

# Melrose Park Public School

*'Learning and Growing Together'*

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Term 4 Week 2

22 October, 2019

## Coming Events

Term 4 Week 2	
Wednesday 23/10	• Truck Day
Thursday 24/10	• Ryde School Spectacular
Thursday 24/10	• 2020 Kindy Teddy Bear's Picnic
Thursday 24/10	• Year 6 Taste of High School
Friday 25/10	• Halloween Disco
Friday 25/10	• PSSA Summer Sport
Term 4 Week 3	
Thursday 31/10	• Tucker Time
Friday 1/11	• PSSA Summer Sports
Term 4 Week 4	
Mondayday 4/11	• P & C Meeting
Friday 8/11	• 2020 Kindy coming to Assembly
Friday 8/11	• PSSA Summer Sport



## Principal's Report

This week is a mighty week at Melrose Park PS. We welcome our new 2020 Kindergarten cohort and their families to our Transition session. Look out for all the teddies as they come with their owners to enjoy a Teddy Bear's Picnic. While our new Kinder students get a taste of school in the Kindergarten rooms our new families will become familiar with school organisation and routines.

I would like to thank Mr Leigh Smart from Formula Chemicals for the organisation for our Truck Safety Day to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, on the school grounds. The aim of the session is for students to become aware of the importance and necessity to be safe around trucks. Each student will have the opportunity to sit inside a prime mover and see what a truck driver views from their perspective. Mr Smart takes safety seriously and this is an opportunity to promote truck safety and responsible behaviour to the wider community.

I would like to thank Ms Tahnee Maynard and Mr Kelvin Steel for the commitment to the extra curricula roles they coordinated this year for Dance and Choir. The grand moment is now upon us as we look forward to the Ryde School Spectacular Concert. We wish you and the groups every success as they perform this week at the Opera House. This opportunity is a forever moment in student and teachers' lives and will be remembered for many, many years to come. I'm sure our students will represent Melrose Park PS with pride and perform with enthusiasm and success.

During term break I am often here managing the school site. This term break, however, was very different. I took the opportunity to be part of a LEAP program where I engaged in a professional learning opportunity visiting schools and educational settings in Finland. LEAP stands for Leading Educators Across the Planet with the aim of bringing educators together to engage in professional learning around learning systems. During my time with 30 other principals from around Australia, we engaged in school visits, shadowing principals, sitting in on class lessons and working with teachers in professional learning. The collaboration between the NSW and Finnish Systems is an outstanding example of learning from each other to celebrate our successes and identify future directions for growth. There are many similarities between systems and many practices that cannot be replicated here. One practice in Finland is that students are given a 15 minute break every 45 minutes to get outside, move and take a brain break.

Even if it is 0° and snowing, students are out playing. Another practice is that all students are provided with a free lunch everyday. It is always great to get back home where it is so much warmer! I thank Miss Mee for relieving in the principal's role in my absence. In future years Melrose Park PS will play host to visiting educators from Finland and will proudly share our great school with our global community.

As part of our commitment to Intercultural Understanding the school will play host to a group of high school students from South Korea in November. These high students are studying hospitality and are in Australia for 10 weeks to learn about international catering. We are looking forward to them prepare a lunch for our students and teachers. A food truck will be on site where the Korean students will cook lunch.

Melrose Park PS will also welcome Education Inspectors from Korea who will take the opportunity to evaluate the program.

This activity has the approval from DoE International.



## WHEN IS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2019?

Most countries around the world celebrate World Teachers' Day on October 5, however, because this date usually falls during the Australian school holidays, we celebrate World Teachers' Day on the last Friday of October.

This year, World Teachers' Day falls on **Friday 25 October** in Australia.

In 2019, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the UNESCO theme, ***“Young Teachers: The future of the Profession.”*** The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, to take stock of achievements, and to address some of the issues central for attracting and keeping the brightest minds and young talents in the profession.

**A great big THANK YOU to the wonderful teachers at Melrose Park Public School. This week take time to thank a teacher for their commitment to their job, to the efforts they put in to strengthen the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development of students in their care to allow them to connect, succeed and thrive.**

### Successful Students

Principal's Award			
5/6 M	Isabella	1/2S	Kai
4/5E	Natasha	1E	Elsie
4L	Olivia	KA	Olivia
3 R	Brock	KP	Bailey
2 O	Ethan		



## Student Leadership

On Wednesday, 16 October the student leadership group revealed their sustainable scarecrow. Most classes attended the reveal and participated in a suspenseful countdown. Jeff, the sustainable scarecrow is now protecting our much loved kitchen garden from birds and other living things. Here are a few photos from the event.



