



MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MEET THE TEACHER

We are looking forward to having our families onsite for these meetings next week. Our meeting days will be:

MONDAY	Stage 3
TUESDAY	Stage 2
WEDNESDAY	Kindergarten
THURSDAY	Stage 1 and Support Unit

Schools are required to follow COVID protocols in order to have onsite events and ours are as follows:

- only one adult per student for each class
- all adults must QR code check in before coming onsite
- entry will be via the Holdsworth St gate near the Hall/Canteen
- parents/carers will be escorted to their child's class and must not go to any other areas around the school
- entry onsite is 3.00pm to sign in. Meetings will be strictly from 3.10pm and 3.40pm.

UNIFORM SHOP

The last few weeks have been very busy for our office and our uniform shop ladies to help get everyone into uniform to start the school year. Now that students are all outfitted, we will now be only having the uniform shop twice each week. The days and times are: Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30-9.30am. Orders can be done direct with the uniform shop on these mornings only. A reminder that the uniform shop is cash only or paid online (POP). Pick up of orders will only be at the specified times from the uniform shop. Parents/careers will need to follow the QR check before coming onsite and follow our COVID safe plan by social distancing. A current price list is enclosed in this newsletter.

CANTEEN

REMINDER: Students only may go to the canteen to order food. This should be done by **8:45am** (before the into class bell). Don't forget the canteen has ordering via SMS (see page 3) for families with credit. At 8:55am, students are expected to be in class ready for learning and all messages and canteen orders to have already been placed.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

THURSDAY 18/02

- YEARS 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MONDAY 22/02

- 3PM STAGE 3 MEET THE TEACHER

TUESDAY 23/02

- 3PM STAGE 2 MEET THE TEACHER

WEDNESDAY 24/02

- 3PM KINDY MEET THE TEACHER

THURSDAY 25/02

- 3PM STAGE 1 AND SUPPORT UNIT MEET THE TEACHER

FRIDAY 26/02

- COMMUNITY CONNECT SESSIONS BEGIN, 9AM & 10AM

FOOD AT SCHOOL

Reminder: Current COVID guidelines and rules are: No sharing of food from parents/carers with other children. This includes birthday foods. Please remember a number of students have severe food allergies eg. No nut products in snacks or sandwiches.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We are looking forward to a wonderful day of swimming events and games/novelty events this Thursday - weather permitting. Please make sure you have our Skoolbag app for that we can keep you informed about any changes. A team of teachers have put a lot of work into organising the day & we look forward to sharing photos of the day on our website!

COMMUNITY CONNECT

We have had a huge response to re-starting our Community Connect meetings. At this time we are only able to host meetings for one hour (1 hr) so we are planning to have two sessions: 9.00 - 9.55am and 10.00 - 10.55am on a Friday morning. If you expressed interest please meet Mrs Lennon & Mrs Bahram at Gate 2 this Friday 19 February to book into one of these sessions. Our numbers are limited by the space available to follow the COVID guidelines. The first Community Connect meetings will be Friday 26 February.

MPS PLAYGROUP

There has also been a lot of interest in our playgroup sessions restarting. If you didn't send in the response slip it's not too late. Please fill in the slip in this newsletter and send it in to the office. Mrs Lennon will contact you with more information.

CARE & SHARE BAGS

We will be re-starting our Care & Share program. These bags will have goods from Foodbank NSW and Good 360, two of our charity partners. Food stuffs from Foodbank are all 'best before' and not 'use by'. If you are unsure of the difference, please use the link. <https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/labelling/dates/Pages/default.aspx>



K-2 HOME READERS

During our home learning time in 2020, lots of our school home readers were sent home and have not returned. Can all of our students lucky enough to have received one of these readers please have a look at home and return them to their classroom teachers to share with other students. Appreciate you all looking for us!

PERMISSIONS NOTES

Today the annual permission note is going home (with students in Years 1-6) and requires parent carer signature/approval. The permission note allows students to have photos at school, short walk events and use of technology at school. Please note if your child does not have permission to publish they will not be included in annual School Photos as these are now in digital format. For special school events with outside agencies there will be a separate permission note for the students involved.

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 at 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


**LOOK AT
THIS
AMAZING
NEW
FENCE IN
OUR SPA
AREA**



OFFICE NEWS

Office Hours - 8:30am - 3:15pm

Please make sure students arrive at school with hats, drink bottles and lunches in the morning so that we do not interrupt students in their learning time.

<p>STAR MESSAGE</p>		<h3>Safe out of school</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk safely using footpaths and crossing • Stay with teacher
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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



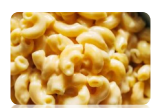
Prices ranging from \$1-\$3 per item

All items need to be pre-ordered.

Combo Deal

Lasagne, Mac & Cheese
or Spaghetti & Drink

\$6.00



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->

FACEBOOK

Keep up to date with our school Facebook page.

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

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.

