## Key Dates

**TERM 2**
- 02/07/2019 - Brainstorm Productions
- 03/07/2019 - K-2 Athletics Carnival
- 04/07/2019 - NAIDOC Assembly
- 05/07/2019 - Last day of Term 2

**TERM 3**
- 23/07/2019 - First day of Term 3
- 12/09/2019 - School Photos
- 16-27/09/2019 - Swim Scheme

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## Principal's Report

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

I met with Sydney Trains last week to discuss the pedestrian railway bridge on Military Road and Railway Parade. I pointed to old archival records that indicated the bridge was originally built to service our students in accessing our school without the need to cross on the railway line. This is the bridge that is used by at least a third of our families each day to access our school. Sydney Trains reassures me that any plans for a new bridge will leave the old bridge in place until a transition occurs. At this stage, Sydney Trains are starting the process through community consultation, followed by a design brief and further community consultation. They have indicated the process may take eighteen months or more.

On Thursday 20 June 2019, over 50 staff members from the NSW Department of Education State Office will be visiting our school in the morning for breakfast and a visit to our classrooms. School Captains and leaders will be welcoming our visitors at the gate and escorting them to the Library. All the visitors have heard a lot about our school and look forward to experiencing the way our school operates.

Next week, some Stage 3 students will be attending the Museum of Contemporary Art for a four day Art Together Program. This is an opportunity for students to learn about visual arts, create visual arts and know more about art museums. On the final day, parents are encouraged to attend to see and hear presentations by the students.

Have you noticed that supermarkets and now Kmart have moved away from single use plastic bags? Plastic is known to get into our stormwater drains and eventually into the oceans where it does immense damage to sea life. Plastic bags are also known to cause pollution in our local environment. Now is a good time to reduce the amount of plastic bags that are brought into school. Together we can make a difference.

Each day, it is important to pack a healthy recess for students. Far too often, I am seeing children eat chips or sugary foods. The Australian Dietary Guidelines recommends foods such as fruit, fresh vegetables, pasta, rice, milk and yoghurt. Foods that need to be limited include those with a high sugar or fat content eg chips, lollies, soft drinks and cordial. These foods do not help children concentrate at school.

The months of June, July and August are the winter season and the coldest period in Sydney. Students need to wear a warm school jumper each day to school and ensure they stay dry to and from school by bringing an umbrella or raincoat whenever it rains. Staying at home because it’s too cold to come to school is not permitted. Students must attend school every day unless they are sick.

Just a reminder that our school offers teacher supervision to students from 7:30am in the morning to 1:15pm each day. Parents need to make arrangements to ensure their child is picked up or walks home safely each day.

During the school vacation, it is anticipated contractors will be in our school grounds and laying synthetic rubber for the remaining asphalt areas.

John Goh
**Awards**

### Merit Awards

**Early Stage 1**
- Louis X
- Nivaan S
- Zaid N
- Alparslan C
- Gurman Kaur N

**Stage 1 Years 1 & 2**
- Alisha F
- Elangkeeran P
- Xander F
- Lucas H
- Jad A
- Salima J
- Zaid N
- William S
- Iraj Z
- Eleanor V
- Siddique K
- Azhar S
- Cody P
- Madhav K
- Dasha D

**Stage 2 Years 3 & 4**
- Josh B
- Anoushay F
- Sydra E
- Hasan M
- Sami M
- Shabir S
- Fatma A
- Arshpreet S
- Somaya Z
- Don R
- John K
- Mandy H
- Zahra R
- Tamkeen M
- Khushal D
- Felix H
- Emil V
- Hawa Z
- Roselyn R
- Kowthar A

**Stage 3 Years 5 & 6**
- Milad Y
- Sajeda A
- Mia O
- Idris E
- Irmak S
- Danyal R
- Fatima A
- Mahdi A
- Yasna R
- Toryse S
- Tianyu W
- Millen B

### 5 Class Awards

- Jocelle A
- Lykin A
- Zohal A
- Zainab A
- Ayushi S
- Jawed A
- Sajeda A
- Shakira I
- Sobhan M
- Nadia B
- Xander F
- Pranav R
- Ashlina A
- Gurnoor M

**School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.

**Hoodies of ANY colour are not permitted.**

Although we realise children need to be warm, the only colour allowed is MEPS blue.

**School Sport**

### PSSA

PSSA sport will not finish playing until 2.30pm if it is a home game or 3.00pm if it is an away game.

### Games for Friday 21st June

Netball has a bye this Friday so training will be during PSSA on Friday. There will be NO training on Thursday this week.

Newcomball - at home against Granville South Public

Soccer - at home against Granville South Public School at King Park

### Games for Friday 28th June

Netball - away against Blaxcell Street Public School at Blaxcell Street Public School, 350 Blaxcell Street, Granville

Newcomball - away against Granville Public School at Granville Public School, 7 Lena Place Granville

Soccer - away against Granville Public School at Granville Park, Montrose Ave Granville

$8 bus fare required this week for Netball & Newcomball

All the games will be listed on the new website and reminders will be posted in Facebook each week.

### School Sport (Years 3-6)

Each week all students in Years 3-6 participate in one hour of school sport. One group goes to the gym, another goes to the park, a small team learns to play lawn bowls and two groups do dance fitness.

### Facebook

Keep your eye on the MEPS Facebook page. This is where we will notify you if PSSA is cancelled or an event is postponed or if students are late returning from an excursion.

We will also show you anything new happening at MEPS and answer any questions you may have.

Search for **Merrylands East Public School**

All the upcoming events, notes, newsletters and the latest canteen menu can be found on our website.
Early Stage 1 Picnic in the Park
-Millen and Michelle (Stage 3)

Last week, on Friday 7th June, Early Stage 1 students walked to Memorial Park. New playground equipment was recently added to the park and the students were able to play on the equipment, listen to stories and make caterpillars. Some special guests were also there, including the Fire Brigade and Poppy the Possum. The students had a fantastic day, having great fun and actively participating in all activities.

Do you like the new playground?
“Yes I did because everyone was having fun” - Muhammad E

What did you like the most at the picnic?
“I liked making the butterflies and the caterpillars” - Jhaz S

Stage 1 Tabloid Sports

This term, students in Stage 1 have revamped the way they participate in Sports. Our new routine includes the whole of Stage 1 moving through a series of ten activity stations in a tabloid sport formation. Emphasis is placed on everyone being actively involved in the tabloid sports. Each station has been planned with significant input by our MEPS Occupational Therapist, Ms Clements. They are designed to support all students in the development of fundamental movement skills including skipping, hopping and the underarm throw. Students are encouraged to work in teams with a point system in place to positively reinforce good teamwork. This new program assists in the development of language and social skills.

What do you like about sport this term?
“I like it because we get points and play lots of different games” – Janna A

What are you learning in sport right now?
“Jumping with two legs.” – Ali A

What do you like about working in a team?
“Getting bonus points if we sit down fast.”- Mohammad Ameen T
**Swim Scheme**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Our school learn to swim scheme will be conducted daily over the last two weeks of Term 3, from Monday the 16th September to Friday 27th September. Each lesson will be 45 minutes and there is no cost for the lessons. However, there is a cost of approximately $90 which is $9 per day for daily pool entry and bus fare. All students in Years 3-6 are eligible to attend. Notes will go home Week 1 Term 3.

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**P&C News**

The next P&C general meeting will be held on

**Thursday, 20th June at 12.30pm**

in the community room under the Year 6 classrooms.

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**Library News**

Our library has many wonderful books that are borrowed regularly by our students. To protect our books from being damaged please make sure you provide your child with a library bag or other suitable bag. In order to protect our resources, students will not be able to borrow books without a suitable bag to protect them. The uniform shop sells library bags for $10.

The library will be open before school on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7.30am – 7.55am for returning and borrowing books.

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**Choir News**

‘Our Spectacular’ Combined Choir

‘Our Spectacular’ Combined Choir will perform at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 29th August, 2019

Choir practice will be held from 1.15pm to 2.30pm each Tuesday afternoon during the school term starting next week.

Siblings are not eligible to attend the Homework Centre.

The next combined choir rehearsal will be held on Wednesday 1st August, 10.00am – 2.00pm at Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School.

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**Morning Fitness**

MEPS staff and students in Stages 2 and 3 continue to be active each morning in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge.

The teachers have been using their Fitbit’s to track their weekly activity.

Students are also enjoying this morning routine.

*Do you like morning fitness?*

“Yes, because it helps your mind focus on study and not on playing.” - Shivam P

“Yes! You can get active which is good for your body.” - Fusie K

“Yes. It keeps you warm in winter.” - Michelle L