## Melrose Park Public School

**Learning and Growing Together**

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### Term 3, Week 10

**Coming Events**

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| Wednesday, 17/9 | SKIP-A-THON 12.15 - 1.30–  
Sports Uniform – House Colour shirt  
School Banking – 8.30am |
| Thursday, 18/9 | Assembly – 9.00am – 2R to host  
Musica-Viva – Makukuhan 2-3pm |
| Friday, 19/9 | Sausage Sizzle – KE to host  
PSSA – Round 8 vs Meadowbank @ M/Bank  
**Last Day of Term** |

**Term 4, Week 1**

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| Wednesday, 8/10 | School Banking – 8.30am  
Year 5/6 Excursion – Gold Belgenny Farm, Camden |
| Thursday, 9/10 | Tuckertime – 5/6 to host                  |
| Friday, 10/10 | PSSA – Round 9 v’s  
Denistone East @ M/Bank |
| Sunday, 12/10 | RSS Rehearsal – Opera House – 7.30am |

**Term 4, Week 2**

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| Monday, 13/10 | Ryde Schools Spectacular –  
Opera House – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday, 14/10 | Leaders’ Day at Parliament House |
| Wednesday, 15/10 | School Banking – 8.30am  
Kinder 2015 Transition Morning – 9.15-11.00am |
| Thursday, 16/10 | Assembly – 2.05pm  
PSSA – Round 10 v Erm PS @ Meadowbank Park |
| Friday, 17/10 | Sausage Sizzle – 5/6 parents required to assist  
PSSA – Round 10 v Erm PS @ Meadowbank Park |

### Principal’s Report

Enjoy a well-deserved break as our students and staff have had a super term of learning. We will see all students dressed smartly in their summer uniforms on Tuesday 7th October.

Visit the uniform shop this Thursday if your child needs new items of clothing for Term 4. Once again thank you to our unpaid volunteers who help our school community in the Uniform Shop each week.

### Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: [http://bit.ly/selectiveHS](http://bit.ly/selectiveHS)

### Dogs

It is a departmental policy that dogs are not to enter school grounds. Classes welcome a visit from a student’s new puppy or kitten when this visit has been organised with the class teacher. In the interest of safety for all children and adults please keep your dog outside the school fence.

### School Planning

Thank you to the parents who gave up their time last Friday to give input into the new planning processes for the future years of the school. Attached to this newsletter is a survey form for you to have your say. If you would like to drop into the canteen, you can see many of the ideas and thoughts of what would make Melrose Park PS an even better school. Students are using their voice to give their opinions on how they want their school to look in the coming years.

### Skipathon

Students have decided that they want to use the funds raised in the Skipathon to purchase new resources for the classrooms including new Lego, a robot for the ICT room and learning games to play. Thank you for your support and sponsorship of our small skippers.
Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

ICAS
Congratulations to the following students who received excellent results in the recent ICAS English competition

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Swim School
Swim School 2014 has been confirmed with Session dates being Monday 1st December to Friday 12th December. This is during Week 9 and Week 10 of Term 4.

This year, the 10 day swim school will be held at West Pymble Pool. Students will travel to and from the pool by bus each day and be accompanied by two teachers.

Swim School is a department run scheme for students from Year 1 to Year 6 and targets students who are not proficient at swimming 25 metres. Priority places will be given to the oldest students who express an interest in attending.

While the lessons are free, the cost involved will be to cover the bus and pool entry. Swim school is a wonderful way to learn and develop new skills in the water and to build confidence when around water. It is a perfection preparation for the summer holidays.

World Vision
Here at Melrose Park PS students support the good work of World Vision through Tucker Time each fortnight. The money raised is sent to World Vision and over the past few years has helped Lucas Rodrigues Da Silva and his community in South America. The good news is that the money we have raised has helped Lucas and his family out of poverty and are now able to support themselves. This project has now come to end.

