



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



12 October 2021

Term 4, Week 2

Principal's Messages

Dear families,

Welcome to Term 4. It is good to be back and for us all to have some certainty about when we can all be together onsite for school. I appreciate the patience of our school community in following the COVID Safe Return processes that we have been given by the Dept. Of Education. We are a large school of over 550 students with 25 classes K-6 including our Support Classes and more than 60 staff members. Applying the new protocols to our school setting is not an easy task and we understand that it presents many challenges for students, families, and staff onsite.

A few of the key implications for MPS:

- students and teachers will be in separate stage-based groups
- students and teachers in these groups are not to mingle or interact during the school day onsite
- student groups will have separate play spaces and break times
- staff groups will have separate staff rooms and limitations on meetings
- sadly, many of the activities we would like to have done for students are not yet allowed such as camps or excursions

Recently restrictions changed that allowed schools to have Kindergarten Orientation onsite for students so our planning for that is almost complete and families will be contacted very soon with details. If you, or someone you know is planning to enrol in Kindergarten at MPS in 2022 please contact the office as soon as possible so you don't miss out on this important aspect of school readiness. We already have over 50 children enrolled for kindergarten next year.

This week is mental health week and I hope that everyone is actively looking after themselves in this area. This year has been a particularly stressful time for everyone, and we all need to have some strategies to do 'self-care' both physically and mentally. Please remember to access the support materials that our school counsellor has posted onto our website as they are available for everyone in our school community.

I can confirm to you that all staff coming onsite will be fully vaccinated to do so.



**SAVE THESE DATES IN
YOUR CALENDAR!**

STUDENTS & STAFF

RETURN TO SCHOOL

FULLTIME

Monday 18 October

Kindergarten & Year 1

Monday 25 October

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Only children of essential workers or those with disability may return prior to October 25 under Department of Education protocols.



Please remember that until 25 October we have a limited number of staff onsite as grades who are still learning from home have most of their teachers working from home also to support them.

Tell Them from Me Surveys.

When all students from Yr.4-6 return to onsite learning we will be asking them to give their anonymous feedback via the TTFM survey. This has provided very valuable information to our school in future planning for our students. If there is a reason you do not want your child to participate in this, please let the office know. It is completely confidential, and no names are required. In a similar way, we will be (COVID-Safely) asking our parents/carers to also give us your feedback about school. The school will have iPads available at the end of the day. It takes about 5-10 minutes to do. We will also put the link into our Skoolbag and Facebook posts for those who wish to do it that way.

Please check our online messages this Friday for the new afternoon pick up times and gate locations for stage groups. This will start next weeks for all students at school.

Take care.

Bronwyn York

Principal, Merrylands Public School



Community Messages

[Dept. Of Education NSW COVID Safe Protocols for Schools](#)

When students and staff return to school:

- masks are always required for all staff.
- masks are strongly recommended for primary students indoors and outdoors (unless exercising or eating). Students to bring their own masks, and spares will be in office if needed.

See 'How to wear a mask' on Page 5.





Cleaning Daily

There will be cleaning daily as students return to school. High touch areas example handrails, door handles, benches and tables will receive extra attention multiple times across the school day.

Clean Classrooms

Our classrooms are cleaned every day, as usual, and we will continue to have hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes in all rooms to help keep everyone healthy.

Bell Times

Dept. Of Education rules for full onsite return require schools to separate cohorts of students. For MPS that will be stage groups: Kindergarten, Stage 1 (Yr.1 & 2), Stage 2 (Yr.3 & 4), Stage 3 (Yr.5 & 6), Support Classes (Multicat & Jnr IO). Our cohorts will have separate play times and separate play areas across the school day. Morning bells (8.30am & 8.45am) and afternoon bells (3.00pm & 3.10pm) will remain the same.

Drop off/Pick up

Dept. Of Education protocols require us to stagger exit from school to prevent/minimise interaction of cohort groups. Stay tuned.....Parents will..... We understand the challenges in following the guidelines given to us to follow and appreciate your patience. Drop off times & gates for each cohort group will be published via Skoolbag & Facebook on Friday.

Parent/Carer onsite

Currently no parents/carers are permitted onto school grounds. Parents dropping off/picking up Support Unit students via the carpark must not enter school grounds & must be wearing a mask when outside of the vehicle. Phone call meetings can be arranged with teachers via the office as needed.

Care & Share Bags

Handed out Week 4: Monday 25/10
 Week 6: Monday 25/11
 Week 8: Monday 8/11





Uniform Shop

Uniform shop will be available from Week 3 for **online orders and payments only**. Orders will be packed Wednesday and ready to be sent home with students from Thursday. See our School Website for order form, price list and "Make a payment" option. A plan for Kindergarten 2022 orders will be advised.

Canteen

Canteen will be open on **Monday 25 October** with full menu.

