



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 1

Welcome back to Term 4. Last week started with some excitement with the surprise visit by the Minister of Education, Hon. Sarah Mitchell and the Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. They were both very interested in seeing not only the new building itself, but many aspects of learning here at Merrylands Public School. We walked through the undercroft and they stopped to have a chat with Daren and some of our students who were painting with him. Sonny and Artiola showed them the mural painted by Year 6 that will go up on the wall in that space. They noticed that the new building has both mainstream and support classes and also Stage 1 to Stage 3. On the first level they saw our intervention team working side by side with teachers to support a range of students with learning. We showed them the large photo reproduction of the mural that was on the back wall of the previous building; that many people in our school community were part of creating for the centenary. We walked up to level 2 and this is where the Premier had a chat with 5/6S, who were all hard at work in a literacy session! Following this, the Minister held a short press conference on the school grounds. Sonny and Artiola not only did a great job of accompanying our guests around the school but they also both spoke very proudly and confidently when the Premier invited them to speak to the media. If you haven't already seen the video then the link is

<https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSsydney/videos/255927538625946/>

The Premier also has a short video on her website that shows her visit. You can find it at

<https://www.facebook.com/gladysnsw/videos/895400020853525/>

Community Walk Through

On Wednesday we had our open afternoon so that many of our students and families could walk through the new learning spaces. The current Mayor Counsellor Christou and the former Mayor Counsellor Cummings were there alongside Mr Simpson and our Director Educational Leadership, Mr Sparke. Again it was an exciting event and I heard many positive comments from our community about this beautiful building. Mr Simpson said it turned out even better than he expected!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 23 October

Transition To School Program
1:30pm-3:00pm

Thursday 24 October

PSSA Trials and Training

Tuesday 29 October

Pink Day—Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Friday 1 November

PSSA begins

Monday 11 November

Stage 2 Camp

Tuesday 12 November

Stage 2 Camp

Thursday 14 November

Kinder Orientation (for 4 weeks)

Thursday 14, 21, 28, 5 Dec)

Wednesday 20 November

Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion -
Kindergarten

Tuesday 11 December

Stage 1 Movies Excursion

Thursday 12 December

Presentation Day

Tuesday 17 December

Stage 3 Fun Day

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18 December

Last Day of 2019

This project has been a long process with huge investment not only of funds but also of time and effort. Whilst we greatly appreciate all of the work that has gone into this from outside our school, I am mindful of all the contribution from within. Mr Simpson and a team of people, including our parent representative, Mr Keedi have given many, many hours of their time over two years to make sure that every detail of the building was thought about and planned well. Even this year, Mr Keedi has walked through it with me during construction a number of times to check quality and safety aspects and I greatly appreciate the knowledge that he has in this area. During the recent school holidays, when I contacted staff to tell them we had special visitors on the first day, many came in to help set everything up so our school could look its best. For all of these combined efforts I am very grateful. Thank you.

Next week we have a special event to help raise awareness and funds for the McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer support and research. Many of us, myself included, have been affected or had family members affected by this cancer and we want to make a positive contribution to the great work that is being done by organisations like the McGrath Foundation. We will also have a local representative from BreastScreen NSW here, with information that you can share with family and friends because we know that early detection saves lives. This is a school community event and we would especially like you to invite family members or friends who may have gone through this journey themselves to join us for morning tea and don't forget to wear something PINK!

Tell Them From Me

I would ask our families to please take the time (about 15 minutes) to do this online survey for our school. Your honest feedback to us about how you think our school is going is very valuable. You can do it on your phone or use one of the school computers. We have staff out in the playground before school each day this week to assist you. Can I assure you that there are no names included in the survey. The results come back to the school in the form of graphs which we can share with our school community. This information shows us areas for improvement and areas where we have made progress. **The link is <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/merryyps>.**



This term, like every term at Merrylands PS is full of great learning experiences and opportunities across our school. Our teachers too are involved in regular professional learning to keep developing themselves in the 'craft' of teaching so that we can bring our best to our students. If you are wanting to speak with a teacher and don't see them on the playground, please check with the office as they may be in one of these sessions in the morning.

Please take time to check through the dates in the newsletter so you don't miss anything and check in with the office if you are unsure of events.

Bronwyn York
Principal

SPORT REPORT

YEARS 3-6 SWIM SCHOOL

Swim School commenced last week at Merrylands Pool and continues until Friday 25 October. Well over 300 students from Years 3-6 are participating in this valuable learning program. Mr Sadler and Mrs Douglas have done a brilliant job organising transport, recess and lunch timetables and making the program run like clockwork. Many thanks to all staff for their flexibility around playground duties and teaching and learning. Many thanks to parents for their support. We have had close to 100% enrolment. Mrs Isaac and Miss Nguyen are in the process of organising a Practice Carnival for students to practice the skills learnt at this scheme and prepare them for next year's carnival at Guildford Pool.

