Term 1, Week 4  

**Coming Events**

**Week 4**

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| 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 5**

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<td>Monday, 23/2</td>
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| 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 (all term)  
|            | • Sausage Sizzle – 4/5E parents requested to assist                    |
|            | • PSSA – Rd 3 vs North Ryde PS – Magdala Oval                           |
| Sunday, 1/3 | • P&C Bowling Afternoon                                                 |

**Week 6**

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| Thursday, 5/3 | • Library Day  
|            | • Tuckertime – Green/Amber – 4/5 to host                               |
| Friday, 6/3 | • PSSA – Rd 4 v Hunters Hill  
|            | – Bill Mitchell Res                                                    |

**Principal’s Report**

**Community Building Grant**

Melrose Park Public School was successful in receiving a 2014 NSW Government Community Partnership Grant for the installation of permanent shade in the playground. With this grant and with the support from P&C fundraising, our new permanent shade shelters were constructed over the holidays and are now complete. These shelters will have a positive impact in the playground with students having permanent shade to play under. They will be great to use as an outdoor learning space in the Kitchen Garden.

I would like to thank the support from Mr Victor Dominello, State Member for Ryde and Dr Geoff Lee, State Member for Parramatta for the support they gave to the submission. Thank you to the P&C for supporting this project.

Take a walk over to the Kitchen Garden and enjoy the view from the new shelters.

**Safety around Schools**

You may have heard or read articles about the need for safety around schools in the media over the course of the last week. Issues include parents not being safe drivers, driving recklessly, driving and parking illegally and putting the safety and wellbeing of children at risk.

Unfortunately these issues also pertain to the Melrose Park PS community. I have received several emails from parents and community members concerning illegal parking and dangerous driving within the school zone. Rangers from Parramatta and Ryde councils have been called to monitor parking issues around the school.

Remember the Bus Zone in Mary St is for bus parking, not for pick up or drop off of students. Parking too close to the corner is dangerous as it restricts a clear line of sight when entering and leaving Mary St. At no time should the car park be used as a turning circle. I recommend that students who walk home on the east side of the school use the supervised crossing for increased safety. It is up to all of us to keep every student safe.

Melrose Park Public School is indeed fortunate to have plenty of safe and quiet parking in our school.
zone. It does not affect students if they need to walk further along the street to get to their car. Always be aware of young children walking, riding or travelling to school by car. Rangers and roving police target schools while school zones are in operation to ensure that motorists are aware of and following rules in which to keep the school community safe.

If you see reckless behaviour please report it to the police. Our P&C are investigating the need for a new Kiss and Ride Zone for the school with Parramatta Council and will keep you updated on any progress.

**Dismissal Time**

Safety is of paramount importance for every student in the school. At the end of the day students are either to be picked up and supervised by an adult, attend after care or wait on the verandah for the late pick up. At no time are students to play in the playground, play on the equipment or go off by themselves. Students will be reminded of these procedures in the classrooms this week.

Play dates need to be organised and confirmed by adults rather than between young students. These procedures will reduce the anxiety of having staff look for ‘lost’ students in the afternoon. Please remind your child of the procedures you have instigated for dismissal time.

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### Tucker Time

**RED Food Day**

This Thursday 1.40 - 2.00pm

Hosted by Year 5/6 in support of World Vision

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### Family Bowling Event

Have you got your lane booked for the first family event of the year? Come along and join in the fun and meet a few people from the community. It is fun afternoon watching the excitement of kids getting a strike or is it those adults shouting for joy when they knock the pins down?

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### Working Bee

The working bee for this year is scheduled for Sunday 15th March. There are many jobs to be done around the school such as mulching, gardening, painting and cleaning. We appreciate the time and energy you donate to keep our school looking great. Keep a look out for further information in later newsletters.

I would like to thank Charlie Falzon who donated his time and skills to improving the environment of Year 3 by repainting the room to make it more inviting for students. Thank you also to our family who donated new bag shelves. The classroom is looking colourful and appealing for our students each day.

**Student Voice (previously known as SRC)**

Students have been selected by their class to represent them at a Student Voice meeting each week. Kindergarten students will rotate their position during the year so they gain experience.

Students discuss issues that are important to them and present ideas that can improve their school life to the principal. They then report back to their class what they discussed at the meeting. The members of Student Voice organise fun fundraising activities during the year. These students will receive their badges at the next assembly.

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**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick
feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Communication
Skoolbag App - Communication System
Just to remind everyone we are trialling a new communication App called Skoolbag. The app will enable us to communicate more regularly with families by providing information and updates through push notifications on your smartphone or tablet. The App is designed for both Android and Apple devices, however the initial trial phase will only be for users of iPhones and iPads.

If you own an iPhone and/or iPad, please follow these steps to download the app
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type Melrose Park Public School in the search.
3. If iPhone, you will see the school appear, click "Free" then "install".
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
P&C AGM/Meeting
The first meeting for 2014 will be NEXT 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”.

*** We have a couple of positions that we do not have someone lined up to fill the position.

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 21st February.

*An adult must be present for the duration of the bowling*

**Sausage Sizzle**
Thank you to last week’s helpers Shauna B, Nina M, Mick W, Greg C, Simone W and Trinh P. 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 next Sausage Sizzle for this term is **next Friday, 27th February** and 4/5 will be the host. If you have not placed your term order please contact Yasmin as per below.

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 went home last week and are due back by Thursday 19th February. Sample shirt sizes will be in the office ASAP.

**Coffee**
Freshly brewed coffee is sold in the canteen every Monday, 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 and get to know other parents in the school community.

(Coffee cannot be consumed in the playground).

**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.

**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](http://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

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**Marsden High School Open Day**

**Tuesday 10th March**

4.30pm to 6.30pm

Principal's address 4.30pm
Followed by School Tours

Partners in education with:

- Macquarie University
- Northern Sydney TAFE
- Johnson & Johnson

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer.
For further information please phone 9874 6544
email marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Winbourne St
West Ryde 2114
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.

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**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.
Step into Work

Step into Work is a free program which assists women who would like to find meaningful, paid work.

The program is run over 6 weekly sessions in small, supportive groups. The sessions are facilitated by professional experts in human resources/recruitment, stress management and coaching.

Course outline
The program consists of six weekly, two and a half hour sessions and covers:
• Values and job preferences
• Matching skills to appropriate job types
• Resume and cover letter preparation
• Interview and communication practice
• Searching for and applying for jobs
• Stress management

Where: Christian Community Aid
12 Lakeside Rd
Eastwood

When: Wednesday 25 February to 1 April 2015 (6 sessions)

Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm

Cost: FREE

Childcare: FREE CHILD MINDING

Registrations close Friday 20 February
For more information please contact Zizi on 0449 255 944 or AnneMaree on 0434 031 205 or email Zizi.Charida@benevolent.org.au
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school **by Friday 27 February 2015**.

I (print name) .................................................................................. **DO NOT** give consent for my child/children (print name/s) .................................................................

of class/es .....................to participate in the *Tell Them From Me student feedback survey*.

Signed.......................................................... Date.................................