## Term 1, Week 11

### Coming Events

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<td>- 4, 5 &amp; 6 Marsden Gala Day – sports uniform</td>
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<td>Saturday, 12/4</td>
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<td>- Parade/Fair – 9-11am</td>
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### Term 2, Week 1

**TUESDAY 29**\(^{th}\) **APRIL**

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<td>- <strong>ART SHOW</strong> – Years 4, 5 &amp; 6</td>
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<td>- Art Work- 3.00-6.00pm – all welcome</td>
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### Term 2, Week 2

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<td>- Cross Country Carnival</td>
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<td>- 12.00-1.30pm – Sports Uniform (House coloured shirt)</td>
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**Anzac Day Service**

Visitors are welcome to join Melrose Park Public School students and staff For our annual ANZAC Day Service

**Date:** Friday, 11 April  
**Time:** 10.50am  
**Venue:** MPPS Hall

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**Principal’s Report**

**Successful learners**

Term 1 is drawing to a close and students are ready to enjoy a well-deserved break. Congratulations to all our wonderful students as they worked well throughout the term, developing new skills and processes as successful learners. Rest, read and get ready for Term 2.

**CHANGEABLE WEATHER**

At the moment the weather is unpredictable. We often experience heavy rain just in time for a lunch break or at the end of the day. An overwhelming number of students do not have raincoats in their bag, so that they are not prepared for the change.
in weather. Many students are getting soaked. In the interests of your children’s health, please assist by ensuring your child has a raincoat in their bag each day. Umbrellas are a safety risk and not encouraged for student use.

**Transition Survey**
Thank you to the many Kindergarten parents who returned the survey on their transition to school experiences. The overall experience was positive and a summary of views are as follows.
- We were made to feel welcome
- Office staff went out of the way to help
- Buddies for Kinder students are great
- Staff genuinely care for students
- My child is happy to come to school

Areas that we could improve include:
- Having a term planner ready at the start of the term
- Understanding tucker time, sausage sizzle procedures.

**NRMA Community Grant**
Congratulations, to the girls soccer team for coming away with a 0-0 result at their very first game. The team also were awarded with a NRMA Insurance “Your Football” Community Grants sports packs. They will receive a sports pack consisting of 10 x footballs, 1 x ball bag and training bibs. These items are gratefully received and training will be decidedly more coordinated with having a great sport pack.

Footsteps Dance & Fitness
"Footsteps" dance & fitness will be delivered to students from K-6 on a Tuesday starting from Week 1. Therefore on the very first day back at school students are required to wear their sports uniform. Students will also wear their sports uniform on Fridays. The school disco is planned for Friday 20th June.

**Pet Safe**
Last Tuesday morning, all the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from Lesley and Caine, under a NSW Pet Ownership program. The students learnt how to keep themselves safe if they want to pat a dog, or if an angry dog approaches them. They also learnt how to keep their own pets safe. I was proud to hear that two of my students put this workshop into practise on Tuesday afternoon at the park, when they asked to pat a dog. They followed these steps:

Our school newsletter contains advertising from outside sources. At times brochures and pamphlets are also distributed to students. The Newsletter accepts notices from parents and advertisements from local companies and business for a small fee which covers the cost of producing the newsletter.

We will not accept any detrimental or controversial advertising. All ads are subject to school approval.
• walk up slowly and stop
• ask the owner
• allow the dog to smell your hand, and
• stroke the dog gently on the back.

Take 3
Tim Silverwood and Leila McKenzie from Take 3, ran workshops on Friday for Years 2, 3 and 4. Take 3 is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 2009 that aims to raise awareness of marine debris by encouraging each visitor to the beach, waterway or... anywhere to simply take 3 pieces of rubbish with them when they leave. They also encourage everyone to reduce their unnecessary plastic consumption - and make our lives a little less plastic!

From this workshop, the students formulated an action plan for the school. Look out for some new initiatives from the students, as we act together to save marine animals.

P & C Report
Easter Raffle
Thank you to the volunteers that helped make up the hampers yesterday, we have some great hampers for Friday.