Our sponsorship money will now be directed to another little girl, her family and community in Cambodia. Melrose Park PS supports the work of World Vision as an example of children helping children.

Thank you to everyone who supports Tucker Time.

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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<td>5/6 M</td>
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Assistant Principal’s Report

Mathematics Project
With the introduction of a new Mathematics syllabus in NSW, teachers have been receiving professional development to understand the changes to the syllabus and the recommendations from research impacting how students learn Mathematics. Teachers have been observing and critiquing lessons, sharing lesson formats, activities and resources and discussing different techniques for adapting lessons to suit the diversity of ability levels in one class.

Some definitions learnt in previous years, have been redefined as the science becomes refined. For example, three-dimensional items are now referred to as objects and only two-dimensional items may be labelled shapes. The faces of objects are now flat surfaces with only straight edges. Thus a cylinder has no faces.

Whilst we have been focusing initially on multiplication and division plus fractions and decimals, by the end of the year, teachers will have an excellent grasp of the new curriculum and continue to implement best practice in all classrooms at Melrose Park Public School.

To ensure parents are also aware of subtle changes and the best way to assist their child in

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Mathematics at home, we will be holding a Parent Workshop in Term 4 at 2pm on Monday 20th October. Keep a look out in the newsletter for confirmation and more information next term.

Miss Mee

**SKIP-A-THON**  
**WEDNESDAY 12.15 – 1.30PM**

We are all looking forward to the Skip-a-thon tomorrow. Just a reminder to students to wear their house colours and to bring in collected donations. We are still asking for PARENT HELPERS to assist with some activities. We need about 6 helpers, so if you are able to assist PLEASE see Miss Davey ASAP.

Skip-a-thon will run from 12:15-1:30pm. Please pack an extra water bottle that can be carried around with students to each activity. Students will be burning a lot of kilojoules so it might be nice to pack some extra food for afternoon break. We invite parents to bring a picnic lunch to share with their child/ren and then stay to enjoy the skip-a-thon. If you would like to have a picnic then you are welcome to come at 11:15 when students will be outside eating and playing.

Please return all sponsorship forms ASAP

Thank you and hope to see you there.

Emma Davey and Christina Price

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**Crunch&Sip®**

**Crunch, Sip and Play**

Next term Melrose Park P.S. will be renaming ‘Afternoon Break’ ‘Crunch, Sip and Play’. This change is to highlight the importance of giving students food that is long-lasting, nutritional energy, to help student learning.

‘Crunch, Sip and Play’ represents the following components:
- ‘Crunch’ – eating fresh fruit and vegetables,
- ‘Sip’ – drinking water, and
- ‘Play’ – getting active.

Please support your children in their learning and wellbeing, by packing fresh fruit and vegetables and a water bottle, for ‘Crunch, Sip and Play’.

The website [http://healthy-kids.com.au/parents/](http://healthy-kids.com.au/parents/) has more information about Crunch and Sip. (Note: Crunch and Sip is often used as a mid-morning ‘brain-boost’ where schools have a late 1-2 lunch. As our students get a nutritious lunch at 11:15 am, we are implementing a later ‘Crunch and Sip’).

Mrs Jennie Spenceley and Miss Alex Roberts

**P & C Report**

**Volunteers needed – Thursday morning 30 mins**

If you are available for ½ hour on Thursday morning from 8.30am in the canteen to help staple all notices to cake boxes and hamper bags your time would be greatly appreciated. This will finish in time for the assembly at 9am in the hall.

**Hamper Donations for Fete/Market Day**

Attached to this newsletter is the flyer for the hamper donations. For the new parents we will be sending home a large bag on the first day back of Term 4 for you to put a new item/s in the bag and return on Monday 13th October. This is pre warning about the bag in case people want to purchase hamper items during the holidays. All items donated will go towards making the hampers that will be used for prizes for the Chocolate Wheel.

