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Learning and Growing Together

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Term 4, Week 10  8 December, 2015

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Principal’s Report

I’d like to extend a very warm welcome to parents and friends who have joined us today for our Annual Presentation Assembly.

Today is a celebration of all that is wonderful about our students, teachers and school. It is wonderful to look out on you all and feel the achievement and energy that comes with Presentation Day. Our assembly aims to be a little shorter this year and hopefully will finish on time so that our swimmers can jump on the bus for a wonderful session of swimming this afternoon.

Thank you for your patience and organisation for this early morning start to the day. I thank you today for your understanding if you have had issues with traffic, relying on others, parking, or getting here on time. I thank Marsden High School for allowing the use of this hall. Oh to wish for a hall this size at Melrose.

Every morning our wonderful musical bell gets the day started at 9.00 AM. After a smile and a “good morning”, I encourage all students and teachers ‘to let’s get learning”. I hope every day will be a great day of learning.
So today’s theme is one of learning.

Our assembly today is a recognition of each student’s efforts and achievement. Their learning is a cause for celebration. The learning for each child is unique and deeply personal. Some students find the learning of facts and knowledge so, so easy, whereas for others this learning is a challenge. Other students find the learning of a new skill in music, art or physical activity so easy whilst other students wish they could learn a skill as fast. Other students are skilled in social learning whilst for some, social skills and learning how to behave in a positive manner needs much practice. Each student has strengths and areas that need development.

Today we honour the efforts, the improvements, the commitment, the excellence and achievement for each of our young Melrose Park Learners. I congratulate every student as a learner and congratulate the book awards recipients for academic excellence, consistency, improvements, citizenship and commitment to learning.

Our teachers have had a big year of learning too. Melrose Park teachers are lifelong learners—we know that we can improve to make sure that we are learning the best strategies for teaching your children. Teachers have been involved in major projects this year including—Focus on Reading, and Teaching Early Numeracy. Ms Riley received High Distinctions in a Graduate Certificate of Asian Studies whilst Mrs Spenceley was accredited with over 70 hours of professional learning in her role as a Numeracy facilitator. I congratulate all our teachers who have embraced Professional Learning as part of their responsibility to create the best learning environment possible. This learning is in addition to the normal heavy workload that comes from day to day teaching. They are a great team to work with. Teachers want to keep moving up the learning line—so they can help their students move up their learning line.

Not to be outdone, the school is developing new systems, procedures, accountabilities, learning and how to lead and manage across a new school learning plan. We take on board our community feedback and hope to be responsive to your needs and expectations to create a wonderful learning culture and positive learning environment. Feedback from parents indicate that Melrose Park Public School is a supportive learning environment where each child is safe, is well looked after and where teachers know and care for their child. Feedback indicate that parents want more support about how to help their child in the learning process. This will be a focus next year. As a school we are excited that the school band successfully completed its first year and were so pleased that the Art Show was a great success.

It is the continual process of learning that I am excited about. I myself am learning to sit in my office chair for a few extra minutes each day before visiting classrooms and seeing our learning in action. The best part of my day is when a young learner comes to my office in order to share their learning. And with this learning comes mistakes. As every student here in the hall knows, Mistakes are great! We acknowledge that we make mistakes and as learners are determined to minimize them as we pick ourselves up and carry on. The greatest learning comes from mistakes. We acknowledge what has not gone well, identify what we want to be able to do, and work to make progress and a goal that will give us future success. Together we grow stronger. This is the learning path and future for all of us.

For now though, let us continue the assembly and enjoy together this shared celebration of learning. I hand over to our student leaders; Jasmin, Dean, Valeria and William as they lead our end of year presentation assembly.

Thank you.

Farewell Year 6 2016

I would like to wish our Year 6 students and families a wonderful farewell. I want to thank them for being part of our Melrose Park PS community.

There are several families who have been part of the Melrose Park PS school family for a long time leaving us for the last time. They include the Ahlawat, Masmanidis, Ottawa, Lopez Bolivar, Howard and Everett families. Thank you for choosing our school as your school.
Year 6 head off in the New Year to the high school system. I hope that you look back on your experiences with Melrose Park and remember your time here with fondness and happy memories. Of course you are welcome back for Market Day.

This Thursday evening all of Year 6 head out for a game or two of Ten Pin Bowling and a kid friendly meal. Students are keen to beat the teachers in the annual challenge of student v teacher. We thank the P&C for sponsoring this traditional farewell activity.

Next Wednesday 16th December we say a traditional farewell at the school. From 2.50 pm students from Kindergarten will form an arch for the Year 6 students to walk through and out the gate for the last time as primary school students. You are most welcome to join in the farewell.

**Student Leadership 2016**

We congratulate our new student leadership team for 2016 and wish them the very best of luck in their role. I am sure these students will take up the challenges with enthusiasm and diligence. Captains for 2016 are Harrison Bowen and Tamsin Slender with Callum Byrne and Hannah Riley making up the Student Leadership team.

