



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

KINDER ORIENTATION

It has been wonderful to see almost 80 students coming to our Kinder O events over the last two weeks and for our staff to meet their families. We are hosting a few extra transition sessions over the next three weeks so if you know anyone who lives locally and is intending to enrol a child for Kindergarten, please encourage them to contact the office.

GREAT BOOK SALE - INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION

Thank you to our community and our staff for supporting this recent charity event. Our target was to raise \$1000 and we reached that yesterday! The funds raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation who support students in 400 remote communities to have books. We are very blessed to have such a great library at school and to have books in all of our classrooms but this is not the situation in all communities so we were excited to be part of this initiative. You can find out more about their great work online <https://www.indigenoussliteracyfoundation.org.au/>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2021

It is great to see that we have so many students in Yr.5 and Yr.4 stepping up to be considered for a leadership role in 2021. I wish them all the best with their speeches and the voting process. I would also remind all students who are voting to carefully consider the candidates as they may be taking on a leadership role that represents our school. They must be students who you believe show our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible at all times. As we are not able to have a combined assembly for the speeches they will be videoed so that other grades can watch them prior to voting.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

This year in response to current COVID protocols for school events we will be holding four Presentation Assemblies in Week 9: Stage 3 on Tuesday 8 December, Stage 2 on Wednesday 9 December, Stage 1 on Thursday 10 December and Kindergarten on Friday 11 December. Each assembly will start at 9.30am and run for approximately one hour. To maximise the number of community members able to attend (approximately 50 - 60 adults) they will be held outdoors using our stage area and covered seats. The events will be ticketed with the first offer of tickets to students who are receiving an award. Letters will be sent home this week with details.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

THURSDAY 19/11

- AFTER SCHOOL LEAGUE SESSION
3.15-4.15PM

FRIDAY 20/11

- KINDER LAWSON SQUARE PARK
SCIENCE EXCURSION

THURSDAY 26/11

- AFTER SCHOOL LEAGUE SESSION
3.15-4.15PM

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are compiling school reports at this time and we anticipate they will be sent home at the beginning of Week 10.

STUDENT ENROLMENT 2021

If your family are moving out of the Merrylands PS area at the end of the year and students are not continuing at MPS, please let the office know.

STAFFING UPDATES

Our congratulations to Miss Orlando who is taking up a Relieving Assistant Principal position in 2021 at another local school. We know that she will make a wonderful contribution to that school as she has done here. Last Friday was Mrs Selman's last day before going onto maternity leave and there was quite a celebration with Stage 3 students to make her last day memorable! We look forward to hearing some news from her in the near future. We are currently working through the staffing process for our 2021 classes and support programs however until we get to the beginning of Term 1, 2021 and have our confirmed student numbers this process can not be finalised.

COVID CLEANING / HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Our school continues to have cleaning across the school site throughout the day, which we appreciate. All students and visitors onsite are still required to hand sanitise upon entry and only be at school if they are well and without flu-like symptoms. Parents/carers - as our bubblers are still unable to be used, please ensure your child has a water bottle each day, especially in this hot weather.

LIBRARY NEWS



This year our school is being supported by Dymocks Parramatta and Dymocks Children's Charities. Dymocks Parramatta are raising funds in their store so that we can **fill the shelves of our library and classrooms with brand new books!** Every dollar raised is doubled in RRP of book value – so **if we raise \$2,000 our school will receive \$4,000 worth of brand-new books.** We select the books ourselves, so our students receive the books they want and need.

You can support this initiative in the following ways:

1. **Head Dymocks Dymocks Parramatta and buy a Christmas Bauble.** Between 1 November and 31 December baubles will be available to purchase at a cost of \$2 or \$5.
2. **Donate to our school fundraising page.** Visit dymockschilrencharities.org.au and click on our school logo on the 'Dymocks Store Network Community Fundraising' page.
3. **Set up your own fundraising event.** Hold a bake sale, run a readathon... there are so many ways to raise money for books for our school. The team at Dymocks Children's Charities are available to help every step of the way. Contact Anne Walsh at anne@dymocks.com.au to get started.

The more money raised through this wonderful initiative, the more brand-new books will be supplied to our library and classrooms! The sky is the limit! **Please help us fill those shelves today...**

To find out more about the work of Dymocks Children's Charities and how they support children in Australia, visit www.dymockschilrencharities.org.au

OFFICE NEWS

A reminder to our families that if you need to pick up your child earlier than 3pm, this must be for a justifiable reason and the office should be notified in advance of the early departure. Doctors and Dentist appointments should be made “after” school hours to ensure maximum learning time at school.

<p>STAR MESSAGE</p>		<p>Respectful all settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be honest
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CANTEEN NEWS

SMS ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

Step 1 - Send minimum \$20 credit with student to canteen or office with student full name, class and parent name and phone number

Step 2 - Canteen will send parent an SMS with a balance. They will send you a balance through SMS every time you send an order. When the balance is below \$5.00 you will need to increase

Step 3 - SMS orders must have child/rens full name and class and what they would like to order (orders must be in by 9.30am daily)

Step 4 - No orders will be placed without a balance in the canteen.

BIRTHDAYS FROM THE CANTEEN

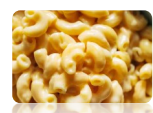
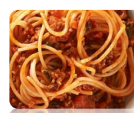
- Cupcakes
- Lolly bags
- Lolly/chip bags
- Ice blocks



Prices ranging from \$1-\$3 per item

Combo Deal

**Lasagne, Mac & Cheese
or Spaghetti & Drink
\$6.00**



FACEBOOK

Keep up to date with our school Facebook page.

