## Coming Events

### Term 1, Week 4
- **Tuesday, 16/2**: Parent Information Night
- **Thursday, 18/2**: Tuckertime – Red – Class 5/6 to host
- **Friday, 19/2**: PSSA – Round 2 v Denistone East PS – Meadowbank Park
- **Sunday, 21/2**: PARENT WORKING BEE all welcome

### Term 1, Week 5
- **Wednesday 24/2**: K-1 Responsible Pet Ownership talk
- **Friday, 26/2**: Assembly – 9.00am –parents welcome
- **Sausage Sizzle – Class 4E to host**
- **PSSA – Round 3 v North Ryde PS – Meadowbank Park**

### Term 1 Week 6
- **Sunday 28/2**: Family Bowling Evening – just for fun
- **Friday 4/3**: Ride to School Day
- **School’s Clean Up Day – Keep Australia Clean Event**

### Term 1 Week 7
- **Tuesday 8/3**: Zone Swimming
- **Wednesday 9/3**: School Photos
- **Term 3**: Melrose Musical Wednesday night July 27th
- **Annual Athletics Carnival August 9th weather permitting**
- **Term 4**: Presentation Day Thursday December 8th
Principal’s Report
We wish Mrs Karen Price a speedy recovery after an unexpected trip to hospital. We wish her rest and relaxation after emergency surgery. I know that your good wishes and good thoughts go to her and you will understand if things don’t seem the same around the office during her absence.

Term Invoices will be delayed a few weeks. The Term Invoice contains the account for your child’s participation in excursion and incursions for Semester 1. The General Resource Fee is rolled into one amount for ease of accounting. This fee is for and includes items such as the subscriptions to online learning programs such as Mathletics, Spellodrome, Reading Eggs and Reading Express, school diaries (Yr 3 -6) a reading log diary (K-2) with document wallets, pencils, exercise books, homework textbook, handwriting text books, markers and resources used in the classroom. The Contribution Fee of $40 a child or $60 per family targets the library and technology resourcing needs of your children. There is also an invitation to donate to the ATO Library and Building Fund as a tax deductible gift. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Working Bee

This Sunday 21st February 8.30am – 12.00pm
This date will avoid a clash with the Family Bowling activity and with the Korean Church service from March. We appreciate the time and energy you donate to keep our school looking great.

So come along and spend a few hours helping make our school grounds look great. Our working bee aims to complete tasks such as adding new soft-fall under the play equipment. topping up the sandpit, whipping snipping, gardening, mulching, water blasting, painting.

Morning Tea provided

Many hands make light work!

P&C
Parents and Citizens of Melrose Park

The first P&C meeting is next Monday night, 22nd February at 7.30pm in the school library. Please come along and support the parent body of the school. This is a great forum where parents have a say in the directions of the school and the school programs. We need new members of the parent community to offer their time to help out in the many different ways the P&C help your children.

Family Bowling Event

Have you got your lane booked for the first family event of the year? Come along and join in the fun on Sunday afternoon 28th February and meet a few people from the community. It is a fun afternoon watching the excitement of kids getting a strike or is it the adults shouting for join when they knock the pins down?

School Photos

Wednesday 9th March is the date set aside for class, family and individual photos. This year The School Photographer has been secured to take the photos. Keep a look out for information and photo envelopes explaining the process for ordering. Information will be sent home with each student.

Safety

Students keep themselves safe by playing in the correct areas of the school. We can help all our students stay safe by driving safely around the school zone. At the beginning of each school year Parking Rangers patrol school zones to ensure parents are remembering to follow road and parking rules. The School Car park is for staff only and not for the drop off and pick up of students.
Library News

Volunteers are needed to cover some books for the library. This a job that can be done at home in your own time. If you can help out please speak to Mrs Deb Beauman in the office. Book covering materials will be given to you and a lesson if needed. Once covered the books will be ready for our students to borrow.

Learning

In NSW schools, teachers discuss stages of learning rather than years of learning. Our curriculum subjects are designed to be taught over a two year cycle. We often still call the early years Infants, Years 3-6 Primary and Years 7-12 Secondary before moving onto Tertiary education at University. Stages of learning cover a two year period.

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Clare Kristensen
Principal

Early Stage 1 (Kinder) and Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) News

All K-2 classes have been settling into their classes by learning new routines and getting to know their new classroom.

