2016 Year 6 wearing their new Year 6 shirt. Thanks Mr Taing and Olympic Embroidery!

Coming Events

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Thank you to our wonderful families who contributed a mighty effort to make Melrose Park PS a beautiful and safe school for all our students. Thank for the donation of water for our thirsty workers from the Tasiovasilis family and to the P&C for morning tea.

**Tasks completed included**
- New soft-fall under the play equipment
- New sand for sand pit
- New bag shelves for Year 5/6
- New shelf for music
- Weeding mulching and pruning
- Kitchen garden mulching and composting
- Sport shed reorganisation
- Whipper snipping and mowing

**Thank you families**
Jack and Rachel Lynch, Lakshman and Githanjali Murugusu Thompson, Chiara Ball, Sam Obrien, Addison Armstrong, Ellery and Neve Smith, Florence Dyer, Abby Roche, Lucas Hobbs Tamsin and Ryan Slender, Calum Byrne, Declan Kieran and Owen Bragg Maikaela Lincoln and their mums, dads and pre-schoolers
( and others who didn’t sign in)

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**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.

**Book Awards**

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**Due Back**

Please complete and hand back to your class teacher.

- ✔ PBEL Surveys
- ✔ 2016 Kindergarten Surveys
- ✔ Excursion and Incursion Permission notes

*At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners*
Late for School?

Students are required to be at school by 9.00am each day. If late to school it is Department procedure that
the student is signed in by an adult at the office before attending class. Your cooperation is requested for this
procedure.

Enrolment 2017

Just when you thought the year had only just begun when the first discussion about next year begins!
Enrolments are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2017. If you have a child ready to start Kindergarten
please come in and pick up an enrolment form.

The first Open Day for new families and existing families will be held on Wednesday afternoon 23rd March
from 2.15 – 3.00pm. Our senior students take great pride in showing off their wonderful school to our
visitors.

Construction of Pedestrian Refuge

The school has been notified that the construction of a pedestrian refuge on Hope St will begin this week
and take about 4 weeks to complete. This is a great safety measure for our local area.

Kiss and Ride

The Kiss and Ride Zone is in operation and is for the benefit of all families picking up and dropping of their
child at Melrose Park PS.

Conditions of correct use:

The Kiss and Ride Zone operates under ‘No Parking’ traffic rules.
☐ Stopping for more than 2 minutes is not allowed in a No Parking area. Therefore the Kiss and Ride Zone cannot be
used for parking between 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm on school days.
☐ You are obliged to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle.
☐ Days and hours of operation may apply to some signs.
☐ Penalties for not complying with School Zone parking are enforceable. Rangers are active in the area.

For the Safety of Children in the Kiss and Ride Zone - Points to Remember
1. Drivers Do Not Leave your Vehicle

To assist with traffic flow in the Kiss and Ride Zone, drivers are encouraged to remain in the car while the children get
in and out. To facilitate this, children should travel with bags in the car and not in the boot. If a driver must get out, they
MUST NOT move more than 3 metres from their vehicle.

2. Be Timely

If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within 2 minutes you are required to travel around the block and re-enter
the zone at the end of the queue.

3. Kerb Side Entry / Exit

Ensure your child enters / exits the vehicle on the kerb side. Ensure your child has their restraint securely fastened
before moving off from the Kiss and Ride Zone.

4. No U Turns

A U turn in this busy school zone is dangerous and puts children at risk. Drive around the block.

Clare Kristensen
Principal
Term 1, Week 5 2016

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

KP recently made connections to a text they were reading called I am Dan the Flying Man. The students were able to make connections to the main character Dan and commented on what the visuals throughout the text reminded them of.

Students in K-2 will bring home a Child Safety Handbook to read with families and to keep in a safe place. The book aims to raise awareness of keeping children safe. This book has been produced NSW Police Legacy.

2/1 O are excited about using the Jump Strategy in mathematics. Using a number line and starting on any number to 100 students are learning to jump (adding) by tens and ones. What clever mathematics we have!

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) News

In Science, students are learning about all different kinds of weird and wonderful animals. 4E students are real young scientists, learning how to use a branching key to group animals based on their similar features.

In Mathematics students are realising the importance of using different strategies when adding. The students go to the library on Wednesday for borrowing and are excited with the new collection of books. Students are encouraged to read every night for about 30 minutes. There were many students who did not have library bags. Students need to bring a bag, to protect the books they borrow. Last week in Korean students learnt how to read their names in Korean and practised a Korean song. This week is 4E’s first assembly for the term.

