ART SHOW

Tuesday, 2 June
2.30—6.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to admire our magnificent artworks
coming events

**Term 2, Week 6**

- Monday, 25/5
  - Canberra Excursion – Yrs 5 & 6

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- Thursday, 28/5
  - Assembly – 2.05pm – KE to host

- Friday, 29/5
  - K-2 – AFL Auskick Program
  - Sausage Sizzle – KE
  - parents requested to assist
  - PSSA – Round 6

**Term 2, Week 7**

- Monday, 1/6
  - P&C Meeting

- Tuesday, 2/6
  - ART SHOW – 2.30 – 6.30pm – All Welcome

- Thursday, 4/6
  - Tuckertime – Red - KE
  - Peer Support

- Friday, 5/6
  - K-2 – AFL Auskick Program
  - PSSA – Round 7

**Term 2, Week 8**

- Monday, 8/6
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- Tuesday, 9/6
  - Public Speaking Showcase

- Wednesday, 10/6
  - Debate – 1pm vs Kent Rd PS

- Thursday, 11/6
  - Assembly – 2.05pm – KP to host

- Friday, 12/6
  - K-2 - AFL Auskick Program
  - Sausage Sizzle – KP
  - parents requested to assist
  - PSSA – Round 8 – Junior A Soccer - Bye

**Principal’s Report**

**Student Art Show – Tuesday 2nd June**

Please come along to our celebration of the school’s visual arts program next Tuesday 2nd June as we present a K-6 Art Show.

All students will have at least one artwork on display. I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Piper for coordinating The Art Show and working with every student in the school as part of her RFF program. Mrs Piper will commence maternity leave after the event and we wish her good health and rest before the birth of her child.

Art works will be displayed in the hall and in classrooms. Viewing time is from 2.30 – 6.30pm.

**New Ramp**

The ramp to the administration block is now complete. The ramp constructed by Australian Ramps meets all Australian Standards and will make accessibility easier for many visitors to the office. I would like to encourage parents with preschoolers to be aware that young children need extra supervision using the ramp. I would encourage all children to walk carefully down the ramp and hopefully avoid falling over and hurting themselves.

**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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**Waratah’s March Past**

On Saturday 16th May, some Melrose Park students and parents attended a march past
at the Waratah’s Rugby Union match at Allianz Stadium. It was a fantastic night and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the wonderful parents who drove students to the venue and joined us for the match. The students represented our school with pride and their behaviour was outstanding. I look forward to more people joining in the fun next time! Thank you to Miss Davey and Miss Coles for giving up their weekend time to join me and the students on the night.

Zone Cross Country
Last Thursday 21st May, a group of 42 Melrose Park students represented our school at Zone Cross Country at Meadowbank Park. Every student who ran throughout the day did their very best. I was extremely proud of the effort and sportsmanship shown by our students. We had some fantastic results, with some of our junior runners placing in the top 30 of their ages which is a huge effort! Good luck to Ethan and Cooper Roche who are going to represent Ryde Zone at the Area carnival.

Thank you to Mrs Nicole Lewis for being team manager for the day. Big thank you to Mr Ko who is on practicum on 5/6M and Miss Lang who volunteered from ACPE for helping with the organisation of the children on the day. Without you, we couldn’t have done it!

K-2 Auskick
K-2 classes will be involved in the Sydney Swans Auskick program each Friday morning for the remainder of the term. Unfortunately, we had to cancel last Friday's session due to bad weather. This session will be made up at another time so the students will not miss out. We are looking forward to watching our students develop their fundamental movement skills while having fun playing a sport they may not have played before. Student feedback will be published in the newsletter so you can see which skills they are learning each week.

Miss Alex Roberts
PDHPE Coordinator

Thank You for Community Support!
Melrose Park students have been fortunate to have had support from a number of parents and carers, in sharing their knowledge with students.

Thank you to Troy Pearce and Narelle Murfitt from KONE, for organising the Safety on Escalators and Elevators Talk. Kindergartens found the talk highly engaging and were able to describe how to be safe around escalators and elevators. This talk linked in with our PDHPE units on safety.

Thank you also to Isaac Kuruvilla for sharing his knowledge of magic, to link in with our Kindergarten English Literature unit, “Magic and Me”. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were thoroughly entertained with his (and Mia’s) magic tricks.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 look forward to a visit on Wednesday, by the fire brigade. Thank you to John Flynn for organising this.

Mrs Jennie Spenceley
KidsMatter

KidsMatter is all about growing healthy minds. It is a mental health and wellbeing framework that helps schools focus on the development of all their students and partnership with families. KidsMatter unites all the people that influence children's mental health – families, school, staff and the wider community.

KidsMatter Primary provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

The idea of taking on KidsMatter at Melrose Park is to build on the work we are already doing to support students' mental health and wellbeing. KidsMatter will extend staff's knowledge and skills on wellbeing and will be incorporated alongside our PBEL program, which underpin our school expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, Learners.

Updates throughout the program will be placed in the newsletter. If you would like more information in the meantime please visit http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Coordinated by Christina Price and Emma Davey

Allied Against MS

Twenty two years ago, Rhonda Faithfull of Melrose Park was a fit state soccer player, horse rider and a successful pharmaceutical sales and advertising exec.

Then her intermittent (relapsing, remitting) multiple sclerosis or MS began to undermine and sometimes curtail ordinary activities like housework, backyard frisbee with son Adam, driving and even reading.

Now 50 and close to remission, rebuilding fitness, further study (a Masters in Communication) andreviving function have been Rhonda's priority.

