

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 1, Week 9

27th March, 2018

Coming Events

Term 1 Week 9	
Monday 26/3	• P&C Meeting
Wednesday 28/3	• Open Afternoon (prospective enrolments)
Thursday 29/3	• Debating Workshop
Friday 30/3	• Public Holiday (Good Friday)
Term 1 Week 10	
Monday 2/4	• Public Holiday (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 3/4	• K-6 Performance: You Can Do It
Thursday 5/4	• Financial Literacy Workshops (Year 1-6)

Principal's Report

Everyone Belongs

Our Harmony Day event really showcased what a wonderful group of students we have at Melrose Park Public School. All students were incredibly proud to share information about their background and it was great to see such a colourful display of students in their traditional costumes or wearing orange. In peer support activities students developed their understanding of how Australia connects a diversity of people together and by participating in the international food fair, students were able to sample taste sensations from all around the world. Thank you to the teachers and our

Student Voice Representatives for coordinating this event. A special thank you must be extended to our parent volunteers who not only served food but did the washing up as well. Your support was very much appreciated.



Save The Date!

Term 1, Week 11 - Tuesday, 10th April: **Cross Country Carnival**

Term 2, Week 10 – Thursday, 5th July: **Athletics Carnival**

Term 3, Week 2 – Thursday, 2nd August: **School Concert (night performance)**

Successful Students

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Congratulations to Charlotte who was the winner of the Student Voice mascot competition. Charlotte's design, Kylie the kookaburra who is "flying to success" and "aiming higher each time" symbolises what MPPS is all about. Kylie will be seen on our positive playground behaviour tokens next term which will be used to acknowledge students following playground expectations.

Our PBL focus for the week is oval expectations with a specific focus on playing safely when using the soccer field.

To be **respectful** on the oval, students need to:

- Speak kindly and calmly
- Include others in games
- Be mindful of the personal space of others
- Consider the feelings of others

To be **responsible** on the oval, students need to:

- Be sun safe, by wearing a hat
- Be mindful of others' games
- Pack away equipment correctly

To be a **learner** on the oval, students need to:

- Work together to solve a problem
- Take turns and cooperate with others
- Use the equipment correctly.



Effective Practices

NAPLAN

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading test	Numeracy test
Writing test		

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

We are offering NAPLAN workshops next week on Tuesday and Wednesday for any interested parents.

Visible Learning

Please complete this very short parent survey. This data will be used to improve school and community understanding around learner qualities. This forms part of the school's Visible Learning project which centres on improving student outcomes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L7WKX72>

Connected Communities

West Ryde Street Fair

Thank you Miss Mee and the students who attended West Ryde Street Fair. The students came second in the parade and some students even won prizes for their fantastic Easter Hats.



Open Afternoon Tomorrow

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 – Treat Day

This week hot cross buns, lamingtons and ANZAC biscuits will be for sale for \$1. All proceeds will be donated to the Tathra bushfire appeal.



Wishing all our community, a wonderful and safe long weekend,

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
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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

Be positive about your child's literacy efforts. Focus on what they are doing well and praise them for it. For example, say, "I like the way you used the picture to help you work out what was happening in the story." Children can use lots of cues (print, pictures, letter sounds, storyline) to help them get meaning from the print on the page.

*Mrs Wahan
Literacy Team*

Cross Country

Cross Country will be held on **Tuesday 10th April**. The carnival will run in the morning, with all races being completed before lunch. If you are able to volunteer on the day, please let Miss Fury or the office know. Looking forward to a fantastic day!



ICT News

1. Bebra's Computational challenge.

As the Bebra's website was not working last week many classes were unable to do the Bebra's Computational challenge and we have been allocated a new time for the challenge - the first week of Term 2. If your child has not returned their note please get them to return it before the end of this term. New notes can be obtained from the office or downloaded from the school website.

2. No computer club next Tuesday (after Easter)

As I will not be at school on Tuesday, 3rd April there will be no computer club after school on this day.

