Principal’s Report
Welcome to summer, the first day of December and the beginning of the Silly Season.

The next few weeks of the school year will flash by. Classes are excited to begin Christmas activities and discover fun facts about how Christmas is celebrated around the world and learn about other festivals and beliefs of families who celebrate special occasions in different ways. If you would like to share one of your traditions or customs with the class please speak to your child's teacher.
We started the season with our colourful mufti day today. Students all love dressing up and enjoying a change of routine. Items for the Christmas Hampers can still be donated this week if you have forgotten to send something in. The P&C elves will prepare the hampers that will be raffled off at the end of the term. Remember to get your raffle tickets returned for your chance to win a fantastic hamper.

Swim School has commenced and from the positive feedback after the first day will be a wonderful experience for our 45 swimmers. Thank you Mr Clark and Miss Coles for escorting and supervising our students. Always check each day that your child has all items of need to enjoy their activity.

Presentation Day will be held next Tuesday 8th December at Marsden High School hall. Families are invited to attend our last assembly for the year. All students are recognised for their learning, book prizes are awarded for each class and the new student leadership team is announced.

The Year 6 end of year activity draws near. Each year the P&C supports the activity and we thank them very much for their assistance. Students and teachers will enjoy an evening of Ten Pin Bowling in Lidcombe on Thursday 10th December.

Celebration Café notes have been sent out and are now due back. This event is a wonderful tradition at Melrose Park PS where every student enjoys a special lunch together and participates in fun activities during the day. Putt Putt will be the highlight activity of the day.

If you are intending to leave school before the official last day for students, Wednesday 16th December please confirm in writing of your intentions to the office

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**Thank You Volunteer Breakfast**

**Monday 14th December**

Don’t forget volunteers to send in your RSVP to our Thank You Breakfast hosted for our fabulous parent volunteers. We appreciate your reply so we can cater effectively for your breakfast.

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**HOME READING**

This is the last week of borrowing the home readers from school. We need all books returned this Friday so the stocktake of books can be completed before the holidays.

We encourage students to continue reading using their books from home or borrowing from the local libraries over the summer break.

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**Library Books**

There are several overdue library books that students have forgotten to return to the library. Look at home and see if there is a library book floating around the house. A stocktake of the library is being undertaken this month and we would love to have all books accounted for. Please return all outstanding books IMMEDIATELY to the library so as to avoid being charged for missing books.

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**Clare Kristensen**
Principal

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**Assistant Principal**

**Website and Communication Survey Results**

Thank you to the families that participated in our school website and communication survey. The information has assisted us in planning for next year and has provided us with ideas on how to improve our communication systems. Five families will receive a children’s book on Friday for their participation in this survey.

**THANK YOU Multi-Lit Volunteers**

Over the course of the year a number of volunteers have assisted in running the Multi-Lit Reading Tutor Program where they provide individual support to students to acquire reading skills. The program is highly successful and student improvement in reading is evident. Our Multi-Lit tutors have found the program to

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be incredibly rewarding and many have been volunteering for a number of years. If you are interested in becoming part of the Multi-Lit team, please contact Lesley Slender at lesley@ozslenders.com.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers this year and especially to Lesley for her wonderful coordination of the program. We hope to see you all at the Thank You Breakfast on Monday.

Learning Snapshot
Reading Recovery
Reading Recovery is an intensive reading program which takes place at MPPS during Semester 2 each year. Reading Recovery is for selected Year 1 students and is delivered by a trained Reading Recovery teacher. I would like to congratulate the students involved on their amazing reading progress and commitment to developing their literacy skills. Thank you Miss Lambert, our students have had a very positive and enjoyable learning experience with you.

Student Engagement
It is always wonderful to pop into classrooms and witness students highly engaged in their learning activities. 2/1O and 2R with the support of Mrs Grover were recently involved in making their stories come alive by using the Lego Story Starter app. The students developed narratives, constructed their scenes using Lego and took pictures and inserted text using the app to develop their multimodal text. Students took great ownership of this activity and produced some very creative texts. Well done students, teachers and Mrs Grover.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

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 are being made this Friday and also the following 3 prizes:

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

All tickets will need to be returned by NEXT Thursday 10th December. Tickets went home last week. This will be drawn on 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.

Volunteers Needed
This Friday morning from 9am to help make up the Xmas hampers in the canteen.

Mufti Day
Thank you to all the wonderful donations that we received today as part of Mufti Day.
Calendar Art Work
These are due to be returned to the school by the end of next week. Once received, they will be distributed to the 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>Price</td>
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<td>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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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.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week’s helpers Marlene Winter and Lesley Slender.
The LAST Sausage Sizzle for this term is NEXT Friday, 27th November 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.

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
4th December – Xmas Hamper making – volunteers needed from 9am
8th December – Presentation Day Marsden High School
11th December – Xmas Raffle Drawn
14th December – Volunteer “Thank You” Breakfast
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

Lost Property
From tomorrow (for a couple of days) all items from lost property will be placed out in the playground for claiming. If you are missing any items of clothing or lunch box items, please come and have a look or have your child check through the two containers full.

Play Netball for Comets in 2016

Register online NOW

NEW players turning 7yrs and up in 2016
Saturday games at Brush Farm for 7-10yrs,
And Meadowbank Park for 11yrs and up!
Uniform Hire included in registration!
www.cometsnetball.com.au

Call Susan Brownlow: 0409 041 487
secretary@cometsnetball.com.au
Mini Fete Day – What a Hoot!
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
Have a Healthy Holiday

Some healthy party foods:
- Vegetable sticks, vegetable dips
- Fruit platters, fruit skewers, fruit salad, orange wedges, watermelon cakes
- Vegetable fritters/ pikelets, Vegetable frittatas, cobs of corn
- Air popped popcorn, pretzels, dried fruit and seed trail mix (no nuts)
- Finger or triangle sandwiches, wraps
- Crackers and cheese, crackers with spreads, rice crackers
- Sushi, rice paper rolls
- Scones, un-iced fruit muffins, fruit bread
- Zataar pita bread, olives, dolmades
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 only 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 _____________