MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing Update

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Lennon back this week as she returns to us in her new role as Assistant Principal. She is back part time at this stage and has told me how much everyone's support has meant to her. If you see her on Wednesday - say hello!

Congratulations to Miss Ristivojevic who was recently successful at interview for an Assistant Principal position at Red Hill PS, in Wagga Wagga, which is her home town. This is an exciting opportunity for her and we wish her all the best. She will be at her new school for Week 9 to meet staff and students and then back with us for the last week of term (so we can say goodbye) before she leaves to take up the position starting Term 4. Welcome to Miss Ana Livisianos who will be co-teaching with Miss Ristivojevic in Week 10 and preparing to take the class into the new building for Term 4. I know that everyone will make her feel very welcome.

New Building

The new building is on track for us to begin classes in there on Day 1 of Term 4. As you may be aware the planning for this began a few years ago and all of the decisions about furniture sizes were made before 2019. Having said that I have decided that our six Stage 3 classes will all be in the new build - so at least Year 6 can have one term in the new space. 5/6N, 5/6K, 5/6S and 5/6T will all be on the 2nd floor. 5/6D and 2/6LJ will be on the ground floor. The 1st floor will have a combination of Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes; 2R, 2/3O, 3D and 4R. Moving classroom equipment will take place in the holidays and teachers will begin their packing this week.

There will be an information booth with department representatives at the Art Exhibition next week to give families more information about the project. We will have an open afternoon on Wednesday of Week 1, Term 4 for students and families to go into the building and look through. Prior to this event, only the classes in the building will be allowed in as we need to give the teachers a few days to set up their rooms before they have visitors!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 10 September

Stage 3 Camp

Friday 13 September

PSSA Semi-finals

Monday 16 September

Swim Scheme (Support Unit)

Wednesday 18 September

Art Exhibition "Merrylands Masterpieces"

Thursday 19 September

Shining Stars Performance

Friday 20 September

Shining Stars Performance

PSSA Grand Finals

Friday 27 September

Last Day of Term

Monday 14 October

First Day Term 4

Swim Scheme (Years 3-6)

Wednesday 16 October

New building Open Afternoon

Monday 11 November

Stage 2 Camp

Tuesday 12 November

Stage 2 Camp

Thursday 14 November

Kinder Orientation (for 4 weeks)

Thursday 14, 21, 28, 5 Dec)

Thursday 12 December

Presentation Day

Tuesday 17 December

Year 6 Farewell

Oval upgrade

I would again like to thank all of the local families who voted for the My Community Project. There were only two projects in the Granville electorate who were successful, so we are excited to be one of them. Thank you to Mr Keedi for being the community member who put forward our project. We will be starting the project as soon as the paperwork side is complete to maximise the warm grass growing weather that we are experiencing with the onset of spring and summer. Thank you to Fowler Road School who are currently sharing some of their lovely grassed area for our senior students to play.

Tell Them From Me

In Term 1, the majority of our Year 4-6 students completed the TTFM survey about school life. This has given us valuable information about how our students feel about school and how we can improve our support for them and their learning. Families - now it is your turn! We would like to get your feedback about school so that we can effectively work together to support our students. We will have iPads available in the playground before and after school over the coming weeks but parents are always welcome to come into the staffroom after the 9.00am bell goes if you would like to use a computer. The survey can be done on your phone also. As it is a generic log in, there is no personal identification. The school will receive a report after the survey closes which shows the number of responses for each area - which we will share with the community. See page 3 for more information.

Starting the day well!

It has been great to see an increase in students starting learning on time with the recent introduction of our 8.55am music to move to class. The office confirmed to me that there has been a reduction in lateness - so keep up the great effort students - we don't want you to miss a minute of learning time!

Canteen lunch orders

From 8.55am onwards only parents can remain at the canteen to do lunch orders as students need to start walking to class. Mrs Bartlett has very generously been doing most of the lunch orders for our younger students, which gives her less time to do the counter. This week all classes will be doing mini lessons on how to write their own lunch orders and our student leaders will be at the canteen in the morning to assist students.

Gates

At 9.05 each day our General Assistant will be locking the gates on Fowler Rd, Matthew St and Holdsworth St. The gate near the office will be the gate to use if parents are still on the grounds or students arrive late. Ensuring our students are safe is extremely important - especially as our school is an inclusive setting and supports students with disability.

Community consultation - School canteen

This Friday at the beginning of the Community Connection meeting at 9.00 in the Staffroom we will be discussing the future of our school canteen. Before the tender process can begin we need to get community input as to the criteria our school wants for our future canteen. I will also be seeking feedback from staff and students. All schools are now to be following the Healthy Canteen Guidelines which families can look up if you want more information.
https://healthy-kids.com.au/school-canteens/canteen-guidelines/nsw-healthy-school-canteen-strategy/

MPS Uniform Shop Coordinator EOI

Thank you to Mrs Mustapha for coordinating our Uniform Shop until now. As of Week 9, we will be needing 2 or 3 people to take on this role. If you are interested and have a Working With Children Check number please contact Mrs York via the office. We are also seeking your feedback if an afternoon time (2:30-3:30pm) for the uniform shop would be helpful. Your feedback can be given to the front office.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

We are now taking enrolments for 2020. If you have a child or know someone who has a child turning 5 before 31 July 2020, please come and visit the office to complete an application form.