## Connected Communities

### We need you!

Melrose Park PS is a small school with a small parent community. We are calling on all our parent community to give some time to help out on our biggest community and fundraising event of the year MARKET/FETE day on Saturday 16th November.

Please volunteer your time an hour, two hours or the whole day. Every hour helps. Every hour of volunteer time is valuable as we strive to host a successful day.

Support your school your P&C as your contributions help contribute to a great place for students to learn and grow.



### Applications for Selective High School, current Year 5s applying for 2021

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 must be made online between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Parents are to apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

As our school is required to provide an assessment score for students who are applying, please also complete and return an 'Intention to apply' note to the school.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.


Education
High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools

in **2021**

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at: [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)

**Key Dates**

Application website opens: 8 October 2019

Application website closes: 10 pm, 11 November 2019  
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants: 27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test: 12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent overnight on: 4 July 2020

## Effective Practices

## Environment

Enviroweek, October 21-27. As part of Enviroweek, some classes will participate in lessons from [coolaustralia.org](http://coolaustralia.org). At MPPS we are lucky to have such a spacious outdoor area. Let's continue to enjoy it and take care of it! K-2 are currently enjoying using outdoor learning as part of Seed Harvest Spoon.

Waste-Free Wednesdays continue! Well done to all of the families

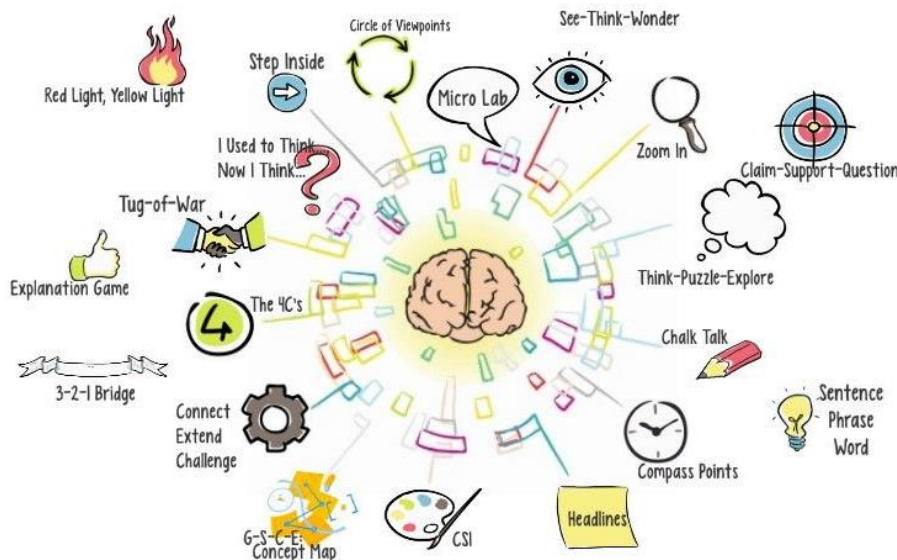
who pack a waste-free lunchbox. On Wednesday 16 October it was International Nude Food Day which highlights the health and environmental benefits of cutting down on single use plastics.



## Visible Learning

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# VISIBLE THINKING ROUTINES



This term our visible learning focus will be visible thinking. Teachers and students will focus on making students' thinking visible through the use of Thinking Routines. Thinking Routines are simple structures that are used to get students thinking about their thinking. These can be thought of as any procedure, process, or pattern of action that is used repeatedly. Ron Ritchhart and Harvard Project Zero created these and they are now used across many schools to strengthen the ways in which students go about the process of learning. Each fortnight, classes will integrate one routine into their teaching and learning to transfer thinking skills and routines in multiple learning contexts. By using these, we are aiming for students to use language and tools that help them become aware of their thinking and talk about their thinking. As each routine is introduced in classes, the community will be informed of the routine via the newsletter so families have the opportunity to use these at home.

During weeks 2 and 3 we will focus on KWL charts. KWL charts are graphic organisers that help students organise information before, during and after a unit or a lesson. They are used to activate prior knowledge, share ideas and monitor student learning. In the K column of the chart, students write what they know about the particular topic. In the W column, students write what they would like to learn about the topic. In the L column of the chart, students reflect on their learning and what they have learnt throughout the unit or topic.

## Classroom News

### 5/6M Learning

Students have been busy during their English lessons researching, planning and writing a report on a native Australian plant that we have in our Peace Garden. 5/6M also took a photograph of their plant and during visual arts lessons sketched it. As part of a small group, students then combined their writing to create one informative text on their chosen plant. These three pieces of work were then uploaded, a QR code created and can now be accessed by visiting the garden and scanning the code. Stage 3 parents were invited to join us at the end of last term in the garden to celebrate our learning. We hope all the Melrose Park Public School community takes a peaceful stroll through the garden to see all our hard work coming to fruition.



