Melrose Park Public School
Learning and Growing Together

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Term 2, Week 5
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Coming Events

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| Tuesday, 27/5 | Footsteps Dance – Sports uniform
|               | School Tour – Prospective enrolments – 2.15-3.00pm |
| Wednesday, 28/5| School Banking |
| Thursday, 29/5| CBA Smart Start – Yr 1-6 – Library
|               | Tuckertime – 5/6 to host |
| Friday, 30/5  | Raise A Cup - Cancer Council Morning Tea
|               | PSS – Round 7 |

Term 2, Week 6

| Monday, 2/6 | P&C Meeting – 7.30pm |
| Tuesday, 3/6| Footsteps – sports uniform |
| Wednesday, 4/6| School Banking
|               | Power of One – Anti-bullying K-6 Incursion
|               | ICAS Science |
| Thursday, 5/6| Assembly – 2.05pm – 1KS |
| Friday, 6/6  | Sausage Sizzle – Yr 5/6 required to assist
|               | PSSA – Round 8 |

Term 2, Week 7

| Monday, 9/6  | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday, 10/6| Footsteps Dance – Sports uniform
|               | Yr 5/6 Camp |
| Wednesday, 11/6| School Banking
|               | Yr 5/6 Camp |
| Thursday, 12/6| Yr 5/6 Camp – return 3pm
|               | Tuckertime – Yr 4 to host |
| Friday, 13/6 | PSSA – Round 9 |

Principal’s Report

Stay Safe
Our students are the most important resource at Melrose Park Public School. We hope that when students leave school at the end of the school day they remain safe so that we may see their smiling faces at school the following day. Please take time to discuss RTA safety rules with your child and help keep our school community safe.

Seven ways to improve your child’s safety
1. Set a good example. Parents and carers are the best road safety teachers.
2. Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park or when crossing the road.
3. Children up to 10 should be supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
4. Spend time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.
5. Teach your children to be aware of their environment: distractions such as wearing headphones or playing with friends on the way to or from school can make them more vulnerable to danger.
6. Make sure your driving and parking are not endangering your own or others’ children. Obey all parking signs and speed limits, and always be on the lookout for the unexpected. Many traffic safety issues around schools arise from the poor driving and parking behaviour of parents.
7. Never call your child across the road. Take time and go to them and use the crossing.

SPARK READING Program
Spark is a reading program where corporate volunteers partner with our Stage 3 students each week for one term to offer one-on-one reading and support.

These weekly one-on-one sessions also provide an opportunity to introduce sustained adult conversations in English, encourage the student
personally and offer additional adult role models into their lives.

Our school is proud to be involved in this program with OPTUS, a member of the Australian Business and Community Network. ABCN is a partnership of highly committed business leaders and companies who work on mentoring and coaching programs throughout Australia.

This Thursday we welcome our 2014 volunteers with an induction program, a workshop in reading support and a tour of the school. One of our school parents will be involved as a SPARK volunteer through her employment with Optus. We thank all our volunteers who have taken time out of their busy work day to participate in this valuable program.

Open Afternoon
Today several of our senior students showed visitors around our beautiful school. I am proud of how our students can articulate what Melrose Park means to them and how they can discuss the many wonderful opportunities in learning, wellbeing and community we have to offer at the school.

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2015 and not yet submitted an enrolment form, please call into the office to collect one. If you are aware of a young neighbour who is ready for Kindergarten 2015 let them know that now is the time to start the enrolment process.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report
Commonwealth bank Foundation – StartSmart program
On Thursday, students from Year 1-6 will be involved in the StartSmart financial literacy program. The program is designed to teach students about the value of money. Several concepts in each session are covered including:

• notes and coins
• recognition of Australian currency
• using money in exchange for goods and services
• the difference between needs and wants
• earning money
• saving money
• safe places to store money
• keycards

• setting a budget
• keeping financial records
• comparing prices

At Melrose Park, the students develop their financial literacy skills through teaching and learning activities, Tuckertime and our kitchen garden program.

Socceroos March Past
Well done to all the students that participated in the Socceroos March Past last night. Their behaviour during the march and at the game was outstanding. What a credit you all are to Melrose Park PS. Thank you to our teachers, Miss Roberts, Miss Coles, Mrs Grover and Mr Kelly for supervising the students on the night.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Wednesdays are Nude Food Days!

The Take 3 campaigners of the Green Team have started a new initiative: Wednesdays are now Nude Food Days for Melrose Park P.S.!

Nude Food Days encourage us to pack healthy, natural lunches and snacks without the use of any disposable wrapping. The days raise awareness and tackle two of Australia’s biggest concerns: landfill caused by excess waste and by poor diet caused by an excess of processed food.
Please pack your child’s lunch in re-useable plastic containers. Consider buying food that is not packed in individual packs. On Wednesdays any disposable rubbish that comes to school, will be sent home. We will provide rubbish containers for worm bin waste and recyclable containers.

As for those students and parents who are already have Nude Food Days everyday…well done!

The MPPS Green Team

A Message From Our Worm Bin Monitors

Green Team has been observing what is being put in the worm bin. Most students are doing an excellent job of sorting their rubbish correctly. Occasionally we are finding whole apples and sandwiches in the bins. Students please speak to your parents if you don’t like certain foods and see if they can get you something different.

By Antonija, Hannah and Tahlia

Green Team

Book Fair

Don’t forget the Bookfair is still being held in the library on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Parents are welcome to come in from 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm on both of these days to purchase some great books.

Thank you
Christina Price
Librarian

Zone Cross Country

A very big congratulations to all students who represented MPPS at Zone Cross Country last Thursday. Every single student gave their very best and it was an absolute pleasure to accompany them on the day. Everyone should be very proud of not only the effort put in during their race, but the way they conducted themselves all day. It was a wonderful day in the sunshine! Congratulations to all runners, you definitely did yourselves and your school very proud!

Alex Roberts
Sports Co-ordinator

P & C Report

Entertainment Books

The books were sent out to all Kindy families last week and order form to the rest of the families. If you do not wish to purchase the book, please send the book back to school with your child, or return to the office. All books must be returned if they are not purchased.

All orders/payments and books must be returned by next Wednesday 4th June (due date has been extended).

You can also send the book back and 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).
http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au

If you would like more information regarding this fundraiser; Please speak with Nina Mather or email Nina on the P&C email below. There are sample books available to look at in the office and canteen.

Cancer Council Morning Tea
We will be holding “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW. This will be held THIS 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/on the day.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Monday night 2nd June @ 7.30pm in the library. All welcome to come along.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week’s helpers Sean S, Deb & Fez K.
The next sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday 6th June and Class 5/6 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.

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Dates for Term 2
30/5/14 - Cancer Council Morning Tea
2/6/14 – P&C Meeting 7.30pm Library
4/6/14 – Entertainment books / payment due back
20/6/14 - School Disco

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Our Junior boys are improving week by week !
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