We wish our swimmers good luck as they represent the school at the Zone Carnival. We welcome NRMA to the school on Wednesday. Parents are welcome to attend the first learning session of the day as students engage in activities on how to keep themselves safe. The focus is on how Science and Safety go hand in hand. If your child has a bike helmet they may like to bring it to school on Wednesday to participate in some of the planned activities.

This Thursday, 12th March, Year 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the first Marsden High School transition activity for the year. Students will walk to Marsden HS with high school teachers and student leaders mentoring students in a Sports Gala Day.

Friday is a highlight as we promote Ride2School Day. Children are welcome to ride their bike or scooter to school.

Next week Harmony Day is celebrated with a performance of African Drumming. Orange is the theme colour of Harmony Day and students are encouraged to wear something orange to school.

Teacher Professional Learning
Teachers are busy developing and extending their skills. Several training courses are being undertaken by staff including Reading Difficulties, Comprehension, Mathematics, Sport, Fundamental Movement Skills, Future Skills, Asian Studies and History. Staff are required to continuously be aware of an astounding range of knowledge and understandings. All staff develop professional learning goals as part of their continuous improvement program. We congratulate Ms Davey on being selected to officiate at an international competition in netball this week. Her skills are acknowledged through the DEC Sports Unit as an outstanding netball umpire.

Principal’s Report
Over the next two weeks Melrose Park PS will be a hive of activity. There are many extra learning opportunities for both students and staff to take part in. We welcome Life Education back to the school as they present important lessons on health and wellbeing across the school. Classes will visit the Life Education van over the course of the week.
High School Enrolments for 2016
If you have a child in Year 6 this year you will have received a Year 6 to Year 7 enrolment form. Please read the form carefully. You will notice that your local high school is placed first on the list for enrolment. The boundaries for each school and your eligibility are based on your residential address.

It is extremely important that this form is returned to us, even if you are selecting a non-government school. The process of moving into high school starts early. Many high schools are holding Open Days in the coming weeks and all families are encouraged to attend to see what ‘big, big, school’ is all about.

Occupational Therapy (OT) Support
Melrose Park Public School has been offered professional Occupational Therapy services from Your Kids OT to conduct screenings of fine motor and writing skills of Kindergarten, Year 1 and nominated students in the school. This free screening is for children by parent request. It is a brief session with an Occupational Therapist to identify if your child has difficulty with pencil grasp, letter formation, drawing and cutting, which requires further investigation.

Referral forms are available from the office if you require a form for your child in other years.

School Photos
Photo envelopes went home last week. If you wish to order photos, the envelopes need to be back by next Tuesday.

Sibling Photos – If you wish your children to have a family photo, a family photo envelope can be collected from the office. These photos will be taken between 8.30-8.55am on photo day.

ICAS - Year 3 – 6
ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas for students up to Year 12. This is an international competition across Australia and Asia. At Melrose Park students in Year 3 -6 participate in the Digital Technologies (computing), English, Mathematics and Science competitions and assessments. We encourage students to participate and challenge themselves. Please complete and return (with payment) the slip at the end of this newsletter if you wish your child to participate in one or more of the assessments.

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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Student Voice
This week is a busy week for the Melrose Park community. Today we wished our zone swimmers good luck. Throughout the week, each class goes to Life Education near C block. Life Education is a program that helps children make safer and healthier choices through education. If you would like more information, visit www.lifeeducation.org.au. Another exciting event this week is the NRMA Science Day. This is on Wednesday and Sports Day at Marsden HS is on Thursday. Remember, Working Bee is on Sunday from 9am to 12noon, so don’t forget to bring your tools!

Your student voice will keep you updated.

Valeria Lopez, Vice Captain
P&C Report

Sausage Sizzle
The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is this 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.

Working Bee
Come along this Sunday 15th March from 9am and help out around the school for an hour or a few. Morning tea will be provided. If you have any tools that could help bring them along.

Yr6 Shirts
These went home on Friday and the kids were very excited to put them on straight away. Thank you to Olympic Embroidery & Sportswear.

Easter Raffle
More detail to come next week, raffle tickets will go home with next week’s newsletter.

Election Day BBQ
Every Election Day the P&C holds a BBQ, this year the State Election will be held on Saturday 28th March. If you are able to help out cooking, serving, set up or clean up, please fill in the slip enclosed in the newsletter and return to the school.

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.

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:
Mobile – 0414 540 430
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Deborah Riley
P&C

Uniform Shop
During Term 2 and 3, students are required to wear Winter Uniform to school each day.

Winter Uniform Includes:

Boys – Long sleeve blue shirt with long grey pants
Girls – Navy tunic with skivvy or white long sleeve shirt underneath OR navy bootleg pants with white skivvy or white long sleeve shirt.
Blue Zip Jacket or V neck jumper for boys and girls with the school logo

We will be offering the Kindy winter packs with a discount for the next 2 weeks for. Please complete an order form and send in with your child and we will have your order ready for collection on the next day the uniform shop is open or we can deliver to your child’s class. The uniform shop is open on Monday and Friday mornings from 8:40 if you wish to view the uniform. Order forms can be found on the school website.

Thea Gange – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
This week’s PBEL – Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners
Responsibility: Taking care of our environment and pride in our school

Our school community takes great pride in maintaining a safe and attractive environment for students. We are all encouraged to:

- Keep our playground tidy by putting rubbish in the bin
- Return our lunch boxes to the lunch tubs and then our bags
- Pack away the sand pit equipment and sport equipment
- Follow teacher instructions when helping in the garden
- Use the garden tools appropriately
- Walk on the paths, but especially away from the flowers
- Refrain from picking flowers and plants
- Leave living creatures in the playground alone and tell the teacher if the creature is a threat to our safety
- Use water wisely

ICAS Competitions – Open to students in Years 3 to 6

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You can go online and prepare for ICAS at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

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**Election Day BBQ**

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

Name: ____________________________  Child’s class: ______________

Contact details: ____________________

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

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**Enrolment Application**

**Personal Information**

- Student Name: ____________________
- DOB: ____________________________
- School Attended: __________________

**Days preferred (Please tick)**

- Monday (Beginner class)   [ ]
- Wednesday (Intermediate class)   [ ]
- Thursday (Beginner class)   [ ]
- Friday (Intermediate class)   [ ]

**Parents or Guardian Information**

- Name: __________________________
- Relationship: ____________________
- Contact detail: __________________

*Enrolment application is also available at: web site: ohnho.wordpress.com (go to Menu - Enrolment Coaching)*

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**Nam Ho Table Tennis Academy**

**Available Time**

- Beginner Class: Monday & Thursday 4:30 - 6:30 PM (2 Hrs)
- Intermediate Class: Wednesday & Friday 4:30 - 6:30 PM (2 Hrs)

**Fees**

- $100 per 5 times ($20 per one session)
- $190 per 10 times

* Confirmation of allocated date and time will be notified via phone or email before the commencement.

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