important to them. They have planned their first fundraiser of the year which will be an Easter Bun Drive. Order forms for the Easter buns went home last week.

The charities that Melrose Park PS supports include World Vision and Stewart House. These organisations support children helping children.

Book Club
Book Club brochures went home this week. Book Club is run by Scholastic Australia and is supported by the school’s P&C. We thank Mrs Pantic (Harvey’s mum) for taking up the role of Book club coordinator for 2014. Parents are under no obligation to purchase items whilst the brochures do make great reading materials for students. Through the purchase of books the school earns rewards and free books for the library and class reading boxes.

Professional Development
Each week teachers undertake extra hours of professional development outside of teaching hours. These sessions are regularly held after school. Please understand if your child’s teacher is not available for interviews on certain afternoons due to a professional learning course. In the coming weeks you may notice extra teachers in the playground. Class teachers will be working throughout the day on professional plans, learning goals for each child and exploring literacy and numeracy programs for each stage. A casual (substitute) teacher will follow the class program set by your child’s teacher and so all learning activities are maintained.

School Expectations
At Melrose Park Public School we are respectful responsible learners. As part of our on-going Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) Program we will be focusing K-6 on a different expectation each fortnight throughout the coming year. We hope you take this opportunity to reinforce these values at home.

School expectation: speak kindly and politely
- Using manners; Yes please, no thank you, excuse me, may I? are such small words that mean a great deal
- Using a quiet voice to speak to others
- Making eye contact when speaking to someone
- Using positive words of support; no put downs accepted

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report
Problem Solving in Mathematics
What a great opportunity The World of Maths was to extend the students’ problem solving skills in Mathematics.

The Mathematics syllabus stipulates that in Kindergarten, students learn to use objects,
actions and trial and error to explore mathematical problems and by Stage Three students should be able to select and apply appropriate problem solving strategies to undertake investigations.

The World of Maths Incursion provided students with problems involving Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability to be solved in a group. Not only did the students do a lot of learning, they had fun too.

The World of Maths was the best because it had a lot of games to play.

Samira

I liked when we did the shadow and had to guess what the shape was.

Joshua

I liked when you had to put the blocks in the box the right way.

Adam

How can parents assist their children to develop problem solving skills?

- Think out loud when solving maths problems so your children can see problem solving in action. How many cartons of milk do I need for a week if we use ½ a bottle a day? How long will it take us to walk to school? I could do this…but I could also do this…..which one is better?
- Use real world opportunities – How far will we be driving if we go to Poppa’s house, then home? Can we fit all these items in the box? Will this piece of wrapping paper cover the present? How many different ways could we walk to school?
- Try to come up with more than one solution for everyday problems.
- Provide gifts/games requiring perseverance and trial and error such as blocks, building sets, puzzles, board games, weather stations, maps, puzzle books, strategy games, scales, and origami.

Miss Mee
Assistant Principal

Schools Clean Up Australia Day
Due to wet weather, we had to postpone our Schools Clean Up Day a week to last Friday 7th March. Following the collection, we weighed the rubbish and ended up with 900 g of landfill rubbish and 400 g of recycling rubbish. Well done Melrose Park!

The oddest rubbish was perhaps found by 2R; they found a couple of old shoes.

Please try to keep the wheelie bin lids shut during the day so the birds are not able to scatter rubbish from the bins.

World Maths Day in the Garden
On Wednesday 5th March Years 2 and 3 completed some mathematical challenges in the garden, as part of World Maths Day. These activities involved measurement, space and geometry, and used communication, reasoning and problem solving skills. Students were able to complete tasks such as calculating the length of wood and volume of soil needed, to build the new garden beds. Mrs Christina Price and I were impressed with the teamwork displayed.

Mrs Jennie Spenceley
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

***** Cookie Dough Fundraiser – LAST CHANCE *****

This term we are running the Cookie Dough fundraiser. If you need another form please see the office or I can email you one. Orders are due back by this Thursday 13th March.

Sausage Sizzle
The next Sausage Sizzle will be this Friday 14th March and 2/3 will be the host.

*****If you have not placed a term order please contact me via email*****

If you are able to help on the day, please leave a message in the office for Yasmin Adami or contact her on 0432 420 628.

Working Bee
This is on this Sunday 16th March from 9.00am, come and help out for an hour or 4. The P&C will be providing morning tea and thanks to Dimitrios Tasiovasilis drinks are being donated.

