Coming Events

Week 2

Monday, 9/2
- Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6 + Yr 2 8yo swimmers) – Granville Pool

Wednesday, 11/2
- School Banking

Thursday, 12/2
- Library Day
- Assembly – 2.05pm – 5/6 to host

Friday, 13/2
- Sports Uniform
- Sausage Sizzle – 5/6 parents requested to assist
- Summer PSSA – Rd 1 v Ryde East – Gannon Park

Week 3

Tuesday, 17/2
- Pet Safety Talks – K-2
- Meet The Teacher Evening

Wednesday, 18/2
- School Banking

Thursday, 19/2
- Library Day
- Tucker Time “Red” – 5/6 to host

Friday, 20/2
- Sports Uniform
- PSSA – Rd 2 vs Denistone East – Meadowbank Park

Week 4

Monday, 23/2
- P&C AGM – 7.30pm – Library

Wednesday, 25/2
- School Banking
- Yr 1 & 2 School House Museum Excursion

Thursday, 26/2
- Library Day
- Assembly – 2.05pm – 4/5E to host

Friday, 27/2
- Sports Uniform
- Sausage Sizzle – 4/5E parents requested to assist
- PSSA – Rd 3 vs North Ryde PS – Magdala Oval

Sunday, 1/3
- P&C Bowling Afternoon

Principal’s Report

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 17th February

Come along to the school next Tuesday, 17th February, and hear about the class and school programs that your child will encounter this year.

Session 1 and Session 3 are the same which will help parents with siblings manage to get to both information sessions. The teacher sessions are held in your child’s classroom. These sessions are not for individual interviews – if these are required, please arrange a suitable time with the class teacher. The school information session will be held in the hall.

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Assembly

The first assembly for the year will be held in the hall on Thursday afternoon starting at 2.05pm. The assembly will be hosted by our new captains and Year 5/6. With eight classes this year needing to fit into the hall, space will be at a premium to accommodate all students. While parents are welcome to attend it appears that parent seating will need to move backwards under the COLA. This week will be an experience for the whole school.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers who swam their personal best at our swimming carnival yesterday.

Students entered events from the 100 metres to the kickboard race, participating eagerly and challenging themselves in their event. Some "superfish" students with success in their events will represent the school at the Ryde Zone Carnival in March while other students are now
keen to take more lessons to give them confidence to enter longer events next year.

An enormous thank you is extended to our wonderful parent helpers, the excellent staff at Granville pool, Student Leaders from Marsden High School and to Ms Roberts for coordinating the day. A fantastic and safe day was enjoyed by many.

Uniform shop
Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have done a fantastic job supplying new uniforms to students. The students look wonderful and present smartly in their uniforms. The uniform shop is open on a Monday and Friday Morning.

Sausage Sizzle
This Friday is the first Sausage Sizzle of the year. Make sure the order form is back by Wednesday to ensure your child receives a yummy sausage on a roll and a cold ice block. Your child’s class is rostered on twice a year to help run the event so please volunteer your time to help out. The students love it and it can only continue with your support.

P&C Meeting
Monday 23rd February - 7.30 in the school library
Come along and volunteer your time to make Melrose a great place to be. There are many positions to fill.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
Thank you to many families who called in and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea last week. There were lots of smiles and happy faces reconnecting after the holidays. I hope our new families felt very welcome within our Melrose community.

Electronic Bell
By now you may be aware that the old ‘ding a ling’ bell has been retired and the school has a fantastic replacement with an electronic PA system.

I would like to thank the kind donation from our community partners, Eli Lilly, for the opportunity to make this improvement to the school. We can hear the music and bell all over the school. Announcements can also be made anywhere around the school and will be used for emergency procedures and practices.

Before school, at the end of lunch and at the end of break time a tune is played before the bell is sounded. Once the music begins students need to be moving to lines before the last notes are sounded. This music gives students 3-5 minutes to be punctual for lines.

School Band
The school band program is up and running on a Wednesday. While students are learning their first simple notes, they will not have a full band rehearsal but instead meet in instrument groups for a 30 minute group lesson. Later in the term the band will rehearse on a Wednesday morning from 7.45 – 8.30AM. We welcome Mr John Ciccarelli to Melrose Park PS as band master. He was delighted to meet so many well-mannered and enthusiastic budding musicians at the school. All information regarding band will be distributed via email through Teaching Services Australia. If possible parents are welcome to attend the Parent Band Information Night on 25th February in the school hall.

Ms Leah Coles is excited to act as Band Coordinator for us.

Speech Therapy
We again have the services of the Gladesville Speech pathologist on site every week. If you think that your child needs speech therapy please come to the office and ask for a referral form. The speech pathologist will contact you directly to arrange a time that suits you. Please note that there is a cost involved and that this is not a free service.

