Welcome, welcome, welcome, welcome, welcome!

Welcome back to all our delightful students and families for wonderful year of learning for 2016. I trust you all enjoyed a fantastic holiday period and are now ready to get back into routine and school thinking. Welcome to our new families who join a friendly school community and supportive school. Please get involved in the life of the school and make your experience a positive one. Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families. I know that we will take the very best care of your child as they become part of the learning community of Melrose Park Public School. Finally welcome back to the staff and our new staff members. In fact nearly all staff were here last week planning and preparing for the great learning that will be evident in all classrooms in 2016.

This is just a short newsletter to say Hi and Welcome so look out the regular newsletter on Tuesdays in your inbox.

Kindergarten 2016

Over the next two days our new Kindergarten students will participate in the Best Start interviews. We will greet all our new Kindergarten students on Monday morning 1st February. The students will be encouraged to line up at the front of the student assembly before moving off to their classrooms.

Kindergarten parents are welcome to join the students for 15 minutes in the classroom. Our kinder parents are then welcome to come and share a cup of tea/ coffee in the kitchen and get to meet your new parent group. Kindergarten students finish their first day at 2.30pm on the Monday and then at 3.00pm like all other students.

Transition

Over the course of the day students from Yr 1-6 have been involved in transition activities. These activities involved visiting different classrooms, meeting and greeting teachers and discussing behaviour expectations for the different areas of the school.
Classes 2016
This year there will be 8 classes comprising of straight and stage classes. This mix always existed on at Melrose Park due to the numbers of students in each cohort. Teachers have spent many hours discussing the needs both academic, emotional and social of all students and selected students for each class based on their professional knowledge and working harmony of the classes.

Meet the Teacher Evening
Over the course of the next few weeks students and teachers will spend time in their class setting up establishing learning routines, setting high expectations and making book covers. We look forward to welcoming all parents to the MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT on Tuesday 17th February. Put this date aside to come and listen to the school directions and plans for 2016 and meet your child’s teacher in the classroom.

Swimming Carnival 2016
The year starts quickly with the annual swimming carnival to be held in a week’s time at Granville Swimming Centre. This carnival is for all students in Yr 3 -6 (and students who are turning 8 in Yr 2 and can swim 25 metres). All students are expected to attend the carnival or be present at school. Permission notes were sent home late last year and most have been brought back. A reminder note will go home to those students who require it.

Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend the event and we welcome adult volunteers to help out on the day. Students will be allowed to leave with a parent once the carnival is finished.

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