



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL & ZONE CARNIVAL

It was a beautiful sunny day for our Athletics Carnival and wonderful to see our students giving their best efforts. Thank you to the ladies who ran the canteen to keep everybody fuelled up for the day! Yesterday, 20 students went to the Zone Field Athletics Carnival to represent our school and 3 students have qualified to represent our Zone at the Area Carnival! Thank you to our parents who were able to come along and support our students.

NAIDOC Week at MERRYLANDS Public School

This week there are many wonderful events happening at Merrylands PS as we celebrate NAIDOC Week. A huge thank you to the parents, teachers and students who worked together to get all of our plants in the ground. This morning our parents and some staff helped out again to get some seating in place. I trust that it will give the message – Warami – Welcome in Dharug, which is the Aboriginal language local to our area. This week's assembly has many wonderful items including a new dance from our Combined Primary and High School Aboriginal Dance group. Tomorrow we have dance and weaving workshops and then on Thursday and Friday we have TIG (Traditional Indigenous Games) activities for students. It's lovely to see our students wearing our MPS Aboriginal design shirt and I look forward to seeing even more students wearing them when the next order arrives.

STUDENT SAFETY

We have recently met with representatives of Cumberland Council – Road Safety to discuss ongoing concerns with traffic around our school. There are a few changes that will come into place soon that provide a drop off zone in Matthew St, instead of current parking. This will mean parents can drop off and pick up near the gate.

Teachers and concerned parents are noticing students being called by parents to cross the road while the parent stays in the car. Please take the extra time to escort your child across the road if they are K-2 or check the traffic flow for them if they are Year 3-6. By your side is always best!

STAFFING UPDATE

We appreciate the flexibility of our current staff and welcome new casual teachers to our school, to keep programs going while teachers are on leave for various reasons. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the executive team via the office.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

I'm sure you will appreciate that school is a busy place and there are always many events happening – some simultaneously. The communication team do attempt to post messages and reminders on Facebook and our Skoolbag app, as well as in the newsletter, but we also hope that our students will talk to their families about what is going on at school and upcoming events. We keep copies of all notes and newsletters in the foyer near the office, so please feel free to check that area at any time to make sure you haven't missed something.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued...**EDUCATION WEEK**

Last week was a great time of sharing learning with our families. I trust that all of our students gave their family the personal letters that each class prepared. Thank you to our SRC who put a personal video invitation to our families on our Facebook page. I have heard many reports of how our parents enjoyed the event, especially the wonderful way our senior students ran the Merry Café!

MPS PLAYGROUP

Our school sponsored Playgroup now runs on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.00-11.00 in the Hall. This is open to all parents/carers with young children under school age, however priority is given to families who are local enrolment to Merrylands Public School. There is a limit of 20 children per day, so please remember that you can only come on the day that you are registered. I understand there are still some places available for each of the mornings, so come along and sign up. It's a great way to meet other parents and also for your children to make friends through play.

STARTING THE DAY WITH MUSIC!

We are all enjoying the music at 8:15am in the morning to walk to class. Thank you to Mr Pegley for being our DJ. I know he is doing his best to include the many student requests he is getting.

UNIFORMS

At the end of last term our lovely SLSO's washed all of the un-named lost property and there are now quite a few jackets and jumpers, with our school logo on them that are available for \$2 each at the Uniform Shop. If you purchase one, please make sure your child's name is clearly printed on the inside of the collar.

RECENT NOTES SENT HOME

Years 3-6 Gymnastics

Stage 3 Medical information

**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.

SPORTS REPORT

PSSA Draw

Date	Sport VS	Rugby League at Merrylands Oval
16/8	Sherwood Grange	Sherwood Grange
23/8	Widemere	Ringrose. Newcombe Ball— BYE
30/8	Greystanes	Greystanes
6/9	Ringrose	Ringrose
13/9	Semi Finals 1 v 4 and 2 v 3	Venues TBA
20/9	Finals (winners of semi-finals)	Venues TBA

PSSA training and matches were cancelled due to safety and health reasons with the extreme winds. Many thanks to families who connected to the Skoolbag app so they can receive up to date information.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Mr Sadler and his "Athletics Team" did a brilliant job setting up, organising, supervising and recording at last weeks carnival. Many thanks to Mrs Bartlett and her helpers Ms Cummins and Ms Hill who provided lunch, recess and snacks and parents who supported their children. Ribbons for place getters were presented at last Tuesdays assembly.

Final Pointscore:

1st Rafter

2nd Freeman

3rd O'Neill

4th Bradman

Outstanding Athletes

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performances and who gained places in multiple track and field events. Artiola H, Yousra O, Soman S, Teegan L, Matina N, Michael N, Bahram Q and Hassan M.



