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'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 4 Week 8

3 December, 2019



Coming Events

Term 4 Week 8	
Monday 2/12-Fri 6/12	• Swim School
Thursday 5/12	• Presentation day rehearsal
Term 4 Week 9	
Tuesday 10/12	• Years 3-6 cricket
Wednesday 11/12	• Robocup
Thursday 12/12	• Presentation Day
Friday 13/12	• Mini fete
Term 4 Week 10	
Tuesday 17/12	• Celebration Cafe
Tuesday 17/12	• Talent Show
Tuesday 17/12	• Fun Day
Wednesday 18/12	• Last day for Students
Wednesday 18/12	• Year 6 Farewell
2020 Dates to Remember	
Wednesday 29/1	• Yr 1-6 Students Return
Friday 31/1	• Kindergarten commence
Thursday 6/2	• Swimming Carnival



Year Six 2019

We congratulate the boys and girls of Year 6 2019 on their successful completion of their primary school education.

We look back on their Kindergarten photo and wonder where all the time has gone. They certainly have grown! At Presentation Day we will acknowledge these students as they graduate from Melrose Park PS.

Students have participated in High School transition activities in the many schools they will attend next year. They are certainly ready for the next big pond of learning.

The class is now preparing and organising their Mini Fete as part of a class project. This will be held on Friday 13 December. Year 6 students and families will celebrate their Farewell at a function at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on Wednesday 18 December.

Uniforms – Don't forget to order uniform items before the end of the school year. These orders can be placed on line, with the order being delivered to your child in the classroom. Many students need a new hat. Thank you once again to the volunteers in the uniform shop and the time you give to make our students look great

Successful Students

Principal's Award			
5/6 M	Cielo	1/2S	Megan
4/5E	Taile	1E	Ryan
4L	Matilda	KA	Aiden
3 R	Sophie	KP	Kiahna
2 O	Duniya		



Presentation Day Rehearsal

This Thursday, 5 December, all students will walk to Marsden High School hall for a rehearsal for Presentation Day. We will leave school at 9.00am. Students will wear summer uniform, their hat and carry their drink bottle. Students attending the swim school will take their swim bag. The swimmers will be picked up by bus at the Marsden HS hall at 11.00am to attend their swim program. Once the rehearsal is over, students will walk back to school in time for lunch.

Presentation Day Assembly

The following week, Thursday 12 December, we invite families to join us at Presentation Day Assembly. We celebrate a great year of learning where all students are invited on stage and all students receive an Acknowledgement of Learning for their efforts this year. Students will eat lunch at school before walking to the hall. At the end of the celebration, students are able to go home with family, once signed out. Other students will walk back to school. We hope you can join us for the afternoon.

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.



Swim School

Our swim students are really enjoying their time attending the 10 day Department's Learn to Swim program at Kuring-gai pool.

The feedback from the swim teachers is very positive with teachers



indicating our Melrose students are well behaved, well mannered, happy and making great progress in their skills. Congratulations swimmers - we are proud of you!

PSSA Finals

Congratulations to the Girls T Ball team and to the Boys T Ball team who have played through to the Ryde Zone Finals. These final games will be played this Friday at Meadowbank Park weather permitting.

I would like to thank our teachers who take on the responsibilities of coaching and managing a PSSA sporting team each week.



Your effort, commitment and the extra time given throughout the season is greatly appreciated.

GO MELROSE



Classroom News

Integrated learning in 1/2S

This term in 1/2S we have been looking at physical sciences. We are learning all about mixtures and what happens to the properties of substances when combined with another substance. To see this in action 1/2S carried out an experiment that we could then turn into a lovely marble artwork. First we poured a litre of milk into 3 different trays. We observed what the milk looked like before adding in some food colouring. The food colouring helped us observe the change in the milk when dishwashing liquid was dabbed into the milk. When the detergent was added by cotton buds, it broke the proteins of the milk and allowed the colour to spread out across the surface of the milk. We were amazed to see how quickly the properties of the milk changed when the detergent was added. After we were happy with the pattern, we carried out the artwork part of the lesson by printing the food colouring onto the paper. After this, we discussed other types of printing used in art works such as screen printing and digital printing.

Once they were dry, we cut the art into strips to weave them together. We hope you like our investigation artworks!



