

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 2 Week 2

7th May, 2019

Coming Events

Term 2 Week 2	
Tuesday 7/5	• Kindergarten Calmsley City Farm
Tuesday 7/5	• Stage 1 Food & Fibre Excursion
Thursday 9/5	• P & C Mother Day Stall
Term 2 Week 3	
Tuesday 14/5	• Naplan
Wednesday 15/5	• Naplan
Friday 16/5	• Naplan
Term 2 Week 4	
Wednesday 22/5	• Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 22/5	• Book Parade
Wednesday 22/5	• Simultaneous Story Time
Thursday 23/5	• Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 24/5	• Scholastic Book Fair



Principal's Report

Wishing all mothers and grandmothers a wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday and may your children spoil you with love and kindness.

This Thursday morning 8th May, a very special Mother's Day stall will be held for all students to buy a gift for their mum. The P&C have been busy organising this event. Send your child to school with a few dollars in a purse. Our students love shopping for a special present for you and presenting it to you on Mother's Day.

Congratulations to the fantastic parent community who supported the PAYCE Community Golf Day last week. Thank you to the coordinators who organised the tickets, players and supporters. The dinner was wonderful and congratulations to the team from Melrose Park PS who won the golf competition. I would like to thank PAYCE Developments and Brooks Consulting who generously presented a cheque of over \$71,000 to be shared by the six community organisations including Melrose Park Public School.

Successful Students

Principal's Award			
5/6 M	Sebastian	1/2S	Jaylah
4/5E	Mary	1E	Luca
4L	Lexi	KA	Oliver
3 R	Mikaela	KP	Alice
2 O	Joshua C		

NAPLAN National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14 – 24 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format.

HELP THEM FEEL THEIR BEST ON TEST DAY

- Choose movement and exercise
- Get plenty of rest
- Stick to your usual bedtime routine
- Avoiding excessive screen time
- Share laughter and sing favourite songs on the way to school if driving
- Keeping conversation positive, encouraging and lighthearted
- Providing a protein-rich breakfast in the morning, like oatmeal and eggs
- Leave your child with a big hug and words of encouragement

Effective Practices

Class Overviews

As part of our school motto, "Learning and Growing Together", we aim to provide parents with clear information on what their child is learning. Every term, class teachers write an overview detailing the learning happening in their class. This outlines the NSW Curriculum subjects being covered, the theme or topic learning is being linked to, and any special dates or projects the students will be involved with. Last week class teachers sent home the Term Overview for learning in your child's class. Please look in your child's bag if you have not yet received this note. By sharing information about learning development, teachers work in partnership with parents as active participants in their children's education.

Behaviour Management

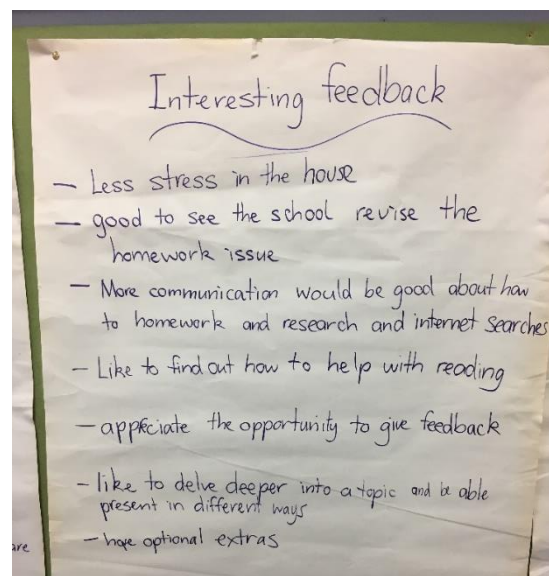
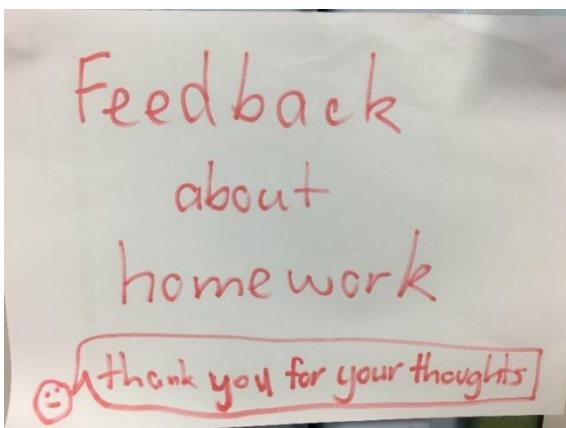
Along with the Class Overviews sent home last week, an updated Behaviour Overview was also sent home. Each year the school reviews the behaviour procedures in line with feedback and behaviour data. This one-page summary forms part of the school's Student Discipline Behaviour Implementation Procedures. These procedures can be found on the school's website.