SPORTS REPORT CONTINUED....

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Zone Field and 1500m events were held at Barton Park yesterday. Track and Discus are at Homebush next Monday 19 August. Mr Sadler will keep participants and spectators informed of details as the week progresses.

STAGE 3 CAMP UPDATE

All Stage 3 Overnight Excursion students should have returned their medical and dietary requirements to Miss Nguyen. This information and numbers attending have been finalised with Travelways. Next week notes concerning clothing, baggage and details of transportation to and from school on the morning of departure and afternoon of arrival will be distributed.,

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

If you have a sibling that is turning 5 before 31 July 2020, please be sure to visit the front office to complete an enrolment form. We are looking at projected numbers and we would love to ensure that our current families have been facilitated before looking into how many out of area students we can accommodate.

WHAT OUR TEACHERS ARE LEARNING...

We are learning together at Merrylands East Public School with a focus on assessment of literacy and how students at Merrylands Public School are growing in their ability to know what great work looks like so they can achieve their personal best.



MERIT AWARDS

Shahan L 3/6S	Marrjon S 3/6S	Yama M KW	Sara H KF	Alisa S KZ
Kodie B 2/6LJ	Malik G KS	Temalisi T 1T	Lennox L 1T	Remas A KS
Telesia N 1C	Justin W 1C	Isaac K 5/6N	Freshta B 1/2P	Nadine C 2R
Alyssa M 4R	Tabby R 5/6S	Emel A 2S	Fayth R 5/6S	Amir E 2S
Rosel H 4P	Moqadas L 4P	Muqtada A 3S	Samouh A 2/3O	Sadia H 2/3O
Aaira G 2/3O	Simon F 3/6S	Elvis K 3/6S	Benjamin N 2R	Amnah A 5/6N
Jema G 2/6LJ	Nastran A 5/6S	Adrian N 5/6S	Amina H 5/6K	Hurr A 5/6K
Sarah W KW	Hiba A 5/6D	Nour A KS	Mohammad N 3D	Siosuia F 3D
Tianna A 1J	Miracle A 1J	Michalie P 4R	Bahaar A 4P	

GOLD AWARDS



Annamaria A 2/3O	Bassella C 5/6T	Bosede A 2/3O	Tristen D 2/3O	Adrian N 5/6S
Kush C 5/6S	Joanne B 5/6S	Shekinah S 2/6LJ	Setalo M 1T	Ayah S 3/6S
Sarah F 4R	Karam A KS	Mubeen T KS	Mursal R KS	Ruby B KF
Ali M 4R	Simon T 5/6K	Hossain A 4R	Sonny S 5/6D	Hiba A 5/6D
Monique F 5/6D	Maryam M 3/6S			

OFFICE NEWS

Payments - with our many exciting activities happening in our school at the moment, it is important that when money is paid to the office that your child's first and last name appear on the payment envelope and permission slips being signed along with their class and **CORRECT** money in the envelope.

Early pick ups - If it is necessary to pick up your child early from school for any reason during the lunch period, please phone the office prior to 1:00pm to avoid the difficult task of walking the playground to find the student in the many play areas and to avoid delaying your departure.

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 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.
4. PLEASE bring small notes for payment, larger notes are extremely hard to give change for.

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



Book Week 2019 Merrylands Public School

Tuesday 20 August – Week 5

Theme- 'Reading is my secret power'

Students will be encouraged to dress up as a character of their favourite book. Students can also bring along their favourite book to share during a whole school quality reading session.



Costume examples:



This is not a mufti day. Students to dress as a character from their favourite book. There is no cost.

Each class will present a 1 minute Book Ad during the K-2 and the Years 3-6 assemblies on this day.

Organised by the 2019 SRC!

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER DISCO

Students are invited to attend a Year 6 fundraiser disco on this day. Cost of entry is \$2.00. Payment can be made at the front door on entry.

K-2 12:40pm to 1:20pm

Years 3-6 1:20pm to 2:00pm

MERRYLANDS ART EXHIBITION

Get ready for 'Merrylands Masterpieces'
(Art Show 2019)

When: Wednesday 18th September (Week 9)

2PM-5PM

**LIBRARY TIMETABLE TERM 3**

Term 3 Library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3S 1T 5/6S 2R	4P 3D 2/6LJ 4R	5/6D 2S 5/6K 2/3O 5/6N	1/2P 5/6T K/3L 3/6S KZ KS	1C 1J 4/5O KW KF

MPS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

At Merrylands Public School, PBL is designed to support children to develop into Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners who can make positive and informed behaviour choices.