Pictured are some action shots of ES1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) in action.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who sent back books already covered. Any books which weren't covered can be sent home next weekend to be returned the following Monday. The ES1 and S1 teachers look forward to discussing our teaching programs and routines with parents and carers this Tuesday night. We look forward next week to a talk on how to be safe and responsible around dogs. Our visitors will be from the local vet clinic.

Jennie Spenceley, Relieving Assistant Principal

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**Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) News**

Stage Two are settling into some good working patterns. In Mathematics we are looking at whole number and the importance of recognising place value. Students are encouraged to practise their times tables. The students show fantastic enthusiasm towards our science topic and have been contributing with some amazing questions as they try to come up with a definition of what makes something alive. There are some very talented artists in Stage 2 demonstrating excellent printing techniques with creativity when creating their book covers. These were sent home at the weekend to cover their new books. This week 3L are the Green Team and will be responsible for looking after the rubbish and recycling around the school whilst also caring for the kitchen garden and assisting Mrs Cuneo selling fresh organic produce.

Mr Clark

**Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) News**

5/6M are now in a rhythm of changing classes for each lesson and working with two teachers. Last week the class went to their first Korean lesson and learnt to write their names in Korean. They have begun their science and history units and are incorporating the use of technology. Maths Star Cards are being implemented and reading activities based on *The Man from Snowy River* promoted a lot of discussion. The students also went to the library for borrowing and are encouraged to present a short book review of books they have read throughout the term. The students are congratulated on their mature response to the lesson organisation and the use of their school diaries. Teachers have written a short comment in each diary.

Last week, 5/6M presented the first school assembly. 5/6M presented short skits about friendship and how to get along with others. The very nervous captains did a terrific job leading their classmates and maintaining control of the crowd. Great work Harry, Tamsin, Hannah and Calum.

Miss Mee Assistant Principal

**Sport Report**

PSSA started on Friday and Melrose Park got off to a strong start against Ryde East PS. The T-ball girls won 14-13 in a close game and the boys T-ball was so close they ended all square, in a tie at 5-5. The Softball girls unfortunately went down 4-0 and the mixed softball started brightly with a 2-0 win demonstrating good team spirit. It is requested that players in PSSA wait until the end of the second game before being signed out. This will give players an opportunity to watch, learn and show support for the game and display a strong team unit.

Martin Clark

**School Sport**

In Years 3-6 school sport last Friday, students were placed in their sport teams and competed against each other in T-Ball and Oz Tag. After the first week, *Melrose Park Thunder* and *The 49ers* lead the competition, having won both of their games.

After sport, the students discussed possible topics for their Personal Interest Projects. There was a wide variety of topics ranging from 3D printing to *How to cook caramel slice* and *How to make a hot air balloon*. Miss Mee and Miss Adams are excited about how much they are going to learn along with the students.

**Incursion - Being Brave**

On **Wednesday March 9th** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program ‘Being Brave’.

Being Brave is a live theatre production which will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. The production is...
inspirational and empowering, providing kids with strategies such as good communication and positive self-talk, to help make them more resilient and able to navigate life’s storms.

Being Brave is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Frequently Asked Questions about our Learning and Support Programs

What is Learning and Support?
Learning and Support consists of five key elements to support students with additional educational needs. These elements are:

- an approach to teaching and learning that has high expectations for every student,
- the curriculum we deliver to provide rigorous, meaningful and dignified learning for every student,
- collaborating with parents and other agencies where needed to develop and implement personalised adjustments for the learning and support needs of students,
- teacher quality and the provision of sustained high quality professional learning and support for teachers to address the diverse learning needs of students, and
- our accountability to students under the Disability Standards for Education 2005.

At MPPS, the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) works with all teachers across the school and assists them to best support students in their class. Students are referred to the Learning and Support team after teachers have attempted a variety of strategies to cater for students with additional learning needs. This is usually after a discussion with the child’s parents. The Learning and Support team consists of a member of the school executive, LaST and school counsellor. A collaborative approach and partnership between students, parents, teachers and the learning and support team is key to supporting students with additional educational needs.

What does the English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) teacher do?

This year we are fortunate to have Sadie Gow as our EAL/D teacher. Mrs Gow will be working with classroom teachers to build their capacity in differentiating the curriculum for students who require support in developing English language proficiency. This may be in the area/s of speaking, listening, reading/viewing and writing. This term, Mrs Gow will be working in classes from Kindergarten to Year 3 on a Wednesday.

