**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION**
I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers that Kindergarten Transition is rapidly approaching. The Kindergarten team has organised a number of information sessions and visits for the new Kindergarten students. The first transition day is Wednesday 12 November at 9.00am in the library. I look forward to meeting all the parents and students.

**BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**
The school year is rapidly coming to a conclusion. It is important that students realise that there is still a great deal of learning that will occur in the next few weeks. A number of activities for the students are also being organised. Please remember that it is a privilege to attend the end of year activities and that classroom and playground behaviour will be a major influence on who is permitted to attend. All students are expected to continue to display exemplary behaviour.

**P and C ELECTIONS**
On 11 November the P and C Annual General Meeting will be held. The following positions are available: President, 2 x Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Uniform Co-ordinator. Please join us in the staffroom at the 9.15am to elect our new committee members.

**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.

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**

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**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.

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

Aleyna D - 3P
For being a hard working student in maths groups.
Hajar E - 2/6L
For trying hard to be a good friend.
Destynee F - 2G
For an excellent attitude to learning.
Johnny H - KC
For outstanding improvement in literacy.
Atinaa R - 2D
For improvement in writing and maths.
Phoenix K - 1/2A
For working hard in all areas.
Shireen J - KL
For trying her best in all she does.
Bilal O - 5/6R
For fantastic writing in paragraphs.
Marc A - 5/6W
For being a very respectful class member.
Analeese R - 1MC
For setting in well to her new school and always trying her best.
Prince T - K/1G
For trying his best in all classroom activities.

Gold Awards

Saad K - KL
Leroy H - 2/6S
Zahra L - 2G
Stanley H - 5/6R
Atila O - 5/6R
Ellanore W - KC
Naba A - KC
Charlotte B - KC
Angie H - K/1G
Jye N - 5/6W
Ellena Y - 5/6W
Deyare S - 2G
Kayhan A - 2G
Joy-May N - 2G
Carols P - 2G
Yassir M - K/4J
Altin H - 2G
Ali K - 5/6R
Mariah S - KL
Alishba K - 2/6S
Amaney O - 4P
Emily S - 4P
Jerry W - 4P
Daniel G - 5/6W
Ahmet K - 5/6W
Carol T - 4P
Makayla A - 4P

For making an excellent start to Term 4 Satellite Literacy.
Bilal K - 1MC
For making an excellent start to Term 4 Satellite Literacy.
Aqrah M - 2G
For fantastic improvement in mathematics.
Hanah T - 5/6W
For always trying her best in all aspects of school life.
Stanley H - 5/6R
For outstanding effort in writing.
Yassir M - K/4J
For listening to and following instructions.
Hannah P - KL
For great improvement in literacy!
Alara A - KC
For always being kind to her friends.
Nastran A - 1MC
For interesting and descriptive writing about the sun.
Jason P - 2/6L
For fantastic swimming!!
Khaled M - K/1G
For great work in mathematics.
Alishka K - 2/6S
For being a beautiful singer and a super hard worker.
Mohamad W - 2/6S
For trying hard to complete his work.
Maria Bayda - 3P
For improved attitude to learning.
Mohammad R - 1MC
For outstanding handwriting.
Zainullah R - 3P
For excellent class participation.
Mojtaba H - 5/6W
For great reading in ESL.
Mohamed A - 1TS
For fantastic effort in writing.
Abdullah K - 2D
For working hard in class.
Hebba B - 1TS
For excellent use of her wonderful words.
Yassir M - K/4J
For improved playground play—learning to share.
Yousef K - 1TS
For working hard in Satellite Literacy.
Khaled M - K/1G
For thoughtful answers in class with Mrs Foubister.
Zakareia B - 3P
For being a hard working student in maths groups this week.
This week’s Star Message is:

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

PSSA
PSSA recommenced last Friday and it was disappointing to see all of our teams playing “short”. This was because many of our players did not return permission slips, had inappropriate uniform, no bus money or simply forgot to go. Our school bus fund is running at a loss this year as we are subsidising 2 buses for the safety and comfort of our students and we are trying to keep fares at a minimum for families. We cannot afford to have this happen again. Once children have committed to play sport they must continue to attend training (unless there is a reasonable excuse) and matches until the season is completed. Many thanks to those students who were organised, ready and willing to play. Special mention must go to our Senior Boys Softball team who took the field with only 7 players (from a squad of 14) and played their hearts out and our Junior Cricket team (with only 8) who actually WON!

