

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 4 Week 6

19 November, 2019



Coming Events

| Term 4 Week 6 | |
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| Wednesday 20/11 | • Year 5 Science in Hall |
| Friday 22/11 | • Final PSSA for 2019 |
| Term 4 Week 7 | |
| Mon 25 – Fri 29/11 | • Swim School |
| Mon 25/11 | • Leader's 2020 speech |
| Tuesday 26/11 | • Korean Food Day |
| Thursday 28/11 | • Band Showcase 7pm |
| Friday 29/11 | • 2020 Kindy coming for sport |
| Friday 29/11 | • Drain for Rain Stencil Comp ends |
| Term 4 Week 8 | |
| Mon 2 – Fri 6/12 | • Swim School |
| Tues 3/12 | • High School Orientation Yr6 |
| Thursday 5/12 | • Presentation Rehearsal 9-11 |

THANK YOU !

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful MARKET DAY & FETE that was held last Saturday.

Thank you to the many volunteers who manned stalls and welcomed the community to our school.

Thank you to the organising team who were on site early, stayed all day and cleaned up at the end of the event. A special thank you is extended to Dolores and the members of the P&C for coordinating such a wonderful day.

Thank you to our sponsors and contributors who believe in our school and were generous in their support.

Thank you to the boys and girls who enjoyed all the activities from the farmyard animals to the rides, the many smiles made the efforts worthwhile.

Thank you to the staff and teachers for their contribution and their support. Their artwork was fantastic.

Planning for 2020

Now that Market Day is over, we now begin to plan for 2020 in terms of classes and student numbers. If you know that you will be leaving Melrose Park Public School at the end of 2019, could you please let us know either by email or by sending a note to the office. Please email melrosepark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Local area enrolments are welcome at any time of the year. Has a family recently moved into our local catchment area? If so, let them know that Melrose Park is a super local school and we look forward to meeting them and enrolling them for 2020.

Successful Students

| Principal's Award | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------|---------|
| 5/6 M | Lakshman | 1/2S | Sohaib |
| 4/5E | Milda | 1E | Lincoln |
| 4L | Ellery | KA | Connor |
| 3 R | Freya | KP | Malak |
| 2 O | Stella | | |



“Laughter is the best medicine”

This is an old saying but recent research actually confirms it has a lot of truth in it.

Humour and laughter can:-

Improve physical health

Help us cope in difficulty

Help us bounce back from hardship more quickly

Cheer us up

Strengthen friendship bonds

This term students from K-6 are learning the positive effects humour (or laughter) can have on their physical and mental well-being. They are making and sharing jokes, considering the important role “Clown Doctors” play in children’s hospitals and thinking about the difference between ‘laughing with’ others rather than ‘laughing at’ them. It’s a fun way to end the year, but also incredible how much a positive outlook can enhance well-being.

If you have time in this busy season your children would love to hear your favourite jokes. It strengthens family bonds if you can laugh together. Parents can also show kids you can laugh off the small mistakes in life. If parents are able to laugh at small frustrations like losing keys or spilling milk, it gives children permission to laugh at their small mistakes too.

“Laughter really is the best medicine”

Contribution by Vicki Kwan
Wellbeing Officer

Swim School

Next week students across the school will be involved in the School Swimming Scheme program as part of our school curriculum. The Department of Education School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program over 10 days, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Swimmers will travel by bus to Ku-ring-gai pool during the middle session of the school day. We wish our swimmers well.

Student Leaders 2020

Our Year 5 students are preparing to participate in the Student Leadership process for 2020. Students have had an opportunity to self-nominate for a position. Students will then participate in an interview with school executive. Eight students will be selected to present their speeches to the school community on Monday 25 November. The speeches will be held in the hall commencing at 9.15am. Following the speeches, students from Yr 2-6 will vote for their preferred leaders. Our four leaders may consist of four girls, four boys or a mix of gender. Student Leaders will be presented to the school community at Presentation Day. We wish all students luck and thank them for demonstrating pride and a sense of belonging in their school.

