



MEPS MAIL

Create the Future

30th October, 2019

Key Dates

TERM 4

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

- Kindy Orientation Days

31/10/2019

- Halloween Mufti Day

05/11/2019

- Stage 1 excursion -
Sydney
Symphony Orchestra

07/11/2019

- P&C Annual General
Meeting (AGM)

11/11/2019

- Remembrance Day

11/11/2019

- Selective School
applications close

25/11/2019

- Volunteer Morning Tea

28/11/2019

- Presentation Day

3/12/2019

- Year 6 High School
Orientation Day

4/12/2019

- Year 6 Graduation

4/12/2019

- Year 6 Farewell at Club
Merrylands

16/12/2019

- Convict day

17/12/2019

- MEPS got talent

18/12/2019

- Last day of Term 4

Principal's report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Term 4 is always a very busy time for schools and Merrylands East is no exception. All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school until Wednesday 18 December 2019, the last day of teaching for 2019. Prior to this date, students in all year groups will be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements.

If parents are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of time parents should fill in the appropriate form at the office. Notes will be going home shortly asking if your child/children will be attending Merrylands East next year. It is important that we have a good idea of our student numbers for next year as we start planning for classes for 2020 before the end of the year as it is a complex process.

Tomorrow we are hosting UK principals from the Doncaster Borough. The principals are on a study visit to examine best practices in education. They are visiting four Sydney schools before moving interstate for further school visits.

The first Kindergarten Orientation morning will be held tomorrow and I encourage everyone with students starting kindergarten next year to attend. Even if your child has siblings attending school already, it's still important that the Kindergarten students have the opportunity to mix with their peers and spend some time in the classroom before they start school.

On Monday 11 November, the Australian Council for Educators will be recognising the career contribution of Mrs Noble and Ms Greig with an Excellence in Education award at a gala dinner in Sydney. A number of our staff members will be in attendance to celebrate their achievement.

The NSW Department of Education has granted me a scholarship to study at the University College London from the 11th November to 23rd November 2019. During my absence Mrs Noble will be the Relieving Principal.

On Thursday we are having a Mufti day. This is a day when the students can wear Halloween costumes or just come to school in their favourite clothes. Closed in shoes must be worn. Please send a gold coin donation for the P&C if your child is wearing mufti.

If you have a Year 5 student and plan to apply for a Selective High School placement, you must do this before the website closes on the 11th November. Once the website has closed there is no way to put in your application. Applications must be done on-line at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7th November. Please consider attending and helping out at P&C events. Your children will love to see you at school. If you have time to help in the canteen, please see our canteen manager, Dina. We cannot run our school canteen without the help of our volunteer parents.

I would like to thank Club Merrylands for their ongoing support of our school. They have generously given grants to our school that have helped purchase the shade sail over the sand pit and the new cubby house for our K-2 students. It is community support like this that helps create the wonderful atmosphere at MEPS.

John Goh
Principal

Awards

Merit Awards

ES1 Red & Yellow

Marwa D
Brendan G
Ameer A
Zainab M

S1 Burgundy & Fuschia

Arash A
Riddhisha P
Mahya R
Abiha W

S1 Ruby & Violet

Narjes A
Amir H
Tamim K
Gurnoor M

S2 Denim

Zainab A
Faiqa A
Mohammed E
Naveed N

Stage 3 Magenta, Lime & Crimson

Sobhan M
Salim N
Cate W
Larissa S
Ozan H
Khalid C

S1 Blue

Kabeer K
Karam M
Patrick R

S1 Silver

Kinytah C
Maher M

S2 Rose & Wisteria

Alaa B
Abdullah H
Mandy H
Felix H
Maitreyi P
Abbus R
Neda R
Aarezo Y

S2 Teal

Kowther A
Aimar B
Rahila M
Ameer P

Mohammed A
Yaseen A
Jasnoor D
Pita S
Meriam A
Mikayla T

5 Class Awards

Aanya P
Aya A
Aurora K
Shabir S
Amelia F
Samavia N

Mahya R
Anna L
Ayushi S
Husna S
Roqia J
Ozan H



P&C MEETING SCHEDULE

The P&C **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will be held on Thursday 7th November, 2019 in the Community Room, under Stage 3 verandah.

