



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bushfires and Air Quality

As a Department of Education school we are continuing to receive updates about how our school is to operate in the current conditions; particularly with regard to air quality and outside activities. Yesterday all playtime was inside and we postponed our Kindergarten excursion to next Wednesday. We will continue to send out Facebook and Skoolbag messages when there are changes. Our priority is always student health and safety. If your child experiences asthma at any time and you have not yet notified the school please do so as a matter of high importance.

Koori Kulture Day

Some of our students were able to attend a combined primary & high school day of shared and celebrated culture on Wednesday. Some of our students were part of the Fairfield AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultation Group) Dance Mob who performed at the opening ceremony, which was a privilege as only six schools were part of this group. There were over 20 schools represented on the day and Miss Tarzia reported that everyone had a wonderful time. I hope that next year is even bigger and more of our students will be able to attend.

Oval upgrade

In two weeks time the work will begin on our oval upgrade which means it will not be able to be used for the rest of the year. We know how much our students love to play football and soccer, but they will need to be patient while the work is being done. With the Christmas break in a matter of weeks, the grass won't be laid until mid/late January, so our oval may still be off limits for a few weeks of Term 1, but I am sure it will be worth the wait!

Maintenance Work

Some identified areas of maintenance and upgrading are underway at the moment starting with painting at various places around the school. I thank everyone for their patience and flexibility while we try to enable this work to be done quickly and efficiently with minimal disruption.

Staffing

We are in the process of organising staffing for 2020. At this stage only the four teachers on our Kindergarten team are 'locked in' with Kinder O starting. The executive have worked on a plan however, the final details won't be announced until the start of 2020 school year due to the possibility of unanticipated enrolments or students leaving. Congratulations to Mrs Bourne, who was recently appointed to a permanent position at our school through transfer.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 26 November

Variety Club excursion

Wednesday 27 November

Farm Excursion (Kinder and K/3L)

Woolworths Blast Cricket Years 3&4

Thursday 28 November

Kinder Orientation (Week 3)

Woolworths Blast Cricket Years 5&6

Monday 2 December

Capoeira Performance

Tuesday 3 December

Merrylands HS Orientation

Thursday 5 December

Year 2-6 Swim Gala Day

Kinder Orientation (Week 4)

Monday 9 December

Thank You Morning Tea

Tuesday 10 December

K-2 Movies Excursion

Thursday 12 December

Presentation Day

Friday 13 December

League Tag Gala Day

PSSA Bye

Tuesday 17 December

Stage 3 Bowling Excursion

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18 December

Last Day of 2019 for all students

Wednesday 29 January 2020

First Day 2020 for Years 1-6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued**Kindergarten 2020**

We currently have four full classes of students for Kindergarten 2020 and are half way through our Kinder Orientation program. If you know of any neighbours with Kinder 2020 children, who are in area for our school and haven't yet enrolled, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Concerns/issues

Please be aware that we also have an executive teacher (Assistant Principal) responsible for day to day matters each day of the week, as well as Mrs Timbs in the deputy role and myself in the principal role. If your child speaks to you about an incident at school and you have not had a phone-call from the school, please come to the office, and one of the executive will be happy to speak to you. Sometimes students talk about things that happened at school when they go home and haven't told any teacher while at school, so if we can follow up on the same day it is always better.

Road Safety

There are ongoing concerns about the driving behaviour of some of our families. We all understand that there are a limited number of parking spaces close to the school but the safety of children must take priority over convenience. I am also aware that some people may not be fully aware of the penalties associated with what may seem like a quick solution to a parking problem.

Please do not beep the horn and expect children to walk/run across the road unaccompanied. It can be hard for children to judge the speed of oncoming vehicles and we don't want anyone injured.

Please follow the road rules with regard to double white lines, pedestrian crossings, no parking and no stopping signs. Cumberland Council have traffic officers at the school without prior warning and fines are issued on the spot.

Law	Description	Fine	Demerit points
Sec 650 (1)	Stand vehicle in disabled persons parking space without authority	\$572	1
Rule 167	Disobey no stopping sign*	\$268	
Rule 168 (1)	Disobey no parking sign*	\$114	
Rule 171 (1)	Stop on/near children's crossing*	\$344	2
Rule 172 (1)	Stop on/near pedestrian crossing*	\$344	2
Rule 173 (1)	Stop on/near marked foot crossing*	\$344	2

No parking

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes.

No stopping / No standing

These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Sometimes a no stopping area is indicated by a solid yellow edge line.

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CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR SASS STAFF

Yesterday our School Administrative Manager, School Administrative Officers and School Learning Support Officers attended a Christmas breakfast at the Holroyd Centre in Merrylands. At this breakfast they were celebrated for all their hard work in 2019.



