Melrose Park Public School
Learning and Growing Together

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Principal’s Report

Cross Country
We look forward to a wonderful day of running here at school for the annual cross country festival. This will take place tomorrow, Wednesday 7th May from 12.15 out on the back oval.

Parents and the community are invited to come and support the students with lots of encouragement needed as they run around the course. On-course volunteers are needed to keep students on track, so if you can spare some time to help out please see Ms Roberts. She will place you around the course.

After the events, parents are welcome to stay and share afternoon break with their child and friends.

West Ryde St Fair
Congratulations to all the students and families who took part in the West Ryde St Parade. The school received $300 for their efforts and several students were rewarded handsomely for their decorations. Thank you to Mrs Gow for coordinatung the event.

Debating
The Ryde District Debating Competition commences this week with the first debate against West Ryde PS. The team of Jasmin, Niah, Bejaie and Eliza will take the negative argument in the debate; “Pets should be banned from public places”. Good luck team!

Opportunity Class Placement
Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2015
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of highly gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Coming Events

Term 2, Week 2

| Monday, 5/5 | P&C Meeting – 7.30pm |
| Tuesday, 6/5 | Footsteps Dance – Sports Uniform |
| Wednesday, 7/5 | School Banking  
| | Cross Country Carnival  
| | 12.00-1.30pm – Sports Uniform (House coloured shirt) |
| Thursday, 8/5 | Assembly – 2.05pm – Class 2 R to host |
| Friday, 9/5 | Mother’s Day Stall & Raffle  
| | Sausage Sizzle – 1/K S  
| | PSSA – Rd 4 |

Term 2, Week 3

| Tuesday, 13/5 | NO FOOTSTEPS – Normal school uniform  
| | Mac ICT Excursion Yrs 1 & 2  
| | 8.45am  
| | NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 |
| Wednesday, 14/5 | NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5  
| | School Banking |
| Thursday, 15/5 | NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5  
| | Kids Safe Project K-2  
| | Tuckertime – K E & 1/K S |
| Friday, 16/5 | Footsteps  
| | PSSA – Round 5 |

Term 2, Week 4

| Monday, 19/5 | Environment Sustainability Information Session 3.15pm |
| Tuesday, 20/5 | Footsteps Dance – Sports Uniform  
| | Bookfair commences  
| | ICAS – Computer |
| Wednesday, 21/5 | School Banking |
| Thursday, 22/5 | Zone Cross Country – Meadowbank Park  
| | Assembly – 2.05pm - Yr 1 |
| Friday, 23/5 | PSSA - Round 6  
| | Sausage Sizzle – KE parents to assist |
Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Applications are online and can be accessed at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Professional Development
Whilst students enjoyed an extra day of holidays our teachers were hard at work. Staff joined teachers from West Ryde PS, Ermington PS and Meadowbank PS for a combined professional learning day at Field of Mars EEC. During the day teachers examined the role of Science, Technology and Sustainability within Project Based Learning. The day gave teachers the opportunity to work with and collaborate with other teachers within our Learning Alliance.

Teachers are unavailable on Tuesday afternoons for interviews due to professional learning commitments. Each week the staff meets to examine, discuss and reflect on professional practice. This term we continue to examine the new curriculum in English, Maths and Science.

Privacy Week
Kids, social media and privacy
Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

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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Assistant Principal’s Report
Premier’s Reading Challenge
This term, teachers are encouraging their students to read books that are part of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Books that have been read are entered into an online reading log and students receive a certificate for completing the challenge. K-2 teachers will help students to enter the books they have read or enter them on their behalf. Students in Year 3-6 will be provided with opportunities to enter books read online. For further information, log onto https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

March Past – Socceroos VS South Africa
On Monday 25th May, 40 students will be representing MPPS and participating in a march past prior to the Socceroos versus South Africa soccer game. The students will then be able to watch the game for free. If you are a family member or supporter wishing to attend, you are required to purchase your tickets using the link below by 9th May. This means you will be seated with the students in a section allocated to Melrose Park PS. Unfortunately only the first 40 students...
who returned their note were successful. These students have received a yellow advice note.