Celebration of Learning in 5/6M

Yr 6 has had some amazing opportunities lately, including a visit to NSW Rugby League Centre of Excellence and a talk by a past Melrose Park PS student. 5/6M was also lucky enough to hear John Alexander speak about leadership. Here are some thoughts on these experiences written by 5/6M students.

When Year 6 arrived at NSW Rugby League Centre of Excellence we saw the real State of Origin shield and Mrs O'Neill got to hold it before we left! - **Nathan G**

I think that it was interesting that all the players go into the dressing shed and take a 50 question survey to see their personality. Some players are considered a mozzie because they annoy people! - **Chris C**

I liked how we got to take a class photo inside the facilities. - **Nathan S**

We were the first school in NSW to experience this fabulous excursion! - **Tariana L**

I loved the way NSWRL incorporated maths into fitness and sport and meeting Danny Buderus was awesome! **Riley G**

I was very interested in that after the game players go from a hot to a cold pool to help their blood circulation! **Ruby C**



Ian Jenkins was a past student at MPPS and a few weeks ago he came in and shared a presentation about his school life.

I found it interesting that some people didn't even wear school uniform! - **Nathan S**

I found it cool that the kids used giant skipping ropes. - **Logan**

I disliked how girls were not allowed to wear pants. - **Cielo**

I thought that it was interesting that West Ryde Public School used to be an O.C. school. - **Ruby C**

I found it interesting that there used to be a church on the corner of Lancaster Ave and Wharf Rd. - **Ellissia**



On the 22 November John Alexander came to our school to talk to years 4-6 about leadership. We learnt a large amount of information and took this knowledge forward. He informed us about the Rare Voices charity and what they do. We kindly donated \$50 from Tucker Time to help raise awareness of rare diseases. Mr Alexander walks 100km around Bennelong to raise awareness for charities. Yr 4-6 very much enjoyed his talk





On Wednesday last week Mr Cummins came to talk to stage 3 about Papua New Guinea (PNG) and his experience of when he lived there. He showed us lots of photos from PNG. He spoke about the volcanoes erupting and how the government cut down lots of trees and put them on small ships to take to a larger ship. **By Isabella 5/6M**

News from 2O

2O have been thoroughly enjoying hands on activities in Seed Harvest Spoon this term. We got to compare different types of soil and ways we can care for the environment. We are especially excited to be collecting soft plastics recycling for Miss Gobbe to take to a supermarket REDcycle bin! We also did coding and programming with Mrs Grover for a few weeks which was awesome! This term we've worked on procedure writing and now poetry, where we really get to show our creative flare! We love our fitness time, especially playing 'Scissors Paper Rock Relays' and 'Survivor Tag'.



Robotics

The MPPS RoboCup competition will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 11th December from 1 - 3 pm. Interested students in Years 3 - 6 have been working at lunchtime and after school to build and program a range of robots to perform tasks and compete against each other. This is a fun competition that demonstrates student's ability and a good opportunity for other students to see how much fun robotics can be! All classes are invited to visit for a short period throughout the competition. Parents and families are also welcome to visit anytime from 2 - 3 pm.

Students participating in this year's RoboCup include:

Year 6. Cielo, Isabella, Ruby, Tariana, Tiffanie, Chris, Lakshman, Liam, Logan, Muhit, Nathan G, Nathan S, Riley, Ryan D and Ryan M

Year 5. Addison, Brianna, Hamish, Ivy, Jasmine and Nate.

Year 4. Chiara, Chloe, Makayla and Oskar.

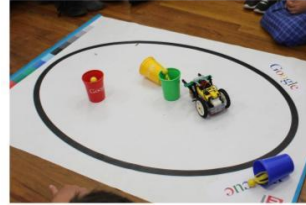
Year 3. Abby, Amy, Ella, Githanjali, Harry, Marcus and Rosie.

Robotics in 2020: All students in Years 3 - 6 are welcome to join the extra-curricular robotics program in 2020. An *Expressions of Interest* letter will be sent home in early Term 1. In addition, students are given opportunities to learn how to program robots in classroom activities as part of the Digital Technologies curriculum and supporting learning in maths and science.

Pam Grover
Robotics Coordinator



- Google Rescue
- SUMO challenge
- Dash challenge
- Soccer and dance demonstrations
- Class visits



Wednesday 11th December
1.00 - 3.00 PM in the School Hall
 – parents welcome –



Connected Communities

Environment Update

Voting by Student Voice reps has begun for the Drains for Rain Stencil Competition. Well done everyone for your designs!