Presentation Day

A Celebration of Learning

Marsden High School Hall

Thursday 12th December 1.00pm – 3.00pm

All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Classroom News

Outdoor Classroom Day 2019

On Thursday 7 November, Melrose Park Public School took part in Outdoor Classroom Day. When teachers take learning outdoors, they report positive impacts on the behaviour and learning of students. We are blessed with many great outdoor learning spaces in our school such as the peace garden, kitchen garden, the playground and oval!

Teachers were asked to bring a lesson outdoors for a portion of the day. It was a very warm and windy day which wasn't ideal, yet teachers and students were still eager to bring their learning outside. Mr Steel brought out 4/5E students into the peace garden to complete their mathematics. KP also ventured out into the peace garden, using fallen leaves, sticks and twigs to create temporary artworks representing fireworks. KA were also spotted out on the playground, tracing around each others shadows. All students were engaged and happy.

Outdoor Classroom Day is more than just one day of learning outside; its a global campaign to drive change, to improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of our children, and support them in an engaging and positive learning environment.



News from 4L

As we approach the end of the year, 4L have been reflecting on how personal experiences shape students into the unique individual they are today. As we share insightful moments in our lives, we are learning how much we have grown physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally. Students recognise that through sports, we learn the importance of commitment and sportsmanship. With courage, we overcome our fears and take on new experiences. We reflect on how our likes and dislikes change as we mature, and that each of us have our own set of strengths. Students have enjoyed sharing patterns of growth and are curious to see how they will grow in the future.



Scienza Viva comes to Melrose Park Public School

On Thursday 14 November students in K-2 participated in science activities brought to us by the team at Scienza Viva. The best thing about the visit was that the students got to do almost all of the experiments themselves. The experiments used common chemicals such as food dye, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and cabbage juice – yuk!!!

Among the activities, students were shown how to separate green food dye into blue and yellow using chromatography paper. They used vinegar and baking soda to create carbon dioxide to inflate a rubber glove and make small models that simulated an active volcano.

The students were very excited when Effie, the scientist blew a plastic film canister to the ceiling of the hall using carbon dioxide made by shaking vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together. It made a big bang!

The Scienza Viva visit was really worthwhile. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session.



Connected Communities**The School Band**

The Melrose Park Public School band can be seen playing every term before assembly and on other special occasions such as Market Day. The band provides students with the opportunity to learn a concert band instrument including the clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, percussion and bass guitar.

Students from Years 2-5 (2019) who would like to join the band, are now invited to submit an Expression of Interest (available from the office). After the Expression of Interest is received, Mr Ciccarelli, our band instructor, will give each child an instrument trial and send home an Enrolment Pack with details and costs. Students can have private or group lessons and participate in full band rehearsals before school on a Wednesday.



Melrose Park Public School

Save the Date

**SATURDAY
AUGUST • 8 • 2020**

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

1945 2020

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MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
Celebrating 75 years



Photo: California Green Paving

Stencil Art Competition!

Protect Our Waterways!

We are running a competition for students to create an original stencil design, to highlight the issue that litter and other pollutants need to be disposed of properly so that they don't enter our stormwater drains and end up in waterways such as the Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour.

Submit your design on a sheet of A4 paper to your class teacher by 29th November. If your design wins, be involved in painting the design around the school drains during the first week of December. Have fun designing!

We would like to thank the City of Parramatta Council for support of this project!

Effective Practices

Visible Learning – Visible Thinking Skills

This fortnight the thinking skills focus will be the strategy PMI (Plus Minus Interesting). It is a way of brainstorming the positives/pros and negatives/cons of something. It can be used for many things e.g. as brainstorming, decision making and reflective tools. It also enables us to use our critical thinking and see something in a different perspective to our own. Similar to the KWL, a table can be drawn with headings Plus, Minus, Interesting. If you'd like more information, please see <https://www.virtuallibrary.info/pmi-plus-minus-interesting-strategy.html>

Community News

P & C Report

Term 4 Week 6

Update from Market Day

The months of planning and organising paid off with a hugely successful Market Day last Saturday. It felt like a wedding, all the months of planning and then it's over like a blink of the eye. There were many exhausted volunteers Saturday night that's for sure. Huge thank you to Amy, Kim, Dolores, Cathy, Chantel, Belinda, Kendall, Mel, Steph, Marion, Justin, Heidi for the mammoth all day marathon effort and everything before the day and behind the scenes. To Clare and all the teaching and office staff who also put in a huge effort behind the scenes and on the day effort, thank you. And of course, our parents and volunteers who we could not have done this without you, thank you, thank you, thank you. Together we all pulled off a very successful Market Day. Early numbers on our profit for the day will be between **\$17K and \$18K**.