Rhonda joined trainer Michael Winter of Alive Personal Training to get going. Having shed 10kg, she has set herself further fitness goals including restoring the muscle tone essential for favourite pastimes. She aims to complete the 5km MS Fun Run course at Olympic Park on Sunday 31st of May.

Such challenges are not new to her trainer. Mike Winter has successfully prepared a Special Olympian multi-gold-medallist, helped several people recovering from cancer treatment and kept sportsmen moving past old injuries. Mike works with seniors as well as teaching teens, mothers, uber-fit athletes and busy executives.

"This is about starting from where Rhonda is and moving forward in baby steps", says Mike.

"Rhonda manages about 10 seconds of standing on one leg, but is going to crush this 5km course through sheer determination. Completion is more important than time for the MS event".

"Supporting Rhonda as she builds herself back up is exciting. I'm here to structure exercises and maintain motivation".

Rhonda adds, "Goal and morale maintenance are indeed a big part of Mike's job across the past 8 months. Seeing progress has been very rewarding. He's clear on methodical, gradual stages and balanced nutrition. Mike is straightforward, focussed, fun and very encouraging".

Mr Winter has been in physical education based on the North Shore and Northern Districts for 22 years, the same period that Rhonda has been battling MS.


Further details:
Michael Winter
Alive Personal Training
www.alivept.com.au
0405 014 629
info@alivept.com.au
P&C Report

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Orders are due back by THIS Thursday 28th May. More details enclosed.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be NEXT Monday 1st June @7.30pm.

Cancer Council Morning Tea
We will be holding “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW. This will be held THIS Friday 29th May @ 9am, in the hall. This is for all parents and grandparents and family members (no students), with a donation on entry of your choice. ++ Please bring along a small plate of food for morning tea and come and join us for a Coffee/Tea.

**** All funds will be sent directly to the Cancer Council to do the amazing work they do. If you know of any companies that would like to donate to the cause please make a cheque out to ‘Cancer Council NSW’ or to ‘Melrose Park Public School P&C,’ otherwise cash can be given on the day or prior via the office. If you would like a receipt from the Cancer Council please let me know prior to the day or fill in the form on the day.

School Disco
This is being held on Friday 19th June.
**** The P&C will need a couple of helpers per time slot on the night. If you are available to help out please let me know. More information enclosed. Order forms due back by Friday 12th June so snacks and drinks can be purchased.

Entertainment Books
A leaflet on how to order was sent home last week. If you need any further information please do not hesitate in contacting Nina Mather on the email below.

Sausage Sizzle
The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is THIS Friday, 29th May and KE 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.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning in the canteen.

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

Dates to Remember for Term 2:
28th May – Order forms due back Cookie Dough
29th May – Cancer Council Morning Tea 9am Canteen
1st June – P&C Meeting
19th June – School Disco, helpers needed on the night

If you would like to contact me, my details are:
Mobile – 0416 130 274
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

Cathy Lincoln
P&C President
Students in Years 5 & 6 are currently enjoying their time in Canberra

Ethics Classes at Melrose Park Public School
Expressions of interest have been distributed to all students who attend non-scripture K-2 to see if there is enough interest to begin ethics classes at our school during scripture time.
Where volunteers are available, ethics classes are in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture. The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes.
Classes are inquiry based and children use discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.
For information about Primary Ethics, the curriculum, and how you can become involved, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Development Manager, Maria McCarthy on mmccarthy@primaryethics.com.au or 9278 1602.
If you are interested in your K-2 child attending ethics classes instead of non-scripture, please return the distributed note to the school office before Friday.
Miss Mee
 COMMUNICATION DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RESEARCH CLINIC

Discipline of Speech Pathology

School Holidays Social Skills

Program for children in Years 4 to 6
June 29 – July 23

Social communication skills are essential for interactions in the playground, in class teamwork and when transitioning to high school. This program is designed for upper primary children in Years 4 to 6 with difficulties in social skills. We aim to build children’s confidence in making and maintaining friendships through teaching conversational rules and practising them in a safe environment.

The program includes an assessment session and individual, paired and group therapy sessions.

Program topics include:
- Making new friends
- Starting, maintaining and finishing conversation
- Conversational turns
- Sharing ideas and opinions
- Problem solving (social conflicts)
- Asking for help

Dates: 29 June to 23 July 2015
Time: 2 – 5pm
Cost of program: $360 (includes assessment, program and report)*
*Check with your private health fund if you can claim for speech pathology services

Venue:
Communication Disorders Treatment and Research Clinic
Faculty of Health Sciences,
Cumberland Campus,
The University of Sydney,
East Street, Lidcombe

Registration closes on Monday 15 June, 2015.

Please contact us at speech.clinic@sydney.edu.au or 9351 9539 for more information or to register.

sydney.edu.au
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

Major fundraising initiative on behalf of the Melrose Park Public School P&C
We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students. It’s all for the kids!

Students will receive a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. There are 8 scrumptious flavours to choose including Choc Chunk & White Choc Macadamia, Doggie Dough and Gluten Free Choc Chunk. The tubs sell from $13 per 1kg tub – that’s only 33 cents per cookie! You can re-freeze the cookie dough making it very economical and kids will love baking these delicious cookies.

Each student that sells one or more tubs can also choose from an exciting prize program on offer. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 40 prizes to choose from such as Wahu, Disney Frozen, Remington, Razor and much, much, more.

WIN A BALI FAMILY HOLIDAY! - You also have the chance to win a 7 night Bali Family Holiday for 2 adults and 3 children, staying at the Holiday Inn Bali Benoa Beach including a $2000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher and $1,000 spending money. So don’t forget to enter! For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Please detach the order form with your orders, money and don’t forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your monies on or before 28/5/2015. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school.

Happy fundraising!