Coming Events

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Principal’s Report

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

From 2015, all government and non-government schools in Australia will be required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

Not enough is currently known about students with disability at the national level to enable governments to target support and resources in schools to help all students to reach their full potential. A nationally consistent approach to collecting data on students with disability will give governments, schools and education authorities information about how many students with disability are enrolled in Australian schools, where they are located and the level of adjustments provided for them to participate in schooling on the same basis as other students.

Data will be used to gain a clearer picture of the needs of students with disability, and give more support to schools so that they can better understand and implement their core responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005.

Please read the accompanying letter for further information.

NAMES, NAMES, NAMES

Last Friday there were 15 jumpers left lying around the school. Five jumpers had names that could be read and they were given back to students. Ten jumpers/jackets were not returned to students as there was no way of knowing to whom they belonged.

The mornings are cold and students need to wear a jacket. Days are warm, students warm up after exercise and jackets come off. Please ensure that all clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles have a clearly identifiable name of your child on their property. This is also necessary for soccer boots.

Teachers love to return items back to students wherever possible.
One of the school expectations under Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) is that students take responsibility for their property. Please support them in their in their effort to be responsible. The lost property basket is overflowing.

**Uniform**
As the weather continues to stay warm students are permitted to wear a short sleeved collared shirt. For boys a blue shirt is appropriate (summer uniform) and for girls a white short-sleeve shirt is the acceptable uniform attire. Please keep t-shirts for home wear. Many students do not feel the cold as adults do.

**Reforms to P&C Federation**
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure they Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of schools P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/goto/school/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/goto/school/a-z/involvement.php).

Clare Kristensen  
Principal

**Walk Safely to School Day - Crazy Sock Day**

National ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ will be held on **Friday 23 May 2014**. The aim of this day is to encourage children to walk and commute safely to school, reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour. This safe pedestrian behaviour includes ensuring that children **up to 10 years old, hold an adult’s hand to cross the road**. This is because research shows that children up to 10 years of age do not have the necessary brain wiring to deal with unexpected events that may happen on the road.

The day also promotes walking to promote fitness, a healthy lifestyle and connections to other people in our community. **Melrose Park P.S is celebrating the day by encouraging students to wear crazy socks as they walk to school.** (PSSA teams please remember your other socks as well!)

If parents need to drive to school, consider parking several blocks away from school and walking the rest of the way. You may want to download a free app at [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au), to track yourself as you walk to and from school. You may also want to enter the Walk Safely to School online competition, to win a Samsung tablet!

**Book Fair**

Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this term and we encourage you to join in the fun.

A Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading. The book fair will be packed with a large number of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery.

Classes will be given the opportunity to have a sneak peak at the Book Fair and create a wish list of books they might like to purchase. These wish lists will be sent home with each student.

The Book Fair will open on Tuesday May 27, Wednesday May 28 and Thursday May 29. Opening times will include before school 8.30-9.30 and after school 2.30-3.30. Students will be able to access the Book Fair during lunch time on these days.

If for any reason you are unable to attend our Book Fair, you can purchase books from your
child’s wish list online, through the Scholastic website. Once you have purchased the book, on the back of the wish list you can write the reference/receipt number. The wish list can then be returned, with your child, to the library during Book Fair times so they can collect their purchase. http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookfairs/

Thank you
Christina Price
Librarian

Mac ICT LEGO WeDo Robots Bootcamp
On Tuesday 13 May, Year 1 and 2 travelled to Macquarie University to use their creativity, designing robots at a Mac ICT LEGO WeDo Robotics Bootcamp. We got to use lots of literacy, spatial awareness, teamwork, problem-solving and negotiation skills in a highly engaging day.

During the morning session, we learnt about how to build and program the same robot, while the afternoon session was spent building and programming a robot of our choice.

Thank you so much to our parent helpers for the day and thank you to Mrs Pam Grover for organising the workshop.

Green Check Results
This week, Ellie J and I were doing a green check. On Thursday at lunch we found 100 bits of rubbish, then at break we found 23. Students please remember to put your rubbish in the bin instead of throwing it straight on to the ground. Could teachers also keep your smartboard, airconditioners and fans off unless people are inside.

Ashlyn & Ellie J

P & C Report
Entertainment Books
The books are being sent home tomorrow with Kindergarten families. If you would like to purchase one of these books, please fill in the payment slip and return to the school. Please return the book to school if you do not wish to purchase.

Families from Years 1 to 6 know about the fantastic savings to be found in the Entertainment book. We have many Entertainment Books to sell. Order forms will go home tomorrow.

Please have payment or books returned by next Friday 30th May.
You can also choose the digital book option for download on Android or iPhone (version 4 or later), an email link will be sent to your for download.

If you wish to purchase a book for a different region one can be ordered for you.
There is also a great Phone APP to download for easy discount searches in your area.
Price = Greater West Sydney $65, Combined Sydney Book $70 (combined due to Celebrating 20 years of the books). See attached for a few of the highlights that the book has to offer.
http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au

Cancer Council Morning Tea
We will be holding “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW. This will be held next 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
The next sausage sizzle for this term is this 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
30/5/14 - Cancer Council Morning Tea
2/6/14 – P&C Meeting 7.30pm Library
20/6/14 - School Disco

Deborah Riley
President
Mobile – 0414 540 430
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Head Lice
Unfortunately it is necessary to advise you that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students.

Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp) a copy of which is attached.

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

CHILD’S SWINGSET
Free to good home
Good condition
Enq. Allison Brownlee
0402 355 488
Tuesday 20th May 2014

Dear Parents,

**Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards,

Clare Kristensen
Principal

If you **do not** want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 3, 2014.

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**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014**

I/we ____________________________ ____________________________ do not wish my child/children Name of parent/carer

______________________________ ____________________________ to be counted for the purposes of the Name of child/children

collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________ date: ____________________________