

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 1, Week 2

5th February 2019



Principal's Report

Over the course of the next few weeks students and teachers will spend time in their class establishing learning routines, setting high expectations and developing learning groups. We look forward to welcoming all parents to the MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT on Tuesday 19th February. Put this date aside to come and listen to the school directions and plans for 2019 and meet your child's teacher for 2019.

Class Structures 2019

This year there will be 9 classes. Teachers have spent many hours discussing the needs, academic, emotional and social of all students and have selected students for each class based on their professional knowledge and working harmony of the classes.

Class teachers

Stage 3	Class 5/6M	Ms Wondrazc
Stage 3 /2	Class 4/5E	Mr Steel
Stage 2	Class 4L	Miss Ko
Stage 2	Class3R	Miss Kurtz
Stage 1	Class 2 O	Miss Gobbe
Stage 1	Class 2/1S	Miss Maynard
Stage 1	Class 1 E	Mrs Price /Ms Wall
Early Stage 1	Kindergarten K P	Miss Di Nicola
Early stage 1	Kindergarten K A	Miss Fury

Support Teachers

Learning and Support (LaST)	Ms Mee
Teacher Librarian (TL)	Mrs Piper
Quality Teaching Successful Students (Mrs Spenceley

QTSS)	
Relief From Face to Face (RFF)	Mrs Grover

School Administration and Support Staff (SASS)	
School Admin Manager (SAM)	Jane Cummins
School Admin Officer	Debra Beaman/ Elaine Trodden
School Learning Support Officer	Nicole Lewis / Lauren Abraham
General Assistant (GA)	Leisa Cuneo / John Davey

Clare Kristensen
Principal

Successful Students

2019 Swimming Carnival

Come along and cheer on students as they participate in the annual swimming carnival to be held at Granville Pool this Thursday 7th February. As it is a school day all students from Yr 3 -6 are expected to attend the swimming carnival. Students who do not go to the carnival will have an alternate learning program to complete at school.

Please note:

- For safety reasons, all students will wear a wrist band indicating whether they are a non-swimmer, average swimmer or a proficient swimmer.
- The kiosk is off limits to students during the day. Please pack snacks, lunch and extra drinks for the day.
- Sunscreen and house coloured hat are essential for the day
- Parents may sign their child out once the carnival is completed

School Dance Group Auditions

Next Thursday, 14th February, there will be auditions for the school dance group at lunch time in the school hall. Miss Nat and Miss Maynard will select approximately 30 students from Years 1-6 to form a school dance group. This group will then rehearse every Thursday for a half hour before lunch and then into lunchtime. The group will prepare to audition for the Ryde Schools Spectacular and the Marsden High School Dance competition. In 2017 the cost of the dance practices, costume hire, bus travel and Ryde Spectacular performance costs was approximately \$240. Interested students are encouraged to attend the auditions next week.



Reading tutor program and Maths tutor program

Miss Mee is looking for interested parents to continue the running of our Reading tutor program and Maths tutor program. The program supports students to develop their reading and basic number skills. Volunteers work one on one with students from Years 2-6 for 5-20 minutes each. Helpers can stay and work with several students across an hour or simply work with a few, taking 20 mins. If you are able to volunteer some time in the morning on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please see Miss Mee.

Effective Practices

Teacher Professional Learning (TPL)

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful teachers that work at Melrose Park. They are dedicated to school improvement and to the improvement of their professional knowledge.

At the beginning of each new school year, time is given to focus on updates from the Department of Education; becoming aware of compliance, policies and changes to procedures. With the new Science and Technology syllabus in implementation stage, teachers spent a session focusing on the student learning needs of all students, including students with additional learning needs and our gifted and talented students.

Last Saturday, 2nd February, our teachers did not get to enjoy a relaxing weekend but were at work with heads down, participating in our professional learning project around the theme of Visible Learning. This program explores how evidence can be used to create innovation in the learning environment. The school is in the second year of a three-year professional program.

Our focus for this term's professional development is participating a program that examines the evidence about the learners in our school and creating an action plan focused on learners and learning, including teacher learning.

Professional Learning Time for teachers will be conducted on Monday and Wednesday afternoons after school. For this reason, your child's teacher will not be available for parent interviews.