Prizes for the Easter Raffle are
• Family Pass to the Easter Show
• Arnotts Hamper (donated by Chantel Latu)
• Subsequent prizes will be the hampers

The Raffle will be drawn this Friday 11th April @ 9am lines. All tickets will need to be returned by this Thursday 10th April.

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

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to the volunteers at the last sausage sizzle – Marion and Nina. The next Sausage Sizzle will be this Friday 11th April and Year 1 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.

We have placed a Term 2 order form in this newsletter. Please start sending in forms and money for next term. Note only 4 sausage sizzles next term.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
The cookie dough was delivered last week and was picked up by all families – enjoy baking the yummy dough. The final profit for this fundraiser was $1,120.00.

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:
10th April – Raffle tickets due back
11th April Friday – Easter Raffle Drawn (last day of school)
12th April Saturday – West Ryde Street Fair

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President
Mobile – 0414 540 430
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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Our recent Musica Viva performance from the Yolngu people gave us a wonderful glimpse of their culture with the show - Datiwuy Dreaming

Stress- Makes us feel less than Our Most Glamorous Self!
Half Price Massage Anyone?
The mind, the emotions and the nervous system control the body- it is intrinsic!

As women it seems we can easily get stuck in top gear as we race from the supermarket to the kitchen, from school to the sports field, organise lunches, beds and baths and then just pass out- to do it all again! Stress can literally become hard wired into our bodies, minds and emotions.

My patient’s report sleeping very well after my massages and discovering a renewed sense of rest as the nervous system is given is given an override that works on a deeper level than just muscle and movement alone, bringing deep rest and therapeutic restoration.

You are precious, valuable and the pivot in the family wheel that just may need a little oil to make you run at your OptiMUM!

Call Ryde Natural Health Clinic today on 98785021 and book with Specialist Massage Therapist Lisa Donnelly for a revitalising one hour massage for $50 and make the most valuable investment you can make to your family- looking after you!
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

Mr Kelly’s 2/3 L Assembly left them dancing in the aisle!

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**SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – TERM ORDERS ONLY**

**FRIDAY, 9th MAY, 2014**

Form must be returned with the money by **Wednesday, 7th May, 2014**. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope.

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**Term Order Only Term 2, 2014** (4 Sausage Sizzles this term)  $ __________
☐ 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!
Monday, 26th May – Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park

Dear parents/caregivers,

Melrose Park Public School has been accepted to participate in the 2014 Socceroos march past on Monday 26 May at Stadium Australia. We are eligible to enter up to 40 students in the march. The school will be allocated an area of the stadium which means families can sit together and students will return to that area after the march. Parents will be expected to transport their child to and from the venue.

Ms Riley, Miss Roberts and Mrs Kristensen will be supervising the students during the march past.

The night will proceed as follows:
5:30pm – 5:45pm Participants and Supporters arrive at Fig Grove, Dawn Fraser Ave, Sydney Olympic Park
5:50pm Marshalling of March Past participants commences
6:00pm Public Gates Open – Parents, family and friends to move to their entry gates and seats (as indicated on their event ticket)
6:10pm March past participant movement from the marshalling area to Stadium Australia commences
6:20pm March Past commences
6:40pm March Past concludes. Participants will be escorted to their seats
7:30pm Socceroos v South Africa kick off

A code will be provided to parents and supporters to order tickets so that we are seated together. Students participating in the march are free.

The first 40 students to return this note will be eligible to participate in the march past. Further information will be provided once notification of student involvement is received.

Jen Riley and Alex Roberts
Coordinators

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Socceroos March Past – Notification of Involvement

I give permission for ______________________ of class _______ to be involved in the Socceroos march past on Monday, 26th May from 5:30pm at Sydney Olympic Park.

I understand that I need to transport my child to and from the venue and will be required to purchase my own tickets for the event. I am aware that Ms Riley, Miss Roberts and Mrs Kristensen will supervise the students during the march.

Parent Signature _____________________________ Date: ____________