### Term 3, Week 4

**Coming Events**

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**Term 3, Week 5**

| Tuesday, 12/8 | Wet weather back up – Athletics Carnival |
|               | ICAS Maths |
| Wednesday, 13/8| School Banking |
| Thursday, 14/8| Tuckertime – Class 1O to host |
| Friday, 15/8  | PSSA – Friendly games |

**Term 3, Week 6**

**Literacy Week**

| Tuesday, 19/8 | Spelling Bee – School Finals 2-3pm |
| Wednesday, 20/8| School Banking |
|               | Performance - "The Windy Farm" – CBCA Short Listed Book of The Year |
| Thursday, 21/8| Book Parade |
|               | Great Book Swap |
|               | Assembly – 2.05pm |
| Friday, 22/8  | Sausage Sizzle – Class 1O |
|               | parents required to assist |

### Principal’s Report

**Staffing Update**

Mrs Kristensen will be on leave for the next two weeks and will return on Monday, 18th August. I will be relieving as Principal for this duration. We welcome Mr Iain Bramley to Melrose Park PS who will be the classroom teacher for 2/3L for the remainder of the year. Mrs Piper has returned one day a week and will be involved in supporting 1/KS on a Monday while Miss Mee leads a mathematics project in our school. Miss Mee will be involved in the implementation of the new mathematics syllabus and as a specific focus, will be mentoring our teachers in developing quality teaching and learning programs in multiplication and division.

### Student Engagement

**Birds In Schools**

Throughout the year students have the opportunity to be involved in a range of extra curricula activities. One such project has been Birds In Schools where 5/6 students have developed an awareness of native birds, habitats and food sources for birds. The students have found the program incredibly rewarding and their knowledge and understanding of the local environment has increased.

Birds In Schools operate from Newington Armory and the team are currently researching the breeding of a pair of Sea Eagles. There are cameras set up so if you would like to follow the progress of the Sea Eagles and watch the parents on the nest during this special time, please use the link below.


As part of our middle years and transition to high school programs, Year 6 students will be involved in a science day this Wednesday at Marsden HS.

**Friendly Debating**

Last week, Harrison, Ericka, Dyan and Nicholas participated in their first debate against North Sydney Demonstration School.

“The debate was exciting. It was our first debate for the friendly competition. I was team advisor and we were on the negative team and the topic was zoos do more harm than good. Our team spoke really well and we had great arguments. We need to work on rebuttals. It was fun and I especially enjoyed the food afterwards!”

**Harrison 4/5E**
Creative Arts Performance
Be sure to save the date 3rd September for our whole school performance at 6:30pm at Marsden High School. The teachers and students have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the night and you will be in for a real treat! Students are encouraged to participate in the program design competition. A student from each class will be selected to have their design appear in the program for the night.

Outstanding Incursions
Last week the students enjoyed two wonderful performances. The Blue Mountains Crossing play and the NED Show. Here is what our students had to say:
“The NED Show was funny and inspiring. Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best!”
Hannah, Carla and Kayla
“The NED show was great. I liked all the yoyo tricks!”
Ryan 2/3L
“The Blue Mountains Show was fun and educational. I learnt a lot of facts and information about the Blue Mountains and the explorers Wentworth, Lawson and Blaxland.”
Jasmin 5/6M

Educational Games
DEC often introduce new apps and educational games for students. Please visit the School A-Z website to find out more about their educational spelling and mathematics games. There is also one for pre-schoolers in preparation for school.

Soup Day
Thank you to the P&C and their helpers for a successful Soup Day. The cold weather made it an ideal event and I’m sure the children really appreciated all the effort.

Stewart House - Smith Family Clothing Appeal
Thank you for your donations. Bags have been collected so please do not bring any more in.

Thank you for your support over the next couple of weeks.

Jen Riley
Rel. Principal

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Principal’s Award for Book Work
The following children will be receiving a Principal’s Award at this week’s assembly:

Annual Athletics Carnival
Our annual Athletics Carnival is fast approaching! Below are a few important pieces of information for you as I am doing things a little differently this year!

1. The shot put event for the Athletics Carnival will be held at school this year instead of on the Athletics Carnival Day.

I have displayed a sign up sheet outside my classroom (4/5E) for students to add their name to if they are wanting to participate. The event will be held at 8AM on Thursday morning THIS WEEK (7/8/14). Students will be given 3 attempts only. If students do not put their name down and do not show up on the day, they will be unable to participate.

2. There is also a sign up sheet for the 800m. If students would like to participate in this event at the carnival, they MUST have their name on this list by Friday so I can arrange for them to be on the first bus to Dunbar Park as this event will be run before the carnival officially begins. Again, if students do not sign up by Friday, they will be unable to compete in this event on Monday.

Once again I thank all parents who have let me know that they are able to assist me on the day. This is greatly appreciated! If you are able to help, but haven’t yet let me know, please do so! I will be in contact during the week to explain allocated responsibilities.

PERMISSION NOTES ARE TO BE RETURNED BY TOMORROW. Please have your child ask for another note (or download one from our website) if you do not have one.

Ms Alex Roberts
Co-ordinator
Skip-A-thon
Last week Skip-A-Thon donation forms were handed out to students. Skip-A-Thon will be held on the 17th September and we encourage you to join in the fun. Please start collecting donations. Donations will go towards buying LEGO for our classrooms and robotics equipment for students to use. In the coming weeks we will ask for parent helpers to assist with skipping stations on the day.