Tell Them From Me

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/ carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school go to: http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/merryps

There will be computer access at Merrylands Masterpieces on Wednesday 18 September 2019 and during Friday Community Connections in the staffroom.

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

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.

SPORT REPORT

PSSA

Many thanks to our Winter PSSA coaches. Miss Ristivojevic - Netball, Mrs Douglas — Newcombe Ball, Mr Sadler - Soccer/Football and Mr Douglas, Miss Nguyen and Miss Kotarski - Rugby League. Below is the final pointscore. Congratulations to our Senior Soccer / Football (4th place), Senior Rugby League (2nd) and Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball teams (undefeated 1st place) who have qualified for this week's semi-finals. The draw for these games are:

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

Junior Newcombe Ball - Merrylands Public School

Game 1 - 1:00pm Merrylands (1) vs Sherwood Grange (4)

Game 2 - 1:30pm Merrylands (1) vs Ringrose (4)

Senior Soccer - Merrylands High School

Game 2 - 1:30pm Merrylands (4) vs Greystanes (1)

Senior Rugby League - Merrylands High School

Game 2 - 1:30pm Merrylands (2) vs Sherwood Grange (3)

Please note: ***NO*** training for any PSSA teams this Thursday 12 September due to the Stage 3 overnight excursion.

Any family member is welcome to attend any match. Junior Soccer/Football and Rugby League teams, Netball players and Stage 3 school sport students have been invited to attend as spectators. Winning teams will proceed to the following Friday's Grand Finals. They will train on Thursday as usual. This ill be advertised on Skoolbag and publicised at assembly.

All players must return their playing jumpers/shirts as their commitments are concluded commencing next week.

Junior Newcombe Ball	Senior Newcombe Ball	Junior Netball	Senior Netball
Merrylands - 22	Merrylands - 22	Hilltop - 19	Hilltop - 19
Hilltop - 16	Hilltop - 16	Greyatanes - 16	Greystanes - 17
Greystanes - 14	Greystanes - 16	Sherwood Grange - 14	Parramatta West - 14
Sherwood Grange - 12	Ringrose - 16	Ringrose - 13	Sherwood Grange - 10
Parramatta West - 10	Parramatta West - 8	Paramatta West - 12	Widemere - 10
Ringrose - 10	Sherwood Grange - 8	Merrylands - 8	Merrylands - 8
		Widemere - 4	Ringrose - 4

Junior Soccer/Football	Senior Soccer/Football	Junior Rugby League	Senior Rugby League
Ringrose - 21	Greystanes - 21	Greystanes - 19	Hilltop - 22
Greystanes - 19	Hilltop - 19	Hilltop - 18	Merrylands - 16
Hilltop - 13	Sherwood Grange - 14	Sherwood Grange - 12	Sherwood Grange - 13
Parramatta West - 11	Merrylands - 13	Ringrose - 11	Ringrose - 1
Merrylands - 9	Parramatta West - 10	Merrylands - 6	Greystanes - 4
Sherwood Grange - 8	Ringrose - 7		
Widemere - 7	Widemere - 2		

SPORT REPORT CONTINUED….

PSSA RESULTS Vs Ringrose 6/9/19

TEAM vs Ringrose	RESULT	BEST EFFORT
Newcombe Ball JUNIOR	Won 2 - 0	Amnayah - Thinking Muzghan - Trying hard Lisa - Nice serving
Newcombe Ball SENIOR	Won 3 - 0	Crystal - Super serving Bianca - Top serving Mariah - Improvement
Netball JUNIOR	Lost 11 - 14	Shireen Liyah
Netball SENIOR	Won 8 - 6	Wafaa Tabby
Soccer JUNIOR	Lost 0 - 1	
Soccer SENIOR	Won 3 - 2	
Rugby League JUNIOR	Lost 0 - 12	David - Having a go Divine - Great to see you back
Rugby League SENIOR	Draw 0 - 0	Mohamed - Super inside passes Zeus - Terrific marker defence

SWIM SCHEME YEARS 3 - 6

This year's Departmental Swimming Scheme program will be held in Term 4 Weeks 1 and 2 (Monday 14 October to Friday 25 October) at Merrylands Pool. Due to our ever growing school population and the number of non-swimmers amongst our Years 3 to 6 classes. All Year 3 to 6 students have been invited to attend. This is a priority program in Term 4. The aim is to eventually, make them confident in deep water and to swim 25 - 50 metres with correct style. Money and notes are due to the office by Thursday 26 September so Mrs Douglas and Mr Sadler can organise timetables and finalise session numbers.

Merrylands Mystic Market Pop-up Stalls

Thursday 26 September 11.00-12.30pm

Merrylands Public School Students only –save your coins!