Miss Rom

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) News

Thanks to all the parents who attended our parent information night on Tuesday. It was terrific to share the class organisation and use of Google Docs and ensure that you have an idea of what your children are doing. The students began using Google Docs during last week to collaborate on their science projects and were very excited to see joint editing on the Smart Board.

Participation in our first dance lesson was outstanding. Students listened and watched carefully and a lot of fun was had by all. Year 6 began their printing unit in visual arts, using a variety of medium such as foam whilst Year 5 practised a musical riff on the glockenspiels.

Miss Mee Assistant Principal

Our Teaching and Learning Projects are Underway!

Focus on Reading

This year, our teachers will be undertaking a variety of professional learning. One such program is Focus on Reading Phase 1 is a Comprehension based program that will enhance our teacher’s knowledge and understanding of best practice in teaching the Super Six Comprehension Strategies. The Super Six Comprehension Strategies include Making Connections, Predicting, Questioning, Monitoring, Visualising and Summarising. If students have effective comprehension strategies, they are more able to process information within a text and understand the types of strategies they need to employ if reading a difficult text.

While you are reading with your child this week, get them to make connections by asking these questions:
Embedding Information and Communication Technology into the Classroom

All teachers are motivated to embed technological practice into teaching and learning activities on a daily basis. Our iPads have been incorporated into reading and mathematics group rotations and google docs using our iPads and netbooks are being trialled in 5/6M. Google docs has provided an opportunity for 5/6 to collaborate in science and technology and writing. All students were involved in developing a class informative text on The Thorny Devil with a focus on its adaptation in desert environments. The students were extremely motivated in this task and thoroughly enjoyed how the whole class could be researching and contributing their written information to the same document at the same time.

Sport Report

Hot hot, hot! Great games of T-ball and Softball were played last week on a hot summer’s day. Remember all students need to have a drink bottle or two to take to sport on Fridays. Remember also the sunscreen and training commences at 8.20am on Thursday mornings. Catches win matches so practice catching every afternoon with a tennis ball.

Results
Girls T Ball a narrow loss to Denistone East PS 13-14; a win to the Mixed Team 16-14
Girls softball a loss to Denistone East PS 0-3; a close win to the mixed softball team 4-3

School Sport
Competition heated up this week in school sport with the second week of T-Ball and Oz Tag. The 49ers are now in the lead with The Cheetahs only one point behind.
Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to cover some books for the library. This is 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 these books will be then ready for our students to borrow. Thank you for your help.

P&C Report

Ten Pin Bowling Afternoon- this weekend
We have a couple of spots left in each year if you are still interested in coming along THIS Sunday please contact Deb Riley on melroseparkpc@hotmail.com or 0414 540 430.
All those coming this Sunday please arrive at 3.45pm at the latest to organise your shoes and be placed in your lane ready for a 4pm start. We are unable to wait past 4pm for players to arrive. Tenpin City Lidcombe – Centre with Spotlight/Kmart.
****If you are running late please contact Deborah Riley on 0414 540 430.

AGM/Meeting
P&C Committee 2016
Thank you to all the parents who attended last night’s AGM/Meeting. We had a great turn out and have some new parents to the committee this year. We need a Vice President!!!!!!! Your P&C Committee for 2016 is:

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P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting for this term will be on Monday 21st March 2016 @ 7.30pm. All welcome.
***Expression of Interest – Family Portraits***
If you are interested in having a Family Portrait done in August this year please contact let the P&C know. We need a minimum number of families to go ahead with this fundraiser.

**Multilit Helpers Required**
If you are interested in helping the school with its reading program please contact the school – more volunteers are required for 2016.

**Working Bee**
Thank you to everyone that helped out on the weekend.

**Sausage Sizzle**
The next Sausage Sizzle for this term is **THIS 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.
*** All you need to do is sign up at your local Commonwealth Bank with a birth certificate and get a deposit book to use each week. You can deposit as little as 5c.

**Coffee Shop**
Coffee will be on sale in the canteen every Thursday and Friday morning. So head on over to the canteen for some freshly brewed coffee for $3.00.

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**Dates to Remember for Term 1:**
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
19th March – Easter Street Fair West Ryde
21st March – P&C meeting @ 7.30pm
23rd March – Open Afternoon for new families
24th March – Easter Raffle Drawn
7th April – Cross Country Carnival at the school

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**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

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At Melrose Park Public School we are Respectful Responsible Learners
Parent Workshop
Friday 18th March 2016
9.00 - 10.30 in the Canteen

All Welcome!

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

The Eat It To Beat it program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

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