Coming Events

Term 2, Week 3

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|                 | PSSA – Round 4             |

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| Thursday, 21/5 | Zone Cross Country  
|                 | Tuckertime–Green/Amber - 1S                         |
| Friday, 22/5   | PSSA – Round 5                                      |

A huge thank you to Leigh Smart and the staff from Formula Chemicals for the great BBQ they supplied at our “Olden Days” Celebration.

Principal’s Report

Mother’s Day Stall
We wish all mothers, grandmothers foster mothers and carers who look after other people’s kids a wonderful Mother’s Day. Hoping that your day is special with everyone caring for you just this once come Mothering Sunday.

Mother’s Day gifts will be available to purchase on Friday 8th May. Students will be taken in class groups to the hall where they can purchase the gifts and have them beautifully wrapped by our volunteers. Thank you to the P&C for organising this wonderful opportunity for students to buy a special gift for their mum.

Ramp Construction
As you can see when visiting the office, a new ramp has been constructed to the administration block. This ramp will make it more accessible when needing to access the office, especially for parents with prams and young infants, staff and students with injuries, and delivery contractors to the school. This ramp has been made possible by combining the School’s Maintenance Budget and Department’s Assets funds. We will continue to work towards constructing ramps to all permanent areas of the school.
NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting their NAPLAN Assessments next week, Week 4. On Tuesday (12th May) the focus is language and writing, Wednesday 13th it is reading and on Thursday 14th students will complete a Numeracy assessment.

The students have practised in classrooms and have an understanding how to complete the types of questions that will be asked. NAPLAN is a snapshot on one day of student learning and forms part of larger picture of student learning and progress. Pencils will be provided by the school but the students should ensure they have a good quality eraser and a ruler. Parents, please ensure your child is early to bed and is able to eat a good breakfast. This will help them to concentrate for a longer period of time.

Bikes and Scooters
The bikes and scooter racks have been moved to outside the Canteen building. Remember if you are bringing a bike or scooter onto the school site the bike/scooter must be walked through the grounds. All students must wear a safe helmet when riding their bikes and bring a bike/scooter to school. We encourage parents and students to follow the RTA guidelines for bike safety to and from school.

Melrose Park After Care

Melrose Park OSHC Sub Committee

Annual General Meeting
Thursday: 5pm in the library
Seeking new members and Office Bearers for the Committee
Meets once a Term
Subcommittee of the P&C
All Welcome

Annual School Report 2014
The Annual School report for 2014 has been completed and is available on our website and outlines the wonderful work and achievements for 2014.

School Plan 2015 – 2017
The new school plan is also on the website for your reading pleasure. If there is a parent or parents that are interested in forming a committee to look at school improvement measures for learning, teaching and engagement I look forward to your input and support, Please come and speak to me regarding any query you have in relation to the new school plan.

Term Invoices
Thank you to the many families who have supported the school and paid their Term 1 invoice on time.

I am sure that you are aware that the school is a not for profit organisation. This means that if there are 25 students in the class the cost of the excursion is split 25 equal ways If a book is purchased or a performance is given, the cost is shared equally across the class or school.

The school tries to keep costs to a minimum while providing the best opportunities for each child. The school does not charge the higher fees that are a characteristic of independent or catholic schools.

If your Term 1 invoice is still outstanding please ensure that you bring it up to date promptly.

Term 2 invoices are now being prepared. If you are facing financial difficulty in paying your term invoice please speak to me or Mrs Karen Price to arrange support for your needs

Melrose Park Public School is...
also being very RESPONSIBLE by eating their healthy lunch and identifying which bin their lunch waste goes into.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Parent Help Requested Please for Laminating!
Due to our increase in class numbers, we are lacking some laminated mathematics resources. If you are available next Friday 15th May, to laminate for an hour or two or three, please let Mrs Spenceley know. Laminators will be set up in the library between 9 am and 12 noon.

Head Lice
We have had advice that some students in the school are affected with head lice. Please check your child’s hair carefully and treat thoroughly if you find any sign of lice.
Thank you.

P&C Report
Mother’s Day Raffle
The raffle will be held THIS Friday 8th May. The prizes for this year’s raffle are:

- Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club – Golden Hawk Restaurant, Lunch/Dinner Voucher valued at $100 & $20 drink Voucher
- Captain Cook Cruises – Coffee Cruise for 2 Adults
- Beauty By Stephanie – Luxurious Facial, Head, Hands & Foot Massage
- Yogi Co – 4 Complimentary yoga classes (located at Melrose Park)
- Phd Parramatta – Shampoo, Style Cut and Blow Dry

All tickets will need to be returned by no later than this Thursday 7th May.

Please ensure you write your name on each ticket (as some ticket numbers will duplicate). ***
Please return any unused tickets ***
Thank you to all the wonderful companies that have donated for this Raffle.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Friday 8th May. On the day each class is brought to the hall to purchase Mother’s Day Gifts that are purchased new by the P&C with a great variety on offer. This is a great way to spoil the mums at a great price and let your kids surprise you with a gift picked by them.
The gifts are then wrapped by the volunteers for each child before leaving the hall. The gifts cost between $2 - $6 and cards for $1. Each child is permitted to buy up to 3 items plus a card.
***** On the day send some money with your children (8th May), so they can purchase a present for their Mother/Grandmother for Mother’s Day.

Helpers Needed
I will need many helpers on this Friday 8th May for the Mother’s Day Stall. I need people to help with wrapping presents and selling. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated from 9am in the Hall, coffee/tea and morning tea will be provided.

Entertainment Books
Leaflets to come home soon.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to last week’s helpers Jacinta, Fez, Mark and Greg.
The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is next Friday, 15th May and Year 1 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 Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 1st June @7.30pm.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning – this will now be located in the canteen.
Last Quarter we had 30 new accounts opened up and made $403.00.

Facebook
Like us on Facebook Melrose Park PS P&C.
Dates to Remember for Term 2:
8th May – Mother’s Day Stall & Raffle – helpers needed
12th May – Order forms going home next week
Billie G Cookie Dough Fundraiser
29th May – Cancer Council Morning Tea 9am
Canteen – more info to come
1st June – P&C Meeting
19th June – School Disco – more info to come

If you would like to contact me, my details are:
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Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
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Cathy Lincoln
P&C President

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Latest news

Chess class
The chess class at Melrose Park Public School runs on Tuesday lunch from 11:15 am - 12:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

Upcoming chess events
16 May: Parramatta Saturday Fun Tournament
20 June: Parramatta Saturday Fun Tournament

More information on coaching and events can be found on www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Solution puzzle 3
1. Ra5 #

Chess puzzle

Puzzle nr. 4: White to play and checkmate in 1 move

Melrose Park PS Art Show
2015
Exhibiting artwork from all students K-6
Date: Tuesday 2nd June
Time: 2.30pm - 6.30pm
Everyone is welcome to attend
Student Guessing Competition

Please come along to see our magnificent artwork!