Term 1, Week 2

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Principal’s Report

I would like to welcome all our new families to Melrose Park Public School and wish you a happy and enriching experience as part of our school community. The Kindergarten of 2015 look so grown up in their new uniforms and looked ready to take on the world walking proudly in their new shoes.

It has truly been the Best Start to meet so many happy and excited students ready for a year of learning and making friends at BIG SCHOOL.

As of today we have 186 enrolments. This magical number allows the school to create eight classes

5/6 M Ms Alice Mee  
4/5 E Miss Alex Roberts  
3 L Mr Martin Clark  
2 R Mrs Grace Cabot  
2/1 O Miss Leah Coles  
1 S Mr Iain Bramley  
KE Miss Emma Davey  
KP Mrs Jennie Spenceley

Support Staff

Learning and Support Ms Jen Riley (Mon Thurs, Fri)  
English as an Additional Language Mrs Sadie Gow (Wed)  
RFF Visual Arts Mrs Jenny Piper (Mon, Tues)  
Library Mrs Christina Price (Tues Wed)  
ICT Mrs Pam Grover (Wed, Thurs)  
Writing Project Mrs Yvonne Louis (Mon)

Administration

Admin Manager Mrs Karen Price  
Admin Officer Mrs Debra Beauman (Mon Wed Thurs)  
Grounds Ms Leisa Cuneo, Mr John Davey

Executive Staff

Ms Jen Riley and Ms Alice Mee support the students, staff and the school in their role of Assistant Principal. Mrs Jennie Spenceley will also relieve in this executive role supporting Early Stage 1.

We have a dedicated group of enthusiastic and highly trained teachers ready to give your child a wonderful start along their education journey, delivering excellence in the academic program not only of literacy and numeracy but an education for your whole child – sporting, cultural environmentally and socially.
Our student body led by a fantastic cohort of Year 6 students and a dedicated and committed parent committee, all contribute to a wonderful learning environment. Together we strive for continued improvement and excellence in all our endeavours. With your support and positive partnership we can achieve great outcomes.

Student Leaders
Dean Masmanidis, Jasmin Alawhat, William O’Brien, and Valeria Lopez Bolivar are our elected student leaders of the school. Our young student leaders head off to Leadership Camp this week. Working alongside other young leaders they will have opportunities to understand and develop confidence in their new roles.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
This Friday 6th February
2.30-4.00pm (outside hall)
Bring a plate of food to share.
Come and meet new friends and say hi to some old ones

Supervision
Melrose Park P&C operate a Before and After Care service each day for the safety and wellbeing of students. There is no teacher supervision of grounds before 8.30AM. Therefore students are not to be left in the school grounds unaccompanied before 8.30 AM.

Dismissal time is 3.00PM. If not going to After Care, students need to be promptly picked up at the end of the school day. If you know you are going to be late please ring the school office to notify us and we will inform the student to wait.

Reminders
To help make the school run smoothly please remember
- The staff car park is for staff only. Please park on the street.
- Play equipment after school is left alone and not played on.
- Parents stand at the back of the student group at morning lines
- Notes and money go to the class teacher each morning.

Newsletters
Each Tuesday a newsletter will be sent home with the oldest child in each family. Newsletters contain many announcements, a calendar of events, changes to routines and permission notes. Please keep newsletters in a safe place at home so they can be referred to as necessary. You may also access the Newsletter through the School’s Website.

By the end of this term we hope to have our School App in operation where it will be easier to receive notifications of school events straight onto your smart phone.

MEET THE TEACHER
Please put aside the evening of Tuesday 17 February, to come and meet your child’s teacher, visit their classroom and also have the opportunity to hear about the school programs for 2015. More details next week.

Swimming Carnival
The school’s swimming carnival is next week, Monday 9th February, at Granville Pool. Remember to return the permission note as soon as possible. Parents are welcome to join us.

P&C
Melrose Park Public School is a great school supported enthusiastically by a wonderful parent body. I encourage you to actively join the many opportunities to get involved. The P&C are seeking new members to take up roles which help keep the parent body strong.

Tucker Time, Sausage Sizzle, Family Bingo Night, Working Bee, and the West Ryde St Fair are all ways in which parents and caregivers can be involved this term. Volunteers are always needed to help support learning programs such as Reading, Multilit, Sport Coaches/Managers and computer helpers are all welcomed.

Maybe you know a senior citizen that is looking to give some time to listen to children read. We welcome volunteers and appreciate the time they give to support our students.

P&C Meeting
Monday 23rd February 7.30pm
In the library
Support your school
Support your parent community

Library Day
This year library day will be held on Thursdays. Students bring along a library bag in which to borrow a book or two to share at home with you.
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Popcorn Day
Made fresh by Year 6
Thursday 5th February
for Tucker Time
50c a bag
Put the 50c in a purse or an envelope
Supporting World Vision

Clare Kristensen
Principal

P&C Report
Welcome to all our new Kindy families. Should you ever wish to speak to me I am available on 0414 540 430 or the below email, alternatively I am at the school each afternoon and Friday mornings - Deborah Riley P&C President.

