



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT **REPORTS**

This year our staff have decided to use a new report format and software. Our hope is that it will be more user-friendly for staff to enter information and also more parent-friendly with regard to the information you receive about your child's progress. This has involved a lot of work in the background to set them up and then train people in the new system. Once teachers have completed the reports they then go a colleague, then supervisor for proof-reading before they come to me for a final check and sign. As you can understand this is a significant time process for 560+ students. As this is our first time with the new format, staff will have until the end of this term to complete this process and we will print and send them out in Week 1 of next term. If any families need educational progress information for paediatric/medical appointments taking place in the holidays, please contact myself or Mrs Timbs via the office and we will be able to provide information for you. I thank you for your patience in advance and look forward to your feedback about the new format in early Term 2.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs Cornish-Swinfield for successfully applying for the Instructional Leader position at Merrylands PS. This will take effect next term and be in place for 2019-2020. The Instructional Leader roles in our schools have been an important support initiative that is helping to build both the professional practice of our teachers and also intervention support for many students. You may see references to the intervention team's support for your child in the report. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Bourne who is currently working in the Instructional Leader role.

RIDICULOUS RHYME SHOW - WEEK 10

Late last year I had the wonderful opportunity to say 'yes' to a UK performance group - Laugh and Learn. They have been touring in England with their performances to inspire children about reading and also give Yr.5 & 6 students workshops in creating films. Our school is one of only 40 schools in their Australian tour and we have subsidised the cost to enable all students to attend. It will be a great way to finish up the last day of the term!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 19 June

Our Spec Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 20 June

Debate Team to ???

Tuesday 25 June

Last Day for Earn & Learn stickers

Friday 21 June

PSSA vs Greystanes

Wednesday 26 June

Gold Rush Incursion - Stage 3

Thursday 27 June

K-2 Fun Run

Monday 1 July

NAIDOC Performance

Thursday 4 July

Year 6 Fundraiser

Star Play

Friday 5 July

K-2 Ridiculous Rhyme Show

PSSA vs Ringrose

Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday 23 July

Students return to school

RECENT NOTES HOME

K-6 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

Stage 3 - Gold Rush Incursion

KF Staff changes

Fowler Road Gate Access Closed

ABORIGINAL DESIGN T-SHIRTS

The notes have gone out to order special t-shirts that Daren Dunn has designed just for our school. We have some samples coming this week so people can check sizes. The subsidy for these shirts applies to all of our students, however parents can order one for themselves or any younger siblings but will need to pay the full price of \$35.00. The company needs 6 weeks turnaround to ensure that we have them by the end of Week 3 next term in time for our special NAIDOC celebrations in Week 4. For this reason, the order form only requires a \$5.00 deposit as an option, and the balance can be paid on collection. A sample pack with childrens, ladies and mens sizes will be here by Thursday if families would like to check the fabric and size,

FOWLER RD GATE - SUBSTATION INSTALLATION

I trust that all students took home the note regarding the temporary closure of the Fowler Rd entry gate whilst the new sub-station is installed. This is to accommodate the additional power load that we will have once the new build is completed. The work is expected to be completed during the holidays so that the entry can be used again in Term 3. Please be aware that this may impact traffic flow on the surrounding streets and be especially careful during the wet weather.

CHICKENS AT SCHOOL

As many of you may already know through your children, we have been in a partnership project with Fowler Road School. Students there have had a project raising chickens from the time they hatched until they are old enough to go 'free range'. Yesterday they came over to our newly build chicken coup, which is where they will live as we continue the partnership. Their students will continue to study their growth and our students will continue to learn about sustainability as we feed them our food scraps and care for them.

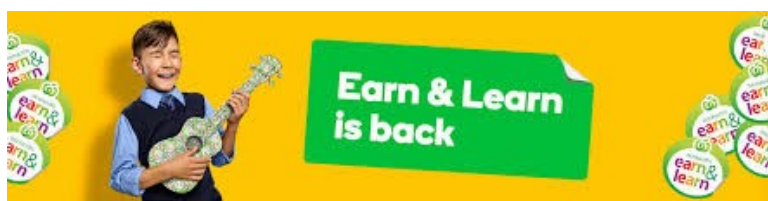
SPORT VOUCHERS

We have been approached by the Office of Sport to assist our school in providing more sporting opportunities for students utilising the Active Kids Sports Vouchers available to all school aged students. Mrs Timbs has surveyed our students with regard to what sports students would like to have as part of an after school program. There will be an information note coming out in the next week to explain this further.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

LAST CHANCE FOR EARN & LEARN STICKERS!!

