Principal’s Report

Our soccer team took to the field last week wearing fantastic new jerseys.

Thank you to Bocini, Olympic Embroidery and the Taing family for sponsoring the Junior and Senior Boys Soccer Teams. We appreciate your generous donation. The boys were delighted and very pleased to be wearing new jerseys.

Thank you to the P&C for the donation of jerseys for the Girls Soccer Team. It is great to have a girls team in the Ryde PSSA competition.

Each week a different member of each team takes the jerseys home to be washed and brought back after the weekend ready for the following game.

Thank you families for the support you give to our young Friday footballers. Remember that players need to wear shin pads to be on the field.

We look forward to the upcoming World Soccer Cup in Brazil. The school will hold a Mini World Cup whereby all students participate in fun mini games of soccer.

Walk to School Day

Leave the car at home or park several blocks away from the school on Friday morning, 23rd May. This day is National Walk to School Day and students and families are encouraged to walk to school to promote fitness, a healthy lifestyle and connection to the community.

Before School

Melrose Park PS is fortunate to host a Before Care Service on site. If students need to arrive at school before 8.30 we encourage you to enrol students in this service. We discourage having students alone in the playground before 8.30 am.

A teacher is rostered on duty from 8.30am each day to open rooms and active supervision.
commences from 8.40am. Parents may drop their child off in the playground from 8.30am or sit and stay with your child if no teacher is present.

All students are to sit quietly on the verandah seats and wait for the teacher to initiate morning play.

**Tree Assessment**
You may notice several trees around the school have been screened in preparation for identified remediation in accordance with the DEC Tree Management Screening Program.

While no tree is to be removed several trees need pruning and maintenance action. All students are aware that these screened areas are out of bounds.

**School Photos**
Photos have been returned to students who purchased them. If there are any problems, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Whilst the photographers were here they also took the following group photos. These photos can be viewed at the office and ordered on line for $16.00 each.

School Captains 2014
SRC 2014
Whole School
Whole School Muck Up
Year 6

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

This Thursday, all students in K-2 will be involved in the Kidsafe Project Presentation *Bark Until You’re Heard.*

*Bark until you’re heard* is designed to assist children in identifying and speaking about their feelings of safety, fear and danger. The presentation begins by developing the students’ awareness of their emotions and their bodies’ physical signs. Safe and unsafe situations are explored and finally the students are taught how to identify safe and helpful people and are encouraged to reach out to them when they feel that they are unsafe or in danger.

Research tells us that when a child is able to identify a ‘safe person’ to talk to about their experiences and this is met with a meaningful response, the escalation of child abuse can be minimized. This program is designed to empower children to take notice of their bodies physical signs of fear, and to be able to distinguish danger from ‘normal’ daily fear (for example giving a speech in class). Furthermore, children are taught how to identify safe adults to ask for help, and most importantly to keep asking safe adults for help until they are heard, believed and feel safe again.

The content of this program meets specific requirements for Kindergarten and Stage One curriculum areas of PDHPE, Music and Drama.

What is reinforced:
- Recognise the **emotions** that tell you something important (EG: fear, excitement, nervousness, happiness)
- Recognise the **body signs** that tell you something important (EG: heart racing, sweating, dry mouth, butterflies in tummy)
- Recognise **situations** that make you feel like you are in danger.
- Distinguish between ‘normal’ fear and **danger** that requires you to BARK for help!
- Identify safe people to turn to when you need help
- Know ways to approach safe people for help.
- Keep asking for help until you are safe.

Alice Mee
Assistant Principal

**P & C Report**

**Mother’s Day Stall/Raffle**
Hope all the mums enjoyed the gifts purchased from the stall last Friday. Thank you to all the people that helped with the stall, whether that was setting up, selling, wrapping and packing up. The day runs so much smoother with all the helpers.
We raised $780 profit from the Stall and $955 for the raffle - this is a great result.
Thank you to all the wonderful companies that have donated for this Raffle.

**Art Show Coffee/Cakes**
Thank you to Marion and Avril who sold coffee and cakes at the Art Show in Week 1 – we raised $135 for the afternoon that went straight back to the
school to cover the costs of materials for the art show.

**Cancer Council Morning Tea**

We will be holding “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW. This will be held on **Friday 30th May @ 9am**, in the canteen. This is for all parents and grandparents and family members, with a donation on entry of your choice. Please bring along a small plate for morning tea and come and join us for a Coffee/Tea.

**** All funds will be sent directly to the Cancer Council to do the amazing work they do. If you know of any companies that would like to donate to the cause please make a cheque out to ‘Cancer Council NSW’ or to ‘Melrose Park Public School P&C,’ otherwise cash can be given on the day or prior via the office. If you would like a receipt from the Cancer Council please let me know by the day.

**Sausage Sizzle**

Thank you to Eleonoa D who helped out with last week’s Sausage sizzle.

The next sausage sizzle for this term is **next Friday 23rd May** and **Class KE** 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.

**** If you have not placed a term order and would like to for the rest of the term please contact Yasmin or myself on the number or email provided.

**School Banking**

This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am. Children can bank on behalf of siblings that are not attending Melrose. Banking is through Commonwealth Bank.

**Dates for Term 2**

Entertainment Books – coming next week
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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