The term is drawing to a close however the next two weeks are busy busy busy with many activities both within the school and out of school occurring.

**John Alexander Visit**

Yesterday our student leaders and members of the Green Team hosted a visit from our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr John Alexander.

Mr Alexander was accompanied by another federal politician Mr Wyatt Roy, Member for Longman (Qld) and a team from Access Australia.

Our visitors had heard about our wonderful Kitchen Garden and were keen to investigate. The students eagerly showed them around and were proud to share the garden with them. Our visitors were keen to explore options of a joint community garden project.

We thank Mrs Jennie Spenceley who coordinates the green team and Ms Leisa Cuneo who maintains our school, for all the work and preparation they put into the Kitchen Garden.

The Northern District Times were on hand to take photos for a media piece in the local paper.
Excursion
The K-2 excursion to Field Of Mars is rescheduled for tomorrow. Let us hope that the sun shines brightly for the event tomorrow.

Winter sport
Teams have been selected and permission notes sent home with students. A Code of Conduct form has also been sent home. We request that parents and students sit together to read, discuss and sign the expectations of being part of a team. Melrose Park PS expects all students to demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour whilst representing the school. We may also win some games. Once signed the forms need to be returned to school by this Thursday to play on Friday.

The first game of the season is scheduled for this Friday, 4th April. Parents and the community are welcome to support the teams down at Meadowbank Oval. Students may be signed out by a parent once all games have finished.

Easter Mufti Day
Next Monday, 7th April, the P&C are supporting a Mufti Day. Mufti Day is a day where students come to school in home clothes. The cost of wearing play clothes is a donation to the Easter Basket Raffle. Donations can include Easter eggs, chocolate, Easter craft, books, toys with an Easter theme.

Students still need to wear covered in shoes, wear a sun safe hat and wear appropriate clothes for a school day.

ANZAC DAY
ANZAC DAY (25th April) falls during the holidays. The school will hold an ANZAC Day commemoration assembly on Friday morning. Parents and the community are welcome to attend while our young students learn about the meaning and importance of ANZAC Day as part of our Australian heritage.

West Ryde St Fair - Saturday 12th April 2014
Once again in 2014, West Ryde will host the annual “West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair”. The Parade only takes about two hours, whilst the fair is a full day of fun.

Book in the morning of Saturday 12th April to come and walk with Melrose Park PS as we promote our school as part of the West Ryde Street Fair. The Street Fair is held to promote Easter and generate community spirit in the area.

Ryde School Spectacular
Students from Years 3 – 6 have been selected for the choir with many students keen to participate in the Combined School Choirs that will perform at the Opera House in October.

Belonging to the choir is a major commitment both in time, effort and financial commitment. Commitment forms were sent home to families outlining the commitment for the Ryde Schools Spectacular. These forms need to be discussed with your child and returned to school by Tuesday 8th April.

The first rehearsal is scheduled for next Wednesday 9th at the Ryde Civic Centre. Students will travel by bus to this rehearsal.
Marsden High School
Students in Year 4, 5, and 6 will participate in a Sports Gala Day on Thursday 10th April.

Winter Uniforms
Students return to school in Term 2 wearing their winter uniform. The uniform shop has a supply of new uniforms so before the end of term get out last year’s uniform and see if they still fit. Our wonderful volunteers are happy to help you purchase your child’s winter uniform. If you are unable to get to the uniform shop, order forms are available and your pre paid order will be given to your child.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

P & C Report

Easter Raffle and Mufti Day
Each year we run an Easter Raffle, as part of this the P&C runs a mufti day. This will be on NEXT Monday 7th April – so don’t forget to put your kids whatever clothes they would like to wear. Please have appropriate footwear, no thongs.

The penalty for wearing mufti is to bring in an item for the Easter Hamper such as a chocolate egg, bunny, small packet of eggs etc, it does not need to be chocolate so long as it is Easter themed like colouring book, stuffed bunny rabbit etc.

Prizes for the Easter Raffle are
- Family Pass to the Easter Show
- Arnotts Hamper (donated by Chantel Latu)
- Subsequent prizes will be the hampers (made from donations above)

The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th April @ 9am lines. All tickets will need to be returned by Thursday 10th April. Tickets were attached to last week’s newsletter; if you need any more please see the office.

Please ensure you write your name/number on each ticket (as some ticket numbers will be duplicated).

*** Please return any unused tickets ***

If you have any coloured paper (for shredding) that you are able to donate for the hamper making, please leave in the office by Friday 4th April.

Helpers Needed
- I will need people to help me NEXT Monday 7th April in the Canteen from 9am to put the hampers together for the raffle. This will only take about 1 hour, just turn up.
- I will need volunteers THIS Friday 4th April @ 12 noon, to put the cookie dough tubs into orders. Please let me know if you can help.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
The delivery date will be this Friday 4th April – times for collection will be between 2.30pm – 3.30pm in the hall. Cookie dough MUST be collected this Friday as we do not have enough storage for the cookie dough, as they will need to be chilled by the evening. If you have any issues with the pickup time please contact me on 0414 540 430 to arrange an alternative.

Sausage Sizzle
The next Sausage Sizzle will be next Friday 11th April 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.

Fresh Coffee On Sale
Every Thursday morning 8.40am – 9.30am we have Marion and Danielle in the canteen selling fresh coffee for $3.00, this can be drunk in the canteen or we have the take away option. Also have available to purchase used books for 50c. Look out for the sign in the playground for other random days they may sell coffee.

If anyone is interested in learning how to make the coffees please see Marion or Danielle D, you are welcome to learn and sell coffee on a different day in the canteen.
P&C Meeting
The next P&C meetings for Term 2 will be on Monday 5th May and Monday 2nd June.

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

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
4th April – Helpers needed to sort Cookie Dough Orders
7th April Monday – Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation, Helpers needed 9am Canteen to make hampers
10th April – Raffle tickets due back
11th April Friday – Easter Raffle Drawn (last day of school)
12th April Saturday – West Ryde Street Fair

Deborah Riley
President
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Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C
☐ My child/ren is/are available and willing to participate in the West Ryde St Fair on Saturday 12 April.

☐ My child/ren will not be available on Saturday 12th April

☐ My child/ren is/are interested but cannot make a firm commitment at this stage

Name/s: _______________________________________________ Class/es ______________
Parent’s Name: __________________________________________

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ICAS Competitions – Open to students in Years 3 to 6

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Class: __________

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You can go online and prepare for ICAS at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au
Melrose Park P.S. 
Art Show 
2014 
Exhibiting artwork from students in 
4/5E and 5/6M 

Date: Wednesday, 30 April 
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 

Everyone is welcome to attend 
Gold coin donation 
Student Guessing Competition 

Please come along to see our magnificent artwork!