Next Tuesday 25 June 2019 is our last chance to receive stickers at school. If you have been shopping, please don't forget to drop them into the box before close of business next Tuesday. We appreciate your support of our students.



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 Bolognese & Milk

CANTEEN HOUSEKEEPING

1. Please do not ask for credit. If you pre-order lunch for your child 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

Jade T - KS	Muhammad H - 3S	Fayth R - 5/6S	Hamza H - 5/6S	Muzhda T - 5/6S
Max L - K/3L	Shaun W - 1J	Oliver M - 5/6N	Fatima A - KZ	Muzghan T - 4R
Karam A - KS	Jena A - 1C	Mika S - 1C	Elyssa S - 2/3O	Storm W - 2/3O
Kodie B - 2/6LJ	Oesha H - 5/6K	Ayah S - 3/6S	Simon F - 3/6S	Jamie B 5/6T
Crystal Z - 5/6N	Mobina M - KW	Jade T - KS	Tarah K - 4P	Ali K - 4P
Celina A - 2S	Roxana Z - 2S	Lana R - KZ	Megs B - 1C	Justin W 1C
Noah J - 1T	Hanina C - 1T	Adam B - KF	Brandon P - 1/2P	Hossain A 4R
Eva P - 1J	Amarr M - 1J	Harvest W - 2R	Jeremey H - 2R	Ealyen A - 3S
Velentina J - 3S				

GOLD AWARDS

Gennalin V 5/6K	Simon F 3/6S	Leen A 5/6N	Zainab M 5/6N
Zahra R 5/6N	Farzanah M 5/6N	Tim H 5/6T	Sara A 5/6T
Lachlan C 5/6T	Brandon D 5/6T	Shaddai A 5/6S	Rana K 5/6S
Naved Q 2/3O	Sadia H 2/3O	Rick D 5/6S	Ehsan R 5/6T
Zuhal N 1C	Artiola H 5/6K	Ella A 5/6K	Farah T 5/6D
Ameer E 5/6D	Tamana S 3D	Goksu K 3D	Dina A 4P
Joanna K 4P	Isso I 4P	Zainab K 2/3O	



SPORT REPORT

PSSA

PSSA Draw

Date	Sport VS	Where
21 June	Greystanes	Home
28 June	Ringrose Netball/ Soccer Rugby League Newcombe Ball	Away Ted Burge (bus fare) Home Ringrose Public School
5 July	No games	No afternoon training. Please see page 7 for a current point score after 5 rounds.

All teams training at regular venues and times for the next 2 weeks on Thursday afternoon. Netball, Soccer and Rugby League at Merrylands High School 3:15pm to 4:15pm and Newcombe Ball at school from 3:00-pm to 4:00pm.



EELS CUP RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

Our 2 Rugby League teams played in the Eels Cup at Cabramatta last week. Although we did not win any matches it was a great experience for the boys, especially the ones who have not played Rugby League before, to play consecutive games against excellent opposition. They are all improving each week. Many thanks to Miss Cramer and our group of spectators who accompanied us to the day. They displayed excellent school spirit and even managed to practise some skills themselves in between games.

SYDNEY WEST CROSS COUNTRY

Hassan M competed in the 12/13 boys race in last week's Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. It was a great achievement to qualify for this event. Many thanks to Mrs Timbs who transported Hassan and his mother to and from the carnival.



PSSA RESULTS VS Widemere 7/6 and Hilltop Road 14/6

TEAM	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
Netball JUNIOR	Lost 4 - 9	Amira - 1st goal Yasmein - consistent effort
Netball SENIOR	Won 13 - 12	Shaddai - strong passes Ella - great shooting
Soccer JUNIOR	Lost	
Soccer SENIOR	Won 5 - 1	

TEAM	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
Newcombe Ball JUNIOR	WON 2 - 0	Manar - Great game Muzghan - Nice catching Eleya - Wonderful catching
Newcombe Ball SENIOR	WON 3 - 0	Hebba - Super catching and spiking Faranaz - Serving a set! Sara H - Nice game
Netball JUNIOR	Lost	Liyah - consistent effort Chelsea - consistent effort
Netball SENIOR	Lost	Danica - consistent defence Raechel - Great work in wing defence
Soccer JUNIOR	Lost	Boys played well
Soccer SENIOR	Lost	Boys played well
Rugby League JUNIOR	Lost 12 - 32	Ibrahim A - great low tackling David T - improved defensive work Simon T - unstoppable, 2 great tries
Rugby League SENIOR	Lost 24 - 32	Omar - Making tackles Jordan - nice to see you back Bilal - Excellent input