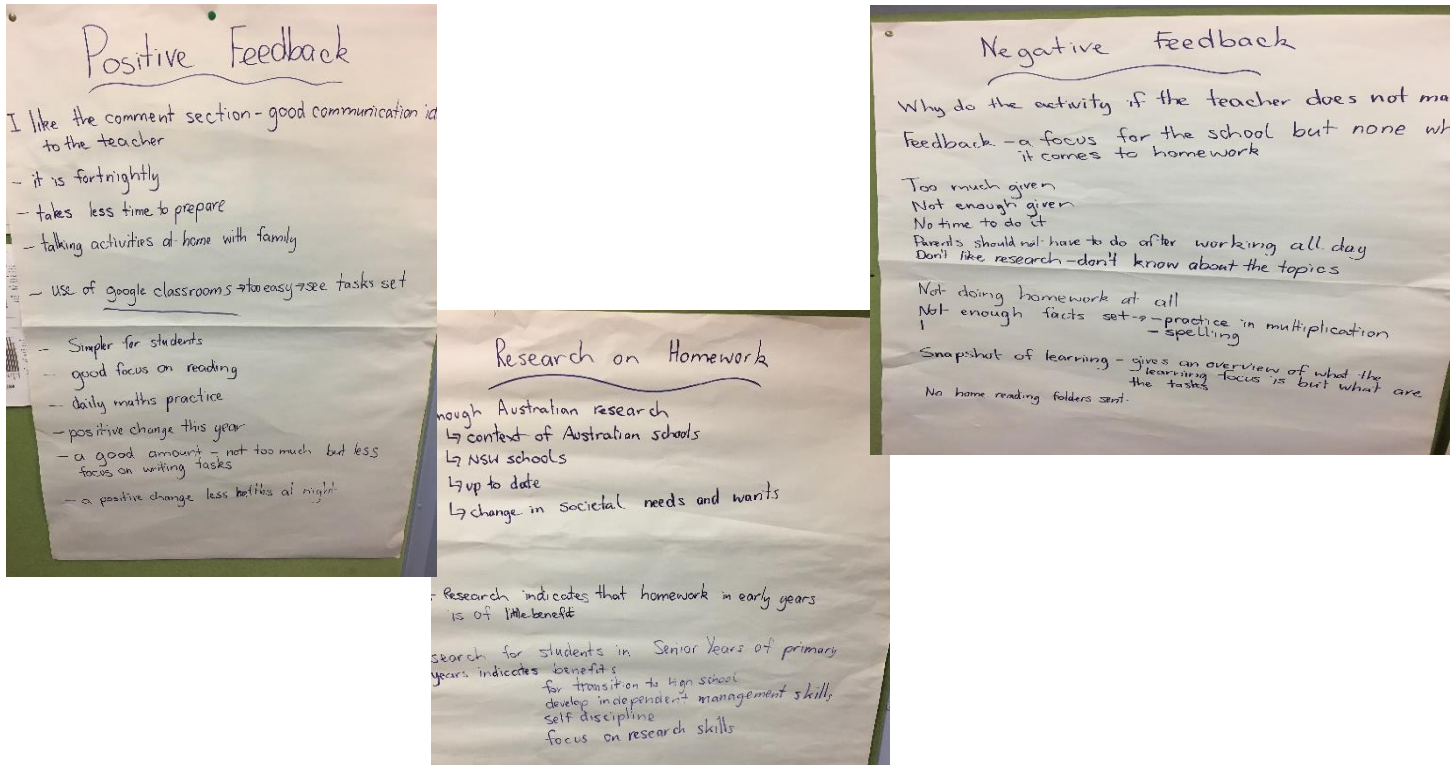
Melrose Park PS prides itself on knowing that all classrooms and other learning environments are well managed within a consistent, school-wide approach. We believe all students can engage in productive learning, with minimal disruption through a positive approach to behaviour, learning and teaching. Staff continue to model, reteach, practice and acknowledge the school's expectations of respect, responsibility and learning. They share a flexible repertoire of strategies for classroom management and promotion of student engagement and responsibility for learning.

