### Coming Events

#### Term 3, Week 6

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<td>Tuesday, 18/8</td>
<td>RSS Choir Rehearsal – Ryde Civic Centre</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 19/8</td>
<td>Library borrowing&lt;br&gt;Yr 4/5 to Marsden High School – Science Session&lt;br&gt;MAPLES – Marsden High School Yr 4-6 - Evening</td>
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<td>Thursday, 20/8</td>
<td>Bridge Building Competition Finals&lt;br&gt;Assembly – 2.05pm - 2R to host</td>
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<td>Friday, 21/8</td>
<td>Sports Photos&lt;br&gt;Gymnastics Program – K-6 – Be Skilled Be Fit&lt;br&gt;Sausage Sizzle – 2R parents requested to assist&lt;br&gt;PSSA – <strong>Girls Senior Netball – Grand Final – GOOD LUCK GIRLS !</strong> - all other teams to play friendlies</td>
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#### Term 3, Week 7

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<td>Monday, 24/8</td>
<td>Book Character Parade 9.15am – Dress as your favourite character&lt;br&gt;“The Stone Lion” Book Week Performance – 2-3pm&lt;br&gt;P&amp;C Meeting</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 25/8</td>
<td>Book Week Class Performances – 10.00am – School hall&lt;br&gt;Interrelate – 6pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 26/8</td>
<td>Yr 1 and 2 (Stage 1) Excursion – Maritime Museum</td>
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<td>Thursday, 27/8</td>
<td>Zone Athletics&lt;br&gt;Tuckertime – 3L Green/Amber</td>
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<td>Friday, 28/8</td>
<td>Kinder to West Ryde Library&lt;br&gt;Gymnastics Program – K-6 – Be Skilled Be Fit</td>
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#### Term 3, Week 8

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<td>Monday, 31/8</td>
<td>Kinder 2016 – Parent Information Evening – 6.30-7.30pm “Getting Ready for Big School”</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thursday, 3/9</td>
<td>Yr 3 &amp; 4 (Stage 2) Excursion – Museum of Contemporary Art&lt;br&gt;Assembly – 2.05pm – 2/1 O to host</td>
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<td>Friday, 4/9</td>
<td>Father’s Day Raffle &amp; Father’s Day Stall&lt;br&gt;Gymnastics Program – K-6 – Be Skilled Be Fit&lt;br&gt;Sausage Sizzle – 2/1O Parents requested to assist&lt;br&gt;No PSSA - Bye</td>
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Principal’s Report
I would like to extend warm congratulations to Nina and Cathy for the wonderful organisation of and running of a successful Trivia night. Thank you to the P&C and to the many parents and friends who shared in a happy fun night. Thank you to the many people who donated prizes with the winning show bag full of delicious treats. Thank you to the staff at Dundas Sports Club who welcomed us warmly and are happy to have our school back for future events. It was a great night and hopefully many more parents will be able to join in the next Trivia evening.

Premiers Spelling Bee
Congratulations to our young spellers who showcased their spelling skills last week in the Spelling Bee. These students receive a special certificate from the Premiers Office.

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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Joshua, Natasha, Riley</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Nathan S, Isabel, Eva, Nathan G, Jeremy, Hugo</td>
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<td>Junior</td>
<td>Armen, Jonny, Ewan, Kamryn, Cooper, Angel</td>
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<td>Senior</td>
<td>Callum, Dylan, Matthew, Carla, Nathan, Tamsin</td>
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Congratulations to Carla and Tamsin who will represent the school in the Senior Section and congratulations to Johnny and Kamryn who will represent us in the Junior Section at the Regional Final of the Premiers Spelling Bee in September.

Excursion Reminders
There are many notes circulating in school bags and on home fridges at the moment. These notes include;
- Excursion notes for all stages,
- K-6 Tony Bones Performance;
- Zone Athletics;
- Choir notes, Marsden HS notes.