Care for our Farmers and Families

Melrose Park Public School has the opportunity to support the families and farmers of drought stricken NSW by donating a small gift in time for Christmas.

This gift will be transported to Dubbo and given to the CWA (Country Women's Association) for distribution to children and families.

Along with the gift, there will be a convoy of water to replenish empty tanks and also used for stock feed water. It now looks there will be about 30 trucks heading west in a convoy, first travelling north to pick up other contributing trucks.

Formula Chemicals are donating trucks and drivers for this convoy as well as donating supplies of cleaning products for families. Thank you Leigh Smart and the team from Formula Chemicals who are not only great supporters of our school but also great supporters of the global community.

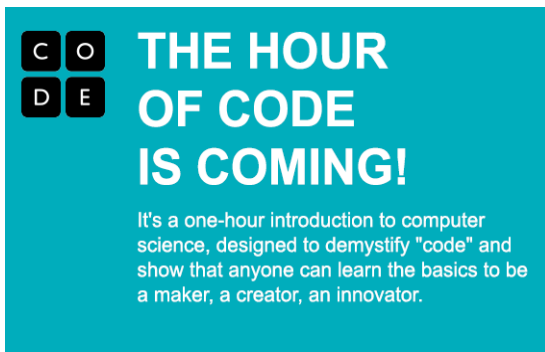
If possible, drop off the gift (unwrapped or wrapped with age, gender and item label) in the foyer at the office by Thursday 12th December for loading onto one of the trucks. The convoy will depart 14th December.

Christmas Giving

There is a hamper in the foyer of the office with a few items of food in it. We hope to be able to provide many food hampers to our local families through the support of one of our school families.

Students have been asked to bring in an item of tinned food and this can be delivered to the School Office.

The Hour of Coding



The Hour of Code takes place around the world every year in December.

We live in a world surrounded by technology. Whatever field our students choose to explore as adults, their ability to succeed will hinge increasingly on understanding technology. The importance of experiencing coding (programming) is being recognised as a vital skill for 21st century learners.

These are the reasons Melrose Park is participating in the largest learning event in history! During December, tens of

millions of students in more than 180 countries will take part in the Hour of Code. <https://hourofcode.com/au> offers hundreds of one-hour activities in over 48 languages for kindergarten and older.

Over the next two weeks all students at MPPS will be introduced to age appropriate coding activities at school. Our goal is to have students think, create and have fun, all while learning computer programming.

For our classrooms to participate in this course, we have created Code.org accounts for each student. To ensure student privacy, only first names are used. Because the coursework is done online on the Code.org platform, students can log in from outside the classroom using a computer or tablet at home.

Students should go to code.org then sign in using their 6-letter year Section Code and their allocated password (a picture) that will be given to them at school.

Kindergarten Section Code: [JTWGBC](#)

Year 1 Section Code: [RSXJQS](#)

Year 2 Section Code: [GZPYSC](#)

Year 3 Section Code: [NPGXPR](#)

Year 4 Section Code: [CGPBJY](#)

Year 5 Section Code: [RKDBVT](#)

Year 6 Section Code: [RVCCCT](#)

By logging into their student account on their class page we

can keep a record of their progress. It also will automatically save their work so they can return to where they left off (even in 12 months time).

Why not get involved in the 'Hour of Code' by sitting with your child and working together on problem solving and writing code? Parents can also try out Hour of code at <http://hourofcode.com/au>

Pam Grover
ICT teacher/coordinator

ICT and Digital Media Showcase

Parents of students in Years 3-6 are invited to join us for an ICT and Digital Media Showcase on Wednesday 18th December in the hall at 9.15am - 10.30am. Students will be showcasing their learning in ICT and Digital Media under the guidance of Mrs Grover.

Stage 3 2020

Parents of students who will be in Year 5 or Year 6 next year are invited to attend an information evening on Open Learning and Flexible Learning in preparation for 2020. Monday 9th December 6pm - 6.45pm in 5/6M and 4/5E's classrooms.

Any queries, please email the office, attention Belinda O'Neill.

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.

Year 6 is preparing for Mini Fete (for students, by students)

Friday, 13th December

9:30 am - 11.15am at school

**Cost: prepaid tokens 50c each / 10 for \$5 / 20 for \$10
(maximum purchase of 20 tokens)**

Our senior students plan, organise, budget and prepare the activities that they run at Mini Fete. Teachers supervise and the whole school has fun over a session of the day. Prepaid tickets are purchased beforehand so no money is exchanged and more fun can be had. Traditionally, **Mini Fete** is the way Year 6 raise money for their farewell gift to the school.