We have received so many positive comments about the day and the vibe around the school which is really lovely to hear.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors who were on board for the day – PAYCE, Award Group Real Estate, Formula Chemicals and MTF logistics. In addition to our sponsors, we have so many great donations of goods and services from families at school, from local stores and services from around the area. We are very fortunate.

SALE - Need to stock up on GELATO

This **Friday 22nd November** we will be selling some left-over Gelato from our Market Day. Tubs will be at a reduced price of \$3 each. If you are not able to make it Friday and would like to secure some gelato for these hot summer days we are having, please fill out the order form below and return to the office with cash before Friday – we will contact you to arrange pick up time. We have, cookies and cream, vanilla, strawberry, lemon, mango and chocolate of course. First in best dressed!!

FINAL CALL TO SAVE OUR SCHOOL BANKING

While we have had some interest in the positions of School Banking Coordinators, we have not had any confirmed volunteers come forward. Unfortunately, we have now run out of time and Friday 29th November we will be notifying the Commonwealth Bank that the program is closing down at the end of this year.

Therefore, the last School Banking day at Melrose Park Public School will be Wednesday 11th Dec. Children will have the opportunity to redeem their tokens (if they have 10 or more) before that date with the absolute final date for ordering rewards being Wednesday 4th Dec.

To those regular school bankers, thank you for your support over the years. Keep on saving!

If you are in a position to save this great program, please contact president@mppspc.com ASAP.

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.

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 and Website orders: <https://mppspc.com/uniform-shop/>

Dates to Remember

Under are dates for your diary to the end of the year.

| NOVEMBER | |
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| Wednesday 27 th November | Band Showcase in the library @ 7pm |
| DECEMBER | |
| Monday 2 nd December | P&C Meeting at 7.30pm in the library |
| Thursday 12 th December | Presentation Day at Marsden High School from 1-3pm |
| Thursday 12 th December | Last Day of School Uniform shop for the remainder of year. Orders can be placed at https://mppspc.com/product-category/uniform-shop/ over the break |
| Friday 13 th December | Y6 Mini Fete |
| Tuesday 17 th December | X-mas Mufti – dress in festive clothes and bring along a non-perishable pantry item to be donated to charity for people in need. |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Celebration Café |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Melrose Park Community Christmas Carols @ 6.30 pm on the old Pfizer site. BYO picnic or alternatively there will be food trucks onsite where you can purchase food. |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Last day of school.... Let the holidays begin... 😊 |
| JANUARY 2020 | |
| Wednesday 29 th January, 2020 | First day of term 1, 2020 |

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



GELATO SALE

We have some stock left over from market day and would like to sell at a reduced price to the community.

Please fill out the below and return to the office this week. We will have your order ready for pick up Friday 22nd November.

Alternatively, we will sell from the canteen Friday at 3pm following school.



FLAVOURS

Mango, Lemon, Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate and Cookies & Cream

COST - \$3 P/TUB

FILL OUT FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE - CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

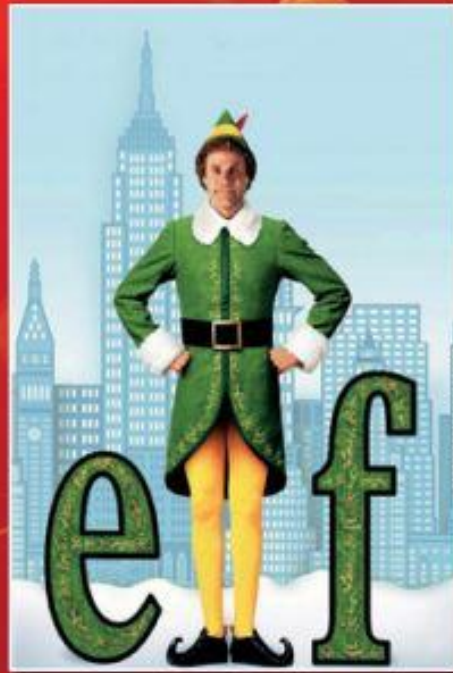
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| Gelato Flavour | Gelato Volume | Total Cost |
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TOTAL CASH ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