Sausage Sizzle
***TERM ORDERS ONLY – TERM 1***
For the new families, at Melrose Park we hold a sausage sizzle for lunch once every fortnight. This equates to 4 times this term. Each class takes a turn to be the ‘host’ and as such we ask that 2 to 3 parents from the host class volunteer their time to help cook and serve the sausages.

The first Sausage Sizzle for this term is next Friday, 13th February and 5/6 will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by WEDNESDAY 11th February, as we place our sausage orders on a Thursday morning, order form is attached. Total per child for the term, including ice block is $14.
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.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
This Friday 6th February, we are having a meet and greet of the new families at school. If you are able to help with catering by providing some nibbles or cake this would be appreciated. Also if you are able to come to school early and meet some of the new faces in the afternoon, it would be lovely to have you. Come meet a new parent or catch up with existing families 2.30 – 4pm in the hall.

P&C AGM/Meeting
The first meeting for 2014 will be on Monday 23rd February @ 7.30pm in the library. This will also be our Annual AGM. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on the P&C and would like to discuss the roles please call/email me on the details below.
Positions are
President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Community Support Coordinator
Sausage Sizzle Coordinator
Book Club Coordinator
Market Day Coordinators
OOSCH Committee Members
School Banking Coordinators

In coming along to the meetings you do not have to put your hand up for a position on the committee. You can help out for certain events, as little or as much as you are available – if you are unable to help out you are still encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about the school. All help is greatly appreciated – “many hands make light work”.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is currently open on Mondays and Fridays from 8.40am – 9.15am. Order forms are found on the school website which can be printed and sent in with payment enclosed or Internet transfer to the P&C account. Once payment has been cleared, the Uniform shop will collate the order and deliver to your child’s class on one of these days.

Coffee
Freshly brewed coffee is sold in the canteen every Thursday and Friday mornings for $3.00. This can be drunk in the canteen and have a chat, or it can be purchased as take away. If you ever see the sign at the edge of the playground heading towards the canteen go and grab yourself a delicious coffee to start your day.
(Coffee cannot be consumed in the playground).

School Banking (Commonwealth Bank)
The school does banking through the Commonwealth Bank every Wednesday Morning from 8.30am. Kids can bank on behalf of younger or older sibling.
For each new student that signs up the school receives $5 and also for every deposit made through the school we receive a % back to the P&C.

Labels Fundraiser
To prevent your child from losing their belongings 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.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
6th February – Welcome Arvo Tea (all welcome, afternoon tea donations required)
23rd February @ 7.30pm – P&C Meeting & AGM
1st March @ 4pm – Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon (students/siblings/parents welcome)
15th March Sunday - School Working Bee
17th March – Raffle Tickets go home for Easter Raffle
28th March – State Election
30th March – Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation as penalty more info to come

2nd April – Easter Raffle

If you would like to contact me, my details are:
Mobile – 0414 540 430 (Deb)
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Deborah Riley & Nina Mather
Co-Presidents

Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

WE NEED YOU ON THE P & C
AGM 23rd FEBRUARY 2015 - 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 writier 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.

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Special Religious Education (Scripture) 2015

Special Religious Education (Scripture) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives.

Section 32 of the Education Act 1990 requires that "in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion'.

Parents/caregivers:
- have the right to have their children receive instruction in their religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available.
- may nominate an alternative persuasion, where special religious education cannot be offered for their particular religious persuasion, or for other reasons.
- have the right to choose not to have their children attend special religious education.

Scripture at Melrose Park Public School will begin on Tuesday, 10th February, 2015. There are currently Non-Denominational and Catholic Scripture available. Non-Denominational Scripture is attended by students who identify themselves as Christian (eg. Protestant, Anglican, Church of England, Uniting and some Greek Orthodox) and is currently run by the Anglican church.

Where a religious persuasion was nominated on enrolment and it is available in our school, a student is automatically enrolled in that special religious education class. Where a religious persuasion was not identified or it is not available, parents may choose either non-Scripture or another religious persuasion.

Students at Melrose Park Public School who do not attend special religious education, attend non-Scripture. No academic instruction or formal school activities may occur during time set aside for special religious education. Such activities create conflict of choice for some parents and students attending special religious education. During non-Scripture students may read or complete self-imposed study.

A parent/caregiver may at any time notify the school in writing that they do not wish their child to attend special religious education or may alter the religious persuasion selected. Students will continue in the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change.

Ms Mee
School Band Program - Parent Information Evening

February 2, 2015

Dear Parents,

This year, Teaching Services Australia (TSA) will be holding 5 Information Evenings (1 hour) for parents of the Band Program. The session will be very informative and aims to answer frequently asked questions regarding the Program and to give you the opportunity to meet some of our staff.

The focus:
- Introduction to TSA
- How the tutor book “Accent on Achievement” works.
- Understanding the Band Program
- How to encourage practice that makes a difference
- Accessories
- Answering any queries you may have
- Instrument Set-up (maintenance will also be covered)

What to bring:
Please bring your child’s Instrument and Accent on Achievement book (please leave the kids at home if possible.)

