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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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**Principal’s Report**

Thank you to our families who are participating in the Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews are a valuable part of our commitment to our families. Interviews share information about your child’s progress, interests and needs. They help to foster positive and respectful relationships between home and school and improve communication with your child’s teacher. It is not too late if your note is still to return to school. Interviews are available over the next two weeks with your child’s teacher.

**Communication**

The feedback is terrific from our parent community regarding the new school App: Skoolbag. If you have yet to sign up to be part of the most informed parents in the school then jump on board as the App is free and is easy to use on both apple and android phones.

**Ways to communicate**

With regards to all classroom and playground related matters please follow the sequence outlined below;

**First point of communication:** Make an appointment with the class teacher or email the school. The email will be forwarded to the classroom teacher.

**Second point of communication:** Make an appointment to see the relevant Assistant Principal Ms Mee (Yrs 3-6), Ms Riley or Mrs Spenceley (K-2).

**West Ryde Street Fair**

See you at Miriam Park in Miriam Rd West Ryde, (just behind the shopping centre) this Saturday morning 28th March. Be part of the parade and help promote the school. Students will wear their sports uniform (it can be dirty from Friday’s sport) If you wear an Easter Hat or decorate your bike or scooter you may win yourself a prize. The school has a chance to win a school prize as well. Parents are welcome to join in and walk behind the student group. Please meet at 9.00 as the parade commences at 9.15. If you can spare an hour you will be rewarded with great fun and community spirit.

**Celebrating 100 Years**

In the first week back in Term 2, Australia will recognise the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.
You are cordially invited to attend the ANZAC Day Ceremony at school on Friday 24th April from 10.45am. We hope to hold the ceremony around the flagpole and the new memorial paved area that is currently under construction.

As part of Student Learning in History, students are participating in learning units across the school about the many facets of “The Olden Days”. The school plans to celebrate the “Olden Days” as an enrichment day on Thursday 23rd April (Week 2). Students are invited to come to school dressed in clothes that reflect what children were wearing 100 years ago. More information will follow.

Occupational Therapist
If there are any more referral forms to be returned to school please do so as soon as possible. Ms Cindy will be at the school next week for assessments.

School Counsellor
School Counsellors in DEC schools provide valuable support for students and form an integral part of the learning and support team of the school. I would like to welcome Mr Colin Legg to the staff of Melrose Park PS. Mr Legg will be at the school every Tuesday fortnight. He is available for student counselling on a referral basis on a priority needs and accommodations basis.

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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Reminder
The newsletter will be delivered electronically from Term 2.

Public Speaking

Last Wednesday, Harrison (5/6) and Jasmin A (5/6) were selected to represent Melrose Park Public School at the Annual Ryde Rotary Public Speaking Competition. They did a fantastic job presenting their prepared speeches on the topics, ‘Mathematics is the most important subject' and 'When I rule the world'. Harrison was selected to present his speech in the finals round next week. Congratulations Harrison and Jasmin and good luck Harrison for next week.

Leah Coles – Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Assistant Principal’s Report
Mrs Louis who teaches writing to many classes within the school on a Monday always has such wonderful advice when it comes to reading and I wanted to share it with our community.

Reading to your child is incredibly important. Give your child your undivided attention during reading and limit any mobile devices. Consider having DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time as a whole family. They will develop a love of reading because you are a reader too! To identify some quality literature to read with your child/ren please visit [http://www.koalansw.org.au/](http://www.koalansw.org.au/). On this site, children can nominate and vote for their favourite Australian author. Already many classes at MPPS have started to nominate their favourite authors as they are becoming increasingly aware of what makes a great book. There is also an option to purchase a range of quality literature from this site. Enjoy time reading great texts together!
We appreciate Mrs Louis’ wealth of knowledge and the learning and support she provides our students and teachers.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Melrose Park PS Art Show
During Term 2 our school will be having an art show displaying the artistic talents of all of our students. It will be held on Tuesday 2nd June (Week 7).