**Thank You Volunteer Breakfast**

**Monday 14th December**

Don’t forget volunteers, send in your RSVP to our Thank You Breakfast. We would appreciate your reply so we can cater effectively.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

**Melrose Park PS Robotics competition**

**Wednesday 9th December – library – 1.10 to 3.00pm**

Students have been enjoying working on building and programming robots to compete in our annual Robocup competition which is to be held this week in the library starting at 1.10pm. Teams will compete against each other to complete a number of set tasks and gain points.

The competing teams are:
- Jasmin and Carla (Year 6) – Dance
- Harry and Kieran (Year 5) – Sumo and Soccer
- Ryan, Noah and Fletcher (Year 5) – Sumo and Soccer
- Max, Anthony and Calum (Year 5) – Dance and Sumo
- Ryan, Billy and Jye (Year 4) – Sumo and Google rescue
- Ashlyn, Zoe and Sophie (Year 4) – Google rescue, Robot Rescue
- Jack, Arjun and Nabeel (Year 4) – Google Rescue, Robot Rescue and Sumo
- Jonah and Lachlan (Year 4) – Google rescue
- Jonny and Max (Year 3) – Google Rescue and Sumo

Parents are welcome to join us for this fun event. Robot Rescue and Dance will be held before afternoon break (1.10 – 1.40) with Google Rescue, Soccer and Sumo to be held between 2.00 – 3.00pm. Other students will have the opportunity to observe a section of the competition with their class.

Mrs Pam Grover
Robotics coordinator
Hour of Code has begun!

We live in a world surrounded by technology.

Whatever field our students choose to explore as adults, their ability to succeed will hinge increasingly on understanding technology.

The importance of experiencing coding (programming) is being recognised as a vital skill for 21st century learners.

These are the reasons Melrose Park is participating in the largest learning event in history! During December, tens of millions of students in more than 180 countries will take part in the Hour of Code.

We are offering the experience of coding to students by introducing them to age appropriate activities at school. They can then extend this experience by logging on at home. Our goal is to have students think, create and have fun, all while learning computer programming.

Students should use the sign in web address provided below to sign in. They then use their allocated password (a picture for K-2) that was given to them at school.

Kindergarten: http://studio.code.org/sections/TPBEAN
Year 1: http://studio.code.org/sections/IHGDYM
Year 2: http://studio.code.org/sections/EVACZU
Year 3: http://studio.code.org/sections/OUURAH
Year 4: http://studio.code.org/sections/QOFRVO
Year 5: http://studio.code.org/sections/PGFCVM
Year 6: http://studio.code.org/sections/QKRVDT

By logging into their student account on their class page we can keep a record of their progress. It also will automatically save their work so they can return to where they left off (even in 12 months time).

They can also access these links via our School Blog: http://melrosepark.edublogs.org/hour-of-code/

Why not get involved in the ‘Hour of Code’ by sitting with your child and working together on problem solving and writing code. Parents can also try out Hour of code at http://hourofcode.com/au.

Pam Grover
ICT teacher

Creativity at Melrose

Congratulations to Ruby Miranda (Yr3), Jonny Valenta (Yr3), Lachlan Winter (Yr4) and Nabeel Siddiqui (Yr4) who were finalists in the Young Australian Art Awards. These awards are held annually to help nurture and celebrate the imagination and creative talents of young Australians. The judges looked for originality in design, quality of work, creativity, and effort shown in artworks. Melrose Park Public School entered 33 photographs and digital artworks in the competition and it is wonderful to have four of our students’ works acknowledged in this way.
Ruby Miranda ‘Surrealist Beach’

Lachlan Winter ‘Burning Sand’
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Swim Scheme is in full swing at West Pymble Aquatic Centre.

WE NEED YOU ON THE P & C
AGM 22nd FEBRUARY 2016 - 7.30PM
ALL POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

P&C EXECUTIVE

President: This is a great opportunity to meet new people and continuing to foster our relationships within the school and into the community. This requires a little office time with the Principal but is great for knowing what is going on around the school!

Vice President: Important support role for the executive. This is a great entry position onto the P&C executive and assist the President in all tasks.

Treasurer: Holder of the cheque book and counter of the cash. A great role for someone with a nice autograph (for the cheque book) and who is also good with a calculator.

Secretary: Keep all our affairs and records in order and be the letter writing extraordinaire. Keep minutes of the P&C meetings.

Community Support Co-ordinator: Sending letters out to companies for all donations to the P&C.

Sausage Sizzle Coordinators: Let your inner Master Chef we need someone to cook the sausage sizzle each fortnight. We also need someone to collate the term orders and purchase the food for the fortnightly fundraiser.

Market Day Coordinators: Take charge of our incredible parent workforce and guide the event and fundraising agenda. We’re all about working smarter not harder so bring your brilliant ideas to the table....or simply harness direct the existing powerful talent and keep the FUN in fundraising! This is normally held at the end of October each year.

Uniform Shop: Versace, Myaki, Dinnigan, Wang - whoever you’re wearing, bring them along to the blue and white paradise of the uniform shop and add your flair. This is for approx 30-45mins once or twice a week. Currently run on Monday and Fridays.

