PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

KINDERGARTEN 2015
Kindergarten enrolments for the Year 2015 are now being accepted at the office. It is essential that enrolment forms are completed as soon as possible so that the correct staffing and classrooms are organised for 2015.

If your child, a relative or a neighbour’s child turns five on or before 31 July 2015 please fill in an enrolment form NOW. The forms are available from the school office.

For further information please contact the school on 9632 9709. Further information and transition programs will be held in term 4.

GOOD LUCK
On Friday our PSSA teams will be involved in the semi-finals for their respective sports. All 8 of our teams have successfully made it to the semi-finals this year. Congratulations to all the players in all the PSSA teams and good luck to our semi-finalists.

CHOCOLATE FUND RAISING
Please return all money or unsold chocolates to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to all the families who have sold chocolates and returned their money.

BIG NIGHT OUT
Don’t forget the Big Night Out is coming soon to Merrylands Public School. Each class has produced a number to perform as well as our school choir and dance group. Tickets are on sale now on the stage under the cola from 8.30am-9.00am. No tickets will be available for sale on the night so you need to book them now.

Our evening performance will be held Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 6.30pm and our matinee performance on Thursday 18 September 2014 at 9.30am.

LEAVE
I will be on long service leave from Thursday 4 September 2014 until the end of the term 3. Mrs Timbs will be relieving principal in my absence.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 2 September
Opera House Choir and Dance Group Performance

Thursday 4 September
Zone Field Events Carnival

Friday 5 September
PSSA Semi Finals
Australian Girls Choir visit

Monday 8 September
Big Night Out tickets will be sent home

Wednesday 10 September
Sydney West Area Carnival (Track)

Friday 12 September
Big Night Out Top n Tail Rehearsal
PSSA Finals

Wednesday 17 September
Gold Award Morning Tea
BIG NIGHT OUT EVENING PERFORMANCE

Thursday 18 September
BIG NIGHT OUT MATINEE PERFORMANCE

Friday 19 September
Last Day of Term 3

Tuesday 7 October
Students return for Term 4
School Swimming and Water Safety Program begins

FATHERS DAY STALL

Wednesday 3 September 2014 8.30am-9.00am followed by class visits throughout the day and
Thursday 4 September 2014 from 8.30am-9.00am only.

Prices range from 20c–$7.00
**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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**BIG NIGHT OUT**

*Tickets are on sale NOW for $5.00 from the stage area between 8.30am & 9.00am only.*

Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 6.30pm

and

Thursday 18 September 2014 at 9.30am

Get in fast before tickets are sold out!!!!!!
### Merit Award Winners

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<td>For excellent work in all areas</td>
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### Gold Awards

#### Week 7 and 8 Gold Award Winners

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Gold Awards
This week’s Star Message is:

At Merrylands Public School we are RESPECTFUL in all settings.

We demonstrate this by:
- Being kind to others
- Looking after our school
- Using good manners
- Using correct names and titles
- Allowing others their personal space
- Cooperating with staff and peers
SPORTS REPORT

PSSA
Our P.S.S.A teams have done a remarkable job to all qualify for the semi-finals in their respective competitions.

Below is the final point score and semi-final venues for each sport. Junior games commence at 1.00pm (approximately) and senior matches 1.45pm (approximately) for any interested spectators.

Congratulations to all team members and their coaches. Rugby League – Mr Welsh, Mr Sadler and Mr Douglas, Soccer/Football - Mr Cassidy and Mrs McDonald, Netball - Miss Ponton and Miss Selman and Newcombe Ball - Mrs Dougals. The winners of each semi-final will play in the ground final next week on Friday 12 September 2014. If games are washed out or drawn this week, those teams placed higher on the ladder will qualify for the grand final.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Over 60 students, both competitors and spectators attended last weeks Zone Athletics Carnival at Homebush. All competitors gave their best and they should be very proud of their effort and commitment. The Spectators had an excellent social day out and it was great to see them willing to cheer on their mates.

Bilal O, Sofia B, Filip J and Camille N all qualified for the finals in the 100m. Isaiah S finished 3rd in his discus event and our Junior girls relay team won their heat convincingly. Stars for the day were Moussa S (2nd in discuss), Danny H (2nd in 100m), Atefah M (1st in 100m) and Potoi A (1st in 100m). Potoi actually broke the Merrylands/Parramatta 8 years 100 metre record in his heat!! They will all compete at the Sydney West Area Carnival on Wednesday 10 September 2014 at Blacktown.

