



2023 Kindergarten First Days

Welcome to the 2023 school year. We are very excited to welcome all our new students to Melrose Park Public School as they start their primary school journey on Thursday 2 February.

Miss Jen Ko will be your child's teacher this year.

Here is an update on information that will make the beginning weeks easier to navigate.

First Day of School Thursday 2 February

You may accompany your child onto the school grounds to see them get their name tag, put their bag on their hook, go to the toilets and then line up ready for the start of school. Please arrive by 8.50am. The school bell rings at 9.00am.

Parents are invited to "Tea and Tissues" from 9am - 9.45am in the school hall. This is an opportunity to meet with other kindergarten parents and celebrate the wonderful milestone of sending your child off to 'big school'.

For Thursday 2 February and Friday 3 February, Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. For the first two days, parents can meet their child outside the classroom next to the play equipment.

Drop off and Pick Up times from Monday 6 February

Kindergarten students will meet their friends in the playground near their classroom after they have put their bag on the hook. Please arrive by 8.50am. The school bell rings at 9.00am.

Dismissal time will be 3pm outside the classroom. If your child attends Before and After Care, the OOSH educators will pick children up from the classroom and take them to the OOSH room.

Before and After Care

If interested in your child attending before and after care or vacation care here is the link; <u>https://www.jigsawoosh.com.au/melrose-park-public-school</u>

Communication

Melrose Park Public School uses an App called Skoolbag to push information out to parents. **SkoolBag** is designed with simplicity in mind, to ensure that schools can quickly and easily communicate instant notifications, emails, school newsletters, absentee and permission forms, documents, events and more to the school community.

To access Skoolbag App and add it to your phone the link is; https://www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/

Please email the school if you have a question, query or concern for either the office or the teacher. <u>melrosepk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

The office staff will forward all emails onto Miss Ko who will either contact you by phone or return email within 24 hours. As you are aware Miss Ko will be very busy settling students into routine.

Meet the Teacher

We are currently planning our 'Meet the Teacher Evening' for Wednesday 15 February, times to be advised. This evening will provide valuable information for parents regarding the curriculum, homework and class/school processes and procedures.

The Seesaw App is another means of communication that students use to share class learning with you. More information will be given to you about how to sign up to this platform when Miss Ko meets you on 15 February.

Parent Contact

The Parent Contact is a parent of the class who organises a class contact list for the class. They liaise with the teacher to share information about class events and welcomes new families to the school. They also construct a Parent List for parents willing to share details that help keep families connected.

If there is a parent who would like to take on the role of Class Parent Contact please let the office know and they will pass the details onto the teacher.

I am sure you have many questions. The weekly enewsletter is pushed out on Skoolbag Tuesday fortnightly (odd weeks) and Miss Ko will keep you updated. Please email the school with your queries.

In the meantime, we look forward to celebrating the important milestone of having our new Kindergarten students put on their uniform, shoes, hat and bag and walk into their school, Melrose Park Public School, for their first day of their incredible learning journey.

Yours sincerely

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