If you have lost a note, you can find the replacement permission note on the school website. A replacement permission note can be printed off from this site and sent to school with your child.

Kindergarten 2016 Information Evening
Invitations have been sent out to families inviting them to an Information Evening for new Kindergarten 2016 students. This will be held on Monday 31st August from 6.30 – 7.30pm in the school hall. We are taking enrolments from students in our local catchment area so if you know of someone who is planning on enrolling at Melrose Park Public School next year please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

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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<td>James R</td>
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Sports Photos
Sports photos will be taken this Friday morning for all sporting teams. These teams include soccer, netball, Tball, softball, Zone Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Students will wear sports uniforms.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Assistant Principals’ Report

Interrelate
The time for Interrelate has now arrived! This program will run next Tuesday, 25th August beginning at 6pm. It is a program for parents and children to attend together.

Where did I come from? 6pm (Years 3-6)
Preparing for puberty 7:15pm (Targeting Years 5 & 6, however Yrs 3/4 can attend at parents’ discretion)

Miss Mee will supervise any Year 3/4 students who are not attending the second session with their older brother or sister.
Cost: $25 per family for one session only, $30 per family for both sessions
Payment is preferred before the day so that enough materials can be provided. However, it is possible to simply turn up on the night and make a payment.

Science Week Bridge Building Competition
34 competition bridges arrived yesterday for judging. These will be on display in classrooms this week and in the hall for a quick peek on Wednesday afternoon. The judging will occur on Thursday morning at 9am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend and see the amazing amount a bridge build of paddle pop sticks can hold. Prizes will be presented at assembly in the afternoon.
We thank Mark Hallett for initiating this competition and sharing his expertise through the initial demonstration session and during judging.

ANZAC Centenary Experience
Yesterday students from Years 5 and 6 were invited to the ‘dress rehearsal’ of the ANZAC Centenary Experience. This self-guided display was erected in a warehouse on Wharf Road with local schools, defence force personnel and Telstra and Commonwealth Bank employees (sponsors) invited to the special preview. The display provided an abundance of information about the lead up to the First World War, the Gallipoli Campaign and the aftermath. There was a wide variety of multimedia components which kept the students engaged until the teachers moved them along. After a few modifications, the display will tour Australia and return to Sydney in 2017. The students resoundingly agreed that it is well worth a visit.

Alice Mee
Assistant Principal
National Science Week

About Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools (www.csiro.au/SMiS)
- Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools (SMiS) is a national education program which facilitates ongoing professional partnerships between teachers and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professionals. Through the SMiS program, teachers and students engage with STEM professionals, and together, the partners share enthusiasm, expertise, and knowledge to enhance science, mathematics and ICT education.

- The SMiS program is managed by CSIRO, and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and CSIRO. Since its inception in July 2007, a total of 4,619 partnerships have been established in 2,319 schools across Australia. At 30 June 2015, there were 1,799 active partnerships involving 1,515 teachers and 1,424 STEM and ICT professionals from over 300 organisations.

- We thank Mr Mark Hallet for his involvement in this program. Melrose Park PS is indeed fortunate that Mark is also one our parents who freely gives his time to support our enthusiastic young scientists.

If you have time to spare, skills to share and would like to volunteer in classrooms or spend time speaking to our staff please let me know.

This week we will find out which Bridge is the strongest and built to withstand the strongest weight we can load upon the bridge. Congratulations to the students and families who took up the challenge of building a bridge.

Science Learning across the School

Every week is a Science Week here at Melrose Park Public School.

We have included reports from several classes on some of their week’s activities.

Science Snapshot
There has been plenty of fantastic science and technology learning taking place this term.

Year 5 and 6 students have explored:
- how light travels
- how shadows are formed
- the colour of light by experimenting with colour wheels, prisms and bubbles
- translucent, transparent and opaque materials

With Mrs Grover, the students have been able to paint with light in photography activities, explore concepts of light using an iPad app called Bobo and are currently producing a shadow puppet play.

