PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back to all students, staff and community members. This term as always will be very busy with many activities planned. A term calendar is included.

ENTRY TO GOVERNMENT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY IN 2016
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014.

Copies of an application information booklet will be available from the office after 14 October 2014. Parents interested in applying for selective high school placement for their children must complete the form as soon as possible.

STUDENT NUMBERS
The number of students who will be at the school in 2015 is important in the planning process at this time of year. The number of teachers and classrooms depends on the number of students. Therefore, if you have yet to enrol a Kindergarten aged child for next year please come to the office as soon as possible to complete the enrolment process. Invitations to Kindergarten orientations will be sent home shortly.

Also if you are moving before the beginning of next year and your child will not be attending Merrylands Public school in 2015, please contact the office (9632 9709) as soon as possible or complete and return the form below.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 17 October
Summer PSSA Commences—Merrylands have a Bye Week 1

Thursday 23 October
Years 3-6 League (Oz) Tag Gala Day

Monday 27 October
K-2 NRL

Wednesday 29 October
Kindergarten and Year 1 Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion

Thursday 30 October
ESL Excursion

Monday 3 November
K-2 NRL

Tuesday 4 November
MHS Dance Group

Monday 10 November
Year 5 Open Day at MHS

Tuesday 11 November
P and C - Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12 November
Kindergarten Transition—Week 1 of 3

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

My child/ren (please write names and classes on the children on the line below)

Name: __________________________________________________________ Class: _____________________________

will not be returning to Merrylands Public School in 2015.
CANTEEN SPECIALS $4.50

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PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR CREDIT. ALL FOOD MUST BE PAID FOR AT TIME OF ORDERING

Please Note: All Lunches Specials are now $4.50

*The canteen is unable to heat up lunches. Please do not send food that requires reheating.*

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ENROL YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2015

The enrolment process is simple and very important to arrange your position in school for next year. It’s time to enrol NOW!

1. Ensure that the child is turning 5 before 31st July 2015.
2. Are you in area? Either contact or visit the school for zoning areas.
3. Fill in an application form by either picking one up from the front office or downloading from the DET website. (www.det.nsw.edu.au)
4. Return the application fully completed with a copy of the child’s birth certificate, proof of address and immunisation history.
5. If you are not an Australian resident, please bring a copy of all Visa information.
6. Please remember it is the law that all children aged 6 must attend school.

Orientation begins Wednesday 12 November 2014.
MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Maneesha K - 1MC
For amazing Big Night Out writing
Ayah S - K/4J
For an enthusiastic attitude to performing at the BNO
Ibrahim M - K/1G
For trying his best in all activities
Zahra L - 2G
For consistently working hard with Mrs Foubister
Rhiannon F - 5/6R
For outstanding effort in writing
Ibrahim M - K/1G
For trying hard during all classroom activities
Anthony V - 5/6R
For always trying his best
Shian O - 5/6W
For showing an improved attitude towards learning
Fernando F - 2G
For great enthusiasm and improvement in writing
Samia M - 3/4C
For showing initiative
Ellanore W - KC
For demonstrating excellent improvement in writing
Rick D - KL
For a great start to his new school.
Mohammad R - 1MC
For an outstanding illustration of the Big Night Out
Johann H - 2D
For answering lots of maths questions
Maryam M - K/4J
For working hard to do all her work in class
Tahini D - 2/6L
For fantastic improvement in counting
Anahita S - 3P
For being a polite and diligent student
Nimah J - 3P
For a wonderful start to term 4 in all aspects of school
Mahmoud I - K/1G
For an improvement in reading
Mahdi V - 1TS
For consistently trying his best in literacy

P and C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
School dresses no sleeves in size 6 — $5.00
Size 14 skorts - $5.00
There are still a mixture of size jumpers and size 16 track pants available for 50c

The Uniform Shop is open only on Tuesdays from 8.30am-9.00am. EFTPOS is NOT available.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All money or left over chocolates should now be returned to the school office. If you have not already done so, please do immediately.

P AND C MEETING
Due to unforeseen circumstances, today’s P and C meeting was postponed. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 November 2014. All are welcome.

PLAYGROUP
Merrylands Play & Learn Group is a free playgroup that runs every Thursday morning from 9.15am—11.15am in the school hall for children aged 0-5 years. All families are welcome. Morning Tea is provided and each week there are craft activities available.

Our school Teacher/Librarian comes for Story time and children are able to borrow from the school library.

If you would like more information about Play & Learn, please call Suzanne or Kellie on 96368437.

BREAKFAST CLUB
A reminder that we have Breakfast Club on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.30am-8.55am outside the school canteen. This is a free breakfast, all Merrylands Public School students are more than welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB
The last day for Book Club orders will be Friday 24 October 2014. Please complete order form and include correct money in an envelope marked clearly with student’s name, class and that payment is for Book Club.

