



# MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### STAR PLAY

Congratulations to the students who received Star Play last week as an acknowledgement that they are showing our school values of being SAFE, RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE.

### GREAT LEARNING

It has been wonderful to have students show me their learning and so pleasing to see them in the classroom engaged in their learning tasks. I have noticed the variety of ways that technology is integrated into daily classroom activities to support literacy and numeracy. Keep up the great work students!

### CYBER-SAFETY

At school our teachers ensure that students are supported and monitored in their use of technology and access of learning material from the internet. We discuss cyber-safety with our students and report any breaches in the Department of Education's protocols in this area. Can I encourage all our families to remain vigilant outside of the school setting with regard to cyber-safety so that our children can benefit from these technologies and hopefully avoid the pitfalls.

### SAFE PARKING

Parents/carers – please remember your responsibility to model SAFE behaviour for all road safety. I have already noticed parents doing 3-point turns over double white lines next to the crossing – which will incur a fine if police are onsite – but more importantly it is dangerous to students and other vehicles. There is no onsite parking for any staff and I realise that this means extra cars needing parking in the adjacent streets, but I would ask that we keep student safety in the forefront of our driving decisions.

### LATE ARRIVAL & LATE PICK-UP

When the bell rings at 9.00am all students are expected to be at their star line. The roll is marked as soon as students go into class and any student arriving after 9.10am must get a late note from the office .

In the afternoon the bell goes at 3.00pm. If your child is not collected by 3.10pm they are escorted to the office, where their name and class are recorded by an Executive teacher. When they are collected the reason for lateness is also recorded. Repeated lateness in morning or afternoon is reported to our Home School Liaison Officer. Lateness in the morning interrupts learning time for the class and lateness in the afternoon interrupts school staff attending meetings and completing administration tasks.

**ZONE CARNIVAL**

All the best to the 17 students who represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival today. We hope to hear some great results. We are proud of their effort and know they will have been great ambassadors for our school.

**P&C**

I would encourage all parents to attend our P&C meeting next week as we have some important decisions to make. The meeting will take about an hour and everyone is welcome.

**DANNY VALE**

Welcome to Danny Vale who plays football for Parramatta Eels. He is working at our school for 3 afternoons each week supporting our Aboriginal students and other school programs. This is part of a traineeship program to provide future career opportunities for young sports people.

**IMPORTANT DATES*****Tuesday 13 March***

P & C Meeting - school hall

***Thursday 14 March***

Legends Shield Rugby League Day - Years 3 to 6 boys

***Tuesday 19 March***

Parramatta Schoolgirls Challenge Gala Day

***Friday 23 March***

NO PSSA this week, this means no training

**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.



## XO Computer Donation

Last week students and teachers packed our XO computers in boxes to be donated to children in Pakistan. The children receiving the computers are some of the most deprived children in our society, many of these children have never even owned a toy in their lives. Merrylands Public School students are now using laptops and iPads to teach technology skills in the classroom. Thank you to the students who helped clean and pack the XO's at lunch time.





**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 credit. If you pre-order your lunch 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.

**This week's Star Message is:**

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

**We demonstrate this by:**

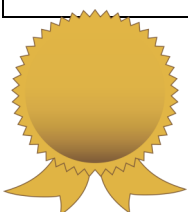
- Being kind to others
- Looking after our school
- Using good manners
- Using correct names and titles
- Allowing others their personal space



## MERIT AWARDS

Amira H	K/3L	Great improvement in writing
Salma B	1/2P	Stretching out words she doesn't know when writing
Rawez A	KW	Being respectful in all settings
Jaden H	1J	Great effort in reading groups
Eva P	1J	Fantastic descriptive writing
Maryam A	KS	For being a good friend
Emre Y	1T	Great effort in Math
Ahmad A	1C	Trying hard in all areas
Ayza A	2R	Positive start to learning in 2R
Nurullah T	5/6N	Always working hard
Jema G	2/6LJ	An amazing start to 2019
Mohammad E	5/6K	Being an enthusiastic learner and always trying his best
Kush C	5/6S	Having such a great attitude to school and learning
Chloe M	3D	Excellent writing
Michal K	4P	For being a responsible student
Talea B	5/6T	For being an amazing peer teacher
Azad R	5/6D	Using mature language in his writing
Ali B	5/6D	Outstanding basic maths calculations
Moses W	4/5O	Excellent class manners
Miracle A	1J	Trying hard to read with fluency
Connie C	KZ	Great work in all learning areas
Liyah B	4R	Great mathematical thinking
Mariam M	5/6N	Creating interesting sentences
Angelo S	KF	Trying his best in reading
Isabella C	1/2P	For being a reliable student

Mabuba Q	4R	Amazing writing
Ali T	2S	Improvement in writing
Sarah W	KW	Being an excellent helper
Marwah K	1J	Fantastic descriptive writing
Daniel J	1J	Always trying his best
Artiola H	5/6K	Outstanding effort in class activities
Stayesh H	5/6S	Excellent listening skills and participation in class discussions
Setelo M	1T	Fantastic writing
Bek H	KS	For always listening to the teacher
Maisam H	1C	Working hard in all areas
Yasna O	1C	Excellent effort in writing
Mohammad M	3D	For being a kind friend
Brandon D	5/6T	For creating exciting sentences
Monique F	5/6D	Outstanding money calculations
Najma N	5/6D	Outstanding money calculations
Alias M	K/3L	Being a great helper
Ryan B	2/3O	Outstanding mathematician
Elyssa S	2/3O	Enthusiastic class member
Artiola H	5/6K	Brilliant numeracy work
Zakariya K	2/3O	Outstanding writing
Naved Q	2/3O	Working hard in all areas
Zara P	2R	Fantastic writing response
Dalal A	4P	Working hard in class