Mrs Grover

Snapshots of Learning from Our Classes

1/KP Activities

This week in 1/KP we have been reading the book *The Dreadful Fluff* by Aaron Blabey. We learnt new vocabulary such as **ghastly** and **fabulous**. We have been looking for fluff (we found lots in our laundries at home), we wrote a description about *The Dreadful Fluff* and we did some charcoal drawings of him. We also had fun on Harmony Day. After the parade we went back to our room with our Year 4 buddies. We read the book *My Two Blankets* by Freya Blackwood then our buddies helped us do some paper weaving to make a blanket. It was a very memorable day!



News from 4L!

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! We had so much fun performing our assembly item last week! While we were practising, we were working hard to make sure we were reading with expression. We learned that this helps to engage our audience. In writing, we have been learning about descriptions. It is so important to provide detail so that the reader can visualise when reading. This week in maths, we are learning about fractions. It has been interesting identifying equivalent fractions. We are looking forward to finishing *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*!





Dramatic Performances

Last Tuesday 20th March, Australia Playhouse provided two free performances at our school. The company had just returned from New Zealand and were keen to do a run through with a trial audience so we volunteered.

Students in Year 6 enjoyed a performance of *Shakespeare As You Write It*. In this performance three actors collaborated with the audience to create a brand new Shakespearian play. In doing so, they introduced the audience to Shakespeare's building blocks: scenes, similes, soliloquies and sword fights, poetry, prose and iambic pentameter.

In the K-5 performance of *Red Riding Robyn Hood*, students met King George who had raised the taxes in the Land Far Far Away so much that Jack and Jill couldn't afford to get a pail of water, Little-Bo-Peep had to sell her sheep, and even the Princess was so hungry she ate the pea. When even the bravest of Knights was too scared to stand up to him, a mysterious red hooded figure with a bow and arrow, a basket of goodies and some very unlikely 'Big Bad' backup saved the day. The play challenged students to think about gender stereotypes, bravery and standing up for what's right.



P & C Report

Term 1 Week 9

We HAVE a President!!

We are so happy to welcome **Kelly Battiwalla** as our new P&C President! Thank you so much Kelly for putting your hand up for this role, we are looking forward to some exciting things to come!!!

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.

Trivia Night – Saturday May 26th

We are thrilled that a new Parent to the school has put 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.

Market Day (Family Fun Day) – Saturday November 3rd

One exciting change that we'd like to announce is that Market Day (now Family Fun Day) which is confirmed as Saturday November 3rd will be changed to a Twilight Market this year, running from 3pm to 8pm.

The team is gearing up for another great year and would like to invite some new members to join the team.

Last year's event was a record breaking success, but we envisage the event will be even greater with more hands on deck.

We are looking for four people for the following roles:

- **Volunteer Coordinator:** take care of our volunteers in the lead up, and on the day. This will include the sign-up process and allocation of staff.
- **Stall Coordinator:** recruit produce and boutique stall holders to sell their goods on the day.
- **Donation Coordinator:** source donations for our silent auctions. This was a great fundraiser last year and we have lots of contacts to share.
- **Ride and Entertainment Coordinator:** take on board feedback from our community and engage some fantastic entertainers and rides that will have the kids squealing for more.

These roles are perfect for people who want to be involved but may have been overwhelmed at the possibility of coordinating the event.

If you want to know more, please feel free to chat to the Family Fun Day Co-Coordinators - Kendall Smith, Danielle Davis or Kelly Battiwalla or email mppsmarketday@outlook.com

A Message from your new President

Hi, my name is Kelly and I have two kids at Melrose, Hamish in Year 3 and Isabelle in Kindergarten. My toddler, Sophie, has also grown up here at Melrose and will hopefully attend in a few years.

While I didn't plan to be P&C President this year, I do have a little experience after co-coordinating Market Day last year but I also have lots of ideas.

However, I'd also really like our school community to contribute their ideas, especially given I know there are many talented parents. The P&C can't run without lots of volunteers, even just for one event here or there. Having worked on Market Day, these things are lots more fun when you grab a bunch of friends and work on a project together, no official titles needed. Be brave, try new things and have fun along the way.

This year I hope we can put on a great mix of fundraising events, but also some that are just great fun for the kids, and make coming to school fun.

Thank you to the last P&C President, Cathy (and her team), for all their work to date and I hope the school community can offer some support to me as I learn the role.

I look forward to chatting soon,

Kelly