We encourage using SMS ordering system as students **WILL NOT** be allowed to line up together at the canteen due to cohort mixing rules. Parents/Students can complete lunch orders at home. Please see image of what information you can write on any envelope or piece of paper placed in a glad wrap bag, with the money, ready for students to hand in to classroom teacher. Orders can be completed in classrooms from 8.45 - 9.00am. All classes have extra lunch order bags to assist students. These orders will then be collected from their classrooms at 9.00am.

See canteen menu on page 6.

NAME:		
CLASS:	TEACHER:	AMOUNT
QTY:	ITEM:	
AMOUNT IN BAG	CHANGE	TOTAL

School Photos

School Photos will be distributed as each cohort year returns to school.

Year 6 T-Shirt

Yr.6 Students will receive their special Yr.6 t-shirt when they return to school on Monday 25 October.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/covid-19/media/Roadmap_to_Return_Guidelines_for_Families.pdf



Return to School - Roadmap for parents and carers

Ventilation Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of COVID-19. Where possible classroom doors and windows will remain open and fans and air-conditioners will be set to use outside air.

education.nsw.gov.au

Reminder to Stay Up to Date through: Skoolbag App, Website, Facebook

Important Quick Links:

Merrylands Public School
Website: Online Enrolments,
Uniform Shop, Online
Payments, Newsletter
<https://merryland-p.school.nsw.gov.au>

Facebook:
<https://facebook.com/Merrylands-Public-School-9048>

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

How to wear a mask



1 Ensure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face



2 Make sure the ear loops are firmly in place



3 Fold the metal strip in the mask around your nose so it stays in place



4 Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask



Jazzmel Catering Canteen Price List 2021

Lunch Options

Chicken Burger (H) (flamed grilled) lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
Chicken Chippies (H) (4)	\$3.30
Chicken Nuggets (5) (H) (80c each)	\$3.50
Garlic Bread (H) (V) Sml \$1.00	Lge \$2.00
Gozleme (H) (V) (Spinach/Feta) Sml \$5.00	Lge \$6.50
Hash Brown (H)	\$1.30
Hot Dog or Chicken Hot Dog (H) (Tomato or BBQ Sauce)	\$3.50
Hot BBQ Chicken Wrap Sml \$4.00	Lge \$5.00
Margarita Pizza (H)(V)	\$3.00
Pizza BBQ Chicken (H)	\$4.00
Pizza Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Pizza Cheese & Olive (V)(H)	\$3.50
Noodles Beef or Chicken (H)	\$3.50
Sweet Chilli Wrap (H) chicken, lettuce & tom Sauce – Tomato or BBQ	\$4.50 \$0.50

Focaccia any 3 fillings

NEW..... NEW..... NEW

Macaroni & Cheese (H)(V)	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognese (H)	\$4.50
Lasagne (H)	\$4.50

Recess Options

Cheese Melts	\$1.50
Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$3.00
Fruit Salad Cup \$1.50 Med \$3.00	Lge \$4.50
Garlic Bread (H) (V) Sml \$1.00	Lge \$2.00
Margarita Pizza (H) (V)	\$3.00
Pizza BBQ Chicken (H)	\$4.00
Margarita Pizza (H) (V)	\$3.00
Pizza Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Pizza Cheese & Olive (V)(H)	\$3.50
Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Party Pies	\$1.30

Breakfast Options

Toasted Sandwiches from	\$3.00
Toast	\$1.00

Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps

Chicken, Salad & Mayo Wrap Sml \$4.00	Lge \$5.00
Egg	\$2.50
Ham	\$3.00
Honey	\$2.20
Jam	\$2.20
Salad	\$4.50
Tuna	\$3.00
Vegemite	\$2.20
Cheese	\$2.50
Chicken (Charcoal) & Salad	\$4.00

Extra fillings 50c each eg, tomato, lettuce, mayo etc

Fresh Salad Boxes -

Garden Salad lettuce/tomato/carrot/cucumber/red cabbage	
Tropical Salad lettuce/carrot/cucumber/pineapple/corn/beetroot	
Greek Salad Sml \$4.00	Lge \$5.00
Salad Box Sml \$3.50	Lge \$5.00
Add Charcoal Chicken, Tuna or Ham	\$2.00
Add Egg or Cheese	\$1.00
Add Dressing	\$0.50
Fruit Salad Sml \$3.00	Lge \$4.50

Lunch order bags 10c. Forks and spoons 20c

Snacks

Grainwaves	\$1.00
Mamee Rice Sticks	\$1.50
Popcorn	\$1.50
Pretzels	\$1.00

Beverages

Oak Longlife Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk 300ml (Choc, Strawberry or Banana)	\$2.00
Juice Bomb	\$2.00
Chill J	\$2.00
Water Bottle 600ml	\$2.00
Juice	\$2.00
Up & Go 250ml	\$2.00

Iceblock Options

Icy Mon/TNT	\$1.50
Ice Blocks	\$1.00
Paddle pop	\$2.50
Snapstix	\$1.00

**Please do not ask for credit as refusal may offend BUT we do have an account system
Do you have a Birthday coming up and don't have time to bake, we can deliver ice blocks to your child's class
instead**

Stay up to date on the go:
Download Skoolbag on your
mobile through the App Store