Year 4 have enjoyed investigating and conducting experiments about heat. The students explored the school environment to determine primary and secondary heat sources and investigated the conductivity of different spoons (wood, metal and plastic) when they were heated by hot water. All students learnt to make predictions and identify variables to control or change in order to ensure fair testing.

Kindergarten Science and Technology Learning
Kindergarten has started a learning journey, looking at the properties and purposes of different materials that we use as packaging. We began by looking at what we already know about materials.
1S have been developing knowledge and understanding of dinosaurs. Their latest lesson involved analysing and comparing the teeth of different dinosaurs to determine whether they ate meat or plants. Students have compared the features of dinosaurs to animal species including giraffes, emus, crocodiles and lions.

Jen Riley
Assistant Principal
Science in 2R
This term 2R have been exploring push and pull forces. We have done some exciting experiments involving water where we have experimented with floating and sinking objects and learning about Archimedes’ principle of water displacement. The students also had an opportunity to bring in their favourite toys to explore what forces are needed to make them operate.

In 2/1O, we are learning about the different push and pull forces around us. This week we learnt about gravity and how the balance between the pull of gravity and the push of water determine whether an object floats or sinks. We conducted experiments using different ball sizes as well as a combination of objects to find out what determines buoyancy.
Book Week Celebrations
Next Week (Week 7) is book week. We are having a week of celebrations, enjoying stories and performances.

On Monday (24th August) students are asked to dress up as a character from a book and which has been made into a movie. Be creative as we will be displaying our costumes in a parade. Families are welcome to come and watch our parade on Monday morning at 9:15. The parade will be held outside under the cola. Year 3 Ukulele group will also be giving a showcase of their talents during the parade.

On Monday afternoon we will be enjoying a Tony Bones performance of ‘The Stone Lion’

As classes we have been preparing Book Week performances to show our families. These performances will be shared with you on Tuesday at 10:00am in the hall. Please come and enjoy the show.

Mrs C Price

Help with Book Covering
We have purchased some wonderful new books for our school. If you are able to assist with covering, can you please see Debra or Karen in the office.

Thank you.

P&C Meeting
Father’s Day Raffle
Each year we run a Father’s Day Raffle, this raffle will be held on Friday 5th September. The prizes for the raffle are:

- Ryde Parramatta Golf Club – Round of golf for 4 people
- 2 x Vince & Roz’s Gym 3 month membership
- Beauty by Stephanie – Luxurious Facial, Head, Hands and Feet Massage
- Bunnings $70.00 voucher
- Alive Personal Training – 2 Personal Training Sessions or 6 Sessions at Group Training Sessions

All tickets will need to be returned by Wednesday 2nd September. Tickets are going home today; if you did not receive them please go to the office to collect them.

Please ensure you write your name and child’s class/name on each ticket and return unused tickets (as some ticket numbers will duplicate).

****Thank you to all the companies that have donated for this Raffle.

Father’s Day Stall
See attached information. Friday 5th September – send money with your children to purchase new gifts for dad/grandpa.

**** Helpers needed on the day to sell and wrap presents – Friday 5th September from 9am in the LIBRARY (change of location this time).

Trivia Night
** Congratulations to the Teachers Table winning on a tie breaker.
Saturday nights Trivia night was a huge success, hope everyone enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you goes to our amazing MC for the night Nina and another huge thank you to Michael for running the games. The P&C have raised approx $1,000 and a thank you to all the families and companies who donated prizes.
P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is **NEXT Monday 24th August @ 7.30pm.**

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, 21st August** and 2R 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.

School Banking
This is on Wednesday morning in the canteen.

**Dates to Remember for Term 3:**
24th August – P&C Meeting
2nd September – Fathers Day Raffle Tickets due back
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

**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 4th September 2015**
Every year we hold a stall for Father’s Day on the Friday before. On the day each class is brought to the hall to purchase Father’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 dads 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 2 items plus a card ($1) when they first arrive at the library. Once each child has purchased, then they can purchase more gifts before leaving the hall if they have money left over.