Co-ordinating teachers, Emma Davey and Christina Price

Spelling Bee
Our annual Premier’s Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday 19th August when selected students will showcase their spelling skills. Firstly we will see the spelling talents of K-2 students. The Junior (Grades 3 and 4) and Senior Students (Grade 5 and 6) will follow and compete for a place in the regional final.
Regional finals will be held at Meadowbank Public School on Thursday 11th September.
Junior Times: 9:30 – 11:30 am
Senior Times: 12:30 – 2:30pm

Christina Price

Library News
Guessing Competition
First Clue for Grades 2-6 Class Guessing Competition

For teacher’s favourite book titles and more clues come and visit the library to see what you can find. Remember to work with your class to work out the answers.

The following clue includes 3 teachers and their favourite childhood books.

‘Way up in a magic tree, see what you can find with Mee.

Tiny little tree dwellers as cute as can be,
Year 2 kids and fluffy tails, I wonder which teacher this could be?

Snuggle you and cuddle me,

This story gave our Year 5 teacher so much glee’.

The class that gets the most answers correct will win a prize to share.

P & C Report
Athletics Carnival – Sausage Sizzle Pre Order
The Athletics Carnival is NEXT Monday 11th August at Dunbar Park.
We will be holding a sausage sizzle for lunch on the day for all students and families. Attached is an order form for the Sausage Sizzle, as this will need to be pre-ordered for the day as limited extras will be available. This can be used for children, parents and grandparents (anyone who is attending). This order form must be returned by THIS Friday 8th August.
The order is for either beef or chicken sausage & roll and all orders come with a drink, for the kids that will be a water or popper/juice. Soft drink is available for the adults.
I will require helpers on the day, if you are available to help out the P&C on the day, please contact me on the number or email below. The school will also need volunteers on the field with the running of events.

******PAYMENT - If you are paying by EFT this must be processed by 4pm on Thursday 7th August to ensure it has reached our account. Any money that has not been received prior to the carnival will need to pay cash on the day; we do not want to be chasing money after the event.

CAKE DONATION – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The P&C is running the cake stall at the Athletics Carnival on 11th August, on this day donations of Muffins / Cup cakes / Biscuits / Slices /Cakes Etc would be greatly appreciated. These donations can either be dropped at the office before 9am on the morning of the Carnival and where possible it is preferred if you could bring them up to the carnival directly.

Cakes will be sold for between 20c – 50c – so if parents are not attending the carnival they can send

Nude Food Term 3
Every week each class competes to see who has the best nude food percentage.

At the end of the term the winning class will receive a pizza lunch.

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Emma Davey & Jennie Spenceley
money with children to purchase items from the cake stall and extra drinks for $2.00. We will also have Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate available for parents to purchase.

**Chicken Noodle Soup Day**
Thank you to the helpers Chantel, Nina, Wendy, Jane and Kate. The day was a success with 91 soups sold, raising $182.00.

**Sausage Sizzle – TERM ORDER ONLY**
The next sausage sizzle for this term is **this Friday 8th August** and **Class 2R** 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 below.

**Volunteers Needed**
Any help for any of the upcoming events is greatly appreciated
- Athletics Carnival - Monday 11th August – P&C Cake and Coffee Stall and on the field
- Athletics Carnival – Cake donations Monday 11th August before 9am to the school or at the grounds
- Father’s Day Stall - Friday 5th September - selling and wrapping from 9am in the hall

**Dates for Term 2**
25/8/14 – P&C Meeting
11/8/14 - Athletics Carnival – Volunteers needed
30/8/14 - Bingo Night for the whole family
5/9/14 – Father’s Day Stall & Raffle – Volunteers needed

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**School Banking**
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

**Deborah Riley**
President
M: 0414 540 430
melroseparkpc@hotmail.com

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**We’re Having a Tupperware Party**
**Friday, 15th August**
The P&C will be hosting a Tupperware demonstration to raise money for the school. Please come along to view the latest products, ask questions, purchase new items or simply get your broken Tupperware replaced. The Tupperware consultant will be available in the canteen on Friday 15th August anytime between **8.30am and 10am**.

**Everyone welcome!**

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**AwardGroup Real Estate**
Award Group Real Estate West Ryde & Carlingford has been built around premium area knowledge, outstanding communication and expert negotiating skills. With the backing of a great team, Award Group Real Estate continues to deliver results above all expectations giving them a reputation as one of the Northern Districts leading agencies. Award Group Real Estate is widely respected for developing an innovative, ethical and successful approach to marketing real estate and are proud to be servicing the local community.
Music

Keyboard lessons at Melrose Park PS
Enrolments for new students now
Thursday 11:15-12:00

Lesson held at School A/F room
Music Teacher Miss Laura Toland
$19 for 45 min lesson Pay by Term from start to end of the term
New Piano Keyboard book $12 Pay with lesson fees

Please contact us within 7 days
Email to: je-music@live.com.au with phone number, or
Fax this form to J & E office: 9651-4892
Enrol Online: www.jskeyboardmusic.com.au with phone number
Students Name 1. ___________________________ 2. ___________________________
Tel: Home ___________________________ Mobile ___________________________
Parent ___________________________ Date ___________________________ Sign ___________________________
Pay to: Commonwealth Bank, JE piano 063 401 1010 0945
Miss lesson no refund, Stoop lesson give 2 week notice
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
11\textsuperscript{th} AUGUST, 2014

YUMMY CAKE STALL
Tea and Coffee
Sausage Sizzle

Children and spectators will be able to purchase cakes, drinks, etc. during the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM
Please return this order form for students (and spectators)
By Friday, 8\textsuperscript{th} August

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Bank Details: Melrose Park PS P&C; BSB 062 271; Account 900 288
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