

# Melrose Park Public School

*'Learning and Growing Together'*

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Term 1 Week 10

2nd April, 2019

## Coming Events

Term 1 Week 10	
Tuesday 2/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Life Education</li></ul>
Wednesday 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Life Education</li></ul>
Thursday 4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Life Education</li></ul>
Thursday 4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Easter Mufti day</li></ul>
Friday 5/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Winter PSSA starts</li></ul>
Term 1 Week 11	
Tuesday 9/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scripture Service 2.30pm</li></ul>
Wednesday 10/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MPPS Cross Country</li></ul>
Friday 12/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anzac Day Service</li></ul>
Term 2 Week 1	
Tuesday 30/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students Return</li></ul>
Wednesday 1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student Leaders Camp</li></ul>
Thursday 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student Leaders Camp</li></ul>
Thursday 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>P&amp;C Community Cup Golf Day</li></ul>
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## Principal's Report

I would like to wish families a wonderful holiday and a joyous Easter. Thank you for the wonderful support you have given to the school during this term. Ten weeks have flown by with outstanding progress and learning evident in all classrooms. As this term is 11 weeks (one more week of learning to go), you may notice students are becoming tired and in need of more rest. The holiday break is the perfect answer.

It is amazing to see how the Kindergarten students have grown over the course of the term and exciting to see the wonderful learning taking place. My favourite part of each day is when I visit classrooms and see students engaged in their learning and their increasing ability to reflect and report on what they have learnt.

Thank you to our wonderful uniform shop volunteers who are busily organising winter uniform packs for our students. Remember if your online order is placed by Tuesday afternoon, the uniform volunteers organise the packs on Thursday. These orders are then sent to the office and to student classrooms after break on Thursday afternoon. If you do not receive the uniform order please contact the office for a follow up.

## Cross Country Reminder

Hopefully you can join us for the cross country carnival on Wednesday 10th April. We have some incredible runners to watch and the morning is always a great example of the persistence and

determination of our students. As usual, we will encourage everyone to participate and have a fun day. P&C are also running a delicious gelato fundraising to enjoy after the events have been run.

### Successful Students

Principal's Award			
5/6 M	Nathan	1/2S	Ashleigh
4/5E	Kiana	1E	Timmy
4L	Amelia	KA	Elizabeth
3 R	Eva	KP	Alex
2 O	Alice		

### PSSA Winter Competition

This Friday 5 April, the Ryde Zone winter sport competition commences for soccer and netball. All games are played at Meadowbank Park.

Melrose Park PS will enter the following teams;

- Netball Junior B and Senior B Girls - Miss Fury
- Soccer Junior Girls and Senior Girls – Miss Kurtz
- Soccer Junior boys A and Junior boys B – Ms Kristensen
- Soccer Senior Boys - Mrs Grover

Permission notes and Code of Conduct notes have been sent home. These need to be signed and returned before Friday to be eligible to play. Soccer players need to wear shin pads and wear the MPPS school team uniform. Socks and shorts are available for purchase through the uniform shop.

### Harmony Day

On Thursday 21 March Melrose Park Public School celebrated Harmony Day. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a range of activities that focused on being fair, inclusive, respectful and kind. These activities were completed through rotations and each focused on a key learning area. Here are some photos of our wonderful Harmony Day for 2019.



### Effective Practices

#### Three way Conferences

Last week 75% of parents and students attended the learning conference meetings. Feedback from teachers and parents indicated that the meetings were successful and parents were pleased to have the time to contribute to their children's learning. Goal setting is an essential part of successful learning. This is more so when students have ownership of these goals.

Did you know that all staff working for the department must also set goals? We call these our Professional Development Plans

**Morning and afternoon routines**

**9.00am-** If staying for morning lines, we request parents stand quietly behind the student group. Please give your child a goodbye hug away from lines before the bell goes. It is wonderful to see our young students show independence by saying farewell and finding their class line to join. As mornings become cooler, students will move off from lines quickly.