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 Available to Purchase
Activities and
Entertainment for
Everyone to Enjoy!**

Contact: info@brookscommunityengagement.com.au

Proudly Supported By:



Thank you sponsors, businesses and individuals who have contributed to our 2019 Market Day.

OUR SPONSORS

PLATINUM SPONSOR



Gold Sponsor



Sponsoring all our BBQ meats



Sponsoring our dunk tank



Wonderful donations and prizes received from the following;

- Fernwood Fitness
- Bunnings Rydalmere
- Denistone Vet
- Ryde Toyota
- West Ryde Village
- Skye Hotel
- Beauty by Stephanie
- Courtney @ YogiCo
- Tasiovasilis Family
- Taronga Conservation Society
- Canterbury Ice rink
- The Lincoln family
- The Edge Rock Climbing
- Ryde Aquatic
- Archery Centre
- Messina Gelato
- RASHAYS
- Collector Hotel Parramatta
- West Ryde Hotel
- Bayview Hotel
- Sky Zone
- Code Red
- Monkey Mania
- Lollipops Parramatta
- Alexander Photo Studios
- Revlon Make-up
- Pan McMillian books
- The Bayview Hotel
- Dooleys RSL Club
- Vine & Tap Bathurst
- Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
- Questacon Canberra
- Corbett & Claude Rhodes
- Reading Cinemas
- Top Ryde Shopping Centre
- Event Cinemas

To all our parents at MPPS, thank you for your donations of hamper items, cakes, 2nd hand stall goods, leaflet drops and most importantly your precious time. Thank you, teachers, for an amazing effort as always with class art, choir, dance, band, Y6 stalls and giving up your day off for Market Day.

*Everyone who has contributed to make this day a wonderful success, thank you.
From the Melrose Park P&C Market Day Committee.*

BE AMBITIOUS

DO YOU WANT TO GET A JOB OR ENROL IN FURTHER STUDY BUT NEED HELP WITH YOUR SPEAKING, READING, WRITING, NUMERACY OR COMPUTER SKILLS?

Contact the Meadowbank Literacy section today or come to our Information Sessions for more information about our courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our courses are designed to help you develop the skills you need for work or further study. All our courses have a workplace focus and our higher level courses provide pathways to vocational study.

You will learn a range of skills including speaking skills for work, reading and responding to workplace information, writing workplace documents, numeracy for work and using digital technology. You could also study a range of vocational units including First Aid.

COURSE OUTCOMES INCLUDING:

- Be ready to undertake our higher-level courses to further develop your skills and provide the confidence you need for work or further study;
- Be ready to undertake further vocational training in your area of interest;
- Be ready to start a career you love.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Come to our Information sessions:

When:

10am – 3pm

Tuesday 10th December, 2019 or

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Where: Learning Centre, Building P, Level 2 (behind InfoPoint)

COURSE SNAPSHOT

Location: TAFE NSW, See Street, Meadowbank

Course: See our course information sheet (over) for further details

Cost: FREE for eligible students
*Fully Government Subsidised Student training programs

CONTACT US TODAY

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MEADOWBANK LITERACY - SEMESTER 1 2020
Information sessions: Tuesday December 10, 2019 or
 Wednesday January 22, 2020
 10am – 3pm