PSSA

Summer PSSA commences this Friday, but, **NO GAMES** for our school this week. Players who were selected in Term 1 will be automatically selected for this term. There are a few places available in all sports due to students leaving the school. Mrs Douglas (softball). Miss Salameh and Miss Kalamvokis (t-ball) and Mr Sadler (cricket) are holding practice/trial sessions this Thursday afternoon (3:00-4:00pm) to finalise numbers. Any student wishing to trial needs to return a permission slip to those teachers by Thursday 24 October. Below is a draw for this term.

Note: All matches require a bus fare of \$7.00 (per player) or \$10 (per family) to be paid to office staff on the stage every Friday morning at 8:30am.

Date	VS	Where
25/10	Ringrose	NO GAMES as Ringrose and Merrylands are both involved in Swim School. 1 competition point each will be awarded.
1/11	Sherwood Grange	Ollie Webb
8/11	Widemere	Jones Park. Widemere have no cricket teams. NO afternoon training.
15/11	Greystanes	Ollie Webb
22/11	Parramatta West	Jones Park
29/11	Bye	NO afternoon training. Practice at Merrylands Oval or Merrylands High School
6/12	Finals	1st and 2nd on competition ladder to play grand final. Games at Jones Park/Ollie Webb, to be confirmed.

SCHOOL SPORT

We are planning to use Merrylands High School facilities this term to upskill our students on game awareness and prepare them for Gala Days they will be invited to attend later in the term. They will be invited to participate in a cricket program. The details and permission notes will be distributed this week. They will need to be returned to teachers by Wednesday 31 October so numbers can be finalised.

Other activities will be organised at school for those students not involved in the cricket skills program.

Woolworths Cricket Gala Day will be held Thursday 20 November 2019 at Doyle Park.

MERIT AWARDS

Mohammad M	Aliza M - 2S	Adam T - KW	Hamza H	Mahtab K
Sarah F	Hussain M - 5/6N	Youssif K - 4P	Ruby B - KF	Eliana B - KZ
Eman N - KZ	Malik G - KS	Adam S - 1T	Mostafah K - 1C	Noor Z - 1T
Maryam M - 3/6S	Amar E - 3/6S	Ayza A - 2R	Naved Q - 2/3O	Aaira G - 2/3O
Elyssa S - 2/3O	Jeremiah C - 1J	Adam C - K/3L	Bena K - KW	Taghred M - 4R
Celina A - 2S	Mariah S - 5/6N	Haysam A - 5/6T		

GOLD AWARDS



Yusif S - 4R	Yasmein S - 4R	Mabuba Q - 4R	Hadi R - 4R	Grace P - 4R
Marwah K - 1J	Nour A - KS	Saba N - KW	Tianna A - 1J	Sarina R - KS
Malik G - KS	Ali B - 5/6D	Edward T - 5/6D	Emma O - KZ	Roukaya D - 3/6S
Ileesha O - 1J				

LIBRARY NEWS

On Wednesday, 6 November 2019 Russ the Story Bus, the Sydney Writes' Festival beloved "library on wheels" will be visiting Merrylands Public School.

Russ the Story Bus is a magical bus for primary school students that celebrates storytelling, reading and creativity, and encourages a lifelong love of books.

Each student in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be invited on Russ to select a free book of their very own to keep, as well as take part in an interactive talk presented by a children's book author or illustrator. The author will share their love of books, discuss their craft and inspire children to think creatively about reading, writing and storytelling.

The author visiting Merrylands Public School is Jules Faber, who is both an award-winning children's book illustrator and award-winning cartoonist. Jules has illustrated over 30 books, including Anh Do's Weirido and is now the author/illustrator of the new series, Max Crack.



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Breast Cancer Awareness

Community morning tea Fundraiser

Merrylands Public School

Tuesday 29th October at 10.45 am until 11.25 am



There will be a **pink mufti day** for all students and teachers.

A gold coin donation will be collected for dressing in pink mufti, all money raised will be going to the

McGrath Foundation.

- Staff, students and community members are invited to share morning tea in the school grounds at 10.45 am
- There will be fundraising stalls on the day run by the SRC:
 - Tea and coffee
 - Cakes and sweets will be available to purchase (from 50 cents)
 - Pink hair spray and face painting - \$1.00
- Donations welcome- all money fundraised will go to the **McGrath Foundation**
- BreastScreen NSW will be available to communicate the importance of screening for the early detection of breast cancer for both men and women.

CANTEEN SPECIALS \$4.50

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Hot Dog w/ Oreo & Jelly Drink	Chicken Burger or Beef Burger (\$5.50 with drink)	Macaroni & Cheese & Water	Lasagne & Milk	Chicken & Corn Roll or Corn Jack & Milk

CANTEEN HOUSEKEEPING

1. Please do not ask for credit. If you pre-order lunch for your child and your child is away and the canteen is not notified by the parent, the lunch must be paid for.
2. All food must be paid for at the time of ordering.
3. The canteen is unable to heat up lunches. Please do not send food that requires reheating to school with your child.
4. PLEASE bring small notes for payment, larger notes are extremely hard to give change for.

This week's Star Message is:

**At Merrylands Public School
we are **SAFE** in all settings.**

We demonstrate this by:

Keeping our hands and feet to
ourselves

Wearing school uniform

Being in the right place

Using all equipment
appropriately

Following teacher and staff
instructions