To make this wonderful opportunity happen we need your help. Volunteers are being sought to help mount and frame chosen art pieces to be displayed during the show. These volunteer days will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays of Weeks 1, 2 and 3. All materials and guidance will be provided on the day.

If interested please indicate the day/s and time/s you are available on the slip provided and return to the office.

Mrs J Piper
Visual Art Co-ordinator

P&C Report
P&C President
I would like to welcome Cathy Lincoln as the new President of the P&C for 2015. Cathy is supported by a great team for this year. I would like to thank everyone for their support over my years as President.

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 NEXT 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 NEXT Thursday 2nd April @9am lines. All tickets will need to be returned by next Wednesday 1st April.

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.

Helpers Needed
- Helpers are needed NEXT Monday 30th March in the Canteen from 9am to put the hampers together for the raffle. This will only take 1 hour at the most.

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. An SMS will be sent this week confirming your allocated time slot.

Sausage Sizzle
The next and last Sausage Sizzle for this term is THIS 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.

P&C Meetings
Term 2 meetings will be on the following dates, Monday 4th May 7.30pm and Monday 1st June 7.30pm.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning.

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

Dates to Remember for Term 2:
4th May – P&C Meeting 7.30pm
8th May – Mother’s Day Stall/Raffle – helpers needed
1st June – P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Billie G Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Deborah Riley
P&C

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Uniform Shop
Is your child ready for Term 2? Have you tried on your child/children’s winter uniform? Don’t leave it to the last minute.

The uniform shop is open Monday & Friday mornings 8:40 - 09:15. Come & see us and get your child/children ready for Term 2. Please remember Winter Kindy packs are only available until the end of this term, so get your orders in.

If you can’t make it into the uniform shop on these days simply fill in an order form and enclose payment or deposit into the P&C bank account and we can fill your order and send the uniforms home with your child the next day the uniform shop is open.

Thanks
Thea

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Desk for Sale
Best offer

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Riverside High School Gifted & Talented Year 7 Class 2016 Information Evening
Thursday 26th May 2015
6:00pm – 7:00pm
School Common Room

Prospective parents of students interested in applying for the Gifted and Talented class in our 2016 Year 7 intake are invited to come along to an information evening to find out more about what makes our extension program, unique and how to apply for the class.

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Vogelnest, our Gifted and Talented Coordinator.

Phone: 9816 4264
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!!
0405 014 629
michael@alivept.com.au
www.alivept.com.au
Salaka – African Beat. Everyone loved it – even the teachers!

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)

☐ 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: ___________________________
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

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MELROSE PARK ART SHOW
Tuesday, 2 June 2015

 Helpers Invited For Preparation of Work

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This week’s PBEL – Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners
Respect: Consider other people’s feelings
Other people’s ideas and feelings are just as important as ours.
We are all encouraged to:

- Consider the feelings of others
- Speak kindly and politely
- Use please and thank you
- Say excuse me when interrupting and sorry when you have hurt someone
- Speak calmly when resolving differences
- Really listen to others
- Share equipment and take turns
- Wait patiently
- Include others in games and activities

**BE BRA COMPUTATIONAL THINKING CHALLENGE**

This Thursday (26th March) interested students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a Computational Thinking challenge to be held at school in the ICT room. Students will participate as an individual or as part of a small group to solve a series of problems.

**What Is Computational Thinking?**
Computational thinking allows us to take a complex problem, understand what the problem is and develop possible solutions. We can then present these solutions in a way that a computer, a human, or both, can understand. Having computational skills will help students successfully use, design, or innovate with technology.

**What does the challenge look like?**
There are 15 questions per age group that become increasingly more difficult. Here is an example of an easy level 3-4 Bebras question. This example involves pattern recognition and algorithm concepts. For more information: http://www.bebras.edu.au

**How to register**
Participation is free but requires parental permission. A parental consent form can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from their classroom teacher.

Pam Grover
ICT/technology teacher

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**Ice Cream Machine**
This special ice cream machine creates cones with 4 scoops of ice cream. It does so in an ordered way. Here you see, from left to right, the last 3 ice creams that the machine has made.

**Which ice cream will the machine produce next?**
A. B. C. D.

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