Activities include:

Obstacle Course

Face Painting Nuclear Fight

Doughnut Hang Popstick Lotto

Hit Your Shots (water balloons)

Sponge Throw Just Dance Snack Stall



Please return to the office by Wednesday 11th December.

Name _____ Class _____

I would like to purchase _____ tokens at 50c each = \$ _____

Online www.melrosepk-p.school.nsw.edu.au/ make a payment Cash enclosed


Tokens with names on them will be given out on the day, so they don't get lost.

Effective Practices


Visible Thinking- Thinking Routines

This fortnight, the visible thinking routine will be CSI- Colour Symbol Image. This routine asks students to identify and distil the essence of ideas from their reading/viewing/listening to represent the big ideas they have identified in a way that doesn't rely so heavily on the use of written or oral language. It assists students with their understanding of a concepts, explaining reasoning and comparing ideas with peers. Below are some examples of how this thinking may be set out in classes.


CSI: Colour Symbol Image



Choose a **colour** that you think best represents the essence of that idea.



Create a **symbol** that you think best represents the essence of that idea.



Sketch an **image** that you think best represents the essence of that idea.




purpose

This routine asks learners to identify and distill the essence of ideas - taken from their reading, viewing or listening - in nonverbal ways by using a colour, symbol and image to represent the big ideas.

Synthesising & Organising Ideas

CSI		
Couleur	Symbole	Image

Colour - Symbol - Image

 COLOUR What colour best represents this?	 SYMBOL What symbols best represents this?	 IMAGE What image best represents this?
Why did you choose this colour?	Why did you choose this symbol?	Why did you choose this image?

Adapted by Alice Vigers 2017

Community News

P & C Report

Term 4 Week 8

Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved with the P&C this year, whether you have been involved with organising an event, being part of the committee, come to our meetings, worked in the background (websites, donations etc.) being a volunteer at our events or supported us in any way, I really appreciate everyone's contribution. I have had a wonderful amount of support this year and really appreciate all the effort everyone has put in across all our events. It's amazing what can be achieved when so many people help out.

The bank balance currently sits with \$76,763 – still a little bit of money to be deposited and bills to be paid through the end of the year and prior to next AGM. Additionally, we have \$5,730 in voluntary contributions which brings the money raised this year to \$82,493.

We started the year with \$24,280 in the bank which means we have raised over \$58k this year which is a really fantastic result for our small little school.

We will have **our AGM on 24th February** in the library once the kids are back at school. It would warmly welcome all families to come along and see how you can get involved with the P&C next year. We will send out a survey shortly to see what families thought about the events we ran this year and also to seek some new ideas of things that could be done next year, we are always open to new ideas and ways to raise funds.

A summary of our events this year;

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Annual Bowling Event | 8. Golf Day |
| 2. Mothers Day stall | 9. Trivia Night |
| 3. Fathers Day stall | 10. 2 x School Discos |
| 4. Easter Raffle | 11. Book club |
| 5. Sushi lunches | 12. Mufti days |
| 6. 2 x Election Day BBQs | 13. Market Day |
| 7. Gelato Day | |

SALE - Need to stock up on GELATO

This **Friday 5th December** we will have another left-over Gelato sale. Tubs cost \$3 each. Flavours are vanilla, strawberry, lemon, mango and chocolate of course. First in best dressed!!

OUR SCHOOL BANKING has been saved

I am so happy to report that we have had a volunteer come forward for our School banking next year, Katrina Close. Katrina will be a new 2020 kindy Mum and saw our call for help on our P&C facebook page. We look forward to welcoming Katrina onboard and I'm sure the kids will enjoy being able to continue to save at the school. Katrina will be in banking to meet Tracey and Jim this week and we will work out commencement dates for school banking next year.

This Wednesday is the last day to order rewards and next Wednesday is the last banking day for 2019. Contributions to MPPS from Commbank has been \$480.00 so far this year and we expect around \$100/\$120 to be deposited for Term 4 – this will be confirmed once banking closes off at the end of the year.

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.

DECEMBER	
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 Dec	Last day of school.... Let the holidays begin... 😊
JANUARY 2020	
Wed 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 at president@mppspc.com



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

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