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<th>Result</th>
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<td>T-Ball Boys</td>
<td>Lost 0-16</td>
<td>Ray L – outstanding fielding</td>
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<td>Atlantik H – Awesome catch</td>
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<td>T-Ball Girls</td>
<td>Lost 2-15</td>
<td>Chloe H – Great effort at first base</td>
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<td>Softball Boys</td>
<td>Lost 3-9</td>
<td>Whole team—fantastic effort</td>
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<td>Won 9-0</td>
<td>Sylvi—great pitching</td>
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<td>Hannah—wonderful first game</td>
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<td>Sara N—top game</td>
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<td>Cricket Junior</td>
<td>Won 11-8</td>
<td>Eman K – Solid batting won us the game</td>
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<td>Cricket Senior</td>
<td>Lost 14-47</td>
<td>Peter A – 3 wickets, great economical bowling</td>
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<td>School Sport</td>
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<td>Willaim C, Hassna H – Super kicking and marking</td>
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Sport 31/10 vs Widemere at Ted Burge.
Note: Widemere have no cricket teams so cricket will practise at school on Friday and will not have afternoon training this week.

There have been slight changes to the PSSA draw as some fields at Ted Burge are unavailable. We will be playing Widemere at Ted Burge (except for cricket who will be practising at school).

AFL PSSA
AFL PSSA starts this Friday at Merrylands Oval. Students wishing to attend must return permission slips (green note) to Mr Douglas by Wednesday. There is no weekly cost involved but all participants must wear a mouthguard. These are available from the office for ($5.00). Please purchase before Friday so the children can fit them to the mound of their teeth. Instructions are on the container.

Oz Tag League Gala Day
Over 150 of our Years 3-6 students attended a League (Oz) Tag Gala Day last Thursday. We had, by far, the biggest school representation with multiple teams (12) entered in all divisions. It was great to see the kids competing and despite the heat, having so much fun. Many of them had never been to sport on a bus, played as a team against opposition schools before so it was a great learning experience. We even managed some success with our Senior Boys (Year 5 Silver), Junior Girls (Years 3/4 Green) and Junior Boys (Years 3/4 Blue) all qualifying for the grand final.

SPORT REPORT cont.....
Although our year 5 boys lost and years 3/4 girls lost in controversial extra time, the year 3/4 boys team won 1-0 in extra time. Many of the students displayed outstanding skill, especially as most of them don’t play competitively.

Peter A, Joseph M, Isaiah S, Hanah T, Sherine H, Chloe H, Mohammad A and Sebastian P were all names mentioned for terrific performances. Ali M was a standout in the Junior Boys and was my nominated “Player of the Day”.

Developmental Swimming Carnival
We have booked Guildford Pool on Thursday 11 December for a “Developmental Swimming Carnival”. There will be 25 metre races in a variety of strokes to enable our students to practise the skills taught at Swim School. It will also prepare them for next year’s Swimming Carnival in February. Children in years 2-6 will attend and the day will finalise with end-of-year class parties. Swimming events will be held 10.00am to 1.00pm with parties 1.00pm-2.00pm.

T20 Milo Cup Cricket Gala Day
A T20 Milo Cup Intra School Gala Day will be held late November or early December at Merrylands Oval. This will replace the inter-school excursion planned for this week. Cricket development officers will organise matches between our year 3/4 students with 6-a-side. This children will practise their cricket skills in P.E lessons each Monday prior to the day. There will be no cost to families. Notes will be distributed after a date has been finalised.
# WHAT’S HAPPENING......

## CALMSLEY HILL EXCURSION (Kindergarten and Year 1)
On Wednesday 29 October 2014, Kindergarten, Year 1 students and students in K/4J will be attending an excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm. Be sure to read your notes carefully and remember to send the children with plenty of water as we are due for some very warm weather this week.

## NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM EXCURSION (Stage 2)
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will receive a note this week with details of an excursion to the National Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour on Thursday 13 November 2014. This excursion is a follow up to their Integrated unit “First Contacts” which was studied in Term 3. Permission slips and money ($16.00) must be returned to the money box by Tuesday 11 November 2014.

## K-2 NRL SKILLS
Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have been participating in a basic skills course for Rugby League. We have completed 2 weeks of skills and already see some rising stars in our midst. Next Monday will be the completion of this course.

## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION
Our Kindergarten Transition will commence Wednesday 12 November. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten 2015 students and welcoming them to our school. If you have a sibling or a neighbour that is due to begin school and has not yet enrolled, please see the office for an enrolment form. Our numbers are filling up quickly!

## 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.

### UNIFORM SHOP INFORMATION FOR 2015
The uniform shop opening hours for the beginning of 2015 are as follows:

- Tuesday 27 January from 9.00am-2.00pm
- Wednesday 28/Thursday 29 January from 8.30am-9.00am
- Monday 2 February from 8.30am-9.00am
- Tuesday 3 February from 8.30am-9.00am
- Then every Tuesday as normal thereafter.

### 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
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.
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