

# Melrose Park Public School

*'Learning and Growing Together'*

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Term 4 Week 10

18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Coming Events

Term 4 Week 10	
Wednesday 19/12	Last day for students
2019 Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 29/1	Staff Return
Wednesday 30/1	Year 1 – Year 6 return
Wednesday 30/1	Best Start Interviews
Thursday 31/1	Best Start Interviews
Thursday 31/1	Uniform Shop open 8.45am-9.30am
Friday 1/2	Kindergarten Students start
Monday 25/2	P & C AGM
Thursday 7/2	Swimming Carnival

## Principal's Report

Happy End of the School Year to you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for a wonderful year of learning at Melrose Park Public School. The support you provide to the school through involvement in school programs, activities and the support you provide your children ensures we have an outstanding school learning community. As I have recently read all student reports I am very proud of their efforts and learning achievements this semester.

On behalf of all staff we are very proud of all students and wish you, your families and friends a happy and safe Christmas and holiday period. I hope that all children have time to relax, play and enjoy their time with you. Games to play such as board games, card games and ball games are the perfect way to spend time talking, having fun and reconnecting with your inner child as well.

Remember to find time to rest, relax, read, read, read and re-energise.

We say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students on Wednesday. We congratulate them on a successful primary school journey and wish them every success as they head off to high school. We wish our Year 6 students and families a great transition to high school in 2019. We say farewell to several families from Year 6 as their youngest child leaves Melrose Park PS. Thank you for your support over the many years of being part of the Melrose family.

Thank you to our student leaders of 2018; Kamyryn, Marium, Armen and Declan. These young leaders have been wonderful role models to our young students and have been a great support to teachers and the office throughout the year. I would like to thank all our Year 6 students who have been a wonderful cohort of learners, always willing to 'have a go' but most importantly, kind and caring young people.

We wish the families leaving Sydney and moving to places such as Tasmania, Queensland, Canberra, the Central Coast and the Blue Mountains hassle free moving. Thank you for being part of the Melrose community. May your memories of Melrose Park be happy ones.

Thank you to Mrs Wahan for the contributions she has made as a staff member of Melrose Park PS this year. Mrs Wahan returns to her permanent role at Beaumont Rd PS. We farewell and wish Miss Harris a wonderful teaching career as she moves to Queensland. May you both carry happy memories of Melrose Park PS with you.

If you are not returning to Melrose Park PS next year or will be late back to school, please put this information in writing and send it to the school office.

### **Moving forward to 2019**

During the first school days of 2019 students will remain in their year/class groups until we finalise exact student numbers. Students assemble in the same place under the cola on the first day of school, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **2019 Swimming Carnival**

The Annual Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Week 2 of the school year. All students in Year 3 - 6 are expected to attend.

If you are able, please come and join us at Granville Swimming pool on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. We hope that you can volunteer your time on the day to help with the running of the carnival.

Over the holidays make sure children have the opportunity to practise their swimming. Students will nominate for 25m, 50 m and 100m events next year. For non-swimmers, the kick board race is always extremely competitive.

Clare Kristensen

Principal

## **Successful Students**

### **School Leaders 2018 Review**

**written by our four wonderful young leaders**

This year Marium, Declan, Armen and Kamryn were the four school leaders/captains of the school and we have very much enjoyed the experience.

There are a few specific highlights from this year that we all benefited from, such as all the leadership outings like captains camp and the leadership GRIP conference, helping out with multiple kindergarten orientations, leading assemblies every second Friday and leading special events such as ANZAC Day ceremonies. We also took the lead and showed the way around our school for The Spring Garden Competition which we won!

It has also been so amazing to be trusted with big events and to take on larger responsibilities.

As the four leaders of the school this year, there are many things and memories that we will remember about Melrose Park. Firstly, we will remember how Melrose Park has grown in size from 100-200 students and how the buildings have been replaced with new and improved building such as bathrooms, Hall and the office. We will also remember both year 5 and year 6 camps to Canberra and Point Wollstoncroft. Getting to know all the students in the school and, making new friendships as been amazing. Special events such as book parade, Market Day, Mini Fete and more have been very enjoyable and all the students have liked them.

Being a student leader has helped us in so many ways such as us growing in confidence and helping to be better organised. We have improved our problem solving skills and speaking skills while dealing with different age groups from kindergarten to adults.

After being school leaders we believe there a few things that future students and captains can do to make the school an even better place. First of all, participate in any opportunity that comes your way because many extracurricular activities will help you in the future. Next, don't be afraid to put your ideas out there because you never know how much it could help the school. And lastly, always show respect and consider the feelings of all others because one nice comment could change someone's day and give you a good reputation.