STEWART HOUSE PICK UP
The school’s Stuart House pick up will be on Monday 20 October 2014.

Gold Awards
Maryam M - K/4J
Ayah S - K/4J
Johann H - 2D
Lawson S - 4P
Juliette N - 2D
Zahra A - 4P
This week’s Star Message is:

Learners at Merrylands Public School are ...

Safe
Respectful
Responsible

At Merrylands Public School we are SAFE when we are out of the school.

We demonstrate this by:

- Staying with the teacher
- Using the correct pedestrian gates
- Seeking permission to leave the group
- Taking a buddy to the toilet
- Walking safely on the footpath, crossings and at traffic lights
SPORTS REPORT

SWIM SCHEME

Nearly **every** student from years 2-6 is participating in our Department Swimming School. Less than 10 children remain at school and over 200 are attending. These are amazing numbers. Swimming Teachers have made comment on the students improved skills both from last year to this year and just this week. Of course continuous lessons, at least in the summer months, would lead to even greater progress. There are Learn to Swim and Squad programs available at all our local pools. Contact details are listed below. The scheme finishes on Friday 17 October 2014 and all participants will be presented with a certificate of achievement. Please note what they have mastered and, more importantly, the areas they need to improve. **All** students should be able to swim 25-50m using correct technique in **deep** water before they graduate to high school.

PSSA RUGBY LEAGUE

All Rugby League jumpers from Winter PSSA must be returned to Mr Douglas before the commencement of PSSA Summer sport. Mr Douglas has a list of all jersey numbers and will contact parents if required.

SUMMER PSSA

Summer PSSA commences this Friday but we have a bye due to Swimming School. Teams have been finalised and a draw tabled below. All teams (softball/t-ball/cricket) will train Thursday afternoon 3.00-4.00pm. Please return the permission note to team coaches prior to training commencing next week (Thursday 23 October).

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| Friday 31 October  | Merrylands vs Widemere—Jones Park  
|                    | NO cricket this week, Widemere have not entered teams. Training at Merrylands High School. |
| Friday 7 November  | Merrylands vs Sherwood Grange—Ollie Webb |
| Friday 14 November | Merrylands vs Ringrose—Ted Burge |
| Friday 21 November | Semi Finals (1v4 and 2v3) - Ollie Webb/Jones Park |
| Friday 28 November | Finals (winners of semi-finals—Jones Park |

Bus fare for PSSA is $7.00 per person or $10 per family) will be collected by Mrs Maxwell each Friday morning (8.30am-9.00am) on the stage area.

AFL PSSA PROGRAM

We will be participating in and AFL PSSA program this term at Merrylands oval. This will include skill sessions and games with and against children from other local school. It is open to any student of any ability as they will be graded into teams based on skill levels. This will be a free program as we will walk to and from Merrylands Oval. Details are being finalised but the 6 weekly sessions will commence Friday 24 October 2014 (Week 3) and conclude Friday 28 November 2014. We will depart school at 9.15am and return by 11.00am. The program is organised by AFL Development Officers with the assistance of Merrylands Public School teachers. Notes will be distributed later this week and permission slips must be returned by next Thursday 23 October 2014.

ARL/NRL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ARL/NRL Development Officers visited our school last Thursday (for Years 5 and 6 students) and this Monday (for Years 3 and 4) to practice skills for the Oz Tag/League Tag Gala Day. This will be held next Thursday 23 October 2014 at Rosford Reserve, Smithfield. We have entered multiple teams in all sections of the competition.

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This way all skill levels are catered for. Please return permission slips to class teachers who will forward them to Mr Douglas to co-ordinate team numbers. **All notes must be returned** by Wednesday 22 October 2014. Bus fare is $7.00 per player or $10.00 per family, will be collected by accompanying teachers on Thursday morning prior to departure.

Dates to Remember:

- Friday 17 October—Swim School finishes
- Friday 24 October—Summer PSSA commences
- Thursday 23 October—Years 3-6 League (02) Tag Gala Day
- Friday 24 October—AFL PSSA 6 week program commences
MERRYLANDS
Amateur Swimming Club
Activities for Swimmers of All Ages and Abilities—Children & Adults

Club Races
Saturdays Mornings—7am to 9am

Learn to Swim
Saturdays Mornings—9am

Squad Training
Weekdays—Mornings & Afternoons
Merrylands Heated Swimming Centre
Burnett Street, Merrylands

For more information, visit our website,
email swim@merrylandsasc.asn.au
or contact Ian Wilson on 0422 006 876

www.merrylandsasc.asn.au
Ying Yang Tae Kwon

Monday and Wednesday 6.00-7.30
Merrylands Public School
For all enquiries please phone Nellie on 0405 728 558