Help needed
Is there a carpenter/builder in the school community? Do you know of a carpenter who would be available? After Care is in need of some new kitchen cupboards. If you have the time and skills necessary to complete this job please speak to the office. Reimbursement for the job will be given.

Newsletter advertising
To help offset the cost of publishing the newsletter the school accepts advertising with a child focus and often publishes information on behalf of community groups. Parents can then decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to
advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and carers should make their own decision.

Community Support
This year Melrose Park PS continues to be supported by the Parramatta City Mission.

A drop in service has been organised here at school whereby parents can seek support, information and counselling. This service will be held in the Support Room on the end of A Block.

To support parents in the never ending challenge to provide nutritious food to fussy children a nutrition workshop has also been organised for Tuesday, 3rd March. This workshop will be held in the canteen with our presenter, Amber Clarke, who is keen to share her knowledge with our parents and carers.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Principal’s Award for Book Work
The following children will be receiving a Principal’s Award at this week’s assembly:

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4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", the school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

The trial will begin immediately and continue for until the end of the month. We are looking forward to trialling the App and will be seeking community feedback on our new communication system.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Library News
We have some wonderful new library books that need covering. If you are able to assist with covering please see the school office.

Thank you.

P&C Report

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 this Friday, 13th February and 5/6 will be the host. Please ensure ALL orders are in by this 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.

Yr6 Shirts
Order forms are going home today and are due back by Thursday 19th February.

Welcome Afternoon Tea
Thank you for all the great donations of food. It was great to meet some of our new parents to the school.
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 or 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”.

Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon
We are having a bowling afternoon on Sunday 1st March from 4pm. This is a great opportunity for all kids from K – 6 to come and have fun. A note in regards to this is attached. I plan to allocate lanes to all students prior to the night to make it easier for TenPin City Lidcombe, so once you arrive I will let you know which lane you are bowling in. Kids are usually allocated according to class/year where possible. Please ensure you turn up on time so you don’t hold up your lane from starting. Please arrive at 3.45pm to get shoes sorted to start bowling at 4pm. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun outside of school and parents to catch up or get to know the new parents in the school.

Notes and money are due back by Friday 20th February.
*An adult must be present for the duration of the bowling*

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 whilst you have a chat, or it can be purchased as take away. If you ever see the sign at the edge of the playground head towards the canteen 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:
23rd February @ 7.30pm – P&C Meeting & AGM
21st February – Bowling Forms due back
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
P&C President
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)

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At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Term 1, Week 3

Parent drop-in service for Advice & Referrals.

My name is Sharlene Pasqual, and I am the Family and Community Worker for Parramatta Mission- Women and Children’s Services. During this term I will be providing a weekly drop in service at your school.

The aim of the service is to help support parents by providing assistance through information, support and education.

There will be one on one advice available for parents that may include referrals for any specific needs including doctors, psychologist, parent support groups, playgroups and much more.

Please call to make an appointment;

Details: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Location: A Block Office (next to Library)

When: First Drop in Service appointment will take place from the Tuesday, 24th

Nutrition & Healthy Eating Presentation

A presentation aimed at the benefits of healthy eating and ways to encourage kids and parents to choose nutritious foods versus the unhealthy alternatives. Mother and wellness coach, Amber Clare, will be presenting an open discussion on food, produce labelling and ways to inspire healthy eating habits for the whole family.

Cooking demonstrations will be conducted at the presentation and one parent has a chance to win a bag full of goodies from the day.

Details:

Where: Melrose Park Public School

When: 3rd March 2015

9:30 to 11:30am

Contact Please call Sharlene on 0439 978 721 to register and places are limited.

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
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 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.
Dear Families,

Bowling Night is a big event at Melrose Park P/S & it’s on again this term!!!
Come & join the FUN!!!

When: **Sunday, 1st March 2015**

Location: Tenpin City, Lidcombe Power Centre
Top Level (behind Spotlight)
92 Parramatta Rd, Lidcombe

Time: **4.00pm start (arrive 3.45pm for shoes and lane allocation)**

Cost: $20 per bowler (for 2 exciting games & shoe hire)

In order to book enough lanes, we require final numbers by Friday, 20th February 2015.

Please return the slip below along with your money to the school office by Friday, 20.02.15.

All Welcome from Kindy to Year 6. Hope to see you there.

**P & C COMMITTEE**

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**SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT**

**Sunday, 1st March 2015**

We would like to attend the school bowling night.

Number of bowlers: __________ Adults __________ Children

Names of bowlers: __________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: _________________________________________________________

Return to School office by Friday, 20.02.15.
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