Principal's Report

School Concert
The excitement is building as students and teachers put the finishing touches on their class performance for the school concert which is now only a week away. Have you got your tickets to the performance at Marsden HS? Come in to the office and buy your tickets to a wonderful evening of singing and dancing from all students at Melrose Park.

Zone Athletics
Good luck to the students who will represent the school at the Ryde Zone Athletics Carnival this Thursday, 29th August. The carnival will be held at the State Sports Centre. Students will travel by bus and parents and carers are welcome to come and support the students. Thank you Ms Roberts for coordinating this event. Parents are welcome to travel on the bus to and from Homebush if they wish. (Please let the school know tomorrow)

Sport Photos
This Friday MSP Photography will be at school early to take team photos of PSSA Softball, Tball, Netball Soccer, Zone teams for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. As it is a Friday students will be already be wearing sports uniforms to have their photo taken. Photos can be viewed and ordered on-line. (Details to follow)

Live Life Well
We encourage students to bring a healthy snack to eat for afternoon break. In this break we encourage students to eat a piece of fruit and/or vegetable snack. Lollies and chocolate items are best left for parties and special occasion food at home.

Report Survey
Thank you to the many families who returned the Report Survey. Staff have analysed responses and noticed that families appreciated the time involved in preparing reports and you valued the written comments in English and Mathematics. Parents also commented that they required more clarity in student achievement in the sub strands of these subjects.
The Semester 2 Student Reports will change to reflect this feedback having both comments and achievement indicators.

**National Truck Safety Day**
A special treat for students is being organised to celebrate Truck Safety Awareness Week. This event is being organised by the Smart Family and supported by the P&C with many activities and a free BBQ for students on Wednesday 4th September.

**Regional Spelling Bee**
Congratulations to the following students who successfully won through to the Regional Spelling Bee Finals to be held at Meadowbank Public School on Thursday, 11th September. Well Done! Lachlan Murray, Cooper Roche, Celine Asatour and Carla Phun

**Clare Kristensen**
Principal

**Green Team News**

**Nude Food**
The final week of the Nude Food Competition is this week. Which class will win the pizza, movie and popcorn lunch?

**Vocabulary Sign**
Have you seen the southern side of the Wet Weather Shed recently? Have a look at the sensational sign that the Green Team put together using vocabulary associated with sustainability. Thank you Mrs Kristensen for making what we brainstormed, a reality.

**Miss Emma Davey and Mrs Jennie Spenceley**

**Library News**

**2014 Great Book Swap Postponed**
Our Great Book Swap will held tomorrow. 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 a nominated 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.

**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.

**5/6M Recorder Performance at MAPLES**
5/6M have been doing recorder with Mrs Gow. I am very happy that Mrs Gow is teaching recorder songs to us for performances such as the MAPLES Concert last Wednesday night at Marsden High School. I was particularly happy when Mrs Gow stood up next to us and played the recorder. Many other schools performed dancing, aerobics and singing, but we were the only primary school that had musical instruments. Marsden High played instrumentals on the guitar, the beat box and a string section. My favourite was the aerobics dance by Denistone East Primary School.

by **Amy Davis 5/6M**

**Birds in Schools VC**
On Wednesday, 13 August, Years 5 and 6 participated in the Birds in Schools video conference conducted by Elizabeth Noble from Newington Armoury. Ryde East P.S., West Ryde P.S. and Ryde P.S. also joined in. Each school presented the results of their bird surveys for point counts and transects.

Sophia and I showed graphs of the point counts and transects conducted in Term 1 and explained the data collected, such as which birds were the most common and least common in our playground.

In the next stage of the project, we will be aiming to position more bird and possum hollows in the trees of our school grounds. We will obtain blueprints on how to assemble bird boxes for different birds, as each bird requires a different nesting box size to meet its living conditions.

In the video conference, we learnt that different schools have a high number of various bird species. We also discovered that birds, such as the Australian White Ibis and the Noisy Miners, are not difficult to find as they adapt to different climates and habitats quickly, and easily.

by **Bejaie and Sophia 5/6M**
P & C Report

Bingo Night
These is being held this Saturday 30th August 2014 6.30pm sharp, 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 went home with last 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
See attached information.
**** Helpers needed on the day to sell and wrap presents – Friday 5th September from 9am in the hall.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week's helpers Phil G and Marion.
The next sausage sizzle for this term is next Friday 5th September and Class 1/KS 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.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Dates for Term 2
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.