Overall, we have had an excellent year and have had great experiences. We wish, good luck to the 2019 school captains and hope the upcoming years of Melrose Park will be just as great as this wonderful year.

Marium, Declan, Armen & Kamryn



### **2018 SRC Report by Matthew**

2018 has been a great year of learning and celebration. The SRC has played an active role in supporting our school this year.

The SRC met every fortnight to discuss ideas and plan events. We took our ideas back to our classes to gather feedback and plan events and activities.

Our school P&C came to us and asked what we as students wanted as part of our school 'Family Fun Day'.

We have continued our support for World Vision. We used the money raised at Tucker Time to buy supplies required in Cambodian communities. Thank you for supporting this cause.

The SRC spent a long time planning and organising our school 'Run for Fun Colour Explosion!'. This event was enjoyed by all students and was a great success. Thank you to the P&C for helping us with this event.

Over the past 2 weeks the SRC have been holding auditions for the school Talent Show which was held yesterday after our SRC Celebration Cafe. Both these events are a great way to celebrate our wonderful year and showcase the great students of Melrose Park Public School.

As you can see we have had a wonderful year with lots of success. Thank you to all the SRC members who came to meetings, shared ideas and helped to create a memorable 2018.



Students performing at the Talent Show

### **Year Six Fundraising!**

The school would like to acknowledge the efforts of the current Year 6 students and their families, in fundraising for the Year 6 gifts. Fundraising efforts from 2017 and 2018 have raised enough money for one plant for each student, to be planted in the newly designed Peace Garden. The other items the students wish to purchase are seats for outside C Block. This goal will require further fundraising efforts.

Mrs Jennie Spenceley

## **Effective Practices**

### **Health Care**

Does your child have asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis reaction? If so, your child probably has a health care plan. It is that time of year to check that the health care plan is valid. Please check and see your doctor to update the management plan even if your child has been fit and healthy all year.

The Department of Education requires a valid Management Plan for students with identified asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis or any identified medical condition.

We appreciate your support in this matter as our focus is to ensure the safety and health of all students.

## **Connected Communities**

### **Retirement**

We would like to wish our school cleaner, Dorothy Kelsey, a wonderful retirement. Dorothy has been our school cleaner for many years, always going above and beyond for her school. We thank her for her wonderful contribution for keeping our school environment both inside and outside looking clean and tidy. In recognition of her service we will formally farewell her on Wednesday afternoon. Please join us at 2.45 under the COLA to say thank you and happy retirement.

### **School Banking**

Congratulations to Jim Thomson and Tracey Smart who have coordinated the school banking this year. Thank you for the time you give each Wednesday morning, encouraging students to be wise savers.



Well done to all of our school bankers this year. The total commission earned so far is \$550 with December quarter yet to be paid. The commission has been added to the P&C funds and used towards resources for our school.

### School Shoes

When buying shoes to wear back to school remember we encourage students to wear black leather shoes. Leather shoes last longer than sneakers, they have more 'give' and they tend to smell less than sneakers. To purchase sneakers please remember to buy sneakers/ runners/trainers that are white or with as much white as possible. When buying girls shoes we recommend that the heel is flat (no high heels please)

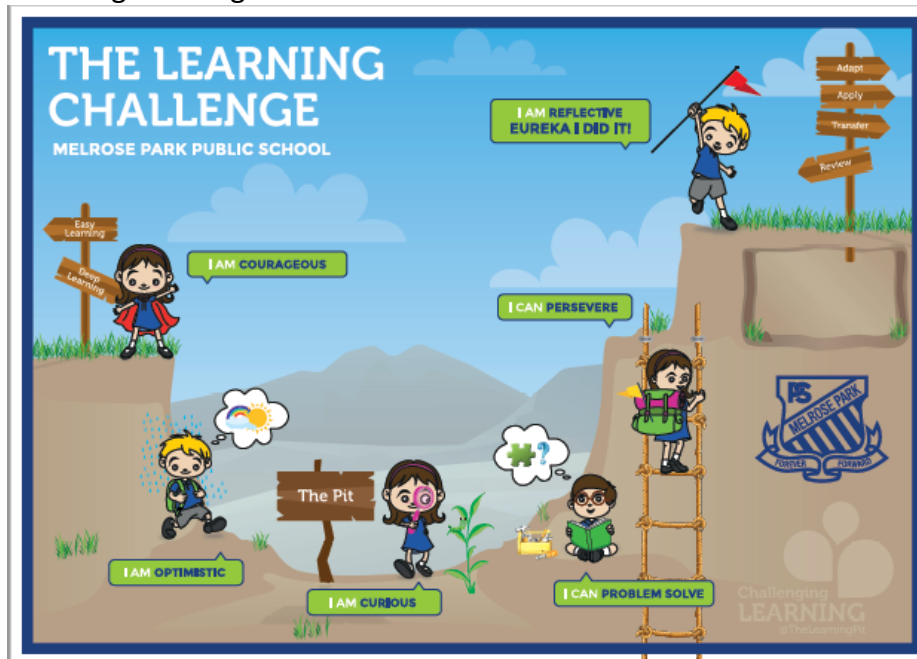
- Girls wear white socks
- Boys wear grey socks

