



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was a great event last Friday at our Swimming Carnival with a range of activities for our primary students; swimming races, games on the grass and games in the splash pool. Thank you to all our staff and families for supporting this event.

COMMUNITY MEETING

It was wonderful to have over 20 parents attend the Community Meeting last Friday. A lady from Migrant Resources was there to share some valuable information with our families who are new to the area. Everyone is welcome as it is a great opportunity to meet other parents – not to mention the wonderful morning tea! There are volunteers here to help mind small children who come with their parents.



MEET THE TEACHER- Years K to 6

The note is going home today with all the information about Meet The Teacher in Week 5. This year we are trying to enable all our parents with children in different grades to have a dedicated afternoon just for each child. We hope this helps our families and would value your feedback about this. As the note states, if you wish to make an appointment to discuss individual student concerns, please contact the office.

HARMONY DAY – 21 MARCH

Advance notice to our families that we are working on plans for a wonderful Harmony Day at Merrylands PS so please keep this date free in your calendar. There are a few dance groups already practising, but if any students or families are involved or connected with various cultural groups, we would love to talk to you about being involved. I already know that some of our families are looking forward to sharing food that reflects their family heritage & many of us are looking forward to eating it! If you have any ideas or suggestions, please make contact with Miss Thorne or Mrs McDonald.

PARKING TO DROP OFF & PICK UP STUDENTS

As our number of students continues to grow, so does the number of vehicles needing parking around our school. There is no onsite parking due to the new build, so all staff park in the street also. I am asking all of our drivers to be patient, cautious and also very attentive to the parking signs. We regularly have parking officers visit the school and unfortunately a number of parents have been fined. We are including some further information about this in the newsletter, which I would ask you to read carefully.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/VISITORS**

A code of conduct for parents and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

Parents and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy,
- Ensure their child/children are punctual to class,
- Make appointments in advance when expecting to see staff during teaching times,
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students (parents are not to challenge other students or attempt to resolve issues),
- Entry on school grounds may be imposed to people who do not in a safe and harmonious manner.
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Any person contravening this Code of Conduct is advised that the provisions of the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments* may be followed. This allows schools to restrict access to the school or to deny entry to the school.

Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school.

IMPORTANT DATES***Thursday 21 February***

Author visit for Years 3-6

Friday 22 February

Basketball Skills Program

Ball Skills Program

PSSA begins

Wednesday 27 February

Crazy Hair /Sock Day - Year 6 Fundraiser

Monday 4 March

Year 6 MHS transition

Tuesday 5 March

Zone Swimming Carnival

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.

If you would like more information, please go to the school office for instructions.



LIBRARY NEWS

Term One's Library Timetable is s follows:

MONDAY: 4/5O, 5/6D, 5/6K, 5/6N, 5/6S, 5/6T

TUESDAY: 4P, 3S, 2/6LJ

WEDNESDAY: 3D, 2S, KF, 2/3O, 4R

THURSDAY: 1/2P, 2R, K/3L, 3/6S, KZ, KS

FRIDAY: 1C, 1J, KW, 1T

Students will need a library bag to borrow. A plastic bag is fine.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday February 21 we are excited to welcome Irena Kobald to our school library to talk to our Year 3-6 students.

Irena is the author of the book "My Two Blankets" which is a beautiful book that sheds light on the difficulties sometimes experienced when people move to live in a different country.

There is no cost to attend.

MEET THE TEACHER

We would like to invite all parents to come along to our Meet the Teacher afternoons next week. This is an opportunity to become familiar with your child's teacher and to receive class and stage information. Teachers will inform you of the organisation and routine for your child's stage. This is not a parent/teacher interview. If you would like to discuss your individual child's progress please make an appointment for a suitable time with the classroom teacher. The timetable for these discussions is below:

When	Stage/Classes	Where
Monday 25 February	Stage 3 - 5/6D, 5/6S, 5/6N, 5/6K, 5/6T	School hall
Tuesday 26 February	Stage 1 – 1T, 1J, 1C, 1/2P, 2S, 2R, 2/3O	Student Classrooms followed by school hall
Wednesday 27 February	Stage 2 – 3S, 3D, 4P, 4R, 4/5O	Student Classrooms followed by school hall
Thursday 28 February	Early Stage 1 – KS, KW, KF, KZ Support Unit classes- K-3L, 2-6LJ, 3-6S	Student Classrooms

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

PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR CREDIT.
ALL FOOD MUST BE PAID FOR AT TIME OF ORDERING.

The canteen is unable to heat up lunches. Please do not send food that requires reheating.