A focus on Digital Citizenship

Today is *Safer Internet Day*. Tomorrow, each class will have a special session where they will start to think about how to use the internet safely. Throughout the year students will continue to learn about good **Digital Citizenship** and **Online Safety**. Students in Years 1 and 2 will be learning how to write and send well-written emails and Years 3 - 6 will use online messaging in Google Classroom. We aim to teach students to be responsible and respectful on-line citizens and help them see that Digital Citizenship shares the same values as we teach in the "offline" world: responsible actions, respect for others and acting kindly and sensibly.

Schools and parents share the role of teaching good digital citizenship and we hope you will support your child's safety and learning by thinking about what they have access to at home and what rules are in place to protect them. At school we have *Web Filtering Technology* to prevent students from accessing inappropriate material on the internet and email system. Do you have web filtering at home to help block inappropriate sites for children?

We plan to run an informative parent workshop at school but, in the meantime, there are some excellent websites with lots of useful information for parents:

- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent> - the Office of the eSafety Commissioner's website where parents can learn about the digital environment and find guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online.
- <https://www.common Sense media.org/> - a US website that helps families make smart media choices by offering independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.
- <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/cyberbullying> - the Kid Helpline has useful information for parents and kids on a range of topics, including digital safety. Students will be introduced to the Kids Helpline at school.

Pam Grover
ICT teacher

Classroom News

News from KP and KA

On Friday last week, we welcomed many excited and nervous families and students to Melrose Park Public School. With the exception of a few tears, we witnessed many excited faces of our new students as they walked into their classrooms for the first time. As they courageously walked into their classrooms, the students were given the opportunity to settle in through a range of activities, allowing them to mingle with other students and learn that the classroom is a safe space.

Over the last few days, our Kindergarten students have begun settling into school life by practising daily routines, being responsible for their belongings, making many new friends and staying focused during classroom activities. They had the opportunity to meet their responsible Buddies from years 4 and 5, who helped them prepare for their first lunch time by ensuring they had their hats, lunch boxes and water bottles. We are looking forward to our future Buddies sessions!



Both KA and KP participated in their first Gymnastics session with Coach Tim, where they engaged in a range of activities to practise fundamental movements. We're sure that the students cannot wait for their next session!

It has been a busy and exciting few days for our Kindergarten students, and we are looking forward seeing their confidence around school grow!



Miss Di Nicola and Miss Fury



News from 4L

What a busy start to the term we have had! In 4L, we have been spending time getting to know each other and our teacher. We have been sharing our favourite holiday recounts, revising our addition and subtraction skills, and thinking critically and creatively through our STEM challenges. This week, our STEM challenge was to build a boat that could float and move along water when blown using a straw. We also had our very first Gym session of the term where we practised forward rolls, commandos and box jumps. 4L and I are looking forward to a great learning term!
Miss Ko



Connected Communities

Communication at Melrose Park

At Melrose Park PS we use a range of communication methods to keep our community up to date. Newsletter –The newsletter is sent out to families via the Skoolbag app. The newsletter can also be found on our website and a hard copy in the office foyer.

School Website – The website provides a platform to locate general information about MPPS. Permission notes, photos and new stories are uploaded throughout the year.

Skoolbag App. – The skoolbag app. provides notifications to your phone. The app. is used to provide you with reminders about school events. For information on how to download the app, please go to the website.

Facebook page – The school has a Facebook page in which to see activities

Interviews

Teachers are available only for a short time before school commences. They are unable to speak to you while supervising the children or teaching the class. Our staff are more than happy to talk to you at a time that is suitable to both parties and affords enough time to discuss any issues that you

might have. We do understand if the issue is urgent. If this is the case, please see the office staff so that they can communicate this urgent information to your child's class teacher.

Please send an email to the school's email and the email will be forwarded on to the teacher @melrosepk-p.school.det.nsw.edu.au

Community News

Newsletter Deadline	
<p>This year newsletters will be sent out on a fortnightly basis.</p> <p>Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon on a Friday. These should be sent to: melrosepk-.school@det.nsw.edu.au</p> <p>Subject: Newsletter Insert</p>	<p>The school often publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter.</p>

P & C Report

Term 1 Week 2

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 14th 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

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	

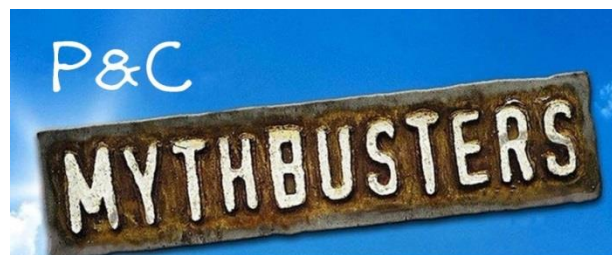
Subway Orders

All orders must be placed by 8pm on Wednesday, 6th of for Friday, 8th of February, 2018.

