



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pink Day

It was wonderful to have so many of our community join us last week for our Pink Day to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation and raise awareness of breast cancer with the presence of BreastScreen Australia. Our staff kept the fundraising going in the staffroom for the rest of the week and altogether we raised over \$2,000.00. I am very proud and appreciative of the generosity of our school community. Thank you.

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Over the coming weeks we will be seeing many of our new families when they bring their children for our Kinder Orientation sessions. If you know of anyone who lives in our area and is enrolling a Kindergarten child for 2020 but hasn't yet completed an application form, please encourage them to come to the office so they don't miss out on these sessions which start next week.

Before & After School OOSH

The applications close this week for organisations to tender for our OOSH which will be established for 2020. This will operate out of our new Community Hub space, which was previously the 5/6D classroom. We anticipate being able to announce who will operate the OOSH in the next newsletter. If you need to complete a before and after school expression of interest form, you can still do so via the office.

Community Hub

Our newly established Community Hub is becoming a busy place at our school. Each week there are now 3 sessions of Playgroup held there with up to 20 children under school age attending. We also have parent training sessions there and currently a group of our mothers are completing a TAFE Make-up Course.

Schedule of events

We are trialling the inclusion of a schedule of school events in our newsletter each term. I am hopeful that this will assist parents in budgeting and planning so that no child misses out on these activities. If any of our families have other suggestions of how we can improve our communication to you please let me know.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6 November

Russ the Bus visit

Monday 11 November

Year 5 MHS Transition Day

Stage 2 Overnight Camp Excursion

Tuesday 12 November

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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 Celebration Excursion

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18 December

Last Day of 2019 for students

Wednesday 29 January 2020

First Day 2020 for Years 1-6

SPORT REPORT

PSSA RESULTS

TEAM	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
T-Ball Girls	Won	Akida K - Fantastic first game played Adea H - Great sportsmanship in T-Ball Grace P - Amazing batting in T-Ball
T-Ball Boys	Won	Muhammad H - Great sportsmanship Taw T - Great batting Divine T - Making two home runs
Softball Girls	Won 13-3	Mohamad A - Top Game Michael N - Trying hard Phillip - Nice first base play
Softball Boys	Won 12-6	Artiola H - Home run Farahnaz - Trying hard Matina N - Great game
Cricket Junior	Loss	Zakia - Fielding Hamza - Batting Moses - Bowling
Crocket Senior	Loss	Oliver - Bowling Bahram - Fielding Abid - Batting

PSSA DRAW

Date	VS	Where
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.

Note: 8/11 vs Widemere. Widemere do not have cricket teams. Therefore our cricket team will **not** train this Thursday afternoon. They will walk to Merrylands Oval to have a practice match on Friday 8 November.

Mr Sadler has decided to have cricket training sessions on Thursdays from 3.00pm-4.00pm (commencing next week Thursday 14 November) to coincide with T-ball and Softball on the same afternoon.

SCHOOL SPORT

We have organised "Game Skills" sessions for Cricket, Basketball and League Tag for the next 4 weeks (8, 15, 22, & 29 November).

Cricket - Merrylands High School.

We have 30 students already enrolled in this program. If you wish your child to attend these sessions conducted by Liam from Cricket NSW, Miss Gilto and Miss Douglas, note and money (\$10) must be paid at the office by Wednesday 6 November so we can finalise definite numbers.

Basketball - Miss Connell, Miss Watson and Mr Pegley will be walking students to Merrylands Oval for modified games on the courts. Return permission note to class teachers by Thursday 7 November. (Limited numbers available).

League Tag - Miss Nguyen, Mr Douglas, Miss Cramer and Mr Welsh will be walking students to Merrylands Oval. They will be joined by Brad (NRL) who will assist in organising modified games. Return permission notes to class teachers by Thursday 7 November. (Limited numbers available).

Those students not participating in these programs will remain at school for activities involving skills in other sports.

NOTE ALL students must be appropriately dressed for sporting activities:

- Full school sports uniform including school hat
- Joggers are compulsory (predominantly white socks)
- Any medication required (asthma spray etc) on their person and a water bottle.

GALA DAYS

Wednesday 20 November - League Tag - Doyle Park

Non competitive games against other school. Notes will be distributed next week. Teams will be selected and all players (limited spaces available) please return permission slips and bus fare (\$7 or \$10) to the office by Friday 15 November.

Wednesday 27 November - Years 3/4 Woolworths Cricket intra-school Gala Day - Merrylands Oval

Modified games amongst our students. Note to be distributed next week - NO Money involved.

Thursday 28 November - Years 5/6 Woolworths Cricket intra-school Gala Day - Merrylands Oval

Modified games amongst our students. Note to be distributed next week - NO Money involved

ATHLETICS

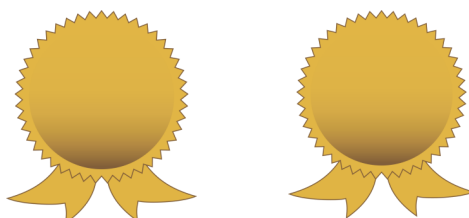
In Week 1 Mrs Timbs and Mrs Douglas accompanied Matina, Michael, Bahram, Simon and Artiola to the Sydney West Athletics Carnival at Blacktown. They reported that our student's behaviour was exemplary and that they participated in a sporting way to their best of their ability. They also noted on the comraderie between our group. We are very proud of all your effort.

Special mention must be made of Bahram, who competed in the 100 metres Final. Knowing the top 3 finishes qualified for the NSW State Championships, Bahram was agonisingly placed 4th, literally beaten by a "fingernail". An outstanding performance and one he should be personally proud of.