Regards
Deb Riley
Slavery Speech

By Jasmin Ahlawat

Once upon a time, I used to be happy. I used to have a family. I used to smile. But all that changed without a second’s notice and everything that I knew and loved was ripped away from me. When you’re a slave you get used to pain, and after 12 years I don’t even notice anymore when new bruises come and go. It was hard at first, but I adjusted. I had to. My name is Abena and this is my story.

It was 1502 and I was only 8 years old when they raided my house and took me away. There were strange men in black uniforms, and I had no idea what they wanted at the time. But later, I figured out that I was just one of 12 million Africans from Central and East Africa that were part of the Great Atlantic Slave Trade. We were smuggled into North America, without being told much about where we were going besides the fact that we would all be distributed to rich houses where we were going to be slaves.

As soon as I walked in to my owner’s house, they looked at me with despise. Their eyes were full of disgust and I wondered how they could think that way without even knowing me. But soon enough, I discovered it was because of my skin colour. They thought they were going to get the “black disease” if they came near me, which I thought was absolutely ridiculous! I wished that somebody would tell me why white skin was more superior to black skin? And it was the same everywhere I went… Why did America have two bubblers? Why were there two types of toilets, different food, and different laws for black and white skinned people? The truth was that I was discriminated against where ever I went, and the worst part was that I knew it was all because of what I looked like, something that I could not change no matter how hard I tried.

My owners treated me like an animal, but I knew I was still lucky. All I had to do was wash the dishes, sweep and mop the floors, cook for five people and be at everyone’s assistance. I only had about 4 hours of sleep as I had to work till late and wake up early in the morning. I could make no decisions, have no rights, and no family, but at least I was safe. Who I really felt sorry for were the members of my community back in Ethiopia that had been smuggled here and had to work in the mines. They lived every day of their lives in fear, not knowing if they were going to live or die. The safety conditions in the mines were horrible and at least a few mines collapsed every week. I knew life was hard but I tried to stay happy. Or as happy as I could be, at least.

This is Abena’s story. She struggled, she suffered, and she lived a very hard life. However even today, in the 21st Century there are around 21 million forced labour slaves in the world, which is roughly equal to the population of Australia. Our world is still not fair, and we need to take action fast, for a better, fairer and more dignified life of the poor human beings: whoever they are, wherever they are.

By Jasmin Ahlawat
Why are we having Truck Day?

Truck Week 2014 is sponsored by the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) which is the peak transport body for the industry. It is held every 2 years and is a nationwide event to celebrate the trucking industry and the people that serve within it.

Trucks safely deliver all products sold on Supermarkets shelves Australia wide and delivers the items every day and night; 70% of all other products sold in Australia are delivered by trucks. The week is to promote truck safety and to recognize the people that work and support the transport industry.

Here are some useful statistics.
1) Since 2005 Heavy Vehicle registrations have increased 22%; expected to double by 2030 whereby car registrations have only increased by 12.6%
2) There are 536,000 Heavy Vehicles registered in Australia
3) These trucks have travelled 184,072 million tonnes/kilometres per year
4) Schemes such as NHVAS (National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme) and TruckSafe have had an important impact on safety with Heavy Vehicle compliance.

Over the 42 years of operation, Formula Chemicals has gained the following Accreditation for its fleet of trucks.
1) RMS “Clean Fleet” program; our trucks are maintained to the highest standard to prevent exhaust emissions entering the environment
2) Truck Safe Program; annual third party audit to ensure all our trucks are fully compliant
3) SmartTrack; global positioning/tracking of all our fleet
4) NHVAS Maintenance; Formula carries out its own maintenance of our trucks without RMS checks
5) NHVAS Mass Maintenance; Formula uses Forklifts with weight cells and a computer program to prevent overloading of trucks
6) NHVAS BFM; all drivers have completed Basic Fatigue Management programs which allows drivers longer shift allowances

Formula’s fleet is modern with no trucks over 3 years old; all are purpose built with bunded trays to prevent any leaks entering the environment. These are all state of art trucks.

I hope this gives you an insight into what Truck Week is all about.

TRUCK DAY
Thursday, 4th September

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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

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At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
ZUMBA FITNESS

SPECIAL OFFER:
First class
$10

When? 7:15pm every tuesday
Where? Melrose Park Public School Hall,
110 Wharf road, West Ryde
How much? $15 per class or 5 for $50
Contact: Viv 0421 833 863 or zumbawithviv@hotmail.com

PRIZES GALORE

BINGO

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

SATURDAY 30th August

AT VIKINGS SPORTS CLUB

QUARRY RD DUNDAS VALLEY

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

Bistro opens at 5.30pm

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
A WONDERFUL EFFORT BY EVERYONE AT OUR LITERACY WEEK PARADE
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: __________