Please note that all orders & payments are online only. This means the Wednesday night cut-off is automatic. If your order isn't in by then, you won't be able to have lunch delivered that week.

The link for orders & payments is <https://mppspc.com/product/subway-orders/>

If you encounter any problems or have any queries, please email lunchorders@mppspc.com.



Myth: If I come to P&C, I'll be locked into volunteering. FALSE. All are welcome to attend and contribute to the meeting.

Myth: There are enough volunteers already I'll let someone else do it. FALSE. We always need more help!

Myth: I work full time, so I can't help. FALSE. This is a great way to stay connected to the community and what's happening at school!

Myth: Only Mums are welcome to join. FALSE. All members of the community are welcome!





SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Melrose Park Public School is held on Mondays from 11:15am to 12:00pm, starting on 11 February 2019.


Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

PLAY HOCKEY

FUN • FITNESS • FRIENDS



PLAY HOCKEY
Try a new sport this winter season. Fantastic way to get fit, learn some new skills and have fun playing with friends. Beginners welcome. Experienced and qualified coaches.

COMP DETAILS
Saturday mornings at various turf hockey fields
Training - Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm PITCH 2, Sydney Olympic Park
Suitable for 5-17 year old girls and boys
Places available in all teams from Under 7 to Under 16

FREE "COME AND TRY HOCKEY" SESSIONS
THURSDAY 14th AND 21st FEBRUARY, 2019
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Stok & shipwrecks supplied. mouthguards compulsory (available for \$5)
PITCH 2, Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre
Shirley Strickland Ave, Sydney Olympic Park
(Car parking available in P4 car park - take ticket and validate on arrival)

REGISTER @ <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/utshockey/registration/>

CONTACT
Fiona Telfer Ph: 0418 412 220
juniors@utshockey.org
www.utshockey.org



COME & PLAY RYDE RUGBY 2019

Come and join one of Sydney's best Rugby Clubs, make new friends and learn new skills.

Ryde Rugby is a family orientated club with the simple aim of seeing our kids enjoy the great game of Rugby Union. Our Wednesday Training Night BBQ and Canteen menu is second to none - bring the family along for a great dinner - make new friends and win big in our massive Wednesday raffles!

All new players receive free shorts, socks and a water bottle as part of their Rugby kit.

Registration starts from only **\$100.00**
FREE when using the Active Kids Voucher (from 4 years old to under 7)

To register visit: ryderugby.com.au

Contact: 0474498775 | register@ryderugby.com.au



1st Ermington Joey Scouts Cor Bartlett St & Kissing Point Rd Ermington



Joey Scouts (6-8 yr olds - girls & boys)

Mondays 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Come along for a free 4 week trial and experience the fun, friendship and challenges of Scouting.

Get Out With Ermington Scouts

air activities bike riding billy cart racing camping canoeing climbing wall
community service environment activities
first aid skills games hiking leadership activities

joeys@ermingtonscouts.asn.au
www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au
www.facebook.com/ErmingtonScouts



Casual Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community 1 x Casual position—Ryde Local Government Area (00065591)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8:00am to 9:30am and/or 2:30pm to 4:00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. You may be required to work mornings, afternoon, both shifts and no shifts. As a casual you will be filling in for existing part-time staff and on call basis as required. The base rate is \$23.02 - \$27.02 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check-clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity, please call 1300 305 895 or go to wvwr.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 11:59pm Sunday, 17 February 2019

TNSW are committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the Transport cluster, planning for and promoting diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diverse groups. TNSW recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of NSW.