Pointscore

Junior Newcombe Ball

Merrylands	10*
Parramatta West	6
Hilltop	6
Ringrose	6
Greystanes	6
Sherwood Grange	4

Junior Netball

Hilltop	8
Sherwood	8
Parramatta	7
Ringrose	5
Greystanes	5
Merrylands	3*
Widemere	2

Junior Soccer/Football

Greystanes	9
Ringrose	9
Parramatta	6
Hilltop	5
Sherwood	4
Merrylands	3*
Widemere	2

Junior Rugby League

Greystanes	9
Ringrose	7
Sherwood	6
Hilltop	6
Merrylands	2

Senior Newcombe Ball

Merrylands	10*
Ringrose	10
Greystanes	8
Hilltop	6
Parramatta	4
Sherwood	2

Senior Netball

Hilltop	8
Parramatta	8
Greystanes	8
Merrylands	4*
Sherwood	4
Widemere	4
Ringrose	2

Senior Soccer/Football

Greystanes	9
Hilltop	7
Parramatta	7
Sherwood	6
Merrylands	5*
Ringrose	4
Widemere	0

Senior Rugby League

Hilltop	10
Merrylands	6*
Ringrose	6
Sherwood	6
Greystanes	2

** Note Hilltop vs Parramatta West postponed from 17/5. Now played on 5/7.

STAGE 3 NEWS

GOLD RUSH INCURSION

"The Gold Rush" money is due tomorrow for all Stage 3 students. The performances will be held in the hall, Wednesday 26 June 2019 in two sessions, 9:00am-11:00am and 11:30am-1:30pm. Classes have been allocated their times. There will be some changes to lunch times for the second session group. Any student having difficulty paying should consult their class teacher or Mrs Douglas by tomorrow.



STAGE 3 OVERNIGHT EXCURSION

We have 55 students attending the Stage 3 overnight experience in Term 3. Since we have had to now book a larger coach we still have 5 places left. Please contact your class teacher or Mrs Douglas if your child wishes to fill one of these vacant spots.

Notes will be coming home shortly as the next instalment will be due before end of term.

OUR SPECTACULAR CHOIR AND DANCE GROUP

With our Years 3-6 Dace Group and Choir preparing for the 2019 performance at the Sydney Opera House in Term 3, we need to secure our families tickets to the event. All participating students have received a note to order tickets, these need to be returned by Friday 21 June 2019. Even if you are not purchasing tickets, can you please return the note so that we can be sure we have accommodated all families.





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Parent Online Payments Instructions

Go to the Merrylands Public School website – <https://merryland-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Click on Make a Payment

MAKE A PAYMENT

ENROLMENT

Make a Payment page will display, enter the following:

(all these fields need to be completed except Reference)

Enter your child's given name

Enter your child's surname

Enter your child's class and year

Reference Number (leave blank)

Enter your child's date of birth

Make a Payment

1. To pay online, you must be logged in, and you must have a valid payment method on file.

Student Details

Student's Full Name (Surname)

Given Name

Surname

Class

Year

Reference Number

Date of Birth

EDS Number

Payment Method

Next Section

Click on Next Section

Contact Details page will display, enter the following:

Enter your Full Name

Enter your Contact Phone Number

Enter your Email Address

Contact Details

Full Name

Contact Phone Number

Contact Email Address

Next Section

Click on Next Section

Payment Items page will display, enter the following:

Enter Payment Type from the drop down menu

The screenshot shows the 'Payment Items' page. A red arrow points to the 'Payment Type' dropdown menu, which is open and shows options: 'Voluntary School Contribution', 'Subject Contribution', 'Excursions', 'Sport', 'Creative and Practical Arts', 'Sales to Students', and 'Other'. Another red arrow points to the 'Description' text input field. A third red arrow points to the 'Amount' text input field, which currently shows '0.00'. A fourth red arrow points to the 'Next Section' button. Other elements visible include a 'Total Amount' label, a 'Cancel Payment' button, and an 'Add Another Payment' button.

Enter Description (Example: name of activity or excursion – Zoo, PSSA, Uniforms etc).

