

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 4, Week 5

13th November, 2018

Coming Events

Term 4 Week 5	
Wednesday 14/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3R Zoo Excursion
Thursday 15/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 Mini FeteFamily Picnic & Colour Explosion Fun Run
Friday 16/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PSSA
Term 4 Week 6	
Monday 19/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kindergarten 2019 Transition
Thursday 22/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tucker Time – Year 3 and 4 providing
Friday 23/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PSSA
Save the Date!	
Sport Trophy Assembly – Monday, 3 rd December	
Presentation Day – Thursday 13 th December 1pm – 3pm	



Principal's Report

Successful Students

Leadership

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. — John Quincy Adams

I am very proud of the leadership teams at Melrose Park Public School. Our Sport Captains continuously display good sportsmanship, coordinate the organisation of resources for the playground and act as good role models on and off the sporting field. Our student leaders fulfil their daily duties with pride and are becoming experts in talking to different members of the community. Our student voice representatives are regularly generating ideas to improve the school and communicate these ideas effectively with their peers and teachers.

I was fortunate to attend the Rotary Leadership Presentation Night where a number of students in the Eastwood-Ryde area were recognised for their leadership within their schools. I would like to congratulate Declan and Armen who received Rotary Awards for Leadership.

Our Year 5 students will shortly begin the nomination process for new school leaders and sport captains for 2019. School Leader speeches for 2019 will occur on Tuesday, 27th November.



Effective Practices

Tell Them From Me - Parent Survey Results

Thank you to all the parents that completed the Tell Them From Me Survey. We had 59 responses.

Some strengths of our school from the results include:

- Parents feel welcome at the school and can easily speak to the teachers, administrative staff and the principal.
- Parents are informed about school activities.
- The school supports positive behaviour
- Children understand the expectations for school behaviour

Some future directions include:

- 40% of respondents indicated that building resilient learners needs to be strengthened in order to improve student outcomes.
- Parents would like teachers to take students individual interests into account to enhance learning.

Connected Communities

Peace Garden Project

The school has been collaborating with Aboriginal Education Officers from the Department of Education. Last week, a group of students explored different Aboriginal symbols and the way they are used to tell stories. We are making improvements to the Peace Garden area and we are looking forward to making this area an outdoor learning environment where students can develop an understanding of history, culture, flora and fauna.



Thank you Volunteers

We are so grateful to have such great volunteers who support us in literacy, numeracy and sporting programs. To acknowledge the wonderful work our volunteers do, a special morning tea will be held on Thursday, 6th December.

Ms Jen Riley

R/Principal

News from the Classrooms

KA Learning

This term, KA students have been busy learning about our school and local environment in Geography. We recently experimented with different ways to map our school environment.

We created 'nature memory maps' by collecting examples of natural things around our school, sorting them according to where we found them and representing the route we took in the form of a map.

We also collected natural materials during our walking excursion to create tools like those used by Indigenous Australians and discussed how our tools could be used.

KA loved discovering the hidden natural treasures in and around our school!



News from 3R

In 3R we are having a lot of fun investigating our science unit for this term, *Beneath our feet*. We are learning about how the natural landscape changes over time due to weather and erosion and have started our learning journey by studying different types of soils and rocks. We have found more than 3 different types of soil just in our school playground and have made soil solutions by adding water to them, which separates the soils into different layers. We are very excited to start studying the different rocks we have found in our school environment and brought from home.



Tales from the Library

Term 4 is rushing by and the end of the year draws near. A reminder that this is the **LAST WEEK** to borrow. After this all students will need to return items for stocktaking. Students with outstanding overdues will be sent a note in the next few weeks as a reminder.

Many thanks for your assistance in returning books.

Happy reading!
Mrs Piper



Community News

P & C Report

Term 4 Week 5

We're so sorry to see you go, Ms. Riley

As you have already heard, our beautiful Ms. Riley is leaving Melrose Park to head Ermington Public School as Principal. We will truly miss her and will be forever indebted for all that she has done for our P and C.

We wish her all the very best, she'll be great wherever she goes.

We're having a little farewell for Ms. Riley on Thursday, the 22nd of November from 2.30 to 3.30p.m. in the hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Christmas Mufti for Charity– Monday 10th of December

Monday the 10th of December will be Christmas Mufti Day.

The penalty will be a donation for charity of any kind – food, new toys, blankets etc.

2019 Save the Date Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner

Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner will be Thursday 14th March 2019.

More info to come with Tickets available next month. Join us for a wonderful community day of golf &/or a fun filled dinner.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 22/11	Ms. Riley's farewell
Monday 26/11	P and C Meeting
Monday 10/12	Christmas Mufti
Thursday 14/03/2019	Community Golf Day

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 details can be found here:

<https://mppspsc.com/uniform-shop/>

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

Uniform shop email is uniforms@mppspsc.com

Toys n Tucker

Melrose Park Public School is participating in Toys n Tucker through Anglicare.

Toys n Tucker is a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas with people in need. Donations of food and gifts can be left at the school office by **Friday 7 December**.

Suggested food and gift items are below.



Festive food

- Christmas Cake
- Christmas Pudding
- Tinned tuna/salmon/ham
- Small packs of lollies
- Long-life custard

Gifts for toddlers, children and teens

- Toys
- Sports equipment
- Toiletry packs
- Board games
- Gift cards