



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2019 school year for all our students & families – especially those who are new to our school community. I would like to thank all of the students, staff and families who have made me feel so welcomed at MPS! This year we will commence with 24 classes for our 560 students. We now have a permanent Deputy Principal position, which is held by Mrs Timbs and this means that there will be a new Instructional Leader and Assistant Principal appointed later this term.

Thanks to the efforts of the office staff, executive and our teachers, we were able to form our classes last Friday. As stated in the note that students took home, this is contingent on our enrolments and may need some revision as our enrolments change throughout the year. If this does occur, families will be informed prior to any change. I have met quite a few parents just out in the playground or via the office. If you would like to have a sit down meeting with me, please come to the office so we can make a time.

P&C COMMUNITY GROUP

There are some wonderful opportunities at this school to meet and connect with other families & also to become involved in school life. Our Community Group will meet this Friday and our P&C will be meeting next Tuesday. I hope that many of our new parents will come along and join in.

WEATHER

We have had some challenging days with the hot weather over the last week. I am extremely grateful to the 2018 P&C and families for the fundraising that they did to provide the shade shelters – which we have really needed. Over the next few weeks we will be trialling a few different areas around the school that may help our students have a more enjoyable playtime. We have also had some discussions with students about spiders and keeping safe, as the hot humid weather can be an ideal time for them to flourish. Please remind your child/ren to have their hat in their bag each day and also a water bottle. We have air conditioners in each classroom and also have a provision for inside play if it gets too hot to be outside according to the department guidelines.

EARLY ARRIVALS

I would like to remind all parents that formal school supervision begins at 8.30am each morning and continues during play breaks throughout the day. While the school understands that many parents have commitments at work which require them to leave before 8.30 am, it must be noted that staff supervision is NOT available prior to this time. Therefore students are not to be at school before 8.30am.

Although only one week of school has been completed there have been a large number of students who have not been picked up at 3.00pm. At 3.10pm a second afternoon bell rings and all students not with a parent or carer must report to the office. At 4.00 pm Family and Community services or the police will be contacted if a student has not been collected.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued**STUDENT ISSUES**

At times there may be issues between students at school. If there are issues please see a teacher. Parents and caregivers are not to address other students at school. If there is a serious issue please see myself or one of the Assistant Principals.

STUDENT SAFETY

Currently the senior students close the gates every morning at approximately 9.15 am. If as an adult you are entering the school grounds please fasten the gate. This is to ensure no student leaves the school grounds unless accompanied by an adult. This is particularly important for our younger students.

2019 STAFF

KZ	Ms Zammit	Support Unit	
KS	Mrs Brien	2/6LJ	Ms Watson and Mrs Cowell
KF	Miss Fenech	K/3L	Mrs Lindermann and Miss El-Hachem
KW	Miss Walker	3/6S	Miss Jackson
1C	Miss Clarke		
1J	Miss Jacobs	School Learning Support Officer	
1T	Miss Tarzia	Mrs Hardaker	
1/2P	Miss Ponton	Mrs Walsh	
2R	Miss Robinson	Mrs Stamos	
2S	Mrs Swinfield	Miss E.Douglas	
2/30	Miss Orlando	Mrs Speechley	
3D	Mrs DiGiglio	Miss I.Douglas	
3S	Mr Sadler		
4P	Mr Pegley		
4R	Miss Ristivojevic		
4/50	Ms Kotarski		
5/6D	Mr Douglas/Mrs Douglas		
5/6K	Miss Kalamvokis		
5/6N	Miss Nguyen		
5/6T	Miss Gilto		
5/6S	Miss Salameh		

Specialist Teachers

Mr Cassidy

Miss Thorne

Mrs Timbs

Mrs Bourne

Mrs Momsem

Mrs McDonald

Mrs Chok

Mr Welsh

Ms Zvirgzdins

Mrs Truscott

Mrs Collins

Mrs Cornwell (Mon)

Office Staff:

Business Manager Mrs Zammit

School Administrative Manager Mrs Chryss

School Administrative Officer

Mrs Maxwell

Mrs Christo

Mrs Hancock

School Counsellor

Mr Escobar Rojas (Mon and Wed)

Mr Mehmood Bhamjee (odd week Fridays)

Canteen Supervisor

Mrs Bartlett

General Assistant

Mr Shane

Mr Smith (Friday)

Principal

Mrs Bronwyn York

Deputy Principal

Mrs Nicole Timbs

IMPORTANT DATES***Wednesday 5 February***

Years 3-6 NRL development Program

Friday 8 February

PSSA Trials

Community Meeting 9:15am in staffroom

Tuesday 12 February

P & C Meeting in the school hall at 9:15am

Friday 15 February

School Swimming Carnival

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS**Tuesday and Friday 8:30am to 9:00am.****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.

