

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 1, Week 8

20th March, 2018

Coming Events

Term 1 Week 8	
Tuesday 20/3	• Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews
Wednesday 21/3	• HARMONY DAY • Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews
Thursday 22/3	• Seed Harvest Spoon
Friday 23/3	• PSSA Winter Trials
Term 1 Week 9	
Monday 26/3	• P&C Meeting
Wednesday 28/3	• Open Afternoon (prospective enrolments)
Thursday 29/3	• Debating Workshop • Tucker time - Hot Cross Buns \$1
Friday 30/3	• Public Holiday (Good Friday)

Principal's Report

On Friday our students engaged in buddy group activities with a focus on 'Buddies not Bullies' as part of the National Day of Action against Bullying. Students came up with a range of positive strategies to be a buddy and not a bully. They developed an understanding of respecting each other and identified positive ways to solve problems. Some of these anti-bullying messages are visible throughout the school and I encourage our community to discuss kindness and respect of each other. This will tie in with our Harmony Day celebrations tomorrow where we explore diversity, difference and acceptance.



Safety Around Our School

As a community, we all have a role in keeping children and each other safe. Our roads are often congested at pick up time and streets around our school are full of parked cars. Please be highly vigilant and safe by travelling at 40km/h in school zones, 25km/h near the crossing and by ensuring that you park in the correct place. Kiss 'n' Ride and bus zones are not places where you can park if they are in operation. An unfortunate accident occurred at a NSW Public School in 2017 as a result of a parent parking in the school's staff car park, so although this looks like an easy option, it is a very unsafe one. Please refrain from parking in the staff car park.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our PBL focus for the week is classroom expectations.

To be **respectful** in the classroom students need to:

- Speak kindly and politely
- Take pride in yourself and in your school
- Value the personal space of others
- Treat others with care and dignity

To be **responsible** in the classroom students need to:

- Be safe
- Be helpful
- Be accountable for your actions
- Care for yourself, property and the environment

To be a **learner** in the classroom students need to:

- Always try your best
- Listen to and follow instructions
- Be prepared and stay on task
- Work cooperatively and allow others to learn

Harmony Day: *Everyone Belongs* - Please join us tomorrow.

Parents please ensure all food is at school, clearly labelled with ingredients, before 11am.

If you are able assist by serving food and cleaning up afterwards this would be greatly appreciated.

Program of Events

9:15 – 9:35	Student Performances School Leader Pledge Announcement of School Mascot Design
9:35 – 10:10	Parade of Nations – Students parade in their cultural costume, wear clothing of significance or wear orange to promote harmony
10:10 – 11:15am	Harmony Day activities in classrooms.
11.15am	Cultural Food Fair – K-2 Food outside library and 3-6 food outside hall. Students are still required lunch but will have an opportunity to taste some of the food.

Successful Students

Innovation and Engagement

This week our 3-6 students will undertake the Bebras Challenge where they will use their computational thinking skills to solve problems. Students who have completed the challenge were highly engaged while using problem solving skills and knowledge about design and patterns.

Wellbeing: Book Club is back

Students have the opportunity to join a book club on Thursday at lunch time with Mrs Lewis. The students had their first session last week and enjoyed the peaceful, social activity where they were able to read and discuss texts.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to these students who will receive an award at assembly this week.

6M	Declan
4/5E	Tiffanie
4L	Katerina
3R	Marius

2/3O	Saahil
2S	Mahir
1E	Beau
1/KP	Fadia
KA	Bella

Effective Practices

Student Improvement

It has been wonderful to work with our teaching staff and explore student improvement. We are seeing significant gains and progress in classes involved in the Quality Teaching Successful Students numeracy program. Our teachers are looking forward to sharing progress and setting future goals with you and your child at our parent-teacher-student conferences this week. If you are unable to attend these important interviews, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to discuss the social and academic progress of your child.

Visible Learning

At present we are collecting data about learner qualities from students, teachers and parents. Please complete the survey that will be sent out via Skoolbag later this week. I can promise you that it will be one of the shortest surveys, you will ever complete!

Thank you in advance. We are using this data and comparing these responses to educational research on what constitutes an effective learner.