MERIT AWARDS

Hind E - 4/5O	Adam A - 4/5O	James Z - 4R	Abid R - 5/6K	Oesha H - 5/6K
Ammar H - 4P	Yahya K - 3/6S	Aisa N - 2R	Zahra S - KF	Max L - K/3L
Ahmad A - 1C	Jamil B - 1T	Sabah E - 1T	Mohammed A - 1/2P	Lana R - KZ
Aydin A - 2S	Muhammad A - 2S	Lucy G - 1J	Bek H - KS	Oumou J - 4P
Manha K - KW	Sadaf Z - 1/2P	Hebba B - 5/6S	Ethan K - 5/6S	Noah M - 5/6N
Ayaan K - 2R	Talea B - 5/6T	Jacob K - 3D	Tamana S - 3D	Sarah B - K/3L
Zainab M - 5/6N	Roxana Z - 2S	Asma S - 1T	Mohamed H - 3/6S	Tiana B - 2/6LJ
Taylor R - 2/6LJ	Arda O - 4R	Aiza H - 3S	Simran D - 4/5O	Demirhan D - 4/5O
Kush C - 5/6S	Joanne B - 5/6S	Payson P - KW	Birgul D - KZ	Sara T - 2/3O
Ella S - 2/3O	Mehran N - 5/6K			

GOLD AWARDS



Manha K - KW	Rick D - 5/6S	Hasan R - 5/6S	Lana R - KZ	Saraiya A - KZ
Kavin S - KZ	Ahmad H - KZ	Harvest W - 2R	Bassem C - K/3L	Newralia T - 2S
Dlan R - 5/6N	Ilknur A - 5/6N	Angelo S - KF	Sonny S - 5/6D	Sara H - KF
Omar G - 5/6D	Hiba A - 5/6D	Mohamed A - 5/6D	Adam M - 5/6D	Maalak H - 3D
Mohammad N - 3D	Ibrahim A - 1J	Ameer E - 5/6D	Siendra D - 1C	

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

Students in Year 5 have received updates involving a transition day at MHS on Monday 11 November. Please return permission notes to class teachers by Friday 8 November. No money involved.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR NOTES GOING HOME

To assist with family budgeting and administration processing, the following notes will be going home on the following dates:

Class	Event	Date Note going home	Total Cost	School Funded	Cost to Parent	Due Date
Yrs 3-6	League (Oz) Tag Gala Day <i>Selected students only</i>	11.11.19	\$7.00 or \$10 family		\$7.00 or \$10 family	15.11.19
Yrs K-2	Movie Day	11.11.19	\$26.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	22.11.19
Yrs 5-6	Year 6 Farewell	18.11.19	\$22.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	6.12.19
Yrs 2-6	Swim Gala Day	25.11.19	\$4.00		\$4.00	5.12.19
Yrs 5-6	Funday	25.11.19	\$26.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	16.12.19

We would love to hear your feedback with this new procedure.

STAGE 2 OVERNIGHT EXCURSION

Our Stage 2 overnight excursion is happening on Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 November. All students are asked to **be at school by 8.30am** on Monday so that we can be on the bus to leave by 8.50am.



STUDENT GEAR CHECKLIST (3-DAY CENTRE PROGRAM)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 T-shirts (no mid-riff or sleeveless shirts allowed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch (make sure it is working before you bring it on camp) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 pairs of shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 water bottle (1 litre capacity minimum) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 long sleeve shirts or jumpers | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent and Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pair of long pants for cold weather | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of sensible joggers or boots (1 old pair that you can get wet - no thongs!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare socks and underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 plastic bags to put your dirty or wet clothes in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat or cap | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries - toothbrush, toothpaste, soap. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 raincoat | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 towels (1 for outdoors, 1 for showers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimmers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pillow and pillow case | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair tie for abseiling (if you have long hair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 sleeping bag or sheet/s with blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 plate, 1 bowl, 1 fork, 1 knife, 1 spoon, 1 cup and tea towel (mess kit) |

Note:

In addition to the above items it is also recommended that you bring a small day pack so that personal items such as medications, water bottles, hats, raincoats, insect repellents and sunscreens can be easily carried during the day.

If your program includes a visit to the Watagan Mountains a separate gear checklist outlining the specific items to be packed for the visit should be included with your camp information.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION 2020



Kindergarten Transition 2020

Part 1: Information and class visits

Thursday 14 November 2019

Time: 2.00pm - 2.50pm

Part 2: Special Guests and class visits

Thursday 21 November 2019

Time: 2.00pm - 2.50pm

Part 3: Compulsory interviews and class visits

Thursday 28 November 2019

Time: 2.00pm - 2.50pm

Part 4: School Tour and class visits

Thursday 5 December 2019

Time: 2.00pm - 2.50pm



Come and visit our school

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2019 UNIFORM ROOM OPENING HOURS

Tuesday	8.30-9.15am	
Thursday	2.30-3.30pm	Cash only
Friday	8.30-9.15am	

STUDENT NUMBERS

The number of students who will be at the school in 2020 is important in the planning process at this time of year. The number of teachers and classrooms depends on the number of students. Therefore, if you have yet to enrol a Kindergarten aged child for next year please come to the office as soon as possible to complete the enrolment process.

Also if you are away or moving and your child will not be returning to Merrylands Public school on the first day back in 2020, please contact the office (9632 9709) as soon as possible or complete and return the form below.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

My child/ren (please write names and class) _____

will not be returning to Merrylands Public School in 2020 until _____ reason _____

OR will not be returning to Merrylands Public School 2020 due to _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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	Spaghetti & 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
RESPONSIBLE on the grass area.**

We demonstrate this by:

Playing sensibly
 Sharing the space
 Waiting for the teacher
 Letting others join in activities
 Reporting accidents to the duty teacher
 Leaving the grass area when the bell rings

