Principal’s Report
I thank Ms Riley for taking on the Relieving Principal’s role over the last two weeks. I wish Jen all the best as she begins Maternity Leave at the end of the week and look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of her third child in the coming month.

New School Plan 2015- 2017
Each three years, schools are required to develop and publish a plan outlining the intended directions the school will take and the specific areas for development for the next three years, this being 2015- 2017. This management plan will guide all facets of school life including management, organization, budgets, learning and teaching.

In the next few weeks, staff, students and families will be given the opportunity to participate and identify focus areas for the future plan. We will also be having a community forum meeting later in Term 3 to provide a further opportunity for families to provide input into the planning process. We welcome all ideas and look forward to your participation in these events.

Over the course of the year several items will appear in the newsletter informing you of our planning journey and encourage you to partake in activities.

Celebrating Literacy
This Thursday, 21st August, is Book Parade day. All students have the opportunity to make connections with a book by dressing up as a representation of that book. This Term students have been learning about the classification of books during library time and learning that all books have a ‘call number’

Our parade will be held at 9.00 am followed by a short assembly. Parents and carers are then invited back to classrooms to share in class literacy activities with your child.

Book Swap – Our planned Book Swap will now be held next Wednesday, 27 August. (Details in Library News)
Active Travel to School Project
In early September, the school is participating in a research project with UNSW looking at Active Travel (walking/cycling/scootering) to school. It involves a mapping exercise at school and a short survey for Parents and Students. The purpose is to provide accurate information to Council and other Government agencies about any barriers or hurdles to actively travelling to school (as seen by parents and students). Shortly, an Information Statement will be sent home with students, along with consent forms that will need to be signed and returned in order for students to participate (all responses will be completely anonymous). Participation is completely voluntary, but your opinion is valued and will contribute to an accurate snapshot of how Melrose Park Public travels to school.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

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

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Library News
2014 Great Book Swap Postponed
Our Great Book Swap will now be held next Wednesday (28th August).
We ask that your child brings in a book that they love but can bare to part with and another book. We then encourage students to bring in a gold coin donation to choose a new book to take home and share with their family. Books can be swapped before school or at lunch time on Wednesday, 28th August.
All funds raised will support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and go directly to providing books to kids in remote communities.

Library 2-6 Guessing Competition Final Clue
The time for clues is almost over,
It’s now time to guess for Mrs Grover.
I must Thank you all for playing at home,
I wonder which teacher loves the sword in the stone?

Our newest teacher is included here too,
He loves Monsters how about you?

An Australian story for an Aussie Gal,
One you could read with your favourite PAL!

The last three teachers you will just have to guess,
as we are out of clues just try your best.

Remember two of the teachers love the same book,
All you have to do is take a closer look.

Entry forms will be handed out tomorrow, so get guessing.

Book Covering – Our library has purchased some lovely new books which need covering. If you are able to take some books home to cover (equipment provided) please see the school office staff.

Winter PSSA Reports
Junior B Netball
The junior B netball team had a fantastic season! We have all improved a lot since the start of the season. Overall we came 6th out of 16 teams which was a great effort! We can’t wait for next year!! - by Tamsin

Senior A Netball This year our team improved our passes and shooting. Our team was even moved up to the As. Everyone had a great time and we all look forward to playing next year. - by Niah

Junior A Soccer -This season of soccer the team did a great job in every game we played. We have improved our skills since the beginning of the competition. We had a great season! - by Adam

Junior B Soccer - This season was SO fun and I like socialising with other teams. What I liked the most was all the teachers that came to the games. Our skills improved and we never gave up and always did our best. - by Dylan

Girls Soccer - Soccer was awesome. We had amazing development in the team and we all enjoyed playing. We can’t wait for next season! - by Eliza

Senior Soccer - This year the senior boys soccer really enjoyed the season. Especially the year 6’s because it was their last year playing for Melrose Park. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped us this year, especially our coach Mr Hubbard. - by Liam and Will
Athletics Carnival
Thank you to all staff, parents and helpers who made the day run smoothly. I know it was freezing cold, but the day wouldn’t have run without your help! The students all had a fantastic day, congratulations to all of you! It was wonderful to see students shaking hands at the end of races, regardless of the result. What a brilliant display of sportsmanship! I was extremely proud of each and every student who participated in events. Zone participants will receive their permission notes and information tomorrow, and they will need to return these by Monday next week. Zone will be held next Thursday 18th August.

P & C Report
P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is next Monday, 25th August

Athletics Carnival
Last week we raised $1,268 for the sausage sizzle and cake stall and with over $400 profit with the coffee/tea sales – this was a very successful day for the P&C.

