Coming Events

**Term 3, Week 9**

- **Monday, 8/9**
  - Parent / Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday, 10/9**
  - School Banking – 8.30am
- **Thursday, 11/9**
  - Regional Spelling Bee
  - Ryde Schools Spectacular Rehearsal – Ryde Civic Ctr
  - Tuckertime – KE to host
- **Friday, 12/9**
  - PSSA – Round 7 v’s Ermington @ Meadowbank

**Term 3, Week 10**

- **Monday, 15/9**
  - Parent / Teacher Interviews
- **Tuesday, 16/9**
  - Robocup – Year 4
- **Wednesday, 17/9**
  - SKIP-A-THON
  - School Banking – 8.30am
- **Thursday, 18/9**
  - Musica-Viva – Makukuan
- **Friday, 19/9**
  - Sausage Sizzle – KE to host
  - PSSA – Round 8 vs Meadowbank @ M/Bank
  - Last Day of Term

**Term 4, Week 1**

- **Monday, 6/10**
  - Public Holiday
- **Tuesday, 7/10**
  - Students Return to school
- **Wednesday, 8/10**
  - School Banking
  - 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

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all our wonderful student performers for the outstanding singing and dancing that was on show last week for our first school concert. It was truly a memorable night. Thank you to all staff who supported the concert in so many ways and the many extra hours of work put in by staff to put on such a sensational performance.

Thank you to the many families who have sent wonderful messages of “Well Done” and “Bravo” to our students and teachers. The wonderful feedback encourages us to start planning the next one in a couple years’ time.

Students enjoyed a fantastic day last Thursday as a result of the many volunteers who brought trucks of all sizes, cool cars, a police car, and a fire engine to the school for the students to look at. The support from the Smart Family and the hard work from the team at Formula Chemicals ensured all students had an unbelievable experience and learnt many new facts about trucks and how to be safe around them. We thank them for their generosity and event management skills.

Thank you to Dr Geoff Lee (State MP for Parramatta), Mr Roy Maggio (Mayor of Ryde City), the Commonwealth Bank, the NSW Highway Patrol, the NSW Fire Brigade, Toll trucks, and Trivetts, for visiting Melrose Park PS and for contributing to making Truck Safety Awareness Week such a huge success.

Safety Reminders

At all times the safety of all our students is of prime importance and concern. Remember when dropping off and picking up students from school please park correctly and safely. The Staff Car Park and Driveway, the Bus Zone and the NO Stopping Areas are not places in which to meet students. Traffic Rangers have been called and will monitor the parking situation around the school.
Toilets

In recent weeks there has been some inappropriate behaviour occurring in both the girls and boys toilets. I would like your support to improve this situation. Please take time to speak to your child about the importance of using the toilets in an appropriate manner and being both respectful and responsible whilst there. Does your child know how to wash their hands correctly? All students are aware that toilets are a private place and are to be used responsibly. Melrose Park PS is fortunate to have a new toilet block and I hope that they remain in the best possible condition for many years to come. Thank you for your continued support.

Have your say!

.....over a free cup of coffee or tea
this Friday morning, 12th September
9.00 – 10.00am
at the canteen

School Planning 2015-2017

I would like to invite you to an event this Friday morning from 9am to discuss the future planning of Melrose Park Public School. The morning is for parents and future parents of Melrose Park who would like to provide input into the school’s next 3 year plan which is currently being developed. There will be a presentation where I will be providing information about current trends and improvements in education and the importance of having parent input into the decision making process.

This will be followed by an opportunity to discuss some of the key issues Melrose Park PS will be face in the coming years, including:

• Improvements to Melrose Park Public School
• Future Focussed Learning
• Melrose Park Public School’s physical environment

If you are available on Friday morning please come along to the Canteen and share a cup of coffee and morning tea as part of a Focus Group. All areas of school life will discussed and all opinions valued.

I am aware that many parents cannot make this time. Large posters will be placed in the canteen for you to come along and provide comments in your own time. A survey will also be sent home giving you another opportunity to express your thoughts on the future of schooling here at Melrose Park.

I welcome the community’s input into Melrose Park Public School’s next planning cycle and sincerely hope that you can join myself on Friday or participate in a survey.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

SPORT NEWS – AREA ATHLETICS

There was an Area Athletics Carnival yesterday, I was so nervous when I was at the starting line. Before we all started I crossed my fingers and wished “I don’t want to come last” and then I came 2nd amongst 20 boys. I made it into State. I couldn’t believe it and my family were so happy. In state, I’ll do my best, not only from myself but also the honour of my school.

By Chris Kim

Robotics at Melrose Park - Tuesday 16th September 2pm

Interested students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been working during lunchtimes each week designing, building and programming Lego robots in preparation for the MPPS Robocup 2014. Next Tuesday the Year 4 will compete in the first round of our Robocup challenge. Year 6 students will act as judges and scorekeepers. The best of the Year 4 teams will compete against the Year 5 and 6 teams in Term 4. Parents are welcome to join us for this exciting event in the school hall at 2pm.
Skip-a-thon—Wednesday, 17th September

As the skip-a-thon is fast approaching we are calling on parent helpers to make this a fantastic event. We will need 6 parent helpers to run a rotating skipping activity. If you are able to help for this please come and see Miss Davey (KE) and she will write your name down.

Students will wear their house colour t-shirt with sports uniform for the day.

We would also love to invite you to bring and share a picnic lunch with your child/ren before skip-a-thon and then stay to watch or join in the fun.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Swap
So far we have raised over $100 for the Indigenous literacy foundation, which is fantastic.

We have a number of books still available to swap for a gold coin donation, if you would like to get another book to read with your family come and see Mrs Price in the library on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

P & C Report

Fete/Market Day Meeting
This Wednesday 10th September 7pm at Deb Riley’s house. All welcome to come along and help out with preparations or ideas for the day. Please contact me via email below or 0414 540 430 for the address – all welcome.

Fete/Market Day Banner Repair
A huge thank you goes out to Peter Taing for organising a company Canvas Workshop at Clyde to repair our large banner. The company’s generosity in repairing the damage at such a cheap cost is greatly appreciated by the P&C. Let’s hope this year isn’t as windy when the banners go up.

Father’s Day Stall/Raffle
Congrats to the following families for winning prizes in the Raffle drawn last Friday, Gale, Donald, Coughlan, Masmanidis, Bragg and T Curtis. Hope everyone enjoyed the prizes and the presents purchased by the kids. The stall was a great success with it almost being a sellout.

We raised over $1,000 for the raffle… Profit for the stall is yet to be confirmed.

*** Thank you to the wonderful volunteers on Friday that helped sell and wrap all the presents.

Bingo Night
Thank you to Nicole Sim for donating the wine for the prizes on the night. Thank you to all the companies that donated prizes for the night.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to Marion and Cathy for hanging around after helping at the father's day stall to then help out with the sausage sizzle.

The next sausage sizzle for this term is next 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.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

Uniform Shop

Term 4 is Summer uniform & with only 2 weeks left of Term 3 now is the time to have your child/children’s try on their Summer uniform. Don't leave it to the last minute.

The uniform shop is open Monday & Thursday mornings 8:45 - 9:15 come in & see us to get your child/children ready for Term 4.

If you can't make it into the uniform shop on either of these days simply fill in the order form that you can find on the school website and enclose payment or deposit into the P&C bank account, and send the order form in with your child. We will fill the order and send them home with your child.

Dates to remember

10/9/14 – Fete/Market Day Meeting Debs House
25/10/14 – Fete/Market Day

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