



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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HARMONY DAY

What a wonderful day it was with so many students and teachers wearing clothing to represent our many cultures or something orange! My thanks to all of our students who spoke and performed at the assembly and to the teachers who supported them – some in the background and some on stage! Thank you also to our parents who helped behind the scenes to get students ready to perform – we couldn't do it without your support. Also, a huge THANK YOU to all of our families who provided such a wonderful array of foods from all over the world. Many students said to me "try this miss, my mum made it", and I did taste many delicious foods! I look forward to many more big events that can bring us together.

COMMITMENT TO LEARNING/INTERVIEWS

Congratulations again to all students who have displayed outstanding behaviour and commitment to their learning during the term. Interviews for students will be held next week. Please remember to book your appointment with the class teacher.

PLANNING WEEK

Our teachers spend dedicated time planning for their teaching to best support the needs of their class and ensure that students are challenged to progress in their learning. Next week there is time allocated to each team of teachers to work together to maximise the planning preparation that they do. I trust that you will understand that this means a change to timetables and staffing for the week. I am sure that you also understand that teachers spend many hours of their time outside of school to ensure that they are providing high quality learning experiences for our students.

P & C MEETING

It is very important that all members of the P&C attend the meeting next Tuesday at 9.15am in the staffroom. At a recent Special P&C Meeting it was decided that as there are a few vacancies on the executive which we do not anticipate to be filled, that the P&C will not continue from some point during Term 2. From then on it will be a Parent Community Group. At the meeting next week, decisions will be minuted regarding the allocation of funds raised to date and those raised up until the P&C discontinues. One result of this decision is that the school will need to put the canteen up for tender and also that the school will take responsibility for the Uniform Shop. There will be more information about both of these issues at the meeting.

EASTER HAT PARADE

This year we are hoping that the weather is fine and we can have our Easter Hat Parade all together outside. We would love to see our community join us for this event, followed by lunch together with your child/ren, which is why we have included a sausage sizzle in this event. Thank you to Miss Walker, Mrs Brien, Miss Clarke and Ms El Hachem and the team for organising the Easter Hat Parade.

TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

Term 1 will conclude on Friday 13 April. Students return to school on Tuesday 1 May.

WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING!

With the colder weather soon approaching the holidays is the ideal time to write your child's name on all jackets and jumpers. Many items of clothing are in the lost property basket each term

You can:

- ✦ use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes and hats or sew or iron on personalised labels
- ✦ check that labels haven't faded with washing.

GOLD AWARD WINNERS MORNING TEA

On Thursday 11 April all Gold Award winners are invited to morning tea. This is to congratulate the students on their efforts during Term 1.

ANZAC SERVICE

On Wednesday 1 May we will be holding our ANZAC Service. This is the first day the students return after the holidays. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the ceremony which commences at 10.30am.

IMPORTANT DATES***Tuesday 9 April***

Sea Life Aquarium Excursion (5/6N and 5/6T)

P&C Meeting @ 9:15am

Wednesday 10 April

Sea Life Aquarium Excursion (5/6D, 5/6K, 5/6S)

Our Spec Choir Rehearsals

Thursday 11 April

Star Play

Gold Award Morning Tea

Friday 12 April

Easter Hat Parade

Years 3-6 Girls Rugby League Gala Day

Last Day Term 1

Tuesday 30 April

First day of Term 2 for students

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.



You are invited to our Easter Hat Parade!

When: Friday 12 April 2019

Where: Top playground and silver seats

Time: 11:45am



Years K-2 can make their hat at home or at school. Years 3-6 can come with crazy hair or an Easter hat/mask. There will also be a sausage sizzle on the day, order forms were sent home yesterday. We hope you can come along!

