



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HARMONY DAY

This Thursday 21 March we are celebrating Harmony Day at school with a range of wonderful activities. These include special assemblies K-2 at 10.00am and Years 3-6 at 11.30am where a number of cultural performances will take place from our students and special guests. There will be morning tea for parents/carers & visitors to our assemblies outside the Hall during recess (in between the two assemblies). Our students will be sharing Harmony Day lunch in their classrooms from 12.30-1.00pm. During this time we would love our parents to share lunch together outside the Hall. Thank you in advance to all the families who are preparing food to share and celebrate the many cultures represented across our school. Students are invited to wear cultural clothing, orange clothing (the colour of Harmony Day) or school uniform.

RECENT EVENTS IN NEW ZEALAND

It was very sad to hear the news last Friday of the terrible events that took place in Christchurch, NZ. The Department of Education has sent out information to schools to assist us in supporting students who may be emotionally impacted by this event. Whilst it took place in a neighbouring country, we are aware that many millions of people, including children, who saw the event via social media. I would remind parents to be especially vigilant about what students can access via your phone and ensure that it is appropriate. If you have concerns about your child in relation to this event, please remember that the school does have counselling services that you can access. It is very timely that Harmony Day is this week, which is a good opportunity for us to show our acceptance, support and valuing of all cultures that call Australia their home.

P & C EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Due to some changes in circumstances, some of our executive members of the Parents and Citizens Association are no longer able to continue in an executive role. As a result, we need to hold a special meeting to elect these positions. This meeting will be brief and will take place immediately after the morning bell next Tuesday at 9.00. We will be meeting in the covered area outside the Canteen. All members are welcome to attend and vote.

ELECTION DAY BAR-B-QUE AND YEAR 6 CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER

This Saturday our school hall will be a voting site. Our P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle with drinks available (tea, coffee, water, soft drink). They will also be overseeing a Year 6 Cake Stall. We would appreciate any donations of cakes or biscuits or baked goods for the stall. Please bring them to the office on Friday and don't forget to bring a few dollars with you when you come to vote on Saturday!

LATENESS TO LEARNING TIME – CANTEEN

This is a reminder to all families that the Canteen has paper bags and pens and a Lunch Order box available every day, so that students can order before the bell and not be late to class. Once the bell goes, students are expected to be prompt to Star Lines. Every minute of learning counts!

PARENT INTERVIEWS

To consolidate the information contained in the Commitment to Learning report Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted in the last week of Term 1 (8-12 April). Details will be sent home shortly.

MEDICATION REMINDER

Please remember that the school is unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor. If your child requires prescription medication please see the office staff to complete the appropriate forms. Parents have a responsibility to:

- ensure a sufficient supply of up to date medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration are available,
- provide the school with any up to date medical information from treating doctors or other relevant health care practitioners and
- inform the school of any changes to the health care needs of their children as those changes occur.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 20 March

Zone soccer/football trials

Thursday 21 March

HARMONY DAY

Friday 23 March

NO PSSA this week, this means no training

Tuesday 26 March

P&C Extraordinary Meeting 9:00am outside the canteen

Year 3 NAPLAN Online Readiness Preparations

Wednesday 27 March

Year 5 NAPLAN Online Readiness Preparations

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.



Please come and join us for Harmony Day. We would love to share our celebrations with all of our community and families.



Thursday 21st March

K-2 Assembly - 10am

Parent Morning Tea (Near Canteen) - 11am

3-6 Assembly - 11:30 am

Multicultural lunch in classrooms - 12:30pm

Students are welcome to wear cultural dress or the colour orange.
Please ensure that students bring a plate of food from their culture to share with their class during lunch time.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our School photos are being held on **Tuesday 2 April 2019**. Envelopes have come home already, please make sure you return them with the correct money to the money box at the front office. If you would like to have a siblings photo taken, please collect one of these envelopes from the front office. A reminder to parents that the school does not have anything to do with the money so please make sure you put correct money in the envelope, no change will be given.



Students are required to be in full school uniform and looking their best for the day.

Say cheese!!