The uniform shop will be open the first day back at school from 8.45am.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have run the Uniform Shop throughout the year.

### Celebration Café Word Hunt

This semester our classes have focussed on investigating Learner Qualities, that help us be successful life-long learners. We explicitly studied how to demonstrate six of these qualities, as detailed in our Melrose Park Public School Learning Challenge.



These qualities, as well as other useful related qualities, formed the words we found in our Celebration Café Word Hunt. Our Peer Support Leaders facilitated us to hunt the letters for our words, that completed the sentence, "We are ... !". We then discussed what the word meant and how we could show it as a 'freeze-frame', to help us further explore qualities that help us be successful learners. Below are some of the photos of us 'freeze-framing'. This activity helped us reflect and celebrate our learning.



## Thank you

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the students from Marsden High School and their hospitality teacher, Mrs Train who assisted in the food preparation for the Celebration Café. The students from Years 10 and 11 put their training in Food Technology and Hospitality into practice, making

approximately 200 sandwiches and chopping up the watermelon. It is only with their assistance that we were able to continue the great tradition of our Celebration Café.

### Success Cards Survey

Thanks to the 50% of parents, students and teachers who completed our survey to find out the impact of the implementation of Success Cards this year.

In response to the question about the continuation of Success Cards, 80% of parents, 100% of teachers and 79% of students indicated that they should definitely continue next year.

98% of parents preferred written reasons for the receipt of success cards, even though this meant that less were distributed overall. 50% of teachers preferred handing out more cards without reasons.

Additional comments included that often parents do not get to see the reasons for success cards as they are kept at school and a request was made for better quality badges to

reflect the prestige of the award.

On the basis of this survey, and taking note of feedback, the school will continue to use success cards in 2019 as part of the classroom reward system.

### Maths Store Room Thank You!

A big thank you to all the volunteers, who have helped transform our Maths Storeroom into an organised resource room. All teaching staff have commented on how easy it is to find and access effective resources. A special thank you to Mel Edelman, Lucinda Mavin-Ward, Courtney Curtis, and Miss Mee, as well as all the Lilly volunteers, for helping to transform our space.

Mrs Jennie Spenceley



A big **THANK YOU** to our school community for all of their donations towards the Toys and Tucker program.

**P&C AGM****Monday 7.30pm 25 February, 2019**

Come along and support your school, your child and your community at our parent meeting.  
Volunteer and get to know other parents.

**Community News****P & C Report**

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**2019 DATE CHANGE****Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner**

There has been a date change to the Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner. It will now be **Thursday 2nd of May 2019 instead of the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.**

**Ryde Parramatta Golf Club**

1156 Victoria Road, West Ryde NSW 2144

Thursday 2nd May 2019

Golf from 11.00am

Dinner from 5.30pm

RSVPs for golf day are due very shortly after school holidays. We would like to have as many through, before school ends, as possible so that we can organise the table as the day is open to 5 other community groups for bookings also so we don't want to miss out!

100% of the funds raised by Melrose Park Public School will be donated back to the school!! So please book for dinner and or a team of 4 to play golf on the day.

Dinner = \$65

Includes 3 course meal plus 4 hour drinks package and entertainment

Golf and dinner = \$125

Includes sausage sizzle before golf, 3 course meal plus 4 hour drinks package and entertainment

Golf only = \$100

Includes sausage sizzle before golf

Golf Cart Hire (2 riders) = \$50

Golf Club Hire = \$15

**Dates to Remember**

Monday 25/02/2019	P and C AGM
Monday 25/03/2019	P and C Meeting
Thursday 2/05/2019	Community Golf Day

**School Banking****First day back 2019: Wednesday 6th of February****Uniform Shop**

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

Uniform shop email is [uniforms@mppspc.com](mailto:uniforms@mppspc.com)Website orders: <https://mppspc.com/uniform-shop/>

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



# Robocup



## Presentation Day 2018