Learning Centre, P block, Level 2 (behind Infopoint)
For further information contact:
 Elizabeth Blenman 9942 3801 or Kieron Xian 9942 3572 or email
NSL.FoundationEnquiries@tatenw.edu.au

| Smart and Skilled Course description | Course duration |
|---|---|
| <p>*INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING ICT10115 - Certificate 1 in Information, Digital Media and Technology Build your computing skills for further study or work. You will learn to create word documents, develop skills in PowerPoint and Excel, access the internet and write emails.</p> | 1 semester 1 day per week |
| <p>*INTRODUCTORY LITERACY (STAGE 1) FSR10213 - Certificate 1 in Access to Vocational Pathways Build your reading, writing, speaking, computing and learning skills with a view to further study. Suitable for students who require significantly high support in these areas.</p> | 1 semester 2 days per week |
| <p>*INTRODUCTORY LITERACY (STAGE 2) FSR10213 - Certificate 1 in Skills for Vocational Pathways Develop your reading, writing, speaking, computing and learning skills with a view to further study. Suitable for students who require moderate levels of support in these areas.</p> | 1 semester 2 days per week |
| <p>*INTRODUCTORY LITERACY (HEALTH AND COMMUNITY) 10S82MAT - Certificate 1 in Preparation for Work and Training Develop your language around health, improve your computing skills and learn about emergency first aid as you work towards a career in health and community services.</p> | 1 semester 2 days per week |
| <p>*INTRODUCTION TO THE AUSTRALIAN WORKPLACE 10S82MAT - Certificate 1 in Access to Work and Training Build your reading, writing, speaking, computing and research skills as you learn about working in Australia and develop strategies for further study.</p> | 1 semester version 2 days per week 1 year version 1 day per week |
| <p>*PATHWAY TO VOCATIONAL STUDY FSR20113 - Cert 2 in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways Build your confidence in reading, writing, speaking, computing and learning skills before undertaking vocational study. The course includes core units in Foundation Skills, First Aid units as well as vocational units which provide pathways to further study including child care and aged care.</p> | 1 semester 2 days per week |

*Free for eligible students



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NSL.FoundationEnquiries@tatenw.edu.au

| Skilset course description | Course duration |
|--|--|
| <p>*STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN WRITING This short courses focuses on basic level writing and spelling skills enabling students to fill out a form, write a simple message and will also help develop learning strategies for further study.</p> | 1 Semester 1 day per week 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| <p>*INTRODUCTORY READING AND WRITING 564-13000: Statement of Attainment in Foundation Skills Support This course focuses on basic sentence construction, spelling, grammar and reading simple texts. It is designed to support students who need to improve their writing to progress in their studies.</p> | 1 Semester 1 day per week 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| <p>*WRITING AND SPEAKING FOR FURTHER STUDY 564-13000: Statement of Attainment in Foundation Skills Support This course is for students who want to build their writing and speaking skills for further study at vocational level. It will include discussions, listening and note-taking activities, reading various texts and writing short answer sentences and paragraphs.</p> | 1 semester 1 day per week 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| <p>*WRITING AND READING IN PROFESSIONAL CONTEXTS 564-13000: Statement of Attainment in Foundation Skills Support This course is for people who are considering further study at diploma or degree level or who require high level writing skills for work. It will include high level speaking activities, reading relevant texts and writing discussion texts.</p> | 1 Semester 1 day per week 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| <p>*INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING AND SOCIAL MEDIA 900-80688 Statement of Attainment in Social Media – Part 1 & 2 This course is designed to support students who want to improve digital literacy skills for future employment or further study, including using social media and on-line searching to identify potential employment opportunities.</p> | 1 Semester 1 day per week 9.30 am – 2.30pm |
| <p>*INTRODUCTION TO CHILDCARE CSO555: TAFE Statement in Education and Employment Pathways This course will introduce the skills needed to be an effective childcare worker. It will include making and using resources and participating in musical activities, interacting and observing children in a play session and Childcare Centre and look at the importance of reading and telling stories to children.</p> | 1 Semester 1 day per week 9.30 am – 2.30pm |
| <p>*INTRODUCTION TO BASIC NUMERACY 564-13000 Statement of Attainment in Foundation Skills Support This course is for students who want to improve their numeracy skills for further study. It will focus on everyday numerical problems and the language of numeracy.</p> | 1 semester 1 day per week 9.30m – 2.30pm |
| <p>*STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN NUMERACY AND COMPUTER SKILLS This course will focus on business computing skills, including excel and digital texts, as well as the numeracy required for these skills.</p> | 1 semester 1 day per week 9.30m – 2.30pm |