**3.00pm-** At dismissal time, we request that parents stand back away from classrooms and walkways. The area is becoming congested with students coming out of classrooms and the ICT rooms at the same time. Students need space and clean air to find you. Please stand near the playground equipment or shade shelters Your child can then find you in your special spot. Teachers appreciate your support in this matter.

**2019 NAPLAN ONLINE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

As identified by the Department of Education, Melrose Park PS will participate in NAPLAN Online this year. Interested parents may visit this site for more information;

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrs>

To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

If you have any further questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact Ms Mee

**Connected Communities****Applications for Extended Leave for Family Travel during School Term**

The school is starting to receive a stream of applications from families wishing to travel during the school term periods. Due to the concerns over the large numbers of students across NSW travelling and being away from school during school time, I have been instructed to decline travel for any purpose during the school term. Students are expected to be at school when the school is open and offering lessons, and families are requested to make travel arrangements during school holiday periods. Please be advised that leave requests of this nature are required to be recorded as unjustified in the attendance system by the Department of Education.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Melrose Park Public School is involved in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD), an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of adjustment they are receiving.

Students are identified by the learning and support team as receiving a reasonable adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties or chronic health conditions that require monitoring and the provision of adjustments by the school may be included in this data collection. If you require further information please contact the school or you can also visit the Department of Education's national data collection webpage ([www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collectiondata-school-students-disability](http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collectiondata-school-students-disability))

**Melrose Park Out of School Hours Care ( OSHC)**

Melrose Park OSHC AGM  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
5.30pm in the library

We are seeking new members to be part of the OSHC Committee

## Classroom News

### News from 4/5E

4/5E have been busy with learning so far this term and so much has been happening. Our focus has been on improving our research skills, (with research being undertaken on the Federation of Australia -Yr 5 and Food and Fibre -Yr 4), and expressing our ideas and findings descriptively in writing. We have been using digital sources as well as books to guide our collection of information. Our Year 5s have really enjoyed investigating plant growth in water of differing salinity, with findings being slightly different to our predictions. This has been linked to our learning in Seed Harvest Spoon with topics including biodiversity and sustainable agriculture. We are gearing up for the Art Show with art projects that have included photography, focused on texture and focal points and abstract art based on polygons.

So much more has been happening in our class. Ask us, we would love to share what we have been learning.



### News from 1E

Last week, 1E read *The Pencil* by Allan Ahlberg. Everything drawn by the pencil in the story came to life and all was well until the pencil drew a rubber!!!! You might be able to guess what happened next.

We loved this story and spent some time imagining what we would draw with a magic pencil that allowed pictures to come to life. The students wrote their ideas in their writing books and later in the ICT room we had a go at typing these up on the computer.

In Art we used pencil and watercolours to create images of our ideas – with some really lovely results as you can see



## Community News

# P & C Report

## Term 1 Week 10

Thank you to all our volunteer families (Armstrong, Baldwin, Candy, Cheng, Chin, De Vos, Latu, Luksic, Mavin, Prout, Riley, Skounkhou, Thompson, Williams, Smith, Greenshields, Lincoln, Bragg) and to Clare our principal who gave up their time for the recent Election Day BBQ. The BBQ made over \$1,000 for our school and the Y6 cake stall raised over \$800.

We have our Easter Raffle on Friday this week 5th April. Please remember to return your raffle tickets by Wednesday 3rd April.

We will also be having an Easter mufti day on Thursday 4th April. You can dress in mufti and bring a gold coin donation to go towards our fundraising efforts.

You would have received a notice about Gelato day following cross country on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please remember to return your orders by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can have gelato ordered for on the day.

Our annual Golf Day and dinner is coming up on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Time is running out to order tickets. This is a major fundraising event for Melrose Park Public School. Please gather some friends together and participate in the golf day and dinner or many choose to just come along to the dinner. Further information on prices etc. is below on this newsletter.

### 2019 P&C Roles still vacant

We are running out of time to organise these events!!

