

Melrose Park Public School

'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 1, Week 1

1st February 2019

Today we welcomed our new Kindergarten cohort and their families to Melrose Park PS. Our new students have completed the Best Start Assessments and have been placed in their class. They have had a great experience coming to school for just one day this week. We look forward to seeing them all again next Monday. It was lovely to meet several Kindergarten parents at our first 'meet and greet' and acknowledge the wonderful achievement of sending their child off to 'big school'.



Congratulations to our new Sport Leaders for 2019.

Blaxland (yellow) Elissia, Ryan

Wentworth (red) Logan, Lana

Lawson (blue) Liam, Rachel

We look forward to our Swimming Carnival next Thursday at Granville Swimming pool.

Principal's Report

Happy New School Year 2019!

Welcome back to Melrose Park Public School for 2019. It was wonderful to see our Year 1-6 students so enthusiastic to be back at school and keen to share information about their holiday adventures with their peers and teachers.

For the last two days students have been engaged in transition activities getting to know new teachers, visiting new classrooms and participating in lessons around Learner Qualities, Behaviour Expectations and Safety. I'm certain our students will uphold these values as they transition and throughout their learning journey in their new classes. I was impressed at how well students managed the hot hot weather. They were just happy to be back together and spending play with their friends. I'm certain our students will uphold these values as they transition and throughout their learning journey in their new classes.

This week's newsletter is a short one as the message I want to convey to families is one of Welcome and Welcome back. Newsletters will be published fortnightly on a Tuesday. **They will be distributed via Skoolbag and posted on the school website.** Look out for a much longer newsletter next Tuesday.

Successful Students

Our school programs begin on Monday. The PDHPE programs begins with our gymnastic program over the next ten weeks. The program is provided by external PE teachers from the company GOTGAME. As the school has grown the gym program will be held over two days. Your child will either be required to wear their sports uniform on a Monday or a Tuesday (see below).

SCHOOL GYMNASTICS PROGRAM Term 1

This term Melrose Park Public School will be visited every Monday and Tuesday by the physical education company, GotGame. They will be conducting gymnastics lessons. All classes will have one gymnastics lesson per week.

The program is based on the PDHPE syllabus and is designed according to children's ages and abilities. The lessons incorporate the latest teaching methods in gymnastics and build progressive skills on gymnastic apparatuses such as balancing beam, horizontal bar, floor and mini-trampoline. GotGame will provide all equipment necessary for this program.

The aim of the classes is to develop various physical abilities in your children, as well as improve their co-ordination, strength and flexibility. School gymnastics is a great way of building healthy bone structure, general well-being, concentration and motivation. The classes are highly enjoyable and very popular with students.

The fee for the term is \$40. This will be included on the school invoice that is sent out later this term.

Students should wear their sports uniform on the day of their gymnastics lesson.

Monday lessons: 4L, 3R, 1E, KP, 2O

Tuesday lessons: 4/5E, 5/6M, 1/2S, KA

Effective Practices

Notes sent home:

- Welcome notes from class teachers
- Swimming Carnival permission note for Yr 3-6
- Yr 6 T Shirt order

Action needed:

- Class requirements for your child to come to school from next week
- Label all items
- Return Swimming carnival permission notes by Monday 4th February
- Return updated Health Condition information
- Gymnastic sport uniform either Monday or Tuesday

Connected Communities

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will be held next week on Thursday, 7th February. Permission notes have been sent home and need a quick return. If you wish to volunteer for this carnival, please email melrosepk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to express your interest.