coming events

**term 3, week 2**

**monday, 20/7**
- parent/teacher interviews (as per appointments)

**tuesday, 21/7**
- parent/teacher interviews (as per appointments)

**wednesday, 22/7**
- afl clinic – k-2 (wet weather catch up) – sports uniform required
- yr 5 & 6 – marsden high school – history excursion – 11.30 am

**thursday, 23/7**
- assembly – 2.05 pm – class 4/5 to host

**friday, 24/7**
- gymnastics program – k-6
- schools tree day
- sausage sizzle – 4/5 parents requested to assist
- pssa – round 12

**term 3, week 3**

**education week**

**monday, 27/7**
- jan latta – author – visit
- p&c meeting – 7.30 pm

**tuesday, 28/7**
- icas – english

**wednesday, 29/7**
- open morning

**thursday, 30/7**
- tuckertime – 5/6 to host – green/amber

**friday, 31/7**
- gymnastics program – k-6
- pssa – round 13

**term 3, week 4**

**monday, 3/8**
- athletics carnival – whole school. dunbar park, marsfield.

**wednesday, 5/8**
- wet weather back up date for athletics carnival
- marsden high school science session – 25 yr 5/6 students to attend

**thursday, 6/8**
- assembly 2.05 pm – 3l to lead

**friday, 7/8**
- gymnastics program – k-6
- sausage sizzle – 3l parents requested to assist
- pssa wet weather round

principal’s report

**kiss and ride zone**

the kiss and ride zone in wharf rd is now in operation and is for your convenience and for your child’s safety. it is designed for a quick entry and exit, it will minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents.

- the kiss and ride zone operates under ‘no parking’ traffic rules.
- stopping for more than 2 minutes is not allowed in a no parking area. therefore, the kiss and ride zone cannot be used for parking between 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm on school days.
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners

- You are obliged to remain in, or within 3 metres of your vehicle.
- Days and hours of operation may apply to some signs.
- Penalties for not complying with School Zone parking are levied by Council. Rangers will be active in the area in coming weeks to observe the new conditions. Council Rangers, Parking Officers and the Police enforce these rules and issue penalties, so always use the zone correctly to avoid fines.

Thank you to the many parents who have noticed the new signs and acted accordingly. The Zone worked really well on the rainy Friday with many parents being able to drop their child safely and quickly off at school.

**Education Week**

Next week public schools across NSW celebrate Education Week. Here at Melrose Park PS we invite families to our Open Morning on Wednesday 29th July. We would like you to head to the hall first to hear our wonderful school band perform for parents at 9.00 AM and then we will welcome you into classrooms from 9.30 AM. Your child will then guide you through a Student Led Reporting Session. Of course you are welcome to join in with the class fitness session and stay and share lunch with your child. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible join in our celebration of learning.

**Gymnastics**

The gymnastics program has commenced this term and we hope you can support us by ensuring that your child can put on and take off their shoes and socks independently. Please help your child learn to do their own laces on their sport shoes and unfold and fold their socks. It will help teachers, it will save time and your child will be very proud of their personal achievement.

**Tree Management**

We have recently had an arborist report completed on the school’s trees that are located in the high use areas of the school. Recommendations included that while no tree needs to be removed, further tree maintenance needs to be completed. Until this is finished one tree area will remain cordoned off from further use.

**Learning Buddies**

‘Learning Buddies’ provides an opportunity for students to work with older/younger students across the school. Each class has a ‘partner’ year they are twinned with. Working collaboratively, students enjoy developing skills and knowledge with their learning buddy partner. The students really look forward to making new friends, often with students they would not normally encounter. ‘Learning Buddies’ meet for 15 minutes, 3 days a week for a term although it can be more often.

Along with sharing stories and maths activities, this initiative helps all students to recognise the importance of ‘loving learning’. This term our Learning Buddies will work together to develop skills in Mathematics and Phonemic Awareness.

The values that are highlighted through this program include caring for others, friendliness, respect, participation, cooperation, valuing difference, including others and responsibility. Benefits for the older students include developing strong leadership skills, improving their confidence and recognising themselves as a learner and a role model.

For the younger students the program not only helps with their schoolwork, it improves their social skills and gives students a support person to go to at other times. If these little kids need some help, rather than always coming to the teacher, they know their big buddy is there. “Learning Buddies” commences this week for some students in Year 1 Year 3 Year 5 and Year 6.