On this day send some money with your children **Friday 4th September**, so they can purchase a present for their Father/Grandfather for Father’s Day.

**Helpers Needed:** Helpers will be needed on the Friday 9th May from 9am in the library to help sell and wrap the presents for the kids. *(Change of location due to Gymnastics program)*

**Father’s Day Raffle**
The Raffle will be drawn at 9am in lines before the stall begins (Tickets are going home today with great prizes on offer, advertised in the newsletter)
Tickets are due back by Wednesday 2nd September.
If you wish to clarify anything please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Regards
Cathy Lincoln
E: melroseparkpc@hotmail.com  M: 0416 130 274
A big thank you to all those who supported our school for Trivia Night!

Thank you to all the families/friends that helped with other donations on the night.
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 via enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Upcoming chess event
19th September: Parramatta Saturday Fun Tournament

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

Solution puzzle #12
1. g5+, Kh5 2. Rxh7#

Chess puzzle
Puzzle #13: White to play and checkmate

Come & Try Day
New to baseball or softball?
Or just hanging out for some Sunday family fun?
Then come down to the Tigers’ Come and Try day!
Try out your skills, play a friendly game, enjoy our BBQ and meet our friendly Tigers!

Date: Sunday 23rd August
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Venue: George Kendall Park, Ermington
(Broadoaks St side of park)

Tigers Baseball Club
Teeball • Modball
Open Grades • Ladies
Seniors • Juniors

Registrations and info: www.tigerball.com.au
Enquiries: 0434 617 831
Expressions of interest
Afterschool Robotics clubs

A successful Robotics program has been running at Melrose Park Public School for a number of years. The focus of this program is to challenge students to purposefully design, build, program, evaluate and adapt Lego robots to solve everyday problems. Lego Robotics makes a significant contribution to the development of higher order thinking skills and problem solving in our students.

Last year, students in Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to build and program Lego robots. As Year 3 students did not participate in 2014, the current Year 4 students are now building, programming and problem solving with Lego RCX robots in ICT lessons.

EV3 programming club (Years 5 & 6)
Some Year 5 and 6 students have begun learning to program the newer Lego EV3 robots. To enable more opportunities for students to develop skills in EV3 programming, there will be an afterschool Robotics club each Wednesday afternoon from 3.05 to 4.00pm in the computer room. This will involve programming prebuilt EV3 robots using EV3 software. Students will be expected to work in a self-directed learning environment, with support, rather than teacher directed instruction.

Students wishing to attend the EV3 programming club should return the slip below. There will be a limited number of participants, dictated by the number of available EV3 robots. Selected students will be given a permission note, which will need to be returned before attending the afternoon robotics session.

Term 4 Robocup Competition (Years 4 – 6)
Our very popular MPPS Robocup competition for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be run in Term 4. Students will work in teams to design, build and program their robots to compete against each other in various contests. Students wishing to participate in our school Robocup should return the slip below, indicating their availability.

Pam Grover
ICT/Robotics teacher

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Expressions of interest
Afterschool Robotics clubs
MPPS Robocup competition

Student’s Name ........................................................................................................................................... Year ........

☐ My Child is interested in participating in the afterschool EV3 Robotics programming club each Wednesday for the remainder of Term 3 and Term 4.

☐ My Child is interested in participating in the MPPS Robocup competition in Term 4. They would be available to attend a Wednesday afterschool Robotics club during Term 4.

☐ My Child is interested in participating in the MPPS Robocup competition in Term 4. They would be available and committed to attending a Thursday lunchtime Robotics club each week during Term 4.

☐ I would be interested in helping with an after school / lunchtime Robotics club.

Signature: .................................................................................................................... Date: ..............................

Your name: .................................................................................................................................