Learners at Merrylands Public School are given opportunities to earn rewards for demonstrating Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour in all school settings.

The Reward System



Students who demonstrate Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviours can earn rainbow awards in classroom and playground settings.



When a student has received 5 rainbow awards they are presented with a Silver award.



After receiving 25 rainbow awards/5 silver awards, students are presented with their Gold Award at the weekly school assembly.

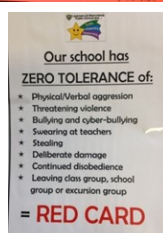
Students are invited to attend Gold Award Morning Tea with the Principal during the term that they received their Gold Award.

Students who are Safe, Respectful and Responsible in the playground are given additional playtime twice a term as a reward for their positive behaviour. This is called Star Play.

Consistent Consequences

If a student has not demonstrated Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour in the playground they will be entered into the playground book which monitors those behaviours that have occurred.

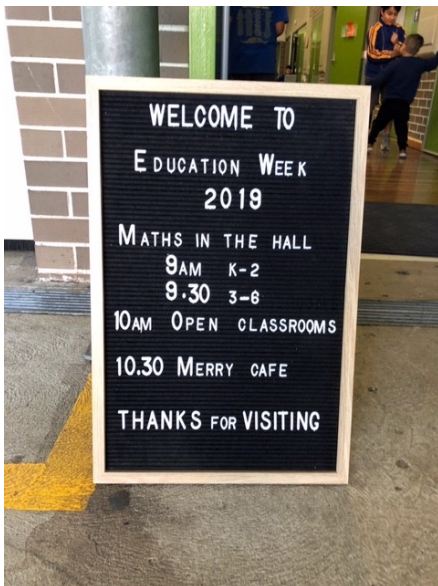
Teachers use a red card system to inform parents of behaviours that are considered to be of a serious nature or behaviours that have been observed and recorded over a period of time.



Our Zero Tolerance policy means that there are some behaviours that are unacceptable regardless of the circumstance

OPEN DAY AT MERRYLANDS

In celebration of Education Week, we had Open Day on Tuesday. Our K-2 and Years 3-6 students showcased a Maths lesson for our parents followed by open classrooms to see what is happening in your child's class. Afterwards we shared some morning tea at the Merry Café run by our very own Year 6 students.



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

As we celebrate NAIDOC Week at Merrylands Public School this week, we began with some student representatives planting in our new Bushtucker Garden at the school's front entry on Holdsworth Street.



WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Staff Development Day	Students return to school	K-2 NRL Stars program begins		Aboriginal Dance PSSA Last day for Stage 1 & 2 Excursion payments
2		Collection day for Athletics Carnival	Aboriginal Art Program Last day for K-2 sausage sizzle payment	K-2 NRL Stars program Wk 2 Our Spec Choir Rehearsal	PSSA—bye Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival K-2 sausage sizzle
3	Stage 1 Excursion (Group 1) Back up Athletics Carnival date	Education Week OPEN DAY	Stage 1 (Group 2) Excursion Stage 2 Excursion (Group 1) Our Spec dance dress rehearsal NRL Experience Sessions 3:05pm	Stage 2 Excursion (Group 2)	K-2 Athletics Carnival PSSA
4	NAIDOC Week Zone Athletics Carnival Field		Aboriginal Art Program NRL Experience Sessions 3:05pm		PSSA
5	Zone Athletics Carnival Track	K-2 disco Fairfield Local AECG meeting (parents invited)	Years 3-6 disco NRL Experience Sessions 3:05pm	K-2 Healthy Kids	Star Play PSSA
6	Gymnastics Program begins		Aboriginal Art Program NRL Experience Sessions 3:05pm		PSSA Fathers Day breakfast and stall
7	Gymnastics Program begins		NRL Experience Sessions 3:05pm		PSSA Last day for SU Swim Scheme payments
8	Gymnastics Program begins	Stage 3 overnight excursion	Aboriginal Art Program NRL Experience Sessions 3:05pm Stage 3 overnight excursion	Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage 3 overnight excursion	PSSA
9	Gymnastics Program begins Support Unit Swim Scheme	Support Unit Swim Scheme	Support Unit Swim Scheme Art Exhibition	Support Unit Swim Scheme	Support Unit Swim Scheme PSSA final
10	Gymnastics Program begins Support Unit Swim Scheme	Support Unit Swim Scheme Fairfield Local AECG meeting (parents invited)	Support Unit Swim Scheme Aboriginal Art Program Peter Wynn Rugby League Carnival Yrs 3-6 students	Support Unit Swim Scheme Mystic Market	Support Unit Swim Scheme

Road safety

Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across