Home Learning

Thank you to the many parents who provided feedback on the school's home learning procedures. In the coming weeks the aim is to present the updated procedures for your information.

The photos give you some insight to the various feedback that was provided.





Interesting Feedback

It is great to hear the refinements that were made to home learning tasks at the beginning of the year have been warmly received. Parents appreciate the Snapshots of Learning information and the focus on reading rather than on written tasks.

Positive Feedback

The majority of parents were happy with some form of homework, with less homework rather than endless worksheets being given. With internet access drill and practice activities through Mathletics and Soundwaves for spelling were great options for students to do at home.

Negative Feedback

Some parents want more, some parents want less or no tasks at all. Homework can cause stress in busy households. Often the tasks set were difficult to understand and importantly parents wanted worked marked which is great feedback to receive.

Research

There are many differing views within the educational community and beyond, about the purpose of homework, its value, and the amount of homework that should be set.

Road Safety Reminder

BE Safe around the school. There will be times when there is no crossing supervisor.

Wherever possible, cross the road at a designated pedestrian crossing facility

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! when crossing the road
- Take care whenever you cross
- Don't run across the road
- Collect your child on the school side and walk them across the road

Parents play a huge role in keeping our students safe.

Remember always

- No double parking or U turns around the school zone
- Do not enter the staff car park for drop offs or pick up
- The bus zone is not for parking
- Kiss and ride zone parking is for 2 minutes only

Rangers will increase their presence around the school in the coming weeks.

Be Safe Be Legal Be Considerate



Visible Learning – The Learning Process

The Learning Process is another essential learning strategy that is intentionally taught to help students solve problems, make informed decisions, answer questions and investigate possible solutions.

Learner Qualities are those behaviours that enhance a student's ability to learn.

At Melrose Park Public School, Effective Learners:

- are courageous
- are optimistic
- are curious
- are problem solvers



The Learning Challenge (Pit)

The focus on developing learners' capacity to thrive in tricky situations – knowing what to do when they don't know what to do – is highly valued. Teachers explicitly teach strategies to get out of 'I'm stuck' situations. Being stuck is celebrated and harnessed as an opportunity to build each individual's learning capacity.

Focus: Learners are COURAGEOUS



The first step of the learning challenge is being courageous. Courageous learners are ready for a challenge. They accept new learning experiences and attempt to learn new skills and concepts being taught. Courageous learners at Melrose Park Public School will take risks to be out of their 'comfort zone' in learning and as they learn their confidence in their own learning and personal growth will increase.

[What parents can do at home to support courageous learners](#)

Talk with your child about how facing new learning experiences will help them grow.