Enter Amount you are paying

Select Next Section

Card Details page will display, enter the following:

Enter your Card Details;

Cardholder name

Credit Card Number

Expiry Date

Card Verification Number (CVN)

The number on the back of your card

The screenshot shows the 'Card Details' page. Red arrows point to the following fields: 'Cardholder Name', 'Credit Card Number' (with a Visa logo), 'Expiry Date' (with month and year dropdowns), and 'Card Verification Number (CVN)'. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel Payment' and 'Proceed to Confirmation' buttons.

Click on Proceed to Confirmation

If you have any problems completing these steps, please come and see the ladies in the office and they will assist you with your payment.

ABORIGINAL DESIGN SCHOOL T-SHIRT ORDER

All students received a note yesterday regarding our Aboriginal design school t-shirts available for purchase. The cost of these shirts are \$15.00 as the school has subsidised the overall cost of \$35.00. Order forms need to be completed and returned with payment to the office money box by Wednesday 26 June 2019.



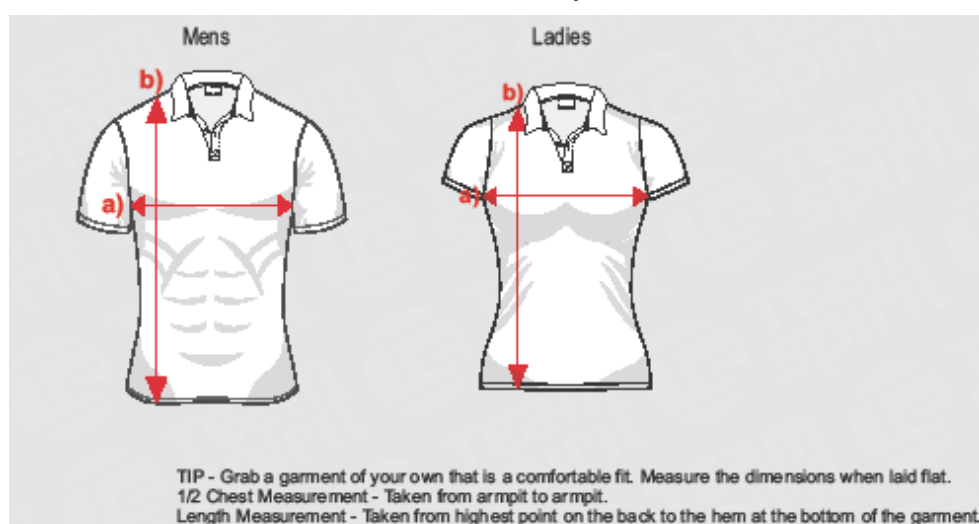
Here is some further information on the shirts:

Fabric: Meshtech Fabric - maximum breathability and flexibility.

Samples: Samples will arrive at the school by Thursday if any families would like to see or try on.

Size Guide - Below there is a size guide to help choose a correct size for your child.

How long for delivery? - Orders must be placed on time as need to give the manufacturer 6 weeks to prepare. In preparation for NAIDOC week, these shirts must be delivered by Week 3, Term 3.



Size Chart

Polos - Juniors

Garment Size	2K	4K	6K	8K	10K	12K	14K
a) Half Chest (cm)	34	36	38	40	43	46	48
b) Garment Length (cm)	47	50	53	56	59	62	65

Polos - Ladies

Garment Size	6W	8W	10W	12W	14W	16W	18W	20W	22W
a) Half Chest (cm)	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60
b) Garment Length (cm)	60	62	64	66	68	70	72	74	76

Polos - Mens

Garment Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a) Half Chest (cm)	50	53	56	59	61	63	65	67	69
b) Garment Length (cm)	68	71	73	75	77	79	81	83	85

WHAT THE TEACHERS ARE LEARNING....

On Friday the 14th of June, Miss Jacobs and Miss Robinson attended a conference on K-6 Physical Activity and Sport. This professional learning looked at how we can make physical activity more meaningful in our school.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Last week at Community Connections parents learnt about the websites students use at Merrylands Public School. Students showcased how they use Mathletics, Reading Eggs, SeeSaw and Google Classroom. Every Friday morning at 9am in the staffroom parents can chat and learn about the things happening at school. Mrs Bahram is able to Dari, Farsi and many more languages and Mrs Hamie is able to translate Arabic. We hope to see you this coming Friday!





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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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