Unfortunately the Zone Field Events Carnival has had to be postponed twice. They will attempt for the last time, to hold it this Thursday at Barton Park. All students have received new permission slips that should be returned to Mr Cassidy before Thursday.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program
All students in Years 2-6 have received information notes with details about the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This will be held from Tuesday 7 October 2014 until Friday 17 October 2014 at Merrylands Pool during Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 4. We have booked enough space for all children to attend. Class 2/6S will swim in mainstream groups while K/4J and 2/6L will participate in the last session each day from 1.35pm-2.25pm.

It is extremely important for your child to be safe near water by displaying the ability to swim a minimum of 25 metres with correct technique. The vast majority of our students are unsafe and many are non-swimmers. This is a great way of building their confidence and skills.

Cost is only $23.00 which covers pool entry for 9 days. Tuition is free as professional departmental swimming teachers supervise the 50 minute lessons daily. Notes and money must be returned to the office by Wednesday 17 September 2014.

P and C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
Size 16 track pants — $1.00
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.

New prices are now in affect.

UNIFORM ORDER FORM
Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the schools new Uniform Order Form. If you are unable to attend the opening hours of the Uniform Shop, please see the front office for an order form to fill in and the office staff will pass onto the Uniform Shop for packing on Tuesday mornings. These orders can then be collected from the front office.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Hopefully by now you are selling lots of chocolates. All money or unsold chocolates need to be returned back to the office. If you are wanting more chocolates to sell, please come and see the office.

RAFFLE—GIANT TOBLERONE CHOCOLATE TO BE WON!!!
The P and C are holding a raffle for a 4.5kg Toblerone bar. Ticket books are available from the front office if you would like to purchase some tickets. Tickets are $1.00 each or $5.00 for a book of 7 tickets.

P AND C MEETING
The next P and C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October 2014 at 9.15am in the staffroom in the front office. 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 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.
FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
The P and C will be holding their annual Father’s Day stall in the school hall this coming Wednesday 3 September 2014 and Thursday 4 September 2014.

Stall hours on Wednesday will be 8.30am-9.00am, followed by class visits throughout the day.

Stall hours on Thursday will be 8.30am-9.00am only.

Prices of gifts begin at 20c up to $7.00.

So come along and buy something special for dad this Father’s Day!

What’s Happening....

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.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge:

Jye N  Amelia P  Joseph M
Maryam A  Allan Z  Sofia B
Jawad E  Madeena S  Carol T
Taha E  Moussa S  Manaia K
Atefa M

The challenge is now over for 2014. Well done all students who participated. Certificates will be available in November/December.

Mrs S Collins
Teacher / Library

WORLD’S APART
As a part of Literacy week, all students were treated to a live performance in the hall named Worlds Apart. All students thoroughly enjoyed the show.

OUR SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE
Today, 43 students have accompanied Miss Jackson, Mrs Truscott, Miss Ristivojevic and Miss Cornish to the Sydney Opera House to perform in the All Schools Our Spectacular performance. This year we have sent along our Choir which has grown from last year and our school dance group.

This is an amazing opportunity for the students to be a part of an all schools performance at an iconic Sydney land site. As the students left this morning there was plenty of excitement and energy. We wish them luck! We hope that any family members attending this evening performance thoroughly enjoy all the hard work and effort that the staff and students have put in.

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM
As mentioned in our Sports Report, students from Years 2-6 will be participating in a School Swimming and Water Safety Program to be run at Merrylands Public School in Term 4 during weeks 1 and 2. The program costs $23.00 for 9 days of pool entry, the cost of the actual lesson is free.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain some confidence in the water leading into the summer months. We hope that as many students as possible attend this program. Not only is it fun but it is a fantastic way to help them learn to swim or to improve their skills in the water.
What’s We’ve Been Up To...

PUBLIC SPEAKING

This term as part of Speaking and Listening all students at Merrylands Public school have had an opportunity to develop their confidence and speaking skills. Representatives from each stage presented their speech at assembly. It was fantastic to hear so many we presented speeches from kindergarten to year 6.

Congratulations to the following students who won their stage final.
Early Stage 1 - Katie J
Stage 1 - Juliette N
Stage 2 - Amaney O
Stage 3 - Arber Z

Stage 1 Finalists and Champion—Rana K, Juliette N, Lewaan R, Zahra L

Stage 2 Finalists—Amaney O, Vaia R, Erica M

Stage 2 and 3 Champions—Arber Z, Amaney O
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Or contact Ms Debby on 0416 24 7713 for an Enrolment package.
The Hills Sports High School
Talented Sports Program
GOLF
Tuesday 14 October 2014
1.00pm
Fox Hills Golf Club
Trials will be held by AAA Professional,
NSW & Australian PGA member
Jamie Atkinson
Trial is by application only; application forms are available from the schools
website: hillssport.high.com.au or contact Mr Garry Duffy on 9622 7300.

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