Connected Communities

West Ryde Street Fair

This year MPPS will be participating in West Ryde St Fair on **Saturday 24th March (this Saturday)**. If you are able to participate in this event, please RSVP. The parade will start strictly at 9.15am from the corner of Miriam Park on Reserve Road. Please meet at 8:45am at the latest.

Marsden High School

Please click on the link to read Marsden High School's newsletter.

http://www.marsden-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/cmsresources/marsden-high-school/misc/2018/3/marsden_mail_wk_7_t1_2018_1521026100408.pdf

Open Afternoon

If you are aware of any families in the area who plan to attend MPPS in 2019 please spread the word and let them know about our open afternoon and fantastic school.

Tucker Time

There will be no Tucker Time this week due to our fabulous food fair as part of Harmony Day. Next week, hot cross buns will be on sale for \$1.



Ms Jen Riley

R/Principal

Melrose Park Public School

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Please join us for our
OPEN AFTERNOON
Wednesday, 28th March
2:15pm - 2:45pm
A special invitation for prospective enrolments and our local community.

We will have open classrooms and a variety of activities happening around the school for you to enjoy:

- Observe class learning programs
- See students at work in ICT
- Explore our kitchen garden
- Enjoy a school tour

RSVP By Friday, 23rd March

Enrolling now for 2019
110 Wharf Road West Ryde NSW
2114 melrosep.p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 9874 4000

Congratulations to Josh, Ryan, Tommy and Lakshman who won their baseball Grand Final on the weekend.!



Helpful Reminders and Hints

NAPLAN Workshop

Choose a session and join us
Tuesday, 3rd April 2:15pm – 3pm
Wednesday, 4th April 5pm-5:45pm

Please RSVP if you are attending

LITERACY HINT

Before reading a book, make sure your child has some background knowledge of the subject. This will help your child to predict the types of words that might be met and their context. For example, if the book you are going to read is about the beach, prepare him or her by talking about what the beach is like and what people do there. Give your child time to look through the book before reading to prepare for what is to come.

*Mrs Wahan
Literacy Team*

Snapshots of Learning from Our Classes

What's been happening in 3R

We have had a very busy term so far in 3R and cannot believe it is already week 8! We have been scientists by investigating our science unit on living things and learning about how plants and animals rely on each other to survive and continue their lifecycle. For example, bees helping flowers with the pollination process. We are currently writing our story boards for our stop

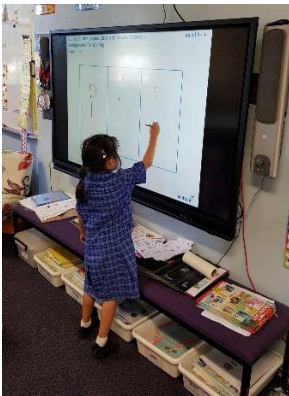


motion animations on pollination and we now know the words style, stigma, ovary, anther and filament. We have also been learning how to write descriptive texts. Mrs Gow has been in our room helping us write an amazing descriptive writing piece about Benjamin Bear and Lucy Leigh Bear and their adventures in Paris. We have been using adjectives, similes and lots of fabulous vocabulary to make our writing descriptive and interesting. Continuing the theme of our science unit on living things, we have also created beautiful art works of oversized flowers inspired by the artist Geogria O' Keeffe. They are just gorgeous.

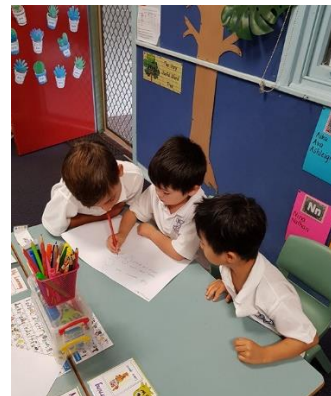


KA Learning

KA have learned many new things this term! We are really enjoying writing and reading simple words on the Interactive Whiteboard. In ICT, we have been practising to program instructions on Beebots to move them on a map. In Seed Harvest Spoon, Natalie taught us all about worms and how they help the soil in our kitchen garden. We sorted foods that worms eat and do not eat. Did you know a worm has five hearts?



