Melrose Park Public School

`Learning and Growing Together`

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Term 3, Week 7  25 August, 2015

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**Coming Events**

**Term 3, Week 7**

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<td>Monday, 24/8</td>
<td>- Book Character Parade 9.15am – Dress as your favourite character</td>
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<td>- “The Stone Lion” Book Week Performance – 2-3pm</td>
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<td>- P&amp;C Meeting</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 25/8</td>
<td>- Book Week Class Performances – 10.00am – School hall</td>
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<td>- Interrelate – 6pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 26/8</td>
<td>- Yrs 1 and 2 (Stage 1) Excursion – Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour</td>
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<td>(Students to be at school by 8.15am)</td>
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<td>Thursday, 27/8</td>
<td>- Zone Athletics</td>
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<td>- Tuckertime – 3L Green/Amber</td>
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<td>Friday, 28/8</td>
<td>- Kinder to West Ryde Library</td>
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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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<td>Thursday, 3/9</td>
<td>- Yr 3 &amp; 4 (Stage 2) Excursion – Museum of Contemporary Art</td>
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<td>- 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</td>
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<td>- Regional Spelling Bee Finals</td>
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<td>Thursday, 10/9</td>
<td>- Tuckertime – 2R – Red</td>
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<td>Friday, 11/9</td>
<td>- PSSA – vs Meadowbank @ Meadowbank Park</td>
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Principal’s Report

**Parent Feedback**  
**Tell Them From Me Survey**

As part of the annual school evaluation process we ask our parent community for feedback on school processes and practices. This year Melrose Park PS will use a State Wide Online Survey Tool called “Tell Them from Me” to obtain feedback for the purpose of school improvement. The state wide survey will give our school more data to reference against state norms.

We will use the information gathered from the survey to assist the school to identify strategic priorities, monitor progress and undertake a school self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework. It would be wonderful if every parent could find some time to complete the survey as your input is valued and appreciated.

There are two ways to access the online survey. Several computers will be set up in the ICT room for the next two weeks where you can access the survey and complete the survey at school. The other way is to log on from home or work via this link.  
https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm

Username: parent17126  
Password: Mel3846

Your survey response is anonymous

**NAPLAN**

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 Students who received their NAPLAN results last week. If you are a parent of a Yr 3 or Yr 5 student who did not receive their child’s report, please let the school know immediately. Year 3 results were particularly pleasing whilst Year 5 Students showed evidence of personal growth across all learning areas. If you would like to discuss your child’s report, please make arrangements with your class teacher.  
Well done Learners!

**Father’s Day Stall**  
Father’s Day gifts will be available to purchase on Friday, 4th September. This activity is organised by the P&C and we thank them for giving our young students an opportunity to personally buy a present for the special man in their life such as a dad, stepdad, foster dad or grandad. Students will be taken in class groups where they can purchase the present. Gifts range in price from $2 to $7.00. If anyone is available to be a wrapper on the day please speak to the P&C.

**Earn and Learn**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has only a few weeks remaining, so get collecting now! We need all completed sticker sheets or loose stickers to be sent in by September 15th.

**Parent Information Evening**

Parents of new Kindergarten students for 2016 are invited to an Information Session at 6.30 – 7.30pm, next Monday night 31st August. Please RSVP to Karen in the office if you will be attending the event. It will be great to have you come along, meet new parents to the school and meet other Melrose parents who will direct another young child along to big school in 2016.

**Skoolbag**

Have you downloaded the Skoolbag App to your mobile phone or device? This is a great method to keep up to date with school information, receive your newsletters, have a link to our website and be sent reminders.

Apple users should go to the iTunes store and search Skoolbag Melrose Park and Android users go to your Playstore and search for Skoolbag Melrose Park.

Please encourage other members of our community to try Skoolbag.
After many months of effort the good news is that Vacation Care is almost here at Melrose Park PS. Final sign offs are yet to be completed but plans are well advanced to take a small number of children for Vacation Care at Melrose Park during the school holidays. For parents who are interested in Vacation Care, Lauren will keep you informed of the process and the procedures needed for enrolment.

The next project to focus our time will be the planning and delivery of a purpose built OSHC room. If you have knowledge, interest or skill in this area of development/procurement and would like to get involved in this important project please contact me.

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Book Week Snapshot
For Book Week, 2R wrote some short descriptions about the characters they dressed up as

**Bob the Minion**  
By Tiffanie  
I was dressed as Bob the Minion because he is interesting. He is yellow, has glasses, black boots and a little pocket. He is funny, silly and he gets frightened sometimes of scary things.  
I would like to be his friend because he is cute and cuddly.

**Harry Potter**  
By Chris  
My book week character is Harry Potter. I like the Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, especially the part where he gets the magic cloak for Christmas. Harry can use his magic cloak to go to secret places like the 3rd floor.  
Harry would be a good friend because he is a good boy and wants to help others.

**Pippi Longstocking**  
By Lana  
My character is Pippi Longstocking. Pippi Longstocking is silly because when it is raining she tries to let her house inside and paints her house in colours.  
I would like to be her friend because there is always lots of laughter wherever she is!
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.

MAPLES
Congratulations to the students from years 4, 5 and 6 who performed so well at Marden High School last Wednesday night. They gave a colourful and spirited performance of two Jamaican songs, singing, dancing and playing ukulele! Special thanks to our great vocal soloists Indica and Adam, to Noah on djembe and Ryan on xylophone. It was lovely to see all the senior students work together so well. Thanks also to Miss Mee for all her support on the night and during rehearsals.