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



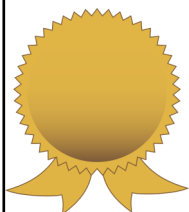
MERIT AWARDS

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|-------------|-------|------------|------|------------|------|
| Joanne B | 5/6S | Amir E | 2S | Daniel H | K/3L |
| Aleena R | 3S | Amer G | 1C | Derrick G | KW |
| Yacub E | 3S | Remas A | KS | Adam S | 1T |
| Taw T | 4R | Baran D | KS | Zane D | KZ |
| Maryam J | 4P | Celina A | 2S | Merheb M | 1J |
| Zous S | 5/6K | Danica B | 5/6T | Tianna A | 1J |
| Mouhana C | 3D | Phillip C | 5/6K | Theo M | 1/2P |
| Thyrstan G | 2/6LJ | Max L | K/3L | Zainab M | 5/6N |
| Liyah B | 4R | Azayliah S | 1C | Isabel B | 4/5O |
| Aleena R | 3S | Daniel A | 1C | Ayaan K | 2R |
| Zainab Q | 3S | Dana A | 1T | Rick D | 5/6S |
| Mujtaba B | 5/6N | Yousif T | 3D | Shahan L | 3/6S |
| Abid R | 5/6K | Lucy G | 1J | Elvis K | 3/6S |
| Annamaria A | 2/3O | Emmanuel P | 1J | Narjis A | 4/5O |
| Storm W | 2/3O | Manha K | KW | Anxin L | 5/6T |
| Emel A | 2S | Rasool D | KF | Evan W | 2/3O |
| Samira K | 2S | Ralf C | 2/3O | Ali Sena M | 4R |
| Sadia H | 2/3O | Tristen D | 2/3O | Mehdi R | KF |
| Jasmine A | 2/3O | Zainab A | 5/6S | | |



GOLD AWARDS

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|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jonah S - 5/6D | Asad R - 5/6D | Soman S - 5/6D | Najma - 5/6D | Zade A - 4P |
| Farah T - 5/6D | Max C - 4R | Amira K - 4R | James Z - 4R | Ilknur A - 5/6N |
| Aaira G - 2/3O | Elaha J - 3D | Amar E - 3/6S | Emmanuel P - 1J | |



STAGE 3 NEWS...

SYDNEY AQUARIUM EXCURSION

Stage 3 students have received notes for excursions to the Sydney Aquarium on Tuesday 9 April for 5/6T and 5/6N and Wednesday April 10 for 5/6D, 5/6K, 5/6S and 5O. Permission notes and slips and money must be paid to the front office by next Tuesday 26 March, not late payments will be accepted.,

OVERNIGHT EXCURSION TO BATHURST AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

This year's Stage 3 overnight experience is planned for Week 2 Term 3, Wednesday 31 July to Friday 1 August 2019. The students in Year 5 and 6 will visit the 3 Sisters at Katoomba and Bathurst where we will visit the gold fields, a sheep and cattle dome, the Jem and Fossil Museum as well as Jenolin Caves. The final amount for the 3 day 2 nights including coach transport, accommodation, meals and all tours will be finalised depending on the numbers attending. At this stage we are looking at \$250 per student (the school will subsidise \$50 per student to assist with the cost of attending). A \$50 deposit will be required with a permission slip by Friday 3 May 2019 (Friday of Week 1, Term 2) to book your place. There are limited places available so there will be a first in first served system to determine which students attend. If parents have any issues or questions please consult Mr Douglas or Mrs Douglas through your class teacher.

Please note that in 2019 Year 4 will be participating in a separate overnight excursion. The Bathurst experience is for Years 5 and 6 students only.

SPORT REPORT

ZONE TRIALS

We have had a number of students trial for Parramatta/Merrylands/Auburn representative teams in a number of sports. Many thanks to parents who have transported the players to these events. Congratulations to Michael N, Phillip C, Artiola H, Farihe S and Teegan L for being selected in the Zone softball teams. Rugby League, Soccer/Football and Netball trials will be held over the next 2 weeks.