**Principal for the Day**

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are due this Friday from students who are interested in being a “Principal for the Day”. In no more than one page, the EOI will outline why the student would make a great leader for Melrose Park PS. Our “Student Principal” will be principal next Thursday during Education Week.
Our young ‘principal’ will have the opportunity to have a hands-on leadership opportunity and a great way to give voice to their ideas on how to make Melrose Park an even better place to attend.

Reminder:
P&C Meeting
Monday 27th July
in the library
Support the P&C - support your child

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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Clare Kristensen
Principal

Health Warning
We have had several reports of students suffering from conjunctivitis. Please note the following:

- Conjunctivitis can be an infectious or allergic condition. If infectious it is often highly contagious.
- Symptoms last from two days to three weeks.
- Be sure to wash hands with warm soapy water often to prevent the infection spreading to others.
- Do not share eye drops, tissues, make-up, towels or pillow cases with other people.
- Children with conjunctivitis should be kept home from childcare, kindergarten or school.
- The child is infectious until discharge from the yes has disappeared.

Please see your doctor if you have any concerns.

Sports Report
Athletics Carnival – Monday, 3rd August
As you all know, the Athletics Carnival is quickly approaching on Monday, 3rd August (week 4) at Dunbar Park. I am seeking parent volunteers to help me run the day, as we have many rotations of activities to get through and cannot do this without parent support! If you could let me know if you are available to help on the day (even for half an hour) that would be fantastic. The carnival will run from approx 9:45-2:30pm. Thank you in advance.

Alex Roberts
PDHPE Coordinator
This week, KP is leading the school Green Team. We have been busy working in the Kitchen Garden and doing lots of other activities to help our environment. Our KP reporters wrote the following sentences to explain what they have been doing:

This week we have been picking up rubbish and plastic.  *Fox*
We are planting grasses and trees on Friday.  *Makayla*
We bring birds and bees into the school by planting.  *Bella*
We are picking up rubbish so the small animals don’t swallow it.  *Elizabeth*

Our KP reporters have spotted a new bird in our school.
If you know what this bird is, please let Mrs Spenceley know.

This Friday our school is preparing to plant over 300 new grasses and shrubs, as part of Schools National Tree Day. These plants have been kindly donated by the Birds In Schools Project, and have been chosen to create more food and shelter, for our birds.

**Student Voice Report**

**Student Voice** have recommended that we bring back Principal's Afternoon Tea. Mrs Kristensen thinks it is a good idea but with a change.

It will now be a Principal's Lunch. Teachers will choose the kids who are trying to be respectful responsible learners all the time to have lunch with the principal. Mrs Kristensen will let us know at assembly who will have lunch once a fortnight. Lunch will be a warm toastie that we will help cook in the canteen. The student leaders tested this out and we think it is a good idea.

The Student Voice reps from each class will have the first lunch next week on Monday.
Your Student Voice Reps will keep you informed

*By Matthew*
Public Speaking and Debating
Congratulations to Kamryn, Angel, Jasmin and Harry who were selected to represent MPPS at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. They each presented a prepared speech on a chosen topic and an impromptu speech and all performed brilliantly!

This week is our last round of the Competitive Debating Competition. Harry, Jasmine, Adam, Kieran, Carla and Valeria have done a fantastic job in preparing and delivering their debates each fortnight. The Friendly Debating Competition will start later in the term.