## GOLD AWARDS

Bahram S - 5/6N      Amnah A - 5/6N      Bianca W - 5/6D      Qais B - 2/6LJ  
 Mohamed A - 5/6D      Isabella S - 4P      Rayan M - 2R      Zain M - 2R  
 Edward T - 5/6D      Monique F - 5/6D      Benjamin N - 2R      Kira L - 2R



## SPORT REPORT

### PSSA

8/3	Hilltop	Ted Burge
15/3	Ringrose	Ollie Webb
22/3	Bye	No games and no afternoon training this week. Students play fun games at Merrylands Oval or Merrylands High School.

### PSSA RESULTS

TEAM	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
T-Ball - Juniors	Won 11 - 4	Adea - great catch and Grace - great fielding
T-Ball - Seniors	Lost 3 - 10	Divine - great fielding and Taw - great catch
Softball - Juniors	Won 9 - 1	Artiola - wonderful catching, Fariha - great pitching and Matina - thinking on 1st base.
Softball - Seniors	Won 4 - 2	Mujtaba - super catching, Phillip - great 1st base play and Michael - learning to bat!

## SCHOOL SPORT

Our basketball skills program for Stage 3 and ball skills for Stage 2 programs commenced on Friday at Merrylands Oval and will continue for the next 4 weeks. Ninety of our students are developing the skills to participate in touch football, soccer and basketball games. There were a number of students who were not wearing school hats, joggers or the school sports uniform. Wearing hats and correct joggers are health and safety issues while wearing the correct uniform is assisting in developing a sense of belonging. If any students requires assistance in purchasing uniforms they should contact their class teacher. Please ensure your child is prepared for sport each week.

## SCHOOL SPORT AWARDS

Hassan M 5/6N	Excellent basketball skills	Haysam A	AFL Hockey
Zack Y 2/6LJ	Excellent basketball skills	Mohammad M	AFL Hockey
Shekinah S 2/6LJ	Excellent basketball skills	Razia M	Being helpful at kicking skills
Isaac K 5/6N	Excellent basketball skills	Rock S	Excellent kicking skills
Simon F	Cooperative participation at sport	Ali M	Great effort during sport
Moqadas L	Great helping at sport	Nastran A	Great teamwork
Isabella S	Great helping at sport		

## ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Miss Nguyen and Miss Cramer are supervising 15 of our students while they participate in the Merrylands/ Parramatta Zone Swimming Carnival today at Merrylands Pool. They will include a report on their progress in the next newsletter.

## RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

We have entered teams in 2 Rugby League Gala Days organised by NRL development officers. Details are:

Thursday 14 March - Legends Carnival at Ollie Webb Reserve at Parramatta for Years 3-6 boys.

Tuesday 19 March - Parramatta Schoolgirl Challenge at Richie Bennaud Oval at North Parramatta for Girls under 10's (born 2010 and 2009) and Girls under 12's (born 2008 and 2007).

Both days are non-competitive. They will play against other schools to practise their skills but no scores will be kept and no winners announced. Emphasis will be on encouragement, inclusion and participation through the development of safe landing, tackling technique, evasion, catching and passing in modified games.

Notes have been distributed. Permission slips to be returned to the office by Monday 11 March 2019 with the bus fare of \$7.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. Mouthguard for both days are compulsory. It is recommended they also be purchased from the office for \$5.00 prior to the day if your child needs one so that you can mould the mouthguard for your child. All other details are included on the information note.

## ZONE SPORTS TEAMS

There will be a number of trials held in the next few weeks for Merrylands/Parramatta/Auburn Zone representative teams. Teachers responsible for sending students to these selection afternoons are:

Mr Sadler - Girls/Boys Football or Soccer

Miss Ristivojevic and Miss Orlando - Netball

Miss Kotarski - Girls/Boys Basketball

Mr Douglas and Miss Douglas - Girls/Boys Touch Football

In all cases only students aged 10-12 years in 2019 will be eligible to attend. Please contact the above members of staff who will provide details for each trial and also if your child meets classification requirements.

## YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

All Year 6 students walked to Merrylands High School yesterday with Miss Kalamvokis, Miss Salameh and Miss Gilto to attend a transition to High School Day. It gave our students the opportunity to experience the subjects, time tabling, new and different students and other components that High School entails. Year 5 will participate in a similar day later in 2019. These are a number of joint ventures that we have with Merrylands High School as we work together with the high school to make the transition from primary school to high school a smooth one for our students.



## WHAT OUR TEACHERS ARE LEARNING....



Miss Robinson and Miss Fenech attended the Positive Behaviour Learners universal Prevention Catch up professional learning. Both teachers are gaining further education on how to implement positive behaviour into our school, to educate students on how they can be safe, respectful and responsible learners.

Miss Orlando, Mr Pegley, Mrs DiGiglio and Mrs Swinfield attended a professional learning day with 20 other schools to observe and plan some project base learning practises for our students.

Merrylands Public School is always learning!





**Thanks from Year 6 for participating in our crazy hair and sock day last Wednesday.**