**How to Purchase Tickets**
1. Go to bit.ly/1e6wg9p
2. If you are not an existing user please enter your personal details and create an account
3. Select your tickets and press continue to link to payment 4.
Tickets will be sent to you as EzyTickets between Monday 12 and Friday 16 May 5. Please note that only tickets ordered through the above link by COB Friday 9 May 2014 will be processed and seated together.

**Class Blogs**
Many students are developing an understanding of cyber safety and digital citizenship by using their class blogs. A blog is used to showcase student work as well as enable students to develop an understanding of purpose and audience when communicating. All blogs are teacher moderated to ensure appropriateness of comments and information. Students and parents are expected to follow the blogging guidelines which can be located on each class blog site. At any time, you can inform the school in writing if you no longer want your child's photograph or work to appear on the school blogs or website.

**TeachWild Webinar – Earthwatch Australia**
This Thursday, Year 5 and 6 students and selected members of the Green Team will be joining a webinar which will feature research and findings from the National Marine Debris Survey. Students will develop an understanding of the impacts of debris on seabirds and marine turtles and have their questions answered by a CSIRO scientist. We look forward to the students sharing their knowledge with the rest of the school.

**Jen Riley**
Assistant Principal

**ART SHOW**
Our Year 4/5/6 Art Show held last Wednesday was an outstanding success.

We were privileged to have Andrea Sturgeon from the State Library of NSW to conduct the Official Opening. Andrea taught the students four Art lessons via videoconference and she was greatly impressed by the quality of their finished pieces.

Miss Roberts and I would like to thank the students, teachers and parents who assisted in making the Art Show such a wonderful community event.

**Mrs Gow**

Art Show
Last Wednesday, Melrose Park P.S. had a Year 4/5/6 Art Show. Andrea from the State Library of NSW came for the Official Opening.

The artworks were fantastic! We have some very talented children at our school.

The students from 4/5E and 5/6M did three paintings and a clay sculpture of an old gold miner.

We also had a ‘Guess the Number of Lollies’ competition. Congratulations to Liam Ruggiero in 1O and Celine Asatour in 5/6M, who both guessed the right number - 106

by Kayla Hannah 5/6M
Excursion to Macquarie ICT Innovations Centre - Tuesday 13th May, 2014

Year 1 and 2 students will be attending a LEGO WeDo Boot Camp at Macquarie University next week where they will have the opportunity to build simple Lego robot models and explore the capability of these simple robots in various problem solving contexts. This is a wonderful opportunity to build on our students existing knowledge in an exciting and engaging environment. Parents, please remember to complete and returns the excursion note and 'Permission to Publish' authority to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mrs Pam Grover
ICT Co-ordinator

SRC News

The exciting news to come from the SRC meeting is that the SRC will be holding a PYJAMA DAY on MONDAY 16th June.

This day will be a gold coin donation to support our School Charity STEWART HOUSE.

Come to school wearing your warm pyjamas, ugg boots, dressing gown and bring your teddy, blankie and pillow. A fun day ahead!

YOUR SRC Reps

Sustainability/Environmental Education Review
Melrose Park P.S. will be conducting a review of our sustainability and environmental education policy and programs. If any parents are interested in attending an information session, it will be held on Monday 12th May at 3:15pm in the library. We hope to identify further opportunities for our school and welcome feedback on our current programs.

Mrs Jennie Spenceley

P & C Report

Mother’s Day Stall

Every year we hold a stall for Mother’s Day it will be held this Friday 9th May. On the day each class is brought to the hall to purchase Mother’s Day Gifts that are purchased new by the P&C with a great variety on offer. This is a great way to spoil the mums at a great price and let your kids surprise you with a gift picked by them. The gifts are then wrapped by the volunteers for each child before leaving the hall. The gifts cost between $2 - $6 and cards for $1. Each child is permitted to buy up to 2 items plus a card.