Mrs Caroline Craig
Music Teacher

PSSA
Winter PSSA has come to an end and the summer competition will begin next Friday.

We had an extremely successful football and netball competition this year. Special mention goes to the Senior girls netball team who unfortunately lost the grand final by 1 goal. It was an exciting game with every player trying their hardest right until the final whistle. I am very proud of each and every one of you and the way you played throughout the season! Congratulations!

Ms Alex Roberts
Sports Co-ordinator
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 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 #13
1. Qe2+, Kc3 2. Qc2# or 1...Kc1 2. Qc2#

Puzzle #14: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.

P&C Report
Father’s Day Raffle
Each year we run a Father’s Day Raffle, this raffle will be held NEXT 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 NEXT Wednesday 2nd September. Tickets went home last week; 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).

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is Monday 19th October @ 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
Thank you to last week’s helpers Prama, Kellie and Nick.
The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is NEXT Friday, 4th September and 2/1O 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.

**Dates to Remember for Term 3:**

- 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
Cathy Lincoln
Like us on Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C

**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 4th September 2015**

Every year we hold a stall for Father’s Day on the Friday before Father’s Day Sunday.. 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 4th September 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 have gone home 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.
News from Melrose Park OSHC!

VACATION CARE WILL BE HAPPENING THIS SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS!

We have lots of FUN activities planned including treasure hunts, Karaoke days, Art days and MUCH more.

Bookings are not opened yet so please stay tuned to find out when you can start booking your children in.

Please note there will be a STRICTLY LIMITED number of spots each day so when bookings open make sure you get in quick!

Once full we cannot legally take any more children

We will be providing more details as soon as we can.

Vacation Care will be open:
7am – 6.00pm.
Dates: 21 Sept – 02 October
The Parramatta Viva 7’s play centre is at:
GIPPS ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX
GIPPS RD, GREYSTANES

Competition starts on Friday 9th October 2015 and runs every Friday night. Age groups are from U6’s through to Opens (18+)

$99 PER PERSON
which includes a cool Viva 7’s t-shirt. 9 people needed to make a team.

Go to www.vivav7s.com.au for more information and to register your interest in playing this summer’s hottest competition

STAY FIT AND HAVE FUN
WITH YOUR MATES AND FAMILY

VIVA7s.com.au

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HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY
JUNIOR HOCKEY PROGRAMME
FUN • FITNESS • FRIENDS

WHEN
Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 am
5 week program starting 1/11/2015

WHERE
PITCH 2 Sydney Olympic Park
Hockey Centre. Shirley Strickland Ave

CONTACT
juniors@uts.hockey.org
Fiona Telfer Ph: 0418 412 220

REGISTRATION:
Register online by 25th October
Visit www.uts.hockey.org for details
Registration plus starter’s pack $75 — or — rego only $35
 Starter’s pack: Stick, shin pads, mouth guard, ball, stick bag, singlet plus more
 - Suitable for 6-12 year old girls & boys
 - An exciting introduction to hockey in a safe environment
 - Have fun learning a new sport with friends
 - Experienced & qualified coaches

At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Net Set Go

Come And Try Day

Interested in playing netball in 2016?

Come along to the Carlingford Flames Net Set Go Come and Try Day:

Friday 28 August and 4 September 2015

4:00 – 5:30pm

Brushfarm Netball Courts Terry Rd Eastwood

Cost: Free

For girls turning 7,8 and 9 in 2016.

Carlingford Flames is a netball club that provides positive role models to your daughter. We encourage development of the player, the umpire and administrators and hope to achieve a sense of community.

Being a large community club enables us to develop each player to their full potential whilst creating an environment where the players make friends from not only their own school but others within the local community.

To register please email Chris Kelleway sckelleway@hotmail.com Please state Net Set Go, your daughter’s name, the school they attend, best contact number and any medical conditions or allergies.

Please note our registration Day is Sunday 25 October 1 - 3pm at Storage King North Parramatta. Registration forms will also be available on 4 September.

For further information please contact Chris Kelleway 0410123651
Or visit the club website: http://www.carlingfordflames.netball.asn.au
FREE PARENT WORKSHOP:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD
MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION
TO HIGH SCHOOL

Who Should Attend: All parents of Year 5, 6 & 7 students. (Students not recommended to attend.)

What will be discussed:
- High School & Primary School: the differences
- How your child is changing into a teenager
- Communication & positive self esteem tips
- Looking after yourself during this transition
- Meet other services who provide support to families and young people

Supper provided.

About the presenters:
Vivienne Hughes is a Psychologist and Parenting Coordinator at the Child and Youth Mental Health Service in Northern Sydney.

Peter Traynor is a Learning & Support Teacher and Leader in the Child and Adolescent Parenting Program for NSW Health.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE BELOW DATES AND VENUES:

Thursday 13th August
7pm – 9:30pm
Denistone East Public School
Lovell Rd, Eastwood

Tuesday 18th August
7pm – 9:30pm
Ryde Public School
Pope St, Ryde

Thursday 27th August
7pm – 9:30pm
Ryde Public School
Pope St, Ryde

Tuesday 11th September
7pm – 9:30pm
Epping Boys High School
213 Vimiera Rd, Marsfield

REGISTER VIA
Email: events@rydefss.ngo.org.au
Phone: (02) 9334 0111

This initiative is made possible with the support of the City of Ryde.
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

Expressed 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: …………………………………………………...