Connected Communities

Earn and Learn 2019

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

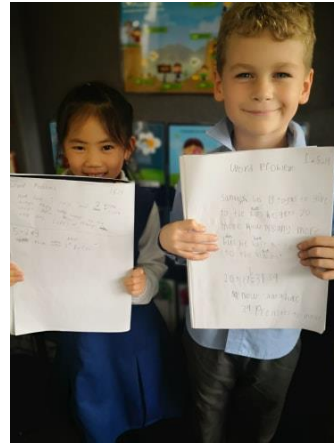
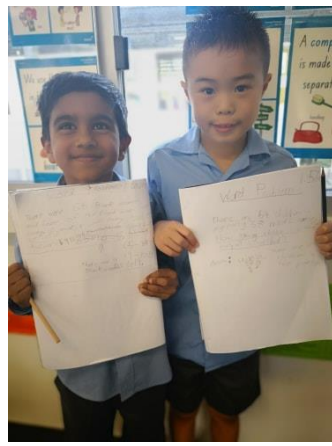


The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more.

Classroom News

News from 1/2S

In 1/2S we have been busy strengthening our math skills by looking at addition and subtraction word problems to apply our math knowledge to the real world. We have been solving given word problems and even applying higher order thinking and creative thinking skills to write our own for a friend. The steps we have been using to solve these are; identifying the questions, recognising key words and numbers, deciding on the operation and writing a sentence answer. Here are some snaps of some word problems in action!



News from 2O

2O have thoroughly enjoyed working with 4L buddies to write narratives with the theme of school learner quality *perseverance*. We then acted our stories out. Miss Ko and Miss Gobbe had great feedback for our writing and acting skills! We enjoy daily mindfulness, watching and listening on the website <https://www.gonoodle.com/>. We do this to practise skills which might help us calm down when we are experiencing difficult emotions. We are excited to run the assembly this week



ATOM Photography competition

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been exploring the theme of texture and using digital technologies to create some exciting digital artworks. As part of their learning in ICT and the visual arts, they have taken photographs using cameras and iPads, then manipulated and enhanced the images in *PhotoShop*. These students have the opportunity of entering the ATOM Photo Comp 2019. A reminder that any students wishing to enter at school must return their note tomorrow.

Mrs Grover
ICT Teacher

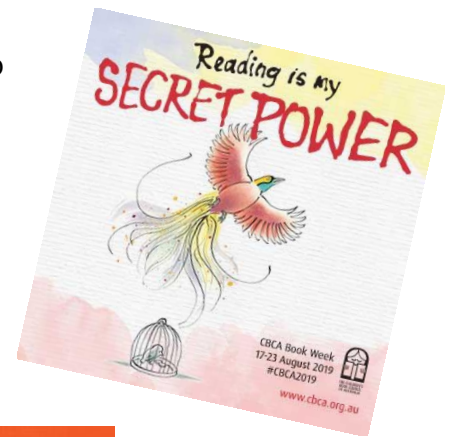


Tales from the Library

Welcome back to an exciting term in the library. Our library has undergone a facelift during the holidays and we are all excited to be using our new space. We thank the staff and students for being patient as we finalise book locations and other inclusions.

We are celebrating **Book Week** during **Week 4**. We look forward to having everyone dress up as their favourite book character to the theme
Reading is my Secret Power!

Book week is a chance to celebrate reading. This year our school is participating in National Simultaneous Storytime. Students will come together to listen to this rhyming tale of Alpacas with Maracas.



Once again the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school during this week of reading. This will be an opportunity for you to purchase books and items for your reading pleasure. It is also a great way to support our school and raise funds for resources.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



Happy reading!
Mrs Piper

P & C Report

Term 2 Week 2

Mother's Day Stall

Are you free this **Thursday 9th May**? We need some help to sell and wrap kids' gifts for Mother's Day.

Thank you to those who have signed up already, Lisa Schindler, Ros Wagstaff, Zoe Yang, Cathy Lincoln, Dolores Bragg.

We still need some more volunteers, so if you can help out, please click on the link below to let us know you will be coming along.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FA9AA23A0FF2-mothers>

School Disco

The P&C are running its first disco of the year and yes, its crazy hair disco time. Get your dancing shoes ready as our school disco will be held on **Friday 31st May**. You can purchase entry now online at our P&C website <https://mppspc.com/product/crazy-hair-disco/> or fill out the form attached below and return to the school with payment.