We would like to encourage you to attend one of the sessions, as it will be of great benefit in helping your child with their music education and participation in the band program.

Please set aside one of the following dates for your convenience.

Dates and Venues:

- Monday February 23, 7:00pm – St Madeleine’s Kenhurst
  23 Annangrove Rd, Kenhurst – primary multipurpose area
- Tuesday February 24, 6:30pm – St Mary’s Of The Sea, Hurstville
  26-28 Croydon Rd, Hurstville – school hall
- Wednesday February 25, 7:00pm – Melrose Park Public School, Melrose Park
  110 Wharf Rd, Melrose Park off Victoria Rd near Emrington – school hall
- Thursday February 26, 7:00pm – Baulkham Hills North Public School
  2 Giralong Ave, Baulkham Hills – school hall
- Wednesday March 4, 7:00pm – Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara
  23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara – school hall

We would like to thank the five school above who have so kindly agreed to host our information evenings for 2015 and we hope to see you at one of these nights.
Play Netball in 2015

Limited vacancies for players aged 7-17

Practice is on Thursdays at Meadowbank Park
Games are played on Saturdays starting 18/4/15.

Register online NOW:

www.cometsnetball.com.au

Call Judith on 0405 058 516
or email Debbie:
president@cometsnetball.com.au
SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – TERM ORDER FORM
FRIDAY, 13th February, 2015 (First One)

Form must be returned with the money by Wednesday, 11th February, 2015. 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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**Term Order Only Term 1, 2015** (4 Sausage Sizzles this term)

(All direct deposits must be processed by 4pm on Tuesday 10th February, 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)

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

**Cash/Cheque Enclosed**: $ __________

- [ ] Paid via Direct Deposit

Receipt number for Direct Deposit: __________
Reference used for Direct Deposit: __________
Why Chess?

• Create Brighter Thinkers
• Improve Student Focus
• Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:
• Improves concentration and focus
• Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
• Enhances memory
• Encourages creative and lateral thinking
• Promotes discipline
• Accelerates emotional development
• Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
• Demonstrates actions and consequences
• Rewards correct decision making
• Increases self-confidence
• Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Combines learning with fun!

Melrose Park Public School Chess Classes, 2015
[Tuesdays 11:15AM - 12:00PM]

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TO ENROL: Please collect a form from the school office.

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
Sydney Chess Centre, Level 1, 30A George Street Burwood, NSW
P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805
E: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au W: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
To: Kindergarten Parents 2015/ New families
Some Helpful Information

Fortnightly Sausage Sizzle – P&C Organised

Each fortnight on a Friday we run a Sausage Sizzle which is $3.00 for the sausage and roll and 50 cents for an iceblock. The first Sausage Sizzle for 2015 is Friday, 13th February. You have the option to choose beef or chicken sausage and also a lemonade only or any flavour ice block. This order is what your child will have for the whole term. A new order is placed at the beginning of each term.

On the day of the sausage sizzle we have a coordinator and a cook that organise the tickets and cooking. The tickets are handed out to the teacher/children before they leave the classroom for lunch to collect their sausage sizzle from the volunteer helpers. After finishing the sausage, each class will line up and collect their Ice block and hand their ticket back in.

We usually have 4 - 5 sausage sizzles each term. Each fortnight a class is allocated to be the helpers and we require 2 – 3 parent helpers from that class to help make it a success. So please volunteer your time. Twice a year is the commitment to this activity. The roster is advertised in the newsletter. Order forms are in the newsletter ( and on the website) for the first 2 weeks of each term.

Fortnightly Tucker Time – School Organised

TUCKER TIME is run on the alternate weeks to the Sausage Sizzle on a Thursday afternoon from 1.40 – 2.00pm. The first Tucker Event is a Popcorn Day this Thursday and then every fortnight. There are approximately four Tucker Time Events each term. This means that your class will host Tucker Time twice a year. It will be Term 2 before it will your turn.

This year each class will host a RED Tucker Time which means that any type of cake, biscuit, muffin, and pastry may be brought in and sold. The second Tucker Time will be a GREEN / AMBER Tucker Time. This means that foods that meet the Green/Amber code of canteen food may be brought in and sold. For example, fruits, popcorn. (more info later from the LIVE LIFE WELL team.)

A class is allocated each fortnight to host the Tucker Time. This involves bringing in food that kids buy for afternoon break. Usually about a dozen or so of whatever the parent makes. Some classes have 30 students and so we need all parents’ support when it is the class turn.

Please bring in the food on the morning of Tucker Time and leave in the canteen if it’s open, or otherwise leave it at the office. If your child goes to Before School Care and the office isn’t open leave it with Lauren to take to the office.

At afternoon break the older kids sell the goods to the classes. Its 25c for a small item to buy (e.g biscuit) or 50c for a larger item. The money raised goes towards paying for the World Vision Sponsored Child that the students support.

If you need any clarification on the above please do not hesitate in contacting myself or the school.

Deborah Riley
P&C President
0414 540 430
melroseparkpc@hotmail.com