Ms L Coles – Debating & Public Speaking Co-ordinator

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is NEXT Monday 27th July @ 7.30pm in the hall – all welcome.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Sausage Sizzle Pre Order Only (separate to Term Order SS)
The Athletics Carnival is Monday 3rd August at Dunbar Park.
We will be holding a sausage sizzle for lunch on the day for all students and families. Attached is an order form for the Sausage Sizzle, as this will need to be pre-ordered for the day as limited extras will be available. This can be used for children, parents and grandparents (anyone who is attending). This order form must be returned by NEXT Thursday 30th July. The order is for either beef or chicken sausage & roll and all orders come with a drink, for the kids that will be a water or popper/ juice. Soft drink is available for the adults.
I will require helpers on the day, if you are available to help out the P&C on the day, please contact me on the number or email below. The school will also need volunteers on the field with the running of events.
*****PAYMENT - If you are paying by EFT this must be processed by 4pm on Thursday 30th July to ensure it has reached our account. Any money that has not been received prior to the carnival will need to pay cash on the day; we do not want to be chasing money after the event.
CAKE DONATION – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The P&C is running the cake stall at the Athletics Carnival on 3rd August, on this day donations of Muffins / Cup cakes / Biscuits / Slices / Cakes Etc would be greatly appreciated. These donations can either be dropped at the office before 9am on the morning of the Carnival and where possible it is preferred if you could bring them up to the carnival directly.
Cakes will be sold between 20c – 50c – so if parents are not attending the carnival they can send money with children to purchase items from the cake stall and extra drinks. We will also have Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate available for parents to purchase.

Sausage Sizzle – Regular Term Order
Attached is a copy of the Term 3 order form – due back THIS Wednesday 22nd July. As of Term 3, Only term orders will be accepted. If an order is received on the day of sausage sizzle, the order will not be accepted and the school will contact the parents to arrange an alternative. Due to the increased number of students - late orders cannot be accepted anymore.
If you would like to place a term order and would like to organise a payment plan then please contact Yasmin or the office.
If you do not have a printer please write your order on a piece of paper with all the details required.

The First Sausage Sizzle for this term is NEXT Friday, 24th July and 4/5 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.

Trivia Night
We are going to be holding a Trivia Night this year. Details are:-

Date: Saturday 15th August @ 7.00pm
Location: Dundas Sports and Recreation Club
Address: 9 Elder Road Dundas
Cost: $10 per person

This will be a great night for parents/grandparents/friends. There will be 10 people per table, so get your groups together and see you on the night.

Volunteers Needed
Any help for any of the upcoming events is greatly appreciated
• Athletics Carnival - Monday 3rd August – P&C Cake and Coffee Stall and on the field
• Athletics Carnival – Cake donations Monday 3rd August before 9am to the school or at the grounds
• Father’s Day Stall - Friday 4th September- selling and wrapping from 9am in the hall

Fete & Market Day
Our big fundraiser is fast approaching Saturday 24th October.
If your business or company are in the position to donate some prizes for the chocolate wheel and raffle then please contact the P&C on the details below or come to the next P&C meeting next Monday.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning in the canteen.

Dates to Remember for Term 3:
27th July & 24th August – P&C Meetings for Term 3
3rd August – Athletics Carnival Volunteers needed
15th August – Trivia Night (adults only)
4th September - Fathers Day Stall/Raffle
24th October – Fete & Market Day

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
At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
ATTENTION MUMS AND DADS!
WE ARE BACK!!

Group Fitness Classes will be re-starting at Meadowbank Park
Netball Courts in Term 3
Children and toddlers are again welcome to join in at no cost

WHEN: July 15th – September 16th.
TIME: 9:30-10:15

$100 For the Term (10 wks)
or $12 per week (casual)
Half price for the first 4 callers!!

- 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.

We have a great group here and we look forward to having more to come and join us.

DON’T MISS OUT!!
Michael Winter (4/5E Parent)
0405 014 629
michael@alivept.com.au
www.alivept.com.au
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
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 us at:
enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Upcoming chess events
18 July: Parramatta Saturday Fun Tournament
15th August: Parramatta Saturday Fun Tournament

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

Solution puzzle #8
1. Nc6+, Ka6 2. Qa5#

Chess puzzle

Puzzle #9: White to play and checkmate in 1 move.
Melrose Park Public School

OPEN MORNING
Please join us as we celebrate our learning. Come listen to the band perform, participate in student led reporting, fitness activities and share lunch with your child

School Band Performance
9.00 – 9.30
in the hall

Wednesday 29th July
9.00- 11.00AM

Learning and Growing together
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
3rd AUGUST, 2015

YUMMY CAKE STALL
Tea and Coffee
Sausage Sizzle

Children and spectators will be able to purchase cakes, drinks, tea, coffee etc. during the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM
Please return this order form for students (and spectators)
**All orders must be pre ordered for kids/parents/grandparents**
By Thursday, 30th July

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Bank Details: Melrose Park PS P&C; BSB 062 271; Account 900 288
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