The good news is that there are 16 enthusiastic student representatives proudly wearing their Student Voice badges who attend our weekly meetings run by their student leaders. They are all excited to put forth ideas and solutions to make their school life better.

WORKING BEE Sunday March 15th
Our annual working bee will be held on Sunday 15th March from, 9am – 12noon. You are invited to an enjoyable morning helping to maintain our school environment. Children are welcome, too, under parent supervision, so please come if you can. Tasks to be tackled include:

- Spreading new soft fall material around the playground equipment.
- Spreading new sand in the sandpit
- Raking and clearing rocks, sticks and seedpods from the playground
- Cleaning playground drains and along the kerbs
- Pressure cleaning the playground seats and tables
- Weeding gardens and preparing sites for planting seedlings
- Cutting grass under trees and around school boundaries
- Spreading mulch
- Painting

Morning tea will be provided. Please wear old clothes, hat and work gloves. Bring any useful tools you may have, such as cleaning equipment, spades, buckets, pruners, mower, brush cutter and wheelbarrow, to supplement our school equipment

Zone Swimming
Several of our talented swimmers will head off to the Ryde Aquatic Centre to compete against the best swimmers from other Ryde schools. Good luck to the swimmers next Tuesday 10th March. I know you will give your personal best. All permission notes need to be returned so that transport organisation can be completed.
OSHC News
Did you know that Before and After Care have their own website. Information can be found at www.melroseparkoshc.com.au The website will be updated soon.

School Photos
Wednesday 18th March is the date set aside for class and individual photos. Remember to be early for school so that no one misses out on their photo. Envelopes are being sent home today.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day is held every year to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day. Melrose Park will celebrate on Friday 20th March. This year we ask all students to wear something orange with their sports shorts.

In the morning, students will celebrate the day with a performance of the African Drumming Group “Salaka” - Sharing the Spirit of Africa Interactive Drumming and then participate in activities with their class.

West Ryde St Fair
The West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair will be held on Saturday 28th of March 2015.

There will be great competitions including hat parade, best decorated wheel, an Egg Hunt and paper plane throwing. There will be rides, various amusements, animal farm, experience the reptiles, face painting and games.

We hope as many students as possible can come and walk behind the Melrose Park banner and join in all the fun of parading and are in the chance of winning some prizes for themselves and the school. The parade will commence at 9.15 am from Miriam Park and be all over by 10.00am at the West Ryde shops.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

School Communication

Skoolbag
Our trial of Skoolbag App has been extended until March 10. Unfortunately only iPhone & i/Pad users have been able to trial this App. Skoolbag will be available to iPhone and Android devices if we decide to purchase this system. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey on the App. Do you think this would be a useful Communication tool for our school?

P&C Report

Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon
It was a great afternoon on the weekend with 70 people bowling.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week’s helpers Marlene and Thea. The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is next Friday, 13th March and Year 3 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.

Market Day/Fete – Update
For the new parents to the school we hold an annual Market Day/Fete each year. This year it will be held on Saturday 24th October from 9am – 2pm, so keep this date free.
Many helpers are needed in the lead up to the day and especially on the day.
The day is a lot of fun for the kids and parents, more information will come closer to the date.

Facebook
Like us on Facebook Melrose Park PS P&C.
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
To prevent your child from losing their belongings please visit www.ozlabels.com.au and use the fundraising code FR5240. 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.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
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:
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Deborah Riley
P&C

Election Day BBQ – Help Needed

The NSW STATE election is being held on Saturday 28th March, and our school hall will be used as a polling place. We will be running a BBQ from 8am and we are looking for people who may be able to help for a couple of hours throughout the day.

We are starting at 8am and are looking for people who are able to help in 2 hour blocks from 8-10am, 10- 12pm, 12- 2pm and 2- 4pm. Thank you for your support of the P&C. The fundraising supports our children at the school.

If you are able to help, please fill in your details send the slip back to school and we will contact you.

Election Day BBQ
I can help at the Election Day BBQ on Saturday 28th March.

Name: ________________________________________ Child’s class; _______________
Contact details: ____________________________

Time Preferred  circle one
Set up  8 – 10  10 – 12  12 – 2  Pack Away

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West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair

in Market Street, West Ryde
SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2015
9.00am to 3.00pm

$5,500
In prizes to WIN!

- $2,000 Singing Star Contest
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Best Decorated Wheels

Easter Parade from Miriam Park 9.15am
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