GOLD AWARD

Moosa A - 5N



MERIT AWARDS

Xavier R - 3/6S

Ariana V - 3C

Bahaar A - 6I

Hind E - 6S

Mohammad N - 5N

Basro O - 4J

Ibrar S - 3R

Mohamad H - 5T

Sama H - 3/4K

Mia-Angel C - 4/6E

Hussein N - 3C

SPORT REPORT

Rugby League visit

Today N.R.L Development officers attended school accompanied by A.R.L Parramatta Eels N.R.L players. They conducted half hour skills sessions for our Stage 3 students in conjunction with the Rugby League Blitz Promotion week.

Swimming carnival

The school Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday at Guildford Pool. Miss Nguyen, Mrs Isaac and their team have done an amazing job to organise events, officials, wrist bands, travel plans, risk assessments and COVID reviews in conjunction with Cumberland Council. In the case of extreme weather (heat or rain) the carnival will be postponed and the information will be available in Skoolbag etc by 8.00am on Thursday morning.

P.S.S.A

Parramatta/Merrylands P.S.S.A annual meeting was held last week. At this meeting, Mrs Douglas was elected Vice President, Miss Tarzia, Miss Jacobs and Miss Kalamvokis will be Friday P.S.S.A sport convenors/organisers for Summer and Winter and Mrs Christodoulos will be the Merrylands/Parramatta Girls Football (Soccer) coach at the Area carnival.

Over the next few weeks Boys and Girls Cricket/Girls Touch/ Girls and Boys Basketball trials will be held at different venues (after school) to select zone representative teams for area carnivals. Players selected should be experienced in each sport and be able to complete at a high level. Further trials for other sports will be held over the year. Any parent wishing to enrol their child MUST approach Mr Douglas or Mrs Douglas for permission slips.

Summer P.S.S.A is planned to commence in week 5 (26 February) Hooray!!!

Initial trials for cricket, t-ball and softball were held last week at school and will continue this Friday at Merrylands High School. Those students attending must return walking permission slips to class teachers by Friday 19 February. Final team members will then receive information notes detailing:

- Bus money requirement
- Uniform
- Game day arrangements
- After school training times/days
- A draw for Term 1

Coaches are Mr Sadler (Cricket), Mrs Douglas (Softball), Miss Kalamvokis and Miss Jacobs (T-Ball).

NOTE teams will compete in stage cohorts.

I.e. Juniors - Years 3 & 4, Seniors - Years 5 & 6



Wesley Out of School Hours Care Merrylands

Enrolments for 2021 are now open

Before school care | After school care

Wesley Out of School Hours Care offers high-quality, reliable care for busy parents including vacation care and care on pupil free days.

- Sessions from \$2.89 per child with maximum Centrelink (CCS) rebate
- Casual/occasional care available
- No minimum or maximum days required

Location:

Merrylands Public School,
Fowler Road,
Merrylands NSW 2160



For more information or to enrol, visit wesleymission.org.au/enrolments-for-2021 or phone 9626 6620

Western Sydney Wolves are coming to Merrylands!

Through the sporting schools' program, we have been successful in gaining access to a qualified coach to come into Merrylands Public School to run a 5-week training experience.

Students involved in this program include:

- Years 3 and 4 Basketball skills
- Years 5 and 6 Volleyball skills



This program will run from weeks 5 to 9 during Term 1. It will consist of 30-minute sessions once a week in class groups, during school hours. There will be no cost.

Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based sports participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport.

Merrylands Public School Uniform Price List / Order Form



DATE OF ORDER:		STUDENT NAME:		
		CLASS:		
Item	Cost	Qty	Size	Cost
Caps/Hats				
Trucker caps	\$15.00			
Brim Hats - size 53cm, 55cm, 57cm	\$18.00			
Shirts				
Yellow - Polo Shirts - Short sleeve with logo	\$25.00			
Yellow - Polo Shirts - Long sleeve with logo	\$30.00			
Aboriginal Design Polo Shirts - short sleeve with logo	\$25.00			
Dresses / Skorts / Shorts				
Girls Summer dress with sleeves	\$50.00			
Culottes / Skorts	\$25.00			
Grey Shorts	\$25.00			
Sports Uniform				
Sports Uniform - SET (shirts & shorts)	\$45.00			
Sports Shirts only	\$25.00			
Sports Shorts only	\$25.00			
Winter				
Winter Tracksuit - SET (jacket & pants)	\$75.00			
Tracksuit jacket - with yellow stripes	\$45.00			
Tracksuit pants - with yellow stripes	\$35.00			
Winter - zippered fleece jacket with logo	\$30.00			
Winter - blue fleece pants	\$20.00			
Grey Long leg pants	\$25.00			
School Bag				
School bag with logo (only large available)	\$50.00			

TOTAL DUE:

Circle Payment Type: CASH OR ONLINE (RECEIPT NO)

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Register Your Interest!!!!!!

For our Community Connect meetings starting Friday 26 February. These meetings will be held weekly. Please choose your preferred session time and register by returning your form:



What time do you prefer? (Tick 1)

9:00am

10:00am

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Names of children of age 0-4 years _____

Names of children years K-12 _____

Return to the office or meet Mrs Lennon & Mrs Bahram at the Community Hub Gate 2 Matthew St on Friday 19/2 at 9.00am for further information. Contact Mrs Lennon 9632-9709

A Covid Safe Plan will be in place.

For CARE AND SHARE BAG

Parent's Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