*** A huge thank you goes to Dimitrios Tasiovasilis for the large drink donations for the day once again.

Donation - Thank You
I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Leigh Smart from Formula Chemicals (also grandparents of 5 kids at the school), for some further donations that they have made to the school recently. They have donated products to go with the 12 iPads with retina display that were presented in an assembly to the school late last term, they have now donated 2 adjustable tripod stands, 12 smart folios and 12 head phones and other accessories so the kids are able to utilise the iPad’s. Donations like this are greatly appreciated from local businesses and what helps small schools like ours thrive.

Bingo Night
We have booked our Bingo night for all families to come along and have some fun, next Saturday 30th August 2014 at Vikings Sports Club Dundas Valley, see attached flyer for more information. Pre-payment is not required, just turn up on the night. Some of the prizes for the night are:

- Luna Park Rides Pass
- Featherdale
- Jenolan Caves – Family Pass
- Captain Cook Cruises – Coffee Cruise
- Dan Murphy Voucher

And many more... 5 games are played on the night with different games played in between some games for extra prizes.

Father’s Day Raffle
Each year we run a Father’s Day Raffle, this raffle will be held on Friday 5th September. The prizes for the raffle are:

- North Ryde Golf Course – 4 rounds of golf and cart hire
- KFC T20 Big Bash League, Round 2 Match 27th December x 4 tickets (ANZ Stadium)
- La Perla Restaurant Gladesville $150 Meal Voucher (donated via Yvonne/Alex Howard Yr5)
- Stephanie’s Beauty – 1hr Facial and head, hand and foot massage
- Ryde Eastwood Leagues $120 Dinner Voucher
- Bayview Hotel - $50 Bottle Shop Voucher

All tickets will need to be returned by Wednesday 3rd September. Tickets are coming home with this week’s newsletter; if you did not receive them please go to the office to collect them.

Please ensure you write your name and child’s class/name on each ticket and return unused tickets (as some ticket numbers will duplicate).

****Thank you to all the companies that have donated for this Raffle.

Father’s Day Stall
Please see attached note.

**** Helpers needed on the day to sell and wrap presents – Friday 5th September from 9am in the hall.

Sausage Sizzle
The next sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 22nd August and Class 10 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.

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

Deborah Riley
President
M: 0414 540 430
melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 5th September 2014**

Every year we hold a stall for Father’s Day on the Friday before. On the day each class is brought to the hall to purchase Father’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 dads 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 2-3 items plus a card the first time they come to the hall between 9-11am. If they have any money left over they are allowed to come back at lunch to purchase whatever is left.

On **Friday 5th September** send some money with your children, so they can purchase a present for their Father/Grandfather for Father’s Day.  

***Helpers Needed***: Helpers will be needed on the day from 9am in the hall to help sell and wrap the presents for the kids.

**Father’s Day Raffle**

The Raffle will be drawn at 9am in lines before the stall begins (Tickets are going home with today’s newsletter).

Tickets are due back by **Wednesday 3rd September**.

If you wish to clarify anything please do not hesitate in contacting me.

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** Regards**  
Deb Riley

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**Time to review your interest rate & loan?**

When a home loan is first structured, it is important for it to meet current and projected future needs. This of course is done with information at hand at that time.

Wist your home loan seemed the perfect fit a few years ago, circumstances might have changed since then and it might be time to review things.

If you think your interest rates need to be reviewed or if you are unsure of the suitability of your home loan product, give me a call.

I can compare it with hundreds of different products on the market and together we can decide if you are in a great product or if it might be worth switching to a different lender or product.

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The Tupperware school fundraiser was on last Friday. Orders can still be placed this week if you were unable to attend and would like something. The catalogue can be viewed online at [catalogue & specials](#) contact Donna directly for any orders storeandsave@hotmail.com or 0416 645 311. Please mention it is for the Melrose Park School fundraiser.

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TRUCK DAY
Thursday, 4th September

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
For catering purposes, form must be returned by Friday, 29th August.

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PRIZES GALORE
BINGO
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
SATURDAY 30th August
AT VIKINGS SPORTS CLUB
QUARRY RD DUNDAS VALLEY

Separate room with own bar, toilets and balcony. Kids will not disturb other club members, bistro food can be taken in the room from 6.15pm. Main meals from $11 – Kids meals $7.50

STARTS 6.30PM SHARP
COST: $5 PER PERSON
EXTRA GAMES $1 EACH

Bistro opens at 5.30pm
Melrose Park Public School would like to invite you to their Creative Arts performance for 2014

The Amazing Race Around The World

When: Wednesday 3rd September, 6:30pm
Where: Marsden High School Hall
Tickets: $5 (Infants/Pre-schoolers free)

Tickets must be ordered no later than Friday 29th August

Ticket Order Form – Creative Arts Performance

I would like to purchase __________ tickets for the school performance – The Amazing Race Around the World being held on Wednesday, 3rd September, 6:30 pm at Marsden High School.

I have enclosed $ __________

Eldest Child: _____________________________ Class:___________

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners