



# MEPS MAIL

*Create the Future*

16th October, 2019

## KEY DATES

### TERM 4

**17/10/2019**

- Stage 2 Olympic Park Excursion

**17/10/2019**

- Sydney West Athletics

**23/10/2019**

- Kindy dental screening

**30/10/ & 6/11 & 13/11/2019**

- Kindy Orientation Days

**28/11/2019**

- Presentation Day

**11/11/2019**

- Remembrance Day

**11/11/2019**

- Selective School applications close

**25/11/2019**

- Volunteer Morning Tea

**3/12/2019**

- Year 6 High School Orientation Day

**4/12/2019**

- Year 6 Farewell at Club Merrylands

**16/12/2019**

- Convict day

**18/12/2019**

- Last day of Term 4

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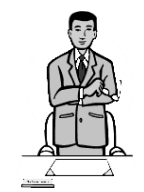
PSSA summer season

P&C General Meeting

Swimming Scheme Review

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Welcome back to Term 4 and a very important milestone for Year 6 (Stage 3) in all primary schools throughout NSW. At the end of this term, Year 6 (Stage 3) will be leaving primary school and venturing into high school – the next part of their formal education journey. This term, their teachers will be preparing them in readiness for the start of 2020, including statewide orientation day **on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**. Likewise, we have Kindergarten 2020 orientation programs on the 30th October, 6th November and 13th November 2019.

The NSW Department of Education is now accepting applications for Selective High School 2021 for Stage 3 (Year5). The application must be completed online and can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

It is important to note that the closing date for Selective High School applications is **Monday 11th November 2019**.

During the vacation period, tree loppers came into the grounds to remove a coral tree at the front of the school. Earlier this year, this tree dropped a major branch during a storm and it has been in slow decline over the years. The tree was too close to the pathway and could have posed a risk to people entering and leaving our school. The tree loppers also removed numerous dead branches from trees to reduce the risk of dropping during storms.

The NSW Department of Education has revised enrolment processes for NSW public primary and high schools based on the accommodation (classrooms) for each school. Every school has an enrolment cap that cannot be exceeded for out of intake area students. Our school is currently at the enrolment cap and will not be able to take out of area enrolments.

On the 30th October 2019, our school will be hosting a group of Principals from the Doncaster area in England in the morning session. The Principals are on a study tour to look at best practices.

Just a reminder that we have a new bus zone on Myee Street, in front of our school. Drivers cannot park in the zone, nor drop students off. When not in use, the open space will provide more visibility to students as they leave the school grounds in the afternoon making it safer for our students.

John Goh  
Principal

**AWARDS****Merit Awards****ES1 Red & Yellow**

Layan E  
Jailen C  
Aisha S  
Shemar S

**S1 Burgundy & Fuschia**

Mahya R  
Yusuf D  
Gadear A  
Devai L  
Mahya R

**S1 Ruby & Violet**

Lilly B  
Lykin A  
Salima J  
Jacob T  
Gurnoor M  
Tiamana K  
Radhey P  
Jojo W  
Anna L  
Lema W  
Sara S  
Shahid K  
Amanda H

**S2 Denim**

Mahan R  
Anoushay F  
Zainab A  
Sydra E

**Stage 3 Magenta, Lime & Crimson**

Antong Y  
Zahraa K

**S1 Blue**

Aishpreet K  
Zaid N  
Kabeer K  
Sukayna H

**S1 Silver**

Yugh B  
Haani M

**S2 Rose & Wisteria**

Arshpreet S  
Hamza K  
Harshal R  
Sadia R  
Ali Hadi S  
Deana D  
Ayan E  
Marshall F

**S2 Teal**

Orianthi L  
Ayushi S  
Photheany P  
Rahila M

**5 Class Awards**

Nelofar M  
Riddhisha P  
Anoushay F  
Zainab A  
Hawa Z  
Tarek H  
Layla E  
Orianthi L  
Marshall F  
Amir M  
Horatio P  
Jana E  
Arda H  
Safia C

Yasir S  
Arda H  
Zohal A  
Josh B  
Emad M  
Naveed N  
Jay N  
Somaya Z  
Imran G  
Yasna R  
Khaled E  
Alishba F  
Baseer S

**Peace & Friendship**

Jhaz S  
William S  
Maher M  
Mohammed E  
Kobi M  
Sinin M  
Waheed N

Akash S  
Ali F  
Elaha G  
Cecelia S  
Abdullah M  
Alexis I

**AWARDS****TERM 3 BANNERS**

Amina B  
Abiha W  
Shahid K  
Elangkeeran P  
Aydin I  
Lema W  
Naveed N  
Faareah F  
Hazehn H  
Orianthi L  
Jay N  
Reemas Z  
Sadia R  
Somaya Z  
Oren V  
Mikayla T  
Fatima A  
Sanchit A  
Imran G

Nelofar M  
Kinytah C  
Jacob T  
Elaha G  
Ansh N  
Anoushay F  
Hawa Z  
Marshall F  
Hawra A  
Sami M  
Sugud S  
Abdullah M  
Bilal W  
Sinin M  
Waheed N  
Antong Y  
Enas A  
Natasha F  
Alexis I

**SCHOOL SPORT****PSSA**

PSSA summer sport starts again this Friday, 18th October.

**Games for Friday 18th October**

T-Ball - against Auburn North at Granville Park  
Softball - against Granville at Granville Park

**No bus fare required this week**

**Games for Friday 25th October**

T-Ball - against Granville East at Harry Gapes Reserve  
Softball - against Auburn North at Granville Park

**Bus fare is required this week for T-BALL only.**

**PSSA TRAINING**

PSSA T-Ball teams will be training after school every Thursday from 1.15pm to 2.30pm.

PSSA softball teams will be training after school every Tuesday from 1.15pm to 2.30 pm.

## STAGE 2 EXCURSION

### Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) excursion to Sydney Olympic Park

Stage 2 will be participating in an excursion to the Education Centre in Bicentennial Park. This excursion supports their Project Based Learning (PBL) work with a focus on Science and Geography. They are looking at our environment and how we could use it better. The students will have the opportunity to connect their classroom work to the real world and bring ideas back to our school to help achieve their PBL goals.

- Date:** Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019
- Venue:** Education Centre Bicentennial Park
- Times:** 8.15am - leave school  
1.30pm - return to school  
Please note that students will need to be at school at 8.00am.
- Transport:** Bus
- Dress:** Full school uniform including a hat.
- Lunch:** Recess, lunch and water in a back pack, **no plastic bags please.**
- Other:** Please apply sunscreen before coming to school.

## P&C MEETING SCHEDULE

The P&C **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will be held in during Term 4. The exact date will be stated in the next newsletter.

All executive positions will be open for nomination. Please consider volunteering with the P&C.

**All welcome**

The next **general meeting** will be held on Thursday 17th October, 2019 at 12.30pm in the Community Room under the Stage 3 verandah.

## SWIM SCHEME

Our school learn to swim scheme was a big success. Except for a couple of particularly cold days, the weather was reasonably kind to our students.

As usual, our students were well behaved and actively participated in all the activities.

### *Did you enjoy Swim Scheme?*

"This was my third year going to Swim Scheme. It was fun and the teachers were very nice. I got a certificate that was better than last year!"

- *Aparna A, Stage 2 Rose*

"It was nice and fun. The water was cold but sometimes it was warmer. At the end, on the last day, we just had fun in the pool."

- *Shabir S, Stage 2 Teal*

### *Did you improve during Swim Scheme?*

"I did improve. I learnt different types of skills. It was fun in the deep water. My Survival Certificate showed I swam 50 metres!"

- *Ayah E, Stage 2 Rose*

### *What was your favourite part of Swim Scheme?*

"I really liked putting my face under the water and opening my eyes! It was so fun and easy. It was fun and cool to do big arm swimming."

- *Suli F, Stage 2 Teal*



## KINDERGARTEN FREE DENTAL SCREENING

### WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Local dentist Taylor Groenlund & Doan are offering our Kindergarten students a FREE dental check-up.

If you are interested in this service and haven't returned your green consent form please do so before Tuesday 22nd October.

**TERM 4 CANTEEN MENU**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Variable Menu</b>	Vegetarian Pizza \$2  Oregano Pizza \$2  Cheese Pizza \$2	Stir Fry Noodles \$2  Rice with Lentils \$2  Chicken Wrap \$2	Chicken Salad Wrap \$2  Potato & Salad Wrap \$2  Mini pancakes with mixed berry sauce \$2	Lamb Nachos with Sour Cream \$2  Vegetarian Nachos with Sour Cream \$2  Vegetarian Jacket Potato with Beans, Sour Cream & Cheese \$2  Lamb Jacket Potato with Beans, Sour Cream & Cheese \$2	Seasoned Chicken Drumstick with Salad \$2  Seasoned Chicken Drumstick with Rice and Chickpeas \$2  Spinach and Feta Cheese Triangle \$2
<b>Every Day Menu</b>	Fruit Cup \$1 Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$2 Muesli, yogurt & honey \$1 Yogurt & honey \$1 Date slice \$1 Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$1 Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$2 Muesli, yogurt & honey \$1 Yogurt & honey \$1 Date slice \$1 Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$1 Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$2 Muesli, yogurt & honey \$1 Yogurt & honey \$1 Date slice \$1 Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$1 Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$2 Muesli, yogurt & honey \$1 Yogurt & honey \$1 Date slice \$1 Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$1 Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$2 Muesli, yogurt & honey \$1 Yogurt & honey \$1 Date slice \$1 Ice Block \$1
<b>Drink</b>	Bottled Water \$1	Bottled Water \$1	Bottled Water \$1	Bottled Water \$1	Bottled Water \$1

**KINDY 2020**

Kindy enrolments are now open for children turning five any time before the 31st July 2020.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year or you know of someone who has a child turning 5 before the 31st July please collect an enrolment form from the office. Parents of children born between 01 January and 31 July can choose between sending their child to school the year their child turns five or the year they turn six. It is recommended to seek advice from your preschool to check if your child is ready for school. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

The office staff will inform you of the required documents you need to supply in order to complete your child's enrolment. Original documents must be sighted and copied by the school.

**BRING YOUR HAT TO SCHOOL EACH DAY**

It is very important for every student to have a hat at school each day. The sun in Australia is very strong so to protect our skin and eyes an appropriate hat is necessary. Hats should be worn during recess and sport.

**KINDY 2020 ORIENTATION**

Our Kindergarten Orientation program is about making your child's transition to school a smooth and settled beginning to their new and exciting environment.

We have organised three morning sessions for you and your child to attend.

**Wednesday 30th October**  
**Wednesday 6th November**  
**Wednesday 13th November**  
**8.30am - 9.45am each day**

On 30th October you and your child will experience the first session together in the Kindergarten classrooms. On the 6th November and 13th November you will be encouraged to leave your child in the capable hands of the Kindergarten teachers and move to the school library. Here you will have the opportunity to meet staff and cover a range of topics including getting your child ready for school. Each session will conclude with a "question and answer" time followed by morning tea. This is a great opportunity to meet parents of other