Mini Sausage Sizzle
Fairy Floss
SPLAT
Chocolate Fountain
Face Painting
Coloured Hair Styles
Lolly Guessing Competition
Score a Goal
Play-Doh
Bucket Bucket Bean Toss
Crunchy Cones /Fizzy Spiders
Disco and Bubbles and Glow Sticks
Cartoons and Coco Pops
Jelly Cups with toppings
In Sport – Parramatta Jersey Guessing Competition
Cost 20c to $2.00 and Free Activities

Stage 3 Fundraising for 2019 – Thank-you!

MERIT AWARDS

Abas R - 3S	Samira K - 2S	Eumi O - K/3L	Anna S - 3D	Pary S - 5/6K
Moussa A - 4R	Manha K - KW	Logona T - 2/3O	Mehmet D - 2/3O	Joshua P - KF
Nour A - KS	Ibrahim K - KW	Jin Hao L - 2S	Reza B - 5/6K	Sara A - 5/6T
Eliana B - KZ	Kavin S - KZ	Brandon P - 1/2P	Tinotenda M - 2/3O	Naved Q - 2/3O
Amara K - KS	Sama H - 1J	William A - 1T	Jeremy H - 2R	Noah J - 1T
Adam B - KF	Joanna K - 4P	Rawez A - KW	Jasmin A - 2/3O	Ali H - 1/2P
Mika S - 1C	Amira K - 4R			

GOLD AWARDS

Nastran A - 5/6S	Michal K - 4P	Ayisha T - KS	Bilal K - 5/6S	Amira H - K/3L
Max Liang - K/3L	Hashem K - KS	James K - 3S	Sarah R - 3S	Aliza H - 3S
Zihan Z - 3S	Muqtada A - 3S	Muhammad H - 3S	Eva Pang - 1J	Thomas S - 4R
Zakia Q - 4R	Qasim M - 4P	Youssif K - 4P	Aaira G - 2/3O	Justin W - 1C
Ahmad A - 1C	Roza A - 5/6N	Misbah N - 5/6N	Bassam H - 5/6N	Hassan A - 5/6N
Hussain M - 5/6N	Razan A - 5/6S	Rana K - 5/6S	Anson H - 3D	Shaddai A - 5/6S
Aaliyah E - 1T	Frederick E - 5/6D	Kush C - 5/6S	Jonah S - 5/6D	Ella S - 2/3O
Miri A - KF	Angela W - KF	Adam T - KW	Payson P - KW	Ibrahim K - KW
Asad R - 5/6D	Soman S - 5/6D	Michael N - 5/6D	Bianca W - 5/6D	Ethan K - 5/6S

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	Pizza Wrap & Milk (Cheese, Herb, BBQ Chicken, Spinach cheese)

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

STAGE 3 CAMP UPDATE

57 students and 4 staff members left this morning for the Stage 3 overnight excursion to the Blue Mountains/Bathurst and Jenolan Caves. They will return on Thursday at 5:30pm.

Bathurst Goldfields
LEARN • PLAY • STAY

Hello everyone in Merrylands

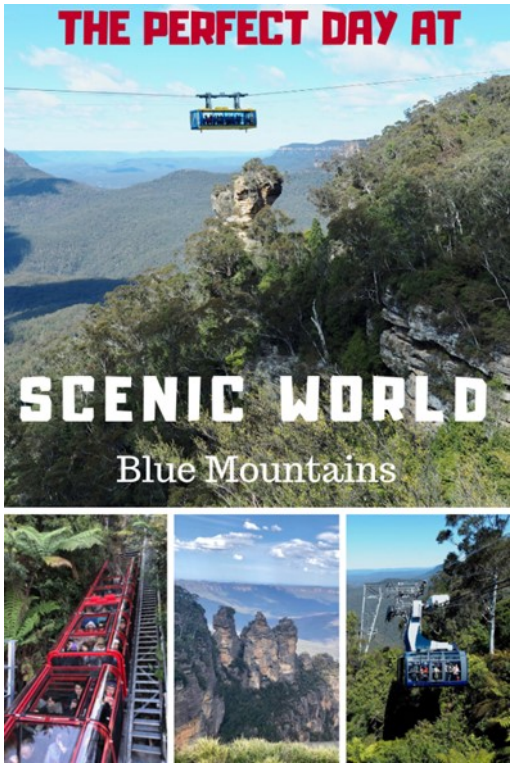
Stage 3 are having a wonderful time in the Blue Mountains and now heading to Bathurst to strike it rich, learn about Australian history and the amazing country we live in.

See you on Thursday for our arrival home at 5.30pm.

Stage 3 Living and Learning

Happy days!

Mrs Douglas



MERRYLANDS ART EXHIBITION

THE TIME HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!!

Get ready for 'Merrylands Masterpieces'
Art Show 2019

Wednesday 18th September (Week 9)
2:00PM - 5:00PM

Merrylands Public School Hall

Darren Dunn murals prepared with our students will be on display at this event. There will also be a display of Darren's own artwork.

The Early Bird Catches the Learning!

8.40am for the 8.55am walking music.

Merrylands Public School learners are safe, respectful and responsible every day.

Being punctual and organised for your school day is important for being successful at school.

Time to be school to do canteen orders, office business and to say good morning to your friends.

Smile and have a great day!

Mrs Douglas
Attendance Co-ordinator