This week's Star Message is:

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

We demonstrate this by:

- Being kind to others
- Looking after our school
- Using good manners
- Using correct names and titles
- Allowing others their personal space



MERIT AWARDS

Jenissi T	1/2P	Being a wonderful listener
John M	1/2P	Amazing reading
Azzam S	1J	Positive attitude towards learning
Amarr M	1J	Positive attitude towards leaning
Hussein N	1C	Settling in well in his new class
Aroz F	4P	A great start at Merrylands Public School
Sabah E	1T	Following class rules
Stayash A	1C	Making new friends in her new class
Thomas W	K/3L	Great start to Kindergarten
Addison B	4/5O	For having a great start to the year
Ella S	2/3O	Working hard in all areas
Ismat W	5/6T	For being a champion and taking initiative with class jobs
Ali M	5/6N	Excellent writing
Teegan L	5/6K	Always showing her 5L's during class time
Zainab A	5/6S	Being such a kind, polite and friendly student
Arda O	4R	Being an exceptional learner
Rami M	2S	Working hard in all areas
Mehmet D	2/3O	Working hard in all areas
Zeinab M	2R	Positive start to Year 2
Christian T	2R	Positive start to Merrylands Public School
Ruici G	KZ	Always using his 5L's
Miri A	KF	For being a helpful member of KF
Payson P	KW	Always trying her best
Jalal B	5/6D	Excellent start in a new school environment
Yasmine M	5/6D	Excellent start in a new school environment

Chloe M	2S	Always being kind to her friends
Jade P	5/6N	Making positive choices in class
Matina N	5/6T	For consistently doing her best in all aspects of school
Ahil A	KS	For always trying his best
Qasim M	4P	Fantastic independent writing
Benjamin N	2R	Positive approach to learning
Ryan B	2/3O	Working hard in all areas
Sara T	2/3O	Creative thinking
Eumi O	K/3L	Wonderful start to Kindergarten
Temalisi T	1T	Great participation in all class lessons
Maryam M	3/6S	For a positive to the year
Yasmein S	4R	Always helping her peers
Shekinah S	2/6LJ	Welcome to Merrylands Public School
Kosay G	3D	For being an enthusiastic Learner

WHAT OUR TEACHERS ARE LEARNING....



Miss Jackson and Miss Ristivojevic hard at work learning to update the school website.

Everyone at Merrylands Public School is always learning something new.

SPORT REPORT

PSSA

Term 1 PSSA teams have been announced by Mrs Douglas for softball, Mr Sadler for cricket and Miss Ristivojevic for T-ball. Afternoon practice sessions commence this week.

Cricket Training - Wednesday 3:00pm-4:00pm

Softball, T-Ball and Netball Training - Thursday 3:00pm-4:00pm

DATE	OPPONENT	WHERE
22/2	Sherwood Grange	Ollie Webb
1/3	Widemere	Jones Park Cricket - Merrylands High School for training as Widemere do not have a cricket team.
8/3	Hilltop	Ted Burge
15/3	Ringrose	Ollie Webb

SCHOOL SPORT

School Sport students have been invited to participate in 2 programs for this term. Both will be held at Merrylands Oval and involves no cost but there are limited spaces available.

Stage 3 (Years 5/6) - Basketball Skills organised by Miss Kotarski, with sessions conducted by the Western Sydney Wolves development officers and players. There is a limit of 40 students for this activity.

Stage 2 (Years 3/4) - Ball Skills Program organised by Mr Douglas to allow students to develop the ability to catch, throw, kick move and play as a team. This should assist them when trialling for our Winter PSSA Sports (Rugby League, Soccer/Football, Netball and Newcombe Ball. There is a limit of 50 students for this activity).

Permission slips must be returned to Miss Kotarski and Mr Douglas by Thursday 21 February 2019 through class teachers. Mrs Di Giglio will then organise sporting activities for the remaining students in the school playgrounds.

PARRAMATTA NRL VISIT

Parramatta NRL Development officers and players visited our school today to address some of our Stage 3 students on the concepts of hydration, sleep, a healthy lifestyle and being a part of a team.



Our captains were presented with a Parramatta Eels jersey.



Winners are Grinners!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival at Guildford Pool was a huge success with maximum participation, water confidence and fun being the main elements. Miss Gilto, Miss Nguyen and Miss Kotarski did a brilliant job coordinating the experience for nearly 300 students. Ribbons for the place getters in the 50m events will be awarded at today's assembly. Our team for the Merrylands/Parramatta Zone Carnival on Tuesday 5 March 2019 will be announced later this week.