Facebook
The P&C has a Facebook page that has regular updates and information provided. Follow us ‘Melrose Park PS P&C’.

Fete & Market Day Update
For all the new parents we have our annual Fete & Market Day in Term 3, this year it will be on Saturday 25th October 2014 from 9am – 2pm, so keep that date free.

I have already booked the rides for this year’s fete, the rides are Bungee Jump, Water Balls and Mini Jeeps and I’m waiting confirmation on one more ride. More information will come out closer to the day.

School Banking
Don’t forget this is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Bookclub
Forms have gone home with the kids and due back by 19th March 2014.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:

| 13th March – Cookie Dough Order forms due back |
| 16th March Sunday - School Working Bee 9am-12pm |
| 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
President

Bookclub
Please have your Bookclub orders back to school by Wednesday, 19th March.

Many thanks
Georgia Pantic and Miranda Attwood
Bookclub Co-ordinators

Uniform Shop
During Term 2 and 3, students are required to wear Winter Uniform to school each day.

Winter Uniform Includes:
Boys – Long sleeve blue shirt with long grey pants
Girls – Navy tunic with skivvy or white long sleeve shirt underneath OR navy bootleg pants with white skivvy or white long sleeve shirt.
Blue Zip Jacket or V neck jumper for boys and girls with the school logo

We will be offering the Kindy winter packs with a discount for the next 2 weeks for. Please fill in an order and send in with your child and we will have ready for collection on the next day the uniform shop is open or we can deliver to your child’s class. The uniform shop is open on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:40 if you wish to view the uniform.

You can contact the Uniform Shop via our email address for orders, melroseparkpc@hotmail.com & order forms can be found on the school website.

Thea Gange
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

World of Maths was a great experience for everyone!
# Melrose Park Public School Uniform Order Form

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**Child’s Name:**

**Child’s Class:**

**Date:**

**Options to Pay:**
1. Order form with cash in an envelope
2. Order form with cheque made out to Melrose Park Public School P&C
3. Order form with direct deposit to Melrose Park School P&C Committee

BSB 062271 Account 00900288 include your Surname and type Uniforms as subject

10% discount for New Enrolment orders
Dear Parents,

**WORKING BEE, Sunday 16th MARCH**

As you will know from the school newsletter and calendar, our working bee this year is planned for, **Sunday 16th MARCH**, 9am - 12 noon. You are invited to an enjoyable morning helping to maintain our school environment. Children are also welcome under parent supervision. Please come if you are free for an hour or three. Tasks to be tackled include:

- Spreading soft fall material under the playground equipment
- Clearing rocks and sticks in playground
- Water blasting playground seats
- Weeding gardens and car park
- Topping up the Kitchen Garden with soil
- Topping up the sand pit with sand
- Pruning and removing branches to make playground safe
- Installing new sleepers in the Peace Garden (saw required to cut sleepers)
- Repainting safety strips (yellow)
- General weeding
- Whipper-snipping / mowing under trees and around school boundaries

Morning tea will be provided. Please wear old clothes, hat and work gloves. Bring any useful tools you may have, such as spades, buckets, pruners, whipper-snipper and wheelbarrow, water blaster, saw to supplement our school equipment.

Vehicular entry and parking will be available via the Mary St gate.

If doubts arise owing to weather, phone the school, 9874 4669 on the morning of Sunday 16th March. To assist planning and catering, please return the tear-off slip to your child's teacher by Friday 14th March. Thank you.

Clare Kristensen
Co-ordinator

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**SCHOOL WORKING BEE - Sunday 16th March 2014**

I can help this Sunday

Family name: _____________________________ No. of adults: ____ children: ____

Contact phone: ______________

Equipment / tasks with which you can help:
STUDENT VOICE

Two students from each class have been elected to represent their classmates on the Student Representative Council known as the Student Voice.

This group meets weekly to discuss school issues from a student’s perspective.

These students will receive their badges at this week’s assembly.

Parents are welcome to attend this assembly, starting at 2.05pm.

5/6  Niah
     Eliza

4/5  Tamsin
     Harrison

2/3  Ashlyn
     Dylan

2 R  Emma
     Max

1 O  Jasmin
     Ava

1 / K S  Logan
         Gisele

K / E  Jack
      Liesel

Students from the SRC are expected to be respectful responsible learners at all times.