**Principal’s Report**

Term 1 is flying by and with Easter Eggs out in the shops the first school holiday break is nearly upon us. In the next three weeks we have School Photos, Parent Teacher interviews, Raw Art Incursion, West Ryde St Fair, State Election BBQ and Easter Mufti Day that fill our diaries. Please take time to stay connected and be aware of the many activities that are happening around the school.

**School PHOTOS**

**Tomorrow Wednesday 18th March**

Ensure your child is at school before the bell so that students will be available for their class photo and participate in the whole school photo. Correct summer uniform is expected to be worn. For all students, black school shoes and mid length white socks (for girls) and grey socks (for boys) are to be worn. For girls simple blue or white ribbons or hairbands are appropriate for school photos. If your children will have a sibling photo taken, they need to be at school from 8.30am with their photo envelope. Photos will be taken in the library.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parents have an opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher over the next two weeks to discuss your child’s learning progress and develop goals for next term. Please return your request for an interview as soon as possible. Teachers will reply with an interview time by the end of the week.

**Raw Art**

All classes will participate in exciting art workshops with professional artists as part of the RAW ART incursion next week. As we work towards the School Art Show next term, students are being provided with many opportunities to develop skills and appreciation of the many forms of visual art that is available. I would like to thank Mrs Piper for coordinating this activity.

**West Ryde Street Fair**

Can you give an hour of your time to be part of the parade for West Ryde St Fair on Saturday 28th March? Is your child able to participate as we walk behind our school banner wearing the sports uniform and wearing a funny Easter hat? If so please meet at Miriam Park West Ryde at 9.00am.

We will form part of the parade with many other community groups and walk to the West Ryde shops. The parade concludes around 10.00am, leaving you free to enjoy the rest of the day.

**2016 Kindergarten Enrolments**

To assist with our planning for next year, we ask that if you have a child ready to commence...
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kindergarten next year, that you see the office and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Election BBQ
While your child is parading at the West Ryde St Fair are you able to spare a couple of hours to help support the P&C on the Election Day BBQ at the school? The more volunteers we have the easier the day is for everyone. This is an opportunity to raise funds from outside the school community and we need your help and support.

Easter Mufti
To celebrate Easter, students will have a Mufti Day on Monday 30th March. Mufti Day is where students come to school in their everyday play clothes. The cost of wearing play clothes is contribution to the Easter Raffles being organised by the P&C. Donations of Easter eggs and chocolates, Easter toys, crafts and Easter theme items are welcome.

Working Bee
Thank you to the many families who came to our Working Bee on Sunday. With your help the school grounds look fantastic. There were many jobs completed including new soft fall under the play equipment, renewal of the sand pit, preparing the kitchen garden for students to plant the winter crop, cleaning the eating area, mowing, mulching, weeding and gardening. Thank you to the students who came, worked well and had fun. We hope to see many new faces at our next working bee.

Tucker Time
Did you know that every school in Vanuatu was severely affected by Cyclone Pam? This means that children across Vanuatu need our help.

Please support Tucker Time this week by sending in a gold coin donation with your child for their purchase at Tucker Time.

The money raised will be sent to World Vision in Vanuatu to help the children on the island of Tanna.

Thank you Year 3 for hosting Tucker Time this Thursday.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Skoolbag App- Communication System
Thank you to everyone that participated in the trial of the Skoolbag App and for your valuable feedback. As a result, we have decided to implement the communication system. 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 current school newsletter will always be right on your device. The App is designed for both Android and Apple devices, please follow these steps to download the app.

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Android or Apple device.
2. Type Melrose Park Public School in the search.
3. 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 such as your child's class.

There are many features available including the option of being able to send absence notes via the app.

Once our Skoolbag app is up and running the school newsletter will no longer be sent out weekly as a hard copy edition. The newsletter will still be published and is found on the school website or it can be emailed to you straight to your inbox.