What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery is for Year One students. It is an intensive one to one reading program to ensure literacy acquisition of students is achieved. Miss Emma Lambert, our Reading Recovery teacher has currently been testing our Year One students to identify suitable candidates for the program in Semester One. In order for Reading Recovery to have long term and sustainable benefits, it is important that reading continues to be practised at home and school on a daily basis.

What is the MULTI-Lit Reading Tutor Program?

Our MULTI-Lit (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) program is volunteer run and enables selected students from Year 2 -6 to receive individual reading support. The students on this program develop their word attack skills with a focus on accuracy, fluency and spelling. If you are interested in learning more about the program and you would like to be part of our MULTI-Lit volunteer team, please contact our wonderful parent coordinator, Lesley Slender lesley@ozslenders.com. A huge thank you to Lesley and our volunteers who kicked off the program last week.

Jen Riley, Assistant Principal
P&C Report

**Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon**

We are having a bowling afternoon on **Sunday 28th February from 4pm**. This is a great opportunity for all kids from K – 6 to come and have fun. A note in regards to this is attached. I plan to allocate lanes to all students prior to the night to make it easier for TenPin City Lidcombe, so once you arrive I will let you know which lane you are bowling in. Kids are usually allocated according to class/year where possible. Please ensure you turn up on time so you don’t hold up your lane from starting. Please **arrive at 3.45pm** to get shoes sorted to start bowling at 4pm. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun outside of school and parents to catch up or get to know the new parents in the school.

Notes and money are due back **by THIS Friday 19th February**.

*An adult must be present for the duration of the bowling*

**P&C AGM/Meeting**

The first meeting for 2016 will be on **NEXT Monday 22nd February @ 7.30pm** in the library. This will also be our Annual AGM. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on the P&C and would like to discuss the roles please call/email me on the details below. We have a few positions that are currently not filled due to change in work conditions and moving on to high school.

**Positions are**

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Community Support Coordinator
- Sausage Sizzle Coordinator
- Book Club Coordinator
- Market Day Coordinators
- OOSCH Committee Members
- School Banking Coordinators

In coming along to the meetings you do not have to put your hand up for a position on the committee. You can help out for certain events, as little or as much as you are available – if you are unable to help out you are still encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about the school. All help is greatly appreciated – “many hands make light work”.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to put yourself forward for a position please put it in writing to be put forward at the meeting.

***Expression of Interest – Family Portraits***

If you are interested in having a Family Portrait done in August this year. We need a minimum number of families to go ahead with this fundraiser. Send an email to the P&C address and let us know your interest.

**Sausage Sizzle**

If you did not place your yearly order please contact the P&C.

The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is **next Friday, 26th February** and **Year 4** 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.

**School Banking (Commonwealth Bank)**
The school does banking through the Commonwealth Bank every Wednesday Morning from 8.30am. Kids can bank on behalf of younger or older sibling. For each new student that signs up the school receives $5 and also for every deposit made through the school we receive a % back to the P&C.

Coffee Shop
If you see a sign up in the playground located on the way to the hall about coffee – go up and buy a great cup of freshly made coffee for $3.00. This is a great way to get to know other parents in the school. If anyone is interested in making coffee in the canteen on any morning, training can be provided. This has been a great fundraiser for the P&C and has become a great social spot on some mornings for the parents.

Dates to Remember for Term 1:
19th February – Bowling forms due back
21st February – Working Bee
22nd February @ 7.30pm – P&C Meeting & AGM Library
28th February @ 4pm – Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon (students/siblings/parents welcome)
8th March – Raffle Tickets go home for Easter Raffle
17th March - Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation as penalty more info to come
18th March – Easter hamper making – volunteers needed
24th March – Easter Raffle Drawn

Contact Details
If you would like to contact me, my details are:
Mobile – 0416 130 274
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com

Facebook
If you haven’t already done so, like the P&C page on Facebook – Melrose Park P&C PS.

Cathy Lincoln
P&C President
Dear Melrose Families,

The family Bowling Evening is a big event at Melrose Park P/S & it’s on again this term!!!
Come & join the FUN!!!

When: Sunday, 28th February 2016

Location: Tenpin City, Lidcombe Power Centre
Top Level (behind Spotlight)
92 Parramatta Rd, Lidcombe

Time: 4.00pm start (arrive 3.45pm for shoes and lane allocation)

Cost: $20 per bowler (for 2 exciting games & shoe hire)

In order to book enough lanes, we require final numbers by Friday, 19th February 2016.