***** This Friday send some money with your children 9th May, so they can purchase a present for their Mother/Grandmother for Mother’s Day.

Helpers Needed

I will need many helpers this Friday 9th May for the Mother’s Day Stall. I need people to help with wrapping presents and selling. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated from 9am in the Hall, coffee/tea and morning tea will be provided.

Mother’s Day Raffle

Along with our Mother’s Day Stall is the Mother’s Day Raffle, the raffle will be held this Friday 9th May @ 9am. We have been very lucky this year with our prizes for the raffle, they are:

- Fernwood Fitness Ryde – 3 month membership
- Beauty by Stephanie Melrose Park – Facial (1hr) & Head, Hand & Foot massage
- 2 x Ryde Natural Health Clinic - 1 hr Remedial Massages
- 2 x Aston Medispa West Ryde – 1hr Aroma Massage & 1 x Aroma Fusion Facial
- Hands on About Health Rydalmere – 1 hr Aromatherapy Massage Treatment
- Phd Parramatta – Shampoo, Cut & Blowdry
- Ella Rouge Top Ryde - $50 Voucher
• The Edge Rockclimbing Centre – 2 passes “Complete Climb”
• 4 Movie Passes – Top Ryde Event Cinemas

All tickets will need to be returned by this Thursday 8th May. The 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 duplicate). *** Please return any unused tickets ***
Thank you to all the wonderful companies that have donated for this Raffle.

Sausage Sizzle
The first sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 9th May and Class 1/K will be the host. Please ensure ALL term orders are in by this WEDNESDAY. We will be staying with Term Orders only again this term. If you need to discuss payment of the term ticket please do not hesitate in contacting myself on the number/email at the bottom or contacting Yasmin.

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.

School Banking
Don’t forget this is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am. We raised $350 in Term 1 with school banking with 11 new accounts opened up through the school. The P&C receives a commission for every deposit and $5 for every new account opened.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting for Term 2 will be Monday 2nd June @7.30pm in the library, all welcome to come along.

Dates for Term 2
Entertainment Books – coming soon
7/5/14 – Cross Country (Zone 22nd May)
30/5/14 - Cancer Council Morning Tea
2/6/14 – P&C Meeting 7.30pm Library
20/6/14 - School Disco
Term 4 – Annual Fete & Market Day 25/10/14

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At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Chess class
Latest news
The chess class at Melrose Park Public School runs on Wednesday mornings from 11:15 am - 12:00 pm.
If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

Upcoming chess events
17 May: Parramatta Saturday Fun Tournament

Chess puzzle

Puzzle nr. 1: White to play and checkmate in 1 move
More information can be found on www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

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) $_________
BEING BRAVE
How parents can help children fight their worries and fears

Wednesday 7th May 2014  7pm - 8.30pm

Anxiety is the most common mental health difficulty face by children. This seminar will outline:

- common aspects to childhood anxieties
- how to distinguish between typical “worries” and severe anxiety
- practical strategies for your child to learn to “be brave” to manage their anxieties.

The Resilience Centre
48 Oxford St
Epping 2121
Ph: (02) 9869 0377
www.theresiliencecentre.com.au
Cost: $20 if registered and paid before 3pm on the day of the seminar, or $25 at the door.

Register online or by phone for this Wednesday Night Hot Topic.

About the Presenter...
LYN WORSLEY is a clinical psychologist with a background in nursing, teaching and youth work. She specialises in child, adolescent and family psychology and relationship issues. Lyn is Director of Alpha Psychology and the Resilience Centre and author of two books – The Resilience Doughnut – The Secret of Strong Adults and The Resilience Doughnut – The Secret of Strong Kids.