PSSA

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| 22/3 | Bye | No games and no afternoon training this week. Students play fun games at Merrylands Oval or Merrylands High School. |
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PSSA RESULTS

| TEAM | RESULT | BEST EFFORT |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|
| T-Ball Girls | Lost 4 - 10 | Lisa H - Teamwork Heba M - Teamwork |
| T-Ball Boys | Won 3 - 2 | Isa A - Fielding Muhammad H - Great listening |
| Softball Girls | Won 10 - 0 | Artiola - Home run Teegan - Great pitching Leen - Learning to play softball |
| Softball Boys | Won 4 - 0 | Phillip - great first base play Michael - super catch Jalal - Learning to play softball |
| Cricket Junior | Lost MPS 7/32 HPS 2/49 | Tabish - Bowling Zakia - Sportsmanship |
| Crocket Senior | Lost MPS 5/59 HPS 4/99 | Bahram - Fielding Wafaa - Bowling |

This will be the last week for Summer PSSA sport. Our teams have a bye scheduled so they will NOT train in the afternoon. They will play a fun game on Friday at Merrylands Oval. This also means the last week of our Basketball and Ball Skills sessions. We are planning a Basketball Day over the next couple of weeks. The Western Wolves development officers will coach each Year 3-6 classes in the skills of dribbling, passing and catching during their PE lessons.

SPORT AWARDS

Farzanah M - 5/6N

James Z - 4R

Moska N - 3S

Jade P - 5/6N

Patrick S - 5/6S

Nour H - 5/6S

Lisa H - 4/5O

Phillip C - 5/6K

Teegan L - 5/6K

Heba M - 3S

RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

Nearly 50 students participated in the Legends Shield 7-a-side Rugby League Gala Day. It was great to see so many boys getting the opportunity to play team sports (many for the first time). Miss Nguyen and Miss Cramer have recently become accredited coaches and they did a terrific job organising their teams. Although it was a non-competitive day a number of players stood out. These included Mohammed A, Jalal B, Oliver M, Edward T, Michael N, Haysam A, Adam D, Jordan M and Bilal K who played strongly in our Years 5/6 teams. Divine T, Isa A, Hossein A, Hassan A and Ammar H were excellent in our Years 3/4 section.,

Unfortunately the Parramatta School Girls Challenge planned for today has had to be postponed. A new date will be scheduled later this term. If this clashes with other planned events, NRL development officers have offered to organise a special Merrylands Only event on an alternative day. Bus fare will be credited to the students account in this event.

WINTER PSSA TERM 2

Winter PSSA teams will be selected in Weeks 9 and 10 (29 March and 5 April). Students will receive a note next week detailing sports, coach, training, gear requirements etc. Games will commence in Term 2 and continue into Term 3. Trials will be held in the morning 9:00am to 11:00am but sport reverts to the afternoon in Terms 2 and 3 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

WHAT OUR STAFF ARE LEARNING....



Mrs Zammit our Business Manager and Mrs Chryss our Office Manager have spent the day with other Business Managers and Office Managers to learn new ways our system can work best for Merrylands Public School.

EaFS Action Project: Framing Writing Through the Lens of Oral Language.

On Tuesday 12 March, Miss Ponton, Miss Robinson and Ms Bourne attended the first of four whole day professional learning sessions with Joanna Rossbridge. This professional learning is part of the Early Action for Success (EaFS) Action Project: Framing Writing Through the Lens of Oral Language.



WHAT OUR TEACHERS ARE LEARNING....

Mr Sadler had a great day at Cricket NSW learning about a sport that he loves and how better to train our PSSA team.



Mrs York and Mrs Timbs spent Wednesday collaborating with many school leaders to discuss how we can strengthen how we engage and support our parents and community.

Mrs Timbs participated in a three day conference with over 100 Deputy Principals from across NSW learning how to best support the principal, teachers, students and parents in our school.



Miss Orlando, Miss Gilto, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Timbs had the privilege of working with Katherin Cartwright from the University of Sydney learning how to develop fluency in mathematics.

WHAT'S NEW?

SIMPSON'S SANDPIT

We are always looking for great play opportunities in our playground and with the assistance of a grant we have had a sandpit installed complete with cover and play equipment located outside our library. Many of our children are enjoying this new play area.



BEYBLADE CLUB

With so many avid Beyblade fans among our students, Mrs Truscott has begun the Beyblades Club held in the school hall on Tuesdays during lunchtime. We had a big turn out for our first week of the club. All students are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