### 1/2S in Seed Harvest Spoon

1/2S have started Seed Harvest Spoon lessons again this term. We had a fantastic first lesson being scientists observing and recording features in our school environment. Our class explored living things, non-living things and things that have never lived by identifying and classifying objects into these categories. Many surfaces and objects were looked at and their features were recorded such as what it's used for, what it's made of and whether it changes over time. Here are some snaps from our hands on session.



## News from 20

In week 10 of Term 3, 2O enjoyed exploring at our Geography excursion in Manly. We also had our assembly item. We enjoyed rehearsing and performing utilising Roald Dahl's expressive writing and Quentin Blake's drawings. We learned about various stage production roles.

We had fun participating in the school's Peer Support program last term. Reflecting on our personal qualities and getting to know other students in the school.

VCOP and Big Write are one of our favourite times each week! We love learning new vocabulary and up-leveling known words. We are excited to share our learning through our writing. In term 4 we are looking forward to consolidating our mathematical strategies.



## Tales from the Library

Welcome back to another term of borrowing, reading, classifying and research.

Students began the term with the challenge of understanding and classifying non-fiction books using the Dewey Decimal System.



The last week for borrowing will be Week 5. This allows all students to find missing books and return any overdue well before the end of the year. Overdue notices will be sent out from Week 5.

A friendly reminder to students who have borrowed a library bag from the library, please return these promptly to allow others to borrow books.

Happy reading!  
Mrs Piper

## Community News

# P & C Report

## Term 4 Week 2

### Truck Safety Day - 23rd October

Truck Safety Day is on this week – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 9am to 11am.

Our sponsors for event have been kind enough to also put on a **FREE sausage sizzle** for the kids following the demo and education session.

Thank you to our sponsors for organizing and hosting the event



### Market Day – 16<sup>th</sup> November

25 more sleeps until our **Annual Market Day**. We are very excited that our largest fundraising event of the year is fast approaching. We have some wonderful sponsors on board for the day – PAYCE, Award Group Real Estate, Formula Chemicals and MTF logistics and have so many great donations of goods and services from families at school and from local stores and services from around the area. If u have a business and would like to contribute a donation to our day to be raffled or included in our auctions, please get in touch with me.

As you can imagine with an event this size, there are lots of last minute things still being organised. We have some wonderful stalls lined up, great inflatables, food, face painters, music and lots, lots more. We are just a little concerned that we have so many slots left to fill with our volunteers to run the stalls and games on the day. Can I please encourage you all to sign up to help on the day. We will have to cancel some activities, if we cannot fill the spots which would be a shame.

- **Volunteer Sign up for MPPS Stalls:** We have 39 volunteers signed up, some for more than one slot so thank you, thank you. We also have 9 volunteers who have committed the whole day to the event which is really appreciated.  
**We still need 61 volunteers to come forward.** We will need everyone to help out with a shift on the day. Please click on the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fa9aa23a0ff2-20194>
- **Ride Bands Pre-Sale:** everyone loves some fun on the day. We have lots of enormous inflatables and a climbing wall on offer for the day. Pre-Sale – Ride Bands are on sale now until Friday 8th November @ a cost of \$25 p/band. Please click on the link to purchase: <https://mppspsc.com/product/market-day-ride-bands/>
- **Hamper Donation Requests** have been distributed; items are welcome back any day up until 21<sup>st</sup> October. These items will be used to build Hampers for Market Day to sell.
- **Flyers for our Market Day** will be available for collection from the office at the end of this week for letterbox drops in your area or to leave at local childcare centres, primary and high schools, shops etc....

### Halloween School Disco – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October

- Our **Halloween School Disco** Tickets are on sale. Information attached below.

### URGENT - School Banking Coordinators VOLUNTEER/S STILL NEEDED for 2020

This is the last term of school and unless we are able to fill this vacancy in the next month, we will be forced to cease providing this offering from the end of year, which would be a real shame for students.

Currently, School Banking day is Wednesday for 1 hour but this can be flexible with the new coordinators. Training and support will be provided by the current coordinators and the Commonwealth Bank representative.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact [president@mppspsc.com](mailto:president@mppspsc.com) or [dolores.bragg@bigpond.com](mailto:dolores.bragg@bigpond.com) with your name, contact number and day of availability that suits.

## Lunch Orders - Kick Start Café

We continue to use the Payce Kick Start Café for lunch orders this term. There are some new additions to the menu that we hope you will like and the offering will be available on a Wednesday and Friday this term.