There will be two sessions for the evening;

- Kindy-Y2 from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. sausage sizzle and drink will be available at 6.30pm once disco is finished for the juniors
- Y3-Y6, from 6.15pm to 8.00pm. sausage sizzle and drink will be available on arrival at 6.15pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there for a fun night. ***Cut off date for purchasing is Friday 24th May***

Donation to WOWs Fiji

Yesterday our School in conjunction with the P&C donated 28 boxes of books weighing 379kg to WOWs kids Fiji. They will be shipped shortly to Suva, Fiji by the Smart Family @Formula Chemicals. Its wonderful to be able to partner together to supply some reading material to children who are sick and families who are caring for loved ones.



Federal Election day BBQ & Cake Stall – Saturday 18th May 2019

As mentioned on last week's newsletter, the Federal Election Day date has been set to **Saturday 18th May** and the P&C will be running a BBQ & Cake Stall to raise funds for our school.

To make this event successful, we will be sending home boxes the week prior for families to send in a donation for the cake stall and will need a number of volunteer parents to assist us for a shift during the day.

We had a fantastic number of volunteers come forward last time and would love to see as many families volunteering again this time to help raise money for all of our children.

So far, we have had a number of volunteers come forward, but as you will see below, we still need a lot more people to come forward and fill the unallocated timeslots. Please click on the link below to help out on the day. We are really hoping to be able to fill all the time allocations or we will not be able to run the event.

Please click on the following link to book in to help out on the day <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FA9AA23A0FF2-20191> or you can email P&C on committee@mppspc.com

Schedule

7am - 9am (5)
Set Up & Cook BBQ

3 slots still available

- Alex Detheridge - 1E & 2O
- Deb Riley – 3R

7am - 9am (3)
Cake Stall & Coffee

All slots filled – thank you

- Beth Anschaw - KA
- Lauren Cappello - KA
- Liz Luksic - 4L

9am - 11am (5)
Cook & Serve BBQ

5 slots still available

9am - 11am (3)
Cake Stall & Coffee

2 slots still available

- Prama Murugasu -3R and 5/6M

11am - 1pm (5)
Cook & Serve BBQ

4 slots still available

- Dan Latu - 3r & 4/5

11am - 1pm (3)
Cake Stall & Coffee

3 slots still available

1pm - 3pm (5)
Cook & Serve BBQ & Pack up

4 slots still available

- Steve Thompson – 3R & 5/6M

1pm - 3pm (3)
Cake Stall & Coffee

1 slot still available

- Lisa Schindler - 5/6M
- Marion Daly – 5/6M

Uniform Shop and School Banking

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

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

Crazy Hair *Disco!*



Friday 31st May 2019

(to be held in the school hall)

Kindy – Year 2: 5pm – 6:30pm
Year 3 – Year 6: 6:15pm – 8pm



\$9 includes entry, sausage sizzle and a drink.

\$6 includes entry and a drink.

**K-Year 2 will receive their food at pick up time and
 Year 3-6 will receive theirs just before their disco starts.**

**Beef, chicken or vegetarian sausages are available.
 Please indicate below.**

Students will be fully supervised and parents must pick up their children from the school hall on time.

Child 1: _____ **Class:** _____

Sausage Type: _____ **Amount:** \$ _____

Child 2: _____ **Class:** _____

Sausage Type: _____ **Amount:** \$ _____

Child 3: _____ **Class:** _____

Sausage Type: _____ **Amount:** \$ _____

Order online at <https://mppspsc.com/shop/>

Total Amount \$ _____

Receipt No. for online payment _____

Closing date for disco payments is Friday 24th May 2019



**DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION
& FIRST RESPONDER INFORMATION SESSIONS (NON-ACCREDITED)**

Melrose Park Public School Parents & Community invited

Learn CPR & how to use a
defibrillator

A comprehensive information session dedicated to
the subject of cardiac arrest.

DATE: Tuesday May 14

TIME: 4pm

WHERE: MPPS Library

Defibrillator proudly donated to
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