Last Friday was the National Day of Action against Bullying. KA enjoyed spending time with our Year 4 buddies to learn and make posters about how to be a good friend.



Community News

P & C Report

Term 1 Week 8

We need a President!!

This position needs to be filled by the next meeting (Monday March 26).

This is a great opportunity to meet new people and continuing to foster our relationships within the school and into the community.

This role will be STRONGLY supported by Cathy Lincoln & other experienced members of the P&C which will make it far less daunting..... and a lot more fun!!

Trivia Night – Saturday May 26th

We are thrilled that a new Parent to the school has put up his hand to Co-Ordinate Trivia Night this year.

A big Thank You to Justin Campbell & also to Kim Smart & Deb Krizak who have joined the committee to help out.

The team are asking for 1 or 2 volunteers with just 1 day to spare who can hit the streets in search of donations from local businesses (e.g. Parramatta, Top Ryde, West Ryde, Carlingford) The more donations we get, the more money we can raise for the school and you'd be surprised what we can do with the strangest things.

Businesses are much more likely to give when face to face so we'd really appreciate the help. Prizes can be used for Trivia, raffles & Market day. If you have products, services or donations that you would like to give, or can donate a day, please email the P&C melroseparkpc@hotmail.com.

School Disco – Friday April 6th

NEON DISCO PARTY!

Friday 6th April 2018 in the School Hall

Kindy – Year 2: 5pm – 6:25pm

Year 3 – Year 6: 6:35pm – 8pm

\$10: Sausage sizzle, drink and glow sticks.

\$8: drink and glow sticks.

K-Year 2 will receive their food at pick up time and Year 3-6 will receive theirs just before their disco starts. Beef, chicken or vegetarian sausages are available. Please order using the form in this newsletter.

Students will be fully supervised and parents must pick up their children from the school hall.

Melrose Park Community Golf Day

Thank you to Payce for organising this annual Community event; it was a great day of Golf & an even better Fundraising dinner!! We are so thrilled to announce that the preliminary amount raised for MPPS is \$19,000!!!! Please see our "Thanks to our wonderful sponsors & prize donators" page at the end of this newsletter & help to support businesses that support us.

Thanks & Regards

Chantel & Danielle



Dates to Remember for Term 1

Wednesday, 21/03	Easter Raffle tickets due back
Wednesday, 21/03	Harmony Day (wear orange or your Nationality clothing) bring a plate of food
Friday, 23/03	Easter Raffle Drawn
Monday, 26/03	P&C Meeting @ 7:30 in library
Friday, 6/04	School disco
Friday, 13/04	Subway Delivery
Tuesday, 24/04	Anzac Day Ceremony, 10.45am – Community Welcome

School Banking and Uniform Shop

Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri
		School Banking	Uniform Shop Open	
		8:20 - 9:05am in the canteen	8.45 – 9.15	

Uniform Order forms can be found here:

<http://www.melrosepk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-citizens-association/school-uniform-order-form>

Email orders are welcomed & will be put in your child's bag once payment has been received.

Uniform shop email is mppsuniformshop@gmail.com

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Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day



A BIG THANKS TO THE ORGANISERS!!!!



And to our Sponsors

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We are proud to be able to give back to the local community in our support with Melrose Park Market Days, and most recently the Melrose Park Community Cup.

The Melrose Park Community Cup Day '2018' was a huge success, and helped raise over \$70,000 for community groups serving the Melrose Park area (including Melrose Park Public School).

A big THANKS to everyone for helping to make it such a successful event!

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Come and join us for...
Melrose Park Public School
NEON DISCO PARTY!

Friday 6th April 2018

Kindy – Year 2: 5pm – 6:25pm

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(Held in the school hall)



**Wear neon or
something
bright and
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starts. Beef, chicken or vegetarian sausages are available.
Please indicate below.**

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from the school hall.**

School Disco

(Order form and payment due by Thursday 29th March 2018)

Name	Class	Allergies & Type of sausage	Money included

☐ Cash enclosed

☐ Direct deposit receipt _____

Bank: Commonwealth

Name: Melrose Park Public School P&C

BSB: 062271 Account: 900288

Reference: Use DISCO followed by initial & last name