## Coming Events

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Principal’s Report

Thank you to the many families who came and supported our students at the annual athletics carnival. Thank you to the fantastic helpers who made cakes for the wonderful morning tea and to the parent helpers who helped prepare a delicious BBQ and run the coffee stall. Without the help of our parent helpers out on the field, the day would not have ran as smoothly. Your support is greatly appreciated. I hope you enjoyed the magical weather and the wonderful atmosphere of spending a day in the sun.

Feedback from Student Led Reporting

Many parents gave valuable feedback regarding the opportunity to visit classrooms and share in the learning of their child last week during Education Week.

The school band impressed everyone in the audience. They were highly complementary of the standard and enthusiasm of our young musicians. Parents were appreciative of the opportunity to sit in classrooms and watch learning in action. Parents were grateful of the efforts that teachers made to meet the needs of all students across all learning areas. Parents found out more about their child by working with them rather than just receiving a report card. While parents were happy with the successes of their child many parents expressed the wish that their child would always work to the highest standard and wished that student learning goals were achieved at a faster rate.

We look forward to continuing working together to improve our reporting processes to parents.

Staff Changes

Miss Davey was recently successful in gaining permanent employment in another school which has necessitated a change in staff. Mrs Christina Price and Mrs Sadie Gow will share the teaching responsibilities for Class KE for the rest of the year.

We welcome Ms Narelle Adams to Melrose Park PS. Ms Adams is a specialist librarian and will be found in the library on Thursday and Fridays. Please pop in to welcome her to our wonderful school.

Mrs Jane Clarke takes up the role of English Additional Language (EAL) and will support teachers and students every Tuesday. Mrs Clarke has been working recently with our talented mathematicians and is becoming familiar with our school.

Mrs Yvonne Louis is now back from her travels and will continue in her role developing the writing skills of our young writers. Mrs Louis is here every Monday.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing day has now changed to Wednesday. Remind your child to put their library bag in their school bag each week. New books are added to the library collection each month. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is drawing to a close. A reminder for everyone that all Reading Logs need to be completed in the coming weeks.

Marsden Entertainment Evening

A great opportunity is coming up as our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been invited to play in MAPLES-Marsden H.S. and Primary Links Entertainment Spectacular.

We will be performing an item singing and playing ukulele to showcase the musical skills of our students on Wednesday 19th August. Mrs Craig (our new music teacher) will lead the group at this event.

Spelling Bee

The Premiers Spelling Bee is a competition for students in Year 3 -6. The regional competition will be held at Meadowbank PS later this month. Students are enthusiastically participating in their class spelling bee activities in preparation for the school Spelling Bee which will be held next Wednesday, 11th August in the school hall. Students in K-2 will present a showcase of spelling skills whilst students in the Junior Section (Yr 3-4) and the Senior Section (Yr 5-6) will compete for the opportunity to represent the school at the regional final.
Trivia Night
Have you booked your table for our Trivia Night next Saturday 15th August? Like to come but don’t have table? Book yourself a seat and we will find you a happy fun loving and trivia mad table to join! The more the merrier will help to make the night a success. Leave the children at home as the Student Voice Leaders are planning on holding a Student Trivia Event later in the term.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Over the coming weeks more information will be included in the newsletter reminding you of the opportunity to give feedback to the school. The ICT computers will be available to encourage you to complete the survey while you wait to pick your child up after school. Your feedback will drive the school plans in future years.

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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Assistant Principals’ Report

Learning Snapshot

Over the last couple of weeks I have witnessed plenty of great teaching and learning in action!

2R thoroughly enjoyed their 'number of the day' mathematics activities. They had to show the number in a variety of ways. Some students chose to use addition facts, others drew base 10 diagrams and many demonstrated their understanding of whole numbers by arranging the number into hundreds, tens and ones. What fantastic LEARNERS in 2R!

2/1O wowed me with their use of action verbs when they were writing a procedure. The students are developing their vocabulary and were able to incorporate action verbs like pour, mix, stir and add to make their writing interesting and informative. Students were RESPONSIBLE in editing their writing and made sure they had spelt sugar with an ‘a’ and not an ‘e’.

Year 5 and 6 participated in a collaborative science investigation. The students created peek boxes and conducted experiments to identify the importance of light in identifying colours, shapes and textures. The students were required to modify their box to let more light in and produced and labelled a ray diagram to demonstrate the way in which light hits an object and is then sent to the eye of the observer. Year 5 and 6 understand the importance of being RESPECTFUL listeners when their peers are contributing ideas in scientific discussions.

What a wonderful start to Term 3!