Book Club: Get a few friends together once/twice a term to submit then deliver the book orders. All the happy faces are reward enough.

Banking Co-ordinators: To collect money from children for banking, to be available on Wednesday mornings from 8.30-9.20am
MPPS Robocup
9th December 2015

Dance and Robot Rescue 1.10 - 1.40pm
Google Rescue, Sumo and Soccer 2.00 - 3.00pm
— in the library —

Google Rescue for RCX, EV3 & Dash

Robot Dance for RCX, EV3 or Dash

RoboCup Soccer

Robot Rescue for RCX or EV3

SUMO Challenge for EV3 and RCX

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
**P&C Report**

**Xmas Raffle**

We are running a Xmas raffle; the prizes for this year’s Xmas Raffle will be all the wonderful hampers that were made last Friday and also the following 3 prizes:

- Australian Museum Family Pass
- Vince and Roz’s Gym 3 month membership
- Followed by the 8 large Xmas Hampers in washing baskets

All tickets will need to be returned by **THIS Thursday 10th December**. Tickets have already been sent home. This will be drawn this **Friday 11th December**.

**Please ensure you write your name on each ticket** (as some ticket numbers could be duplicates).

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

***Thank you to the volunteers that helped out with making hampers last Friday.***

**Calendar Art Work**

The calendars will be distributed this Wednesday to students.

**Uniform Shop – Needs a Volunteer in 2016**

With one of our uniform shop volunteers moving out of the area next year we are need of a volunteer to assist with the uniform shop. If you are interested in helping out please contact the P&C or speak directly with the Uniform shop ladies.

If we are unable to get another volunteer the uniform shop may only be open 1 morning a week in 2016.

**Sausage Sizzle Change – Starting Term 1 2016**

*With our wonderful school getting bigger each year and the need for sausage sizzle to run more efficiently, our Co-Ordinator needs more time to organise the administration involved each term. With this in mind, we have decided to make the order form yearly. You can choose to pay for the whole year upfront or by term (all monies must be received by the last week of each term for the following terms Sausage Sizzle, except in T1 by due date stated on form). As we have been lucky enough to receive some sausage sizzle subsidies, we have been able to slightly reduce the cost and the orders are now for all fortnightly sausage sizzles regardless of attendance.***

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<td>Unless you want to change your order, you can forget about forms each term.</td>
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<td>Price</td>
<td>It’s cheaper per year!!!!</td>
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<td>Option to pay whole year upfront</td>
<td>Pay once then sit back &amp; relax for a year</td>
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<td>All sausage sizzles are covered</td>
<td>Because of the subsidies covering some expenses, there’s no need for you to calculate based on attendance, it’s all the same price.</td>
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|                             | The smiles from our friendly volunteers are free :-|)
|                             | You still have a choice of beef or chicken & of Ice block or lemonade ice block!!!! |

**P&C Meeting**

The first P&C Meeting in 2016 will be held on **Monday 22nd February**. This will also be the AGM for the year.

We need you on the P&C – please see flyer enclosed.

**Sausage Sizzle**

The LAST Sausage Sizzle for this term is **THIS Friday, 11th December and 3L** will be the host.

If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Yasmin Adami or contact Yasmin on 0432 420 628, or our P&C email below.
School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning in the canteen.

Athletes Foot
When buying your return to school shoes over the Christmas break, consider buying both black and sports from Athletes Foot at Top Ryde. Mention our school when purchasing as $5 from every purchase is donated to the school.

Aussie Farmers Direct
If any of our school community already receives products from this company, you can register your details online at www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising and the school will receive 2% of your annual spend.

Labels Fundraiser
You may find that you have run out of name labels and need more for next year. Please visit www.ozlabels.com.au and use the fundraising code FRS1240. They have different size sticky labels, sew on, stick on and shoe labels. They do package deals or separate orders, with very fast delivery. 20% of all sales are donated back to the P&C.

Facebook
If you haven’t already done so, like the P&C page on Facebook – Melrose Park P&C PS.

Dates to Remember for Term 4:
Term 4
10th December – Raffle Tickets due back
11th December – Xmas Raffle Drawn
14th December – Volunteers’ Thank You Breakfast
16th December – Last day of term

If you would like to contact me, my details are:
Mobile – 0416 130 274
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Cathy Lincoln
P&C President
Celebration Café
Tuesday, 15th December

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We would love the assistance of some volunteers to help with making sandwiches and set up for our fantastic Celebration Café next Tuesday morning.

If you can spare a couple of hours (or less) from 9am on Tuesday, please let either Mrs Price know or send in the slip below. Thank you in anticipation!

Helper’s Name: ________________________________

Please fill in and return ________________________

2015 Volunteers’ Thank You Breakfast

RSVP

Monday morning 14th December
From 7.30 – 9.30am

I / we will be able to attend the Volunteers’ Breakfast

Name/s ________________________________

Volunteers are welcome to bring their children along with them