**Coffee**

Coffee will be available an extra day in the canteen now. It will now be available Monday, Thursday and Fridays. Coffees are on sale from approx 8.30am and can be bought as take away - $3.00.
Father’s Day Stall/ Raffle
We raised $618 at the Father’s day stall, this is a great result.

Sausage Sizzle
The last sausage sizzle for this term is this Friday 19th September 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.

Attached is Term 4 sausage sizzle order form.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Dates to remember
25/10/14 – Fete/Market Day

CANVAS WORKSHOP
Tents – Tarpaulins – Trailer Covers & Other Canvas Goods
Unit 28/13 Berry Street
Clyde NSW 2142

Phone: 9637 7915
Mobile: 0410 517 437
Ameeta & Robert Rupan

canvasworkshop@yahoo.com.au

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

North Ryde RSL Youth Club
Swimming Club
2014/2015 SEASON
Sunday Mornings 8am – 10am First Swim – 12 October, 2014.
Ryde Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Ryde

REGISTRATION:
North Ryde RSL Youth Club
2.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 27 September, 2014

For more information visit our website:
http://www.nrrslyc_swimming.websyte.com.au/ or contact:-

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – TERM 4 ORDER FORM
FRIDAY, 17th October 2014 (First One)

Form must be returned with the money by **Wednesday, 15th October, 2014**. Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope or indicate paid via EFT.

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**Term Order Only Term 4, 2014** (5 Sausage Sizzles this term)

(All direct deposits must be processed by 4pm on Tuesday 14th October, if they are not paid and no alternate arrangement has been made a term ticket will not be created for your child as we do not want to be chasing parents/carers for money)

Cash/Cheque Enclosed $ ____________

Direct Deposit Details:
Bank: Commonwealth
Name: Melrose Park Public School P&C
BSB: 062 271 Account: 900288
Reference: Use SS followed by name

Cash/Cheque Enclosed: $ ______________

☑ Paid via Direct Deposit

Reference used for Direct Deposit __________________________

Receipt number for Direct Deposit _____________________

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MELROSE PARK OSHC IS CELEBRATING THE END OF TERM WITH A PARTY ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON 18TH SEPTEMBER.
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US AND OUR JUMPING CASTLE!!!!!!!

We are asking parents to provide a party food for the occasion. Remember NO NUTS!
Please add your name to the list of party foods that is in the OSHC room. When you bring the food in please put it straight in the OSHC room on Thursday morning.
The party is open to all children who attend OSHC.

Please be advised if this is not a normal day for your child you will have to book them in as a casual and pay the casual rate.

If you would like for your child to attend the OSHC party please let the OSHC staff know by Wednesday morning so we can staff accordingly.

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CARDIO AND STRENGTH CLASS
This program is designed with all the elements necessary to get you fit and healthy to function with ease in your daily life. Using a combination of body weight exercises and various equipment to maximise your workout.

The Classes are focused on:
- Increasing strength
- Burn calories
- Build your fitness
- Improve flexibility

When: Wednesday
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Melrose Park PS School Hall
Price: $15 casual visit or 10 sessions $120.
This class is designed for all ages and levels of fitness.

Call 0408 650 029 to book your place
Private sessions also available
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you are all aware, Market Day is nearing – Saturday 25th October!! The P&C will be holding a chocolate wheel with prizes as well as selling amazing hampers full of goodies - BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We would like each family to supply at least 1 bag of NEW goodies to donate for the hampers. Suggestions include:

- Gardening items
- Cooking utensils
- BBQ tools
- Fishing equipment
- Beauty products
- Baby items
- Toys and games

Please make sure that the items are new (not second hand). Anyone who has spare baskets, these are also needed.

Please return items by __Monday 13th October______________.

Melrose Park P & C team.

PLEASE RETURN ANY BAGS THAT ARE NOT USED

Bags will be sent home on first day back Term 4 - 7th October.