Please return the slip below along with your money to the school office by Friday, 19.02.16.

All Welcome from Kindy to Year 6. Hope to see you there. Last year we filled 20 lanes with over 100 bowlers.

P & C COMMITTEE

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SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT
Sunday, 28th February 2016

We would like to attend the school bowling night.

Number of bowlers: _________ Adults _________ Children

Names of bowlers: _____________________________________________
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Amount Enclosed: ______________________________________________

Return to School office by Friday, 19.02.16.
Yoga classes at Melrose Park have recommenced for 2016. Join Courtney for some Japanese Remedial Yoga, which offers dynamic and easy to follow postures, bringing your mind and body into balance. It enhances your vitality, flexibility and strength. Take time out of your busy schedule and enjoy a moment of self-care.

Class timetable
Monday 6pm & 7pm
Thursday 7:30pm
All classes are held in the school hall, mats supplied

Health rebates and seniors discounts available.

Come and try your first class free of charge. Call or email if you are interested in coming along, courtney@yogico.com.au or 0417 156 303.

Courtney
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WE NEED YOU ON THE P & C
AGM 22nd FEBRUARY 2016 - 7.30PM
ALL POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

P&C EXECUTIVE

President: This is a great opportunity to meet new people and continuing to foster our relationships within the school and into the community. This requires a little office time with the Principal but is great for knowing what is going on around the school!

Vice President: Important support role for the executive. This is a great entry position onto the P&C executive and assist the President in all tasks.

Treasurer: Holder of the cheque book and counter of the cash. A great role for someone with a nice autograph (for the cheque book) and who is also good with a calculator.

Secretary: Keep all our affairs and records in order and be the letter writing extraordinaire. Keep minutes of the P&C meetings.

Community Support Co-ordinator
Sending letters out to companies for all donations to the P&C.

Sausage Sizzle Coordinators
Let your inner Master Chef we need someone to cook the sausage sizzle each fortnight. We also need someone to collate the term orders and purchase the food for the fortnightly fundraiser.

Market Day Coordinators: Take charge of our incredible parent workforce and guide the event and fundraising agenda. We’re all about working smarter not harder so bring your brilliant ideas to the table....or simply harness direct the existing powerful talent and keep the FUN in fundraising! This is normally held at the end of October each year.

Uniform Shop: Versace, Myaki, Dinnigan, Wang - whoever you’re wearing, bring them along to the blue and white paradise of the uniform shop and add your flair. This is for approx 30-45mins once or twice a week. Currently run on Monday and Fridays.

Book Club: Get a few friends together once/twice a term to submit then deliver the book orders. All the happy faces are reward enough.

Banking Co-ordinators
To collect money from children for banking, to be available on Wednesday mornings from 8.30-9.20am.
Dear Parents,

WORKING BEE, Sunday 21st February

As you know from the school newsletter and calendar, our first working bee this year is planned for, **Sunday 21st February**, 8.30am - 12 noon. You are invited to an enjoyable morning helping to maintain our school environment. Children are also welcome under parent supervision. Please come if you can. Tasks to be tackled include:

- Spreading soft fall material under the playground equipment
- Clearing rocks and sticks in playground
- Water blasting playground seats
- Weeding gardens and car park
- Topping up the Kitchen Garden and garden beds with mulch
- Topping up the sand pit with sand
- Pruning and removing branches to make playground safe
- Repainting safety strips (yellow)
- Preparing a new garden bed at the back entrance of the school
- Whipper-snipping / mowing under trees and around school boundaries
- Tidying the Sports Shed and any other job that needs attention.

*Morning tea will be provided.*

Please wear old clothes, hat and work gloves. Bring any useful tools you may have, such as spades, buckets, pruners, whipper-sniper and wheelbarrow, water blaster to supplement our school equipment.

Vehicular entry and parking will be available via the Mary St gate.

If doubts arise owing to weather, phone the school, 98744669 on the morning of Sunday 21st February. To assist planning and catering, please return the tear-off slip to your child’s teacher by Friday 19th February. Thank you.

Clare Kristensen
Co-ordinator

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SCHOOL WORKING BEE - Sunday 21st February 2016

Family name:______________________________ No. of adults:_____children:_____

Contact phone:____________

Equipment / tasks with which you may help:

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