Hannah Riley, Tamsin Slender, Harrison Bowen and Calum Byrne
2016 LEADERSHIP TEAM
We look forward to working with you

Coming Events

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School Class Photos – 9th March, 2016
Year 5/6 Camp – 16th, 17th, 18th May, 2016

Principal’s Report
We say farewell to several families from Year 6 as their youngest child leave Melrose Park PS. Farewell to the Ahlawat, Masmanidis, Howard, Everett, Lopez Bolivar and Ottawa families. Thank you for your support over the many years of being part of the Melrose family.
We wish the families leaving Sydney and moving to places such as Jervis Bay, Ballina, Gold Coast, Wauchope and Western Australia hassle free moving. Thank you for being part of the Melrose community. May your memories of Melrose Park be happy ones.

If you are not returning to Melrose Park PS next year or will be late back to school please put this information in writing and send it to the school office.

We wish Ms Roberts a wonderful birth in the new year and a restful maternity leave. We wish Ms Coles a wonderful experience teaching next year in Samoa. How lucky are the boys and girls in Samoa to have Ms Coles take on an amazing professional and personal experience. We look forward to both teachers returning to Melrose at a later date.

**Korean Language Program**

Our school has been successful in obtaining funding from the Korean Consulate. Department of Education to introduce the Asian Language, Korean, to students at Melrose Park in 2016. This funding will provide a teacher one day a week for a period of two years to teach Korean. In the third year of the program the school will need to self-fund the program. This program will add to the wonderful learning experience for our students at Melrose Park PS.

Learning a language is a wonderful opportunity for kids to broaden their view of the world, Australia's place in the world, and the many communities living here. It means understanding and learning to speak, read, write, listen and think in another way, and to explore and appreciate the wealth of knowledge that is part of each language and its culture.

**Transition**

We understand that students may be nervous returning back to school meeting new teachers, new classrooms and new routines. Our transition program aims to settle all students quickly.

On the first day of the new school year, students return to their 2015 classroom to commence the day. After new year greetings and catching up, all students participate in transition activities for the first two days. This is where students and teachers work through rotating activities becoming familiar with new staff, new routines, new learning spaces and remembering school expectations.

Classes for 2016 should be formed on the first Friday of Week 1.

**School Requirements**

A requirement list was included in Students’ reports last week. These items will be needed at the beginning of the new school year.

While not essential, does your child have access to a suitable dictionary for home use?

When buying new school shoes please make the effort to buy black leather shoes and black or white sports shoes. While it is fashion for bright multi coloured sports shoes they are not requested as part of the school uniform. White above ankle socks for girls and grey socks for boys form part of the uniform.

**Kindergarten 2016**

Kindergarten 2016 students participate in Best Start Interviews during the first week of the school year. Families have previously been given interviews times. If a new student has a medical condition (e.g. Asthma, anaphylaxis etc.) it is a departmental requirement that a short meeting is scheduled with the principal so that the school can be aware of any learning and support needs and a support plan put in place.

All new students commence their first full day of Big School on Monday 2nd February.
Thank You  Community Volunteers

Yesterday, Tuesday morning, some wonderful volunteers rocked up to the school very early as we held our thank you breakfast for all our volunteers who help around the school. We are extremely fortunate to have a school community who, so willingly, give their time to make our school the best it can be. It is a busy time of year and many of our volunteers were committed to work and could not make the breakfast. Again I would like to reiterate how grateful and appreciative we are for your contributions.

Swimming Carnival

The Annual Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Week 2 of the school year. Being so close to the beginning of the year we have sent out the permission notes this year as we all know that the beginning of the school year is always busy. All students in Year 3 - 6 are expected to attend.

If you are able, please come and join us at Granville Swimming pool on Thursday 4th February. Over the holidays make sure children have the opportunity to practise their swimming. Students will nominate for 25m 50 m and 100m events next year. For non-swimmers, the kick board race is always extremely competitive.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

As the school holidays begin at 3.00PM tomorrow I would like to wish all of our school community a happy and safe holiday. I hope that all children have time to relax, play and enjoy their time with you. Games to play such as board games, card games and ball games are the perfect way to spend time talking, having fun and reconnecting with your inner child as well.

Remember to find time to rest, relax, read, read, read and reenergise.  

We look forward to seeing you in the 28th January 2016

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Permission to Publish notes

Last week a note was sent home titled “Permission to Film and Publish short videos”. We are currently photographing and filming students and teachers to make a film about the robotics program at Melrose Park Public School to be placed on the Class movies website. More information about the Class Movies project can be found on the DEC ClassMovies Portal www.classmovies.com/decnsw

Existing films from other schools can be viewed at http://www.classmoviestv.com

Please support our project by giving your permission. We will not identify your student by name. Often groups of students are filmed or photographed together and if one student is not given permission then the whole film or photo cannot be used. If you would like to discuss your child’s participation please phone the school and ask to speak to Mrs Grover.

If you are happy for your child to be filmed or photographed as part of the ClassMovies projects please complete the form and return it to school tomorrow.

Additional copies of the note can be downloaded from the school website:

Pam Grover
ICT teacher
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

P&C Report
P&C Committee
Our first P&C Meeting next year will also be our AGM Monday 22nd February, where all the positions become available. I have attached a list of the jobs and descriptions. If you are interested please feel free to discuss with any of the current committee about expectations and what you can offer. We are open to anyone who is interested in joining the P&C in 2015, it is a wonderful way to meet people and assist in the needs of your child’s school.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week’s helpers Kate, Trish, Ros and Greg.

Xmas Raffle
Congratulations to all the winners of the hampers last week – Enjoy.
Calendar Art Work
These were distributed last Thursday – if you did not receive your order please contact me.

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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<td>The smiles from our friendly volunteers are free :-)</td>
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School Banking
This has finished for 2015.

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.
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
ROBOCUP
SAUSAGE SIZZLE – YEARLY ORDER FORM
FRIDAY, February 12, 2016 (First One)

This order form is yearly. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, children will receive the same order each term once paid. You can choose to pay for the whole year upfront or by term, monies must be received by the last week of each term for the following terms Sausage Sizzle (with the exception of Term one which is due by the below date.) As we have received some sausage sizzle subsidies, we have been able to slightly reduce the cost and the orders are for all fortnightly sausage sizzles regardless of attendance.

Form must be returned by **Tuesday, February 9.** Please put order form and money in a sealed envelope or indicate paid via EFT.

(please choose beef or chicken sausage and choose lemonade or any flavour ice block)

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I would like to pay the following (please tick),

- [ ] x ___(children) Yearly sausage sizzle with Ice Block ($60 per child)
- [ ] x ___(children) Yearly Sausage Sizzle without Ice Block ($50 per child)
- [ ] x ___(children) Yearly Ice Block Only ($10 per child)
- [ ] x ___(children) Term sausage sizzle with Ice Block ($15 per child)
- [ ] x ___(children) Term Sausage Sizzle without Ice Block ($12.5 per child)

Direct Deposit Details:
Bank: Commonwealth
Name: Melrose Park Public School P&C
BSB: 062271 Account: 900288
Reference: Use SS followed by Initial & Last name.

Total Payment $ ____________
Cash/Cheque Enclosed $ ________ □
Paid via Direct Deposit □

Receipt number for Direct Deposit __________
Reference used for Direct Deposit __________
Thank you everyone for a fantastic Presentation Day