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal

Tucker Time

Last Thursday 5/6M was on Green / Amber Tucker Time and Miss Mee let 5/6M cook for the whole school!

5/6M cooked pancakes, sausage rolls, smoothies, banana muffins, apple crumble yogurt and a fruit platter. Can you believe they are all Green/ Amber foods? Which one did you like the best? All of our food was sold really quickly so thank you for your donation to the school.

We hope you enjoyed Tucker Time. 5/6M tried their hardest!

Indy and Jess

Athletics Carnival

Yesterday on the 3rd of August, we had our Athletics Carnival at Dunbar Park. We did field events like high jump, shot-put, long jump and discus while the kindergartens did other activities. Congratulations to the people who won trophies: Fletcher (Senior Boys) Jemma and Chloe (Senior Girls) Aniela (Junior Girls) and Samuel (Junior Boys). The races were 800 metres, 200 metres and 100 metres. Ribbons will be handed out soon.

Some people got to have sausage sizzle and got to buy cupcakes from the cake stall.
We would like to thank the teachers and the P&C members for organising the athletics carnival. Every child tried their best. It wasn’t about winning it was about participating and winning points for your house.

Everyone had fun at the Athletics Carnival.

Dean and Valeria

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

Week 7 (August 24-28) is BOOK WEEK.

We will be celebrating in a variety of ways. On Monday 24th August, we will be dressing up HOLLYWOOD style. Please help your child choose a character from a well-known book that has been made into a film. We will be parading our costumes and invite families to join in the celebration. More information with times will follow in the upcoming weeks.

On Monday afternoon we will have a performance on the book ‘The Stone Lion’ by Margaret Wild. Students have read this wonderful story and are excited to see it in ACTION!

Each class will be collaborating a performance following the ‘LIGHTS CAMERA ACTIONS’ theme. Classes will perform their items to families on Tuesday 25th August. Again more information with times will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Please note that the Premiers Reading Challenge is coming to a close on August 21st. Please check with your child/ren that details of books they have read have been added on their personal reading list. Happy Reading.

Mrs Price

P&C Report

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 (adults only no children)

This will be a great night for parents/grandparents/friends. With 6-10 people per table, so get your groups together and see you on the night. There are some great prizes on offer on the night. Hope to see you all there.

********RSVP is required by 10th August, we need 5 tables of 10 booked as a minimum for the night to go ahead, we currently need 1 more table to be booked.

*******Very limited tickets will be sold on the night due to limited seating, pre purchased tickets prioritised.
So if you are keen to go then pre purchase entry. If you do have a full table we can allocate you with other parents.
You can invite other family members, previous parents of Melrose Park etc. Please see attached flyer and table notification/payment details.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thank you to all the helpers that helped out at the carnival yesterday. The day was a huge success for the P&C with you all.
The cake stall was full of such a wonderful selection to choose from – thank you to everyone that put in time to bake something.

Volunteers Needed
Any help for any of the upcoming events is greatly appreciated
- Father’s Day Stall - Friday 4th September- selling and wrapping from 9am in the hall (more info to come)

Sausage Sizzle
The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is THIS Friday, 7th August and 3L 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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
We have a box in the office to return all completed sheets of stickers, or send in with your child.
** So keep collecting your stickers for the school.

Fete & Market Day – 24th October
If any students would like to do a performance on the day please contact the P&C so they can be slotted in to the performance schedule.
All performances this year will be held in the hall.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is Monday 24th August @ 7.30pm.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning in the canteen.

Dates to Remember for Term 3:
10th August – RSVP for Trivia Night
15th August – Trivia Night (adults only)
24th August – P&C Meeting
4th September – Father’s 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
Melrose Park Public School Trivia Night Booking Form
Saturday 15 August 2015 – 6.30 pm

Dundas Sports and Recreation Club
9 Elder Rd
Dundas

RSVP by Monday 10 August

Number of Attendees........................ (Max 10 per Table)
$10 per person
If you cannot make up a team table then you can book individually and we can allocate you to a team.

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Payment can be made by

Cash, cheque (made payable to Melrose Park P&C) or Bank Transfer
BSB 062 271 Acct. 900288
Please make sure you enter your surname followed by Trivia
TRIVIA NIGHT

SAATURDAY 15th August
AT DUNSDAS SPORTS & REC CLUB
9 Elder Road Dundas

STARTS 7.00PM SHARP
COST: $10 PER PERSON
6-10 people per table  RSVP: 10th August (tickets also sold on the night)

This event is for Adults only.
Parents/Grandparents/Friends.
Get your teams together for a great night of fun.