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 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 **SAFE
in all settings.**

We demonstrate this by:

Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves

Wearing school uniform

Being in the right place

Using all equipment appropriately

Following teacher and staff instructions

Being aware of adults, teachers, visitors, students, strangers and moving vehicles



MERIT AWARDS

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| Maryam R | 1/2P | Birgul D | KZ | Maryam A | KS |
| Ibrahim K | KW | Kailia S | 1J | Mikaeel M | 1J |
| Mariam K | 2R | Connor G | 2R | Muzzammil A | 1T |
| Aryan L | 2S | Bianca S | 2S | Yousef K | 1C |
| Jena A | 1C | Tinotenda M | 2/3O | David T | 2/3O |
| Bosede A | 2/3O | Tina H | 2/3O | Alara A | 5/6T |
| Bahram S | 5/6N | Zahra B | 5/6K | Mubeen T | KS |
| Aydin A | KF | Farah T | 5/6D | Frederick E | 5/6D |
| Mariam S | 2/6LJ | Nour H | 5/6S | Bilal M | 4R |
| Bassem C | K/3L | Yousuf H | 4P | Ibby E | 3/6S |
| Anson H | 3D | Deniz H | 3D | Garvit Y | K/3L |
| Amar E | 3/6S | Patrick S | 5/6S | Jeremiah C | 1J |
| Qais B | 2/6LJ | Thomas S | 4R | Hassan A | 5/6N |
| Jordyn L | KS | Natalia S | 2/3O | Ryan B | 2/3O |
| Mariam S | 2/3O | Layla G | 2R | Nabil B | 4P |
| Ali H | 5/6K | Asbir I | 3D | Subhan R | 1/2P |
| Georgia F | 1T | Jordan M | 5/6T | Alistar W | KZ |
| Michal K | 4P | Pou P | KW | Ilknur A | 5/6N |



GOLD AWARDS

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| Lewaan R - 5/6D | Raechel J - 5/6D | Yasmine M - 5/6D | Sara Hamdan - 5/6K | Ali B - 5/6D |
| Farioha S - 5/6D | Ameer E - 5/6D | Phoenix K - 5/6D | Ali N - 3D | Siosuia F - 3D |



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ali B | Bahram S | Hassan M | Hussein M | Ameer E |
| Shaddai A | Zainab M | Hamza H | Hassan M | Zahra R |
| Muzghan T | Batool H | Zainab A | Sonny S | Artiola H |

Sydney West Championships

Congratulations to the Merrylands/Parramatta soccer boys. These boys played extremely well and were very unlucky not to advance to the finals. We were undefeated and only conceded 1 goal all tournament. The team won 2 games and had 3 draws, finishing 3rd in their pool. The students communicated expertly as a team, and in attacking and defensive plays, support was always just a pass away.

Merrylands Public School had 4 students that participated in this team. Those students were Bahram S, Ali B, Hassan M and Hussain M. Out of the 154 students who participated at the championships, Bahram and Ali were invited to the final 36 train on squad on Friday 5 April where they will trial for the Sydney West team.



SPORT REPORT

PSSA

Winter PSSA teams will be finalised this Friday with further selection trials. Only those nominated to return this week by coaches will be needed. PSSA commences in Term 2. Those students selected will receive further information notes concerning training, jumper/shirt organisation, gear requirements and a draw early next term.

Note: Due to lack of appropriate training areas, afternoon practices are planned for Thursday afternoons 3:15pm-4:15pm in Term 2 at Merrylands High School. Netball, soccer/football and rugby league will walk to the high school grounds and then be collected, dismissed to walk home or be walked back to school from there. Newcombe ball will continue to train on their court at our school. This will be included on the information notes and accompanying permission slips.

BASKETBALL

The Western Wolves Basketball development officers are organising skill sessions for our Years 4-6 students this Thursday in the hall and in the SPA area. Each group will have half an hour of drills involving passing, catching, dribbling and shooting. Only students wearing joggers will participate.

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

The Girls Rugby League Gala Day postponed from earlier in the term will be held next Friday 12 April at Merrylands Oval. The girls will learn the skills of catching, passing, evasion, kicking and tackling and then practise them in modified games against each other. Notes will be distributed this week and must be returned by Wednesday 10 April, so final numbers can be confirmed with our ARL/NRL development officers.

ZONE TEAMS

Congratulations to Michael N, Oliver M (11 years Rugby League), Mohamed A (Opens Rugby League), Bahram S and Ali B (Opens soccer/football), Artiola H, Teegan L, Phillip C and Michael N (Open softball) for their selection into the zone teams. We would also like to congratulate some of our staff members on becoming coaches. Miss Kotarski (basketball), Miss Orlando (netball) and Mr Sadler (football/soccer).