Please contact our President, Dolores Bragg [president@mppspc.com](mailto:president@mppspc.com) if you are interested.

#### Community Support Co-ordinator:

**Vacant**

**Are you interested?** - Use your charm to request donations for P&C fundraising. This involves sending letters out to companies and possibly visiting local businesses or following up with a phone call. This role is an easy one to share with a friend or other parent. (contacts, letters & emails are already drafted)

#### Market Day Co-ordinator(s):

**Vacant**

**Are you interested?** - Take charge of our incredible annual event and guide the organization front and fundraising agenda. We're all about working smarter not harder so bring your brilliant ideas to the table and gather a team to help you! This is normally held at the end of October each year. (all information, contacts & timelines are available)

#### Trivia Night Co-ordinator(s):

**Vacant**

**Are you interested?** - Keep the FUN in fundraising! This committee brings out the event planner within you and is a great opportunity to bring the school & community together for a night of competitive fun. (all information, contacts & timelines are available)

## Subway Orders

All orders must be placed by 8pm on Wednesday.

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://mppspsc.com/product/subway-orders/>

If you encounter any problems or have any queries, please email:

[lunchorders@mppspsc.com](mailto:lunchorders@mppspsc.com)

## Uniform Shop and School Banking

**Email orders are welcomed** 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@mppspsc.com](mailto:uniforms@mppspsc.com)

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

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

## Dates to Remember

<b>Wednesday 03/04/2019</b>	Easter Raffles due back Gelato Orders due back
<b>Thursday 04/04/2019</b>	Easter Mufti Day – gold coin donation
<b>Friday 05/04/2019</b>	Easter Raffles drawn
<b>Wednesday 10/04/2019</b>	Cross Country – gelato day
<b>Thursday 2/05/2019</b>	Community Golf Day
<b>Thursday 9/05/2019</b>	Mother's Day Stall

## Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner

**RSVP by April 12**

**Please book your tickets now**

<https://mppspsc.com/product/melrose-park-golf-day/>

**Ryde Parramatta Golf Club**, 1156 Victoria Road, West Ryde

**Thursday 2nd May 2019**

Golf from 11.00am

Dinner from 5.30pm

**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**

A great community event hosted by 6 local community groups, Including Melrose Park PS, come along & play or join us for a great evening of entertainment at dinner.

<https://mppspc.com/product/melrose-park-golf-day/>

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.

**MELROSE PARK  
COMMUNITY CUP  
GOLF DAY AND DINNER**

**Ryde Parramatta Golf Club**

**Thursday 2nd May 2019 | Registration from 10:30am**  
**Golf from 11:30am | Drinks & Dinner from 5:30pm**

The Melrose Park Community Cup aims to raise funds and create awareness for community groups serving the Melrose Park area.  
All funds raised will be distributed to all participating community groups.

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Four players – GOLF & DINNER	<b>\$500</b>
Single player – GOLF & DINNER	<b>\$125</b>
Single player – GOLF ONLY	<b>\$100</b>
Dinner only – per person	<b>\$65</b>

**Support your community group today!**

[www.mpkcommunitycup.com.au](http://www.mpkcommunitycup.com.au)



**Easter Mufti Day**  
On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Come dressed in your best Easter theme  
Gold coin donation on the day ☺



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 City of Ryde

# ANZAC DAY

## Commemoration Service

**ANZAC Park, West Ryde**  
**Thursday 25 April, 9.00 – 10.00am**

All members of the public are welcome.

The ceremony will be followed by morning tea at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club.

# TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

### TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME

 Eat together as a Family. No screens at meals for parents and kids.	 Before screen time - sleep, play outdoors, read and enjoy Family time.	 No screens in bedrooms, especially at night.
 Take toys or books instead of screens when going out.	 Monitor kids' screen time. Set limits if needed.	 Sit less. Move more. Move every hour.
 Help kids sleep. Stop using screens 1 hour before bed.	 Parents - be a good role model. Reduce your screen time too.	 Dance to music, or play video games that get you on your feet.



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