<https://facebook.com/Merrylands-Public-School-904816892972831/>

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

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.



If you would like more information, please go to the school office for instructions.

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS KINDERGARTEN 2021

We are now taking enrolments for 2021.

If you have a child or know someone who has a child turning 5 before 31 July 2021, please come to gate 1 between 10am and 10.30am to complete an enrolment form.



WESLEY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Wesley Out of School Hours Care offers parents of school aged children the opportunity to work, study or attend to personal business while providing their children with a warm, safe and nurturing environment to grow and learn through play.

Wesley Out of School Hours Care provides before school care, after school care and vacation care, and operates on pupil free days.



Visit their website for further information on session times, fees and enrolments

<https://www.wesleymission.org.au/find-a-service/families-and-children/out-of-school-hours-care/>

GOLD AWARDS

Subhan R 2E

Pauline H	2T	Hannah R	1A	Mia S	5/6D
Omar A	KZ	Sara M	1A	Divine T	5/6D
Shayagan S	KC	Mohammed H	1L	Jessie C	5/6D
Emaan U	KC	Sina R	1L	Mustafa A	5/6D
Atahar L	KC	Siendra D	2L	Abdulwahhab A	5/6D
Ahmad B	KC	Dana A	2T	Qasim M	5/6D
Lazaro R	KF	Lida J	2T	Grace P	5/6D
Hajira R	KP	Noah J	2T	Efalata F	5/6D
Aishah A	KP	Aaira G	3/4HD	Liyah B	5/6D
Elma Z	KZ	Aliza M	3R	Asad R	5/6N
Paige O	KZ	Megell M	3R	Abbas K	5/6N
Pietra O	KZ	Roxana Z	3R	Simran D	5/6T
Zane D	K/2L	Suhana S	3R	Batool H	5/6T
Emmanuel P	1/2J	Sava T	3R	Bilal M	5/6T
Bilal S	1/2J	Mariam S	3R	Simon F	1/5K
Katrina Y	1/2J	Zak K	3R	Garvit Y	1/5K
Elijah B	1/2J	Moska N	4S	Amar E	1/5K
Telesia N	1/2J	Elaha J	4S	Shahan L	1/5K
Ayla I	1/2J	Deniz S	4S	Shu Shu G	4S

MERIT AWARDS		Zakaria H	2E	Tamana S	4C	Zane D	K/2L
Shahan L	1/5K	Jannat A	2E	Kosay G	4C	Shayagan S	KC
Amar E	1/5K	Elijah N	2E	Abas R	4C	Elma Z	KZ
Osman A	1A	Ieesha O	2E	Noura K	4C	Lara H	5/6K
Sarina R	1A	Adam S	2L	Sarah R	4C	Fatima A	5/6N
Mobin M	1A	Freshtah B	2L	Deniz H	4C	Rock S	5/6S
Saba N	1L	Ibrahim A	2L	Shu Shu G	4S	Soman S	5/6S
Jordyn L	1L	Bethany K	3/4HD	Siosuia F	4S	Amani A	5/6T
Mohammad H	1L	Mariam K	3/4HD	Valentina J	4S	Savannah S	3R
Angelo S	1L	Holly S	3O	Johnny H	4S	Aydin U	3R
Bena K	1S	Mohammed A	3O	Ammaar Y	K/2L	Layla G	3R
Marwa A	1S	Rami M	3O	Hind E	5/6D	Kyana H	3R
Liyah B	5/6D	Oliver C	KP	Hajira R	KP		

STAGE 1 HISTORY

Year 1 and Year 2 studying Australian history (the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games).



EXTRA
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES



BOOK NOW

SPLASH CITY

SUMMER CAMP

JANUARY 2021

EXPERIENCE THE COOLEST CAMP ON THE PLANET

DURATION: 2-DAYS **AGE:** KINDY-YR6 **TIME:** 8:30AM TO 3:30PM

CAMP 1: 14TH & 15TH -ASQUITH BOYS HIGH
CAMP 2: 18TH & 19TH-MARIST BROS-WESTMEAD
CAMP 3: 21ST & 22ND-MUIRFIELD HIGH-NORTH ROCKS

BOOK:: www.motiv8sports.com.au/locations/parramatta/

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REGISTERED PROVIDER
Claim your \$100 teacher fare

MOTIV8SPORTS

V.I.P PARTY

DECEMBER 2020

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5 x MOTIV8SPORTS • 5 x SPLASH CITY CHALLENGES
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SPORT NEWS

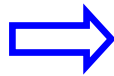
NRL Touch League Gala Day

We have entered 4 mixed teams (48 students maximum) in the NRL Touch League Gala Day on Wednesday 2 December at West Guildford playing fields.

Although another 35 students indicated they would like to attend we were restricted to these numbers.

League stars program

The League stars program commenced last Thursday with 23 enrolled students under the supervision of NRL Development officer Michael. Anyone else wishing to register may participate in the last 4 weeks of the program (Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm). See flyer.



LEAGUESTARS.COM



The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS
LEAGUESTARS.COM

WHEN: 5/11/2020 - 10/12/2020	WHERE:
TIME: Thursday 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm	Merrylands Public School
LENGTH: 6 weeks	
AGE: 5-12 Years	
COST: \$75	

YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS: Michael Karam
mkaram@nrl.com.au
0459555110




OTHER NEWS

AECG art competition entrants receiving their certificates.



Ex student Brian Handley came to visit the students on Remembrance Day.
Lest we forget!!

ATTENDANCES AND ABSENCES

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed



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