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 K-2	Movie Day	11.11.19	\$26.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	22.11.19
Yrs 5-6	Zone Bowling	18.11.19	\$26.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	6.12.19
Yrs 2-6	Swim Gala Day	25.11.19	\$4.00	NA	\$4.00	5.12.19
Yrs 5-6	Year 6 Farewell	25.11.19	\$22.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	6.12.19

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

SKOOLBAG

Stay in the loop with our school through the Skoolbag App, operating on iPhones and Android phones.

As well as receiving alerts and newsletters electronically, you can send your child's absentee notes to the school direct via the App.



WOOLWORTHS CUP CRICKET

Next week we have organised an intra school Woolworths Blast Cricket competitions. These will be held at Merrylands Oval on Wednesday 27 November for Years 3 and 4 and Thursday 28 November for Years 5 and 6. Students need to return permission notes to class teachers by Monday 25 November so teams can be finalised and Cricket Australia staff allocated. There is no money involved. Games will be conducted under modified rules with modified equipment ie plastic bats and stumps and soft rubber balls. It will give the students an opportunity to practise skills they have been learning on Friday mornings. They will depart at 9:00am and return by 1:00pm. Sports uniform, drink bottle and recess will be required.

Due to all students having the opportunity to play in Gala Days next week and PSSA teams are scheduled for a Bye, we have decided to cancel sport next Friday 29 November.

LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

Over 70 of our students played in a League Tag Gala Day on Wednesday 20 November at Doyle Park, North Parramatta. More than 100 other children expressed an interest in attending but we were limited to the number of teams entered. We, therefore, have organised an intra school competition on Friday 13 December after the sporting commitments are completed at Merrylands Oval so all students may get an opportunity to compete in matches against each other.

SPORT REPORT

Point score for PSSA Sport as at 15/11/19 (6 completed rounds).

T-BALL - GIRLS	T-BALL - BOYS	SOFTBALL—GIRLS	SOFTBALL - BOYS
Sherwood Grange - 11	Greystanes - 9	Merrylands - 11	Merrylands - 11
Greystanes - 9	Hilltop - 8	Parramatta West - 10	Hilltop - 9
Hilltop - 8	Widemere - 8	Hilltop - 10	Parramatta West - 8
Merrylands - 7	Merrylands - 7	Sherwood Grange - 5	Sherwood Grange - 7
Ringrose - 6	Ringrose - 7	Widemere - 5	Greystanes - 6
Parramatta West - 5	Sherwood Grange - 5	Ringrose - 4	Widemere - 4
Widemere - 2	Parramatta West - 4	Greystanes - 3	Ringrose - 3

CRICKET - JUNIOR	CRICKET - SENIORS
Greystanes - 11	Greystanes - 11
Parramatta West - 10	Ringrose - 10
Ringrose - 9	Parramatta West - 9
Hilltop - 6	Sherwood Grange - 7
Merrylands - 5	Merrylands - 5
Sherwood Grange - 5	Hilltop - 4

SPORT REPORT

Below is a draw for the remainder of the season.

Date	VS	Where
22/11	Sherwood Grange	Jones Park - CANCELLED
29/11	Bye	NO afternoon training. No Sport.
6/12	Finals	1st and 2nd on competition ladder to play grand final. Games at Jones Park/Ollie Webb, to be confirmed.

PSSA RESULTS

TEAM	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
T-Ball Girls	WON 12-5	Chloe M - Great fielding Najma - Great fielding Lisa - Great catching
T-Ball Boys	WON 8-1	Siosuia F - Great batting and running Lonise - Great effort! Ali Sina - Good game!
Softball Girls	WON 13-0	Teegan - First base play Damla - Confident play Shaddai - Great game
Softball Boys	WON 10-9	Mohamad A - Great third base play Mujtaba - Nice catching! Edward - Thinking on 2nd base

VS Widemere 7/11/19

TEAM	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
T-Ball Girls	LOST	Lisa - Great sportsmanship Amira - Always trying her best! Hannah - Great teamwork
T-Ball Boys	LOST	Taw T - Great batting Divine - Fantastic fielding Siosuia F - Great effort
Softball Girls	WON 9-2	Bianca - Striking hard Farahnaz - 2 home runs Shaddai - Super base running
Softball Boys	WON 7-2	Adam - Brilliant double play Zous - Confident batting Michael - Great catch
Cricket Juniors	LOSS	Zakia - Good sportsmanship Aiza - Good bowling Tabish - Good bowling
Cricket Seniors	LOSS	Abid - Batting Cameron - Sportsmanship Oliver - Bowling and catching