CANTEEN SPECIALS \$4.50

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Hot Dog w/ Oreo & Jelly Drink	Chicken Burger or Hamburger (\$5.50 with drink)	Macaroni & Cheese & Water	Lasagne & Milk	Pie/Sausage Roll or Chicken Pie & 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 **SAFE** when moving around
the school.

We demonstrate this by:

- Taking a buddy when leaving the room
- Informing teachers of any danger
- Using toilets appropriately
- Being alert/ watching where we are going
- Being sun safe
- Keeping left in corridors and on stairs



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE: PRIVACY INFORMATION

Students from K-6 will be attempting the Premiers Reading Challenge at Merrylands Public School this year.

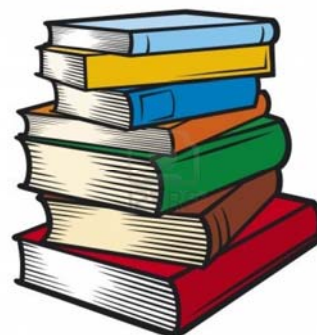
Two conditions of entering the Challenge are that students may receive a certificate and their name may appear on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll. Certificates have the student's name and school printed on them. The Honour Roll lists students names in the PRC website only. Names are listed in alphabetical order (not by school) and no other identifying features are included.

Parents or caregivers who **do not want their child to receive a certificate or have their name published on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll** should inform Mrs Collins in the library.

Kind regards

Mrs S Collins

Teacher-Librarian



OFFICE NEWS

Welcome back to 2019. If there is anything that we can assist our families with, please feel free to visit the office during the hours of **8:30am - 3:15pm**, we will be more than happy to help.

It is most important that the office has your most recent and up to date information. If over the course of the holidays your family situation has changed or phone numbers and addresses need updating, please advise the office.

If your child has medication such as asthma puffers that are kept in the office, please come and visit us to see us to check that they are still in date. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to keep up to date medications and supplies in the school office.

Money collection remains the same, all payments are to be paid with correct money placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and what the payment is for, with the permission note then placed in the money box outside the window at the front office. No late payments can be accepted.

Looking forward to another year

SPORT REPORT

YEARS 3-6 RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAMS

NRL Parramatta development officers are visiting the school tomorrow, Wednesday 6 February to organise sessions for our Years 3-6 students. All classes will practise basic passing, running and evasion skills in 30 minute lessons. Students require joggers and hats to participate.

As well as the above program, Parramatta Rugby League players will be visiting the school on Tuesday 19 February 2019. They will address our Years 5 and 6 students on the topics of self-esteem, resilience and healthy lifestyle.

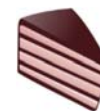
PSSA

Trials for Summer P.S.S.A teams will be held this Friday at Merrylands High School. Permission slips should be returned to class teachers who will forward them to the coaches on Thursday. Competition commences on Friday 22 February. A draw for Term 1 will be included in that week's newsletter.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School Swimming Carnival is being held at Guildford Pool on Friday 15 February. Permission slips should be returned to class teachers by Monday 11 February 2019. There is no charge for students.

COFFEE N CHAT!!



Hello everyone! Merrylands PS wants to provide a space for parents and carers to relax, have a cup of tea/coffee and meet other parents and carers too. Everyone is welcome.

Where: Staffroom (office block)
When: Friday Morning 9:15-10:15am

Looking forward to seeing you.
(Dari, Farsi, Pashto, Hindi, Urdu, Hazaraghi interpreter available.)



WELCOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AND OUR NEW FAMILIES

We would like to welcome all of our Kindergarten 2019 students and all new families. We hope you enjoy the Merrylands Public School experience.