Please email the school at melrosepk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to be added to the email list.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Ride to School Day was a huge success. Thanks for the great organisation Miss Coles.
Easter Raffle and Mufti Day
Each year we run an Easter Raffle, as part of this the P&C runs a mufti day. Mufti Day will be on **Monday 30th March**. The kids can wear anything they like; they can try putting in a little bit of Easter into their outfits. The penalty for wearing mufti is to bring in an item for the Easter Hamper, such as a chocolate egg, bunny, small packet of eggs etc, it does not need to be chocolate so long as it is Easter themed like colouring book, stuffed bunny rabbit etc.

**Prizes for the East Raffle are**
- **Family Pass to the Easter Show**
- Subsequent prizes will be the hampers.

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 2nd April @9am lines.** All tickets will need to be returned by **Wednesday 1st April**. You will find your tickets attached to today’s newsletter.

**Please ensure you write your name on each ticket** (as some ticket numbers will be duplicated).

*** Please return any unused tickets

If you have any coloured paper (for shredding) or paper already shredded, that you are able to donate for the hamper making, please leave in the office by Friday 4th April.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning.

**Helpers Needed**
- I will need people to help on **Monday 30th March** in the Canteen from 9am to put the hampers together for the raffle. This will only take 1 hour.

**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.

**Sausage Sizzle**
Thank you to last week’s helpers Stuart B, Cathy L and Nina M. The next and **last** Sausage Sizzle for this term is **next Friday, 27th March** and **Year 2** 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**
Thank you to all the helpers that came on Sunday to help out around the school.

**Facebook**
Like us on Facebook Melrose Park PS P&C.

**Dates to Remember for Term 1:**
- 28th March – State Election
- 30th March – Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation as penalty
- 1st April – Raffle Tickets due back
- 2nd April – Easter Raffle Drawn

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**Deborah Riley**
P&C

**Book Club**
Orders for bookclub need to be back at school by tomorrow (18th March).

**Georgie Pantic** – Bookclub Co-ordinator
This week’s PBEL – Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners
Learner: Reviewing personal goals
Students are more engaged in their learning when they are encouraged to set personal goals and are assisted in attaining them.

Great learners:
- Arrive at school on time
- Have the stationery they need
- Listen carefully to instructions and then get straight to work
- Are engaged in discussions, listening to others and contributing ideas
- Ask questions to make clarifications
- Work without disturbing others
- Complete their work on time

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

☐ My child/ren is/are available and willing to participate in the West Ryde St Fair on Saturday 28 March.

☐ My child/ren will not be available on Saturday 28th March

☐ My child/ren is/are interested but cannot make a firm commitment at this stage

Name/s: ___________________________________________ Class/es ____________
Parent’s Name: _________________________________________
MELROSE PARK OSHC STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY MONDAY
20TH APRIL

If you would like to book your children in for this day please log onto the webserver to do this
Email melroseparkoshc@gmail.com or call 0411 526 238 during OSHC hours.

COST FOR THE DAY - $40
- Cookie in a jar
- Decorating arrowroot biscuits
- Wii- karaoke/just dance
- Xbox
- Art and craft- paper mache boxes
- Science experiments

PIZZA FOR LUNCH!!!!!!!!!!

All meals provided except morning tea. We ask you don’t supply foods containing nuts for their morning tea.
ATTENTION MUMS AND DADS!

Group Fitness Classes will be starting at Meadowbank Park Netball Courts in Term 2
*Children and toddlers are welcome to join in at no cost*

**WHEN:** Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April

**TIME:** 9:30am - 10:15am

$100 For the Term (10 wks) or $12 per week

- *Train with like-minded individuals*
- *Have fun whilst getting fit*
- *Catered for all fitness levels*
- *Lose weight and tone up*
- *Enjoy the fresh air where there are no mirrors, egos or queues*
- *Set in a motivating, yet non-intimidating environment*
- *Shelter provided in case of inclement weather*

Classes are conducted by a Fully Qualified and Insured Personal Trainer, Master Functional Trainer, Boxing Trainer, Weight Loss Specialist Coach, Specialist Children’s Fitness Trainer, Diploma of Physical Education and Diploma of Fitness.

**DON’T MISS OUT!!**

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Election Day BBQ

I can help at the Election Day BBQ on Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} March.

Name: ________________________________  Child’s class: ____________________

Contact details: ____________________

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