Deadline for lunch orders will be **8pm Monday night for Wed Delivery** and **8pm Wed night for Fri Delivery**.

New additional items to the 'core' menu;

- Frozen yogurt (selection of flavours)
- Chicken Caesar salad
- Greek salad
- Schnitzel wrap (baked not fried)

The addition of a 'special' item changing each term. For term 4 there will be a souvlaki box complete with tzatziki dip, Greek salad, wrap pieces, and choice of lamb, chicken or haloumi.

To place an order:

- Go to <https://kickstartcafe.com.au/login/>
- Register as a school customer (please complete all fields and ensure to select the appropriate class for each child)
- Once registered you can login using the username you create or the email address you enter on the registration page
- Place orders by selecting items, and paying through the checkout – ensure you select the child's name at checkout
- You will need to place individual orders, if ordering for more than one child
- Should you have an issue setting up your account, please contact Paul Borghetti at the Payce Foundation at [pborghetti@paycefoundation.com.au](mailto:pborghetti@paycefoundation.com.au).

## Uniform Shop and School Banking

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

**Email uniform orders are welcome** and will be put in your child's bag once payment has been received. **Please make your orders by Tuesday night if you wish to receive your uniform on Thursday.**

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

## Dates to Remember

Under are the P&C events scheduled to the end of the year. We look forward to your continued support of our events.

October	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Market Day Flyers will be available for pick up from the office at the end of the week to be distributed in the neighbourhood for Market Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco with Halloween theme.
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return Hamper donation for Market Day
NOVEMBER	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm	Hamper Making Night. Please let <a href="mailto:president@mppspc.com">president@mppspc.com</a> know if you can come along and help put the hampers together for Market Day



Friday 8th November	Cake Boxes will come home in preparation for Market Day. Individual items like cupcakes, slices, muffins, are ideal and sell great. Cakes, Breads etc... are of course welcome too.
From Friday 8th through to 15 <sup>th</sup> November each afternoon after school	Bring in Clothes donations for Market Day. Kids, Ladies, Men's welcome. Good condition sellable items only.
	Bring in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand book donations for Market Day.
	White Elephant donations to be delivered to the school for Market Day. Toys, homewares, electrical, tools, small furniture items etc... welcome. (sorry no large furniture)
Friday 15th & Sat 16th November	Cake donations for Market day
Saturday 16th November	Annual Market Day from 10am to 3pm. Whole school effort needed

Should you wish to get in contact with the P&C on any matter, please message Dolores Bragg on [president@mppspc.com](mailto:president@mppspc.com)



# MPPS HALLOWEEN DISCO



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Years K-2: 5.00pm-6.30pm

Years 3-6: 7.00pm-8.30pm

Sausage sizzle to be served @ 6.30pm for both sessions

**\*\*PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY 21st OCTOBER\*\***

	Class Year 2019	Name	Beef Sausage	Chicken Sausage	Vegetarian Sausage	Juice Popper	Water
Child #1							
Child #2							
Child #3							
Child #4							

I would like to pay the following (please tick),

- Sausage Sizzle with a Drink \$ 10
- Disco and drink ONLY \$ 6

Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MPPS P&C website \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers will be required on the night. A separate email will follow with sign up details.



MPPS Market Day

RideBand sale

We hope you are looking forward to our Market Day this year on 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 3pm. We have a number of great entertainment inflatables booked for both young and old to enjoy on the day.

Pre-Sale – Ride Bands are on sale now until

**Friday 8th November @ a cost of \$25 p/band**

Click on the link to purchase: <https://mppspsc.com/product/market-day-ride-bands/>

On the Day – Ride Bands will cost \$30 p/band or rides will cost \$5 p/ride on the day



Tiger Belly Bouncer



Cameron the Kaddepillar



Screamer slide



Extreme Fun Run



Hippo Chowdown



Climbing Wall

**FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE FOR CASH PAYMENTS ONLY**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CASH ENCLOSED:**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# Melrose Park Christmas Carols

Join us for a FREE night of Carols AND the Movie Elf!



**Tuesday 17th December**

38 - 42 Wharf Road,  
Melrose Park (Old Pfizer Site)

**6pm Carols, 8:30pm Film**

Please feel free to bring your  
own picnic blanket!

**Food, Activities and  
Entertainment for  
Everyone to Enjoy!**

**Limited Parking Available Onsite**

**Contact:** [info@brookscommunityengagement.com.au](mailto:info@brookscommunityengagement.com.au)

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**WORLD TEACHERS' DAY  
25 OCTOBER**



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