VS Greystanes 15/11/19

MERIT AWARDS

Dlan R - 5/6N	Oliver M - 5/6N	Tevita A - 1/2P	Mariam M - 5/6N	Ralf C - 2/3O
Tuqaa A - 4P	Anxin L - 5/6T	Mohammad M - 5/6T	Zakayla H - KS	Zainab K - 2/3O
Teegan L - 5/6K	Razia M - 4/5O	Elyssa S - 2/3O	Aaira G - 2/3O	Maria N - 1T
Adam T - KW	Bianca S - 2S	Narjis A - 4/5O	Abdurrahman M - 3D	Roman O - KF
Anusha N - 2R	Yusuf A - KZ	Muzhgan T - 4R	Rayan M - 2R	Simon F - 3/6S
Marrjon S - 3/6S	Elaha J - 3D	Sabah E - 1T	Isata J - 1T	Quinton H - KS
Zous S - 5/6K	Ehsan M - KW	Hannah P - 5/6T	Kyana H - 2S	Moqadas L - 4P
Jason K - KF	Fatmata D - K/3L	Amira H - K/3L		

GOLD AWARDS

Ali G - 2S	Emel A - 2S	Millad A - 2S	Naved Q - 2/3O	Ryan B - 2/3O
Sarah W - KW	Ahil A - KS	Elyssa S - 2/3O	Samira K - 2S	Jeremiah C - 1J
Daniel A - 1C	Hussein N - 1C	Mia S - 5/6S	Muhammad A - 2S	Celina A - 2S
Mohammad S - KF	Zahra S - KF	Remas A - KS	Saad M - 2/3O	Ali H - 5/6K
Muzzammil A - 1T	Noah J - 1T	Bianca S - 2S	Moqadas L - 4P	Subhan N - 4P
Taghred M - 4R	Jin Hao L—2S	Monique F - 5/6D	Raechel J - 5/6D	Elaha J - 3D
Dana A - 1T	Shaun W - 1J			

STAGE 3 - TERM 4

Stage 3 are continuing their learning every day. We have had important presentations from the Youth Liaison Officer, Constable Jamal from Merrylands Police. Some important messages for us to remember is to have open communication with our parents and teachers and that the Kids Helpline is available to us.

Young people contact Kids Helpline about all kinds of things including friendships and relationships, family issues, bullying and cyberbullying, school and study stress, gender identity, sexuality, mental health, feeling sad or upset, body issues, or because they're feeling unsafe.



There's no issue too big or too small that Kids Helpline can't support you with. They are there to help!

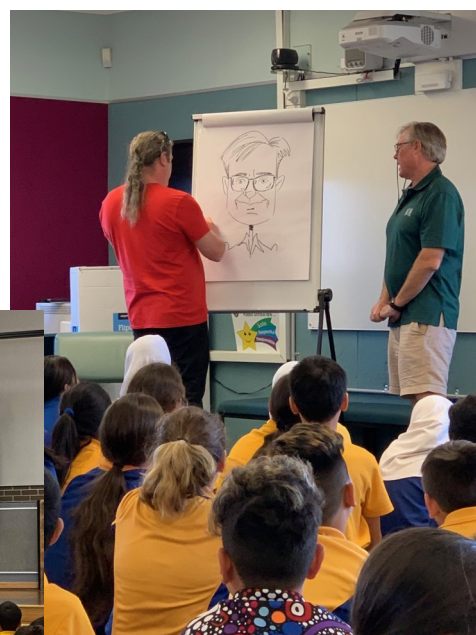
Kids Helpline are always open! 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. They are open every public holiday including Christmas Day.

What's the fastest way to contact you?

Call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. This is the fastest way to connect with a counsellor.

RUSS THE BUS

The cartoonist Jules Faber who has illustrated many Anh Do books also visited with Russ the Bus and we all received a free book. A wonderful drawing of Mr Douglas was done, looks just like him!



JOEL THOMPSON WELL BEING PRESENTATION

We were privileged to have Joel Thompson a Manly NRL player who talked to us about being resilient and being the best people we can be.



WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

We also successfully completed the Water Safety and Swimming program. Well done to all participants and certificates will be in their report folders.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS

Our assignment tasks are due each week so we are organising our home time to ensure we return these tasks on time and with consideration to presentation and creativity.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND CELEBRATION EXCURSION

The Year 6 Farewell invitations will be sent home next week and this week the Stage 3 Celebration Excursion note was sent home.

STAGE 1 - TERM 4

Year 2 are collaboratively working in our new spaces investigating the changes in our world. This week our focus was to see whether materials dissolve, separates and combines.



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	Pie or Sausage Roll & 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



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 _____