Work at the biggest event in NSW

NSW State election

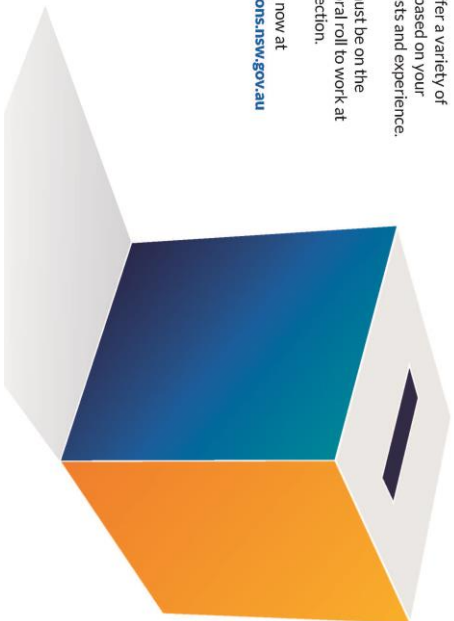
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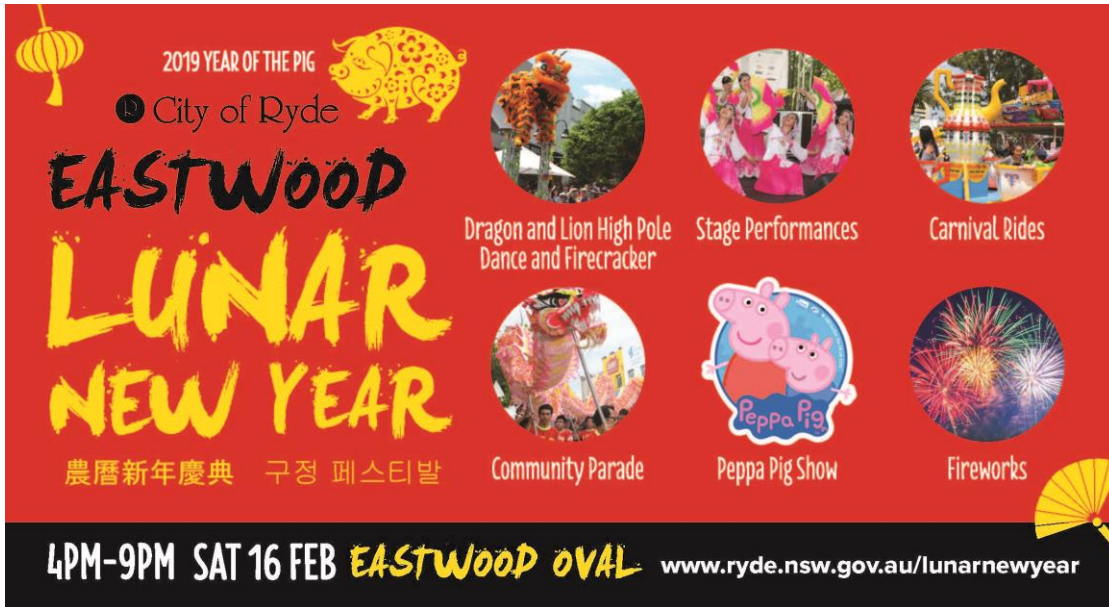
Get paid to help deliver democracy.

We offer a variety of roles based on your interests and experience.

You must be on the electoral roll to work at the election.

Apply now at elections.nsw.gov.au





2019 YEAR OF THE PIG
City of Ryde

EASTWOOD LUNAR NEW YEAR

農曆新年慶典 구정 페스티벌

- Dragon and Lion High Pole Dance and Firecracker
- Stage Performances
- Carnival Rides
- Community Parade
- Peppa Pig Show
- Fireworks

4PM-9PM SAT 16 FEB EASTWOOD OVAL www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear



Come and Meet Cubetto,

the fun and educational robot for children aged 5-7yrs.



Learn how to code and take Cubetto on amazing adventures.

- Where:** North Ryde Library (201 Coxs Road, North Ryde)
- When:** Wednesdays
- Time:** 4.00-5.00pm
- Ages:** 5-7yrs
- Cost:** \$25 for a 4 week program (Starting 6 March 2019)

Bookings essential - cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au

For more information and to book, see library staff or call 9952 8352



Twinkle Twinkle Little Tuesday's..... with GRANDPARENTS GROUP



Are you a Grandparent Carer of child/ren 0-5 years?

Come along and Enjoy your morning with us!

- Free morning tea
- PlayVan with Educational Toys for your grandchild
- Crafts, Storytime and Singalong
- Connect with your community through friendships, information and activities
- Support your grandchild's social skills through play

Where: The Temple Society, 7 Macpherson Street, Meadowbank

When: Tuesday's during school terms 10am-12pm, Term 1 starts Tuesday 5th February 2019

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Please phone or email your interest with North Ryde Community Aid on 9888 3380 or community@nrca.org.au