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

All welcome

School sport

PSSA

PSSA T-ball and Softball this week.

Games for Friday 1st November

T-Ball - against Granville South at Harry Gapes Reserve

Softball - against Granville South at Granville Park

\$8 bus fare IS required this week

Games for Friday 8th November

T-Ball - against Guildford at Harry Gapes Reserve

Softball - against Guildford at Granville Park

\$8 bus fare IS required this week

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 PBL

This term, Year 4's PBL project was to help the school raise money and to make the school sustainable.

We decided to use recycled paper to make new handmade paper to sell for a gold coin and raise money for the canteen and the farm.

We are going to use the paper we made to make books, drawing paper, colouring paper, etc.

Driving Question: How can we use the surrounding environment to improve our sustainable practices to support the school community?

Date: Week 5, Thursday 14th November, at recess

Cost: Gold coin (\$1 or \$2)



S2 Rose recount of their excursion to Bicentennial

"On Thursday our class and Year 3 went on an excursion. We got on the bus to go to our excursion to Bicentennial Park to learn about sustainability to help us with our PBL a bit. We got on the bus at 8.15am. Year 3 went on their own bus and Year 4 also had their own bus. The trip took thirty minutes to get there.

When we got there, all of Year 4 and Year 3 had fruit break. Then our leaders came. One of the leader's names was Lauren and we had her for the day. The first thing we did was look at a plant called Mangroves. The baby ones looked like a twig with two leaves on them. We got to look at the Mangroves up close and how it works and breathes. It turns out that the Mangrove leaves absorb the saltwater so it doesn't die.

Next, we did bird watching. We had to go with partners. I went with Kobi. We took turns with the binoculars and looked at different birds. Then we had lunch. After that we went inside to look at some different animals. We sat in a circle and Lauren took out the turtle. Her name is Petal. She is a Long Neck Turtle. We got to touch her shell. It felt hard and rough. Then we got to go on a tall tower to look at the surroundings. We then went to look at water bugs. We got to scoop them up and look at them with a magnifying glass.

We then went on the bus back to school. We got back to school at 1.30pm. That was all about our excursion to Bicentennial Park."

- Aurora K S2 Rose



"Yesterday, I went to Bicentennial Park, on Thursday 17th October, 2019. At 8.15am we went in the bus and drove from Merrylands to Olympic Park. It took us thirty minutes to arrive there. When I arrived at the park we ate fruit break for about twenty minutes.

Firstly, the instructors said the Acknowledgment of Country then we started to walk to the Centre to put our bags away. Then we started walking to the mangroves. Our instructors name was Lauren. We found some Mangrove seeds. They were pretty solid. Then we went on a walk to the mangrove trees. I was a bit scared because there were water spiders there.

Secondly, we started walking to the bird watch to see birds. Temuulen and I partnered up and we saw a black swan and heaps more. Eventually, we walked back to the centre to get our bags, then we went to a place to eat lunch. I ate tofu and rice, meatballs and lollies. After that we went to a very tall tower. I walked up the tower and I looked down and I was really scared so I walked down.

Thirdly, I went to the Centre and checked out some interesting creatures and Zahra J caught a Boatmen Bug and it ran very fast. Next I went into the Centre and saw a yabby, Long Neck Turtle and Blue Tongued Lizard. Later we went on the bus back to our school."

- Felix H S2Rose



Mufti day

The P&C will be holding a Halloween Mufti Day on Thursday 31st October for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. All money raised will go towards P&C projects.

Wear your Halloween dress up clothes or any other suitable casual clothes to school. Closed in shoes are essential.

A gold coin (\$1 or \$2) donation on the day would be appreciated.



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.

Stage 1 excursion

All students in S1 Fuchsia, S1 Burgundy, S1 Violet, S1 Ruby, S1 Silver, Year 1 students in S1 Blue and Year 2 students in S2 Denim will be participating in an excursion to the Seymour Centre to hear the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. This excursion supports the music component of their Creative Arts program and will help to foster an appreciation of music.

The students will participate in a fun challenge to solve a mystery. The performance is called "The Composer is Dead" and the whole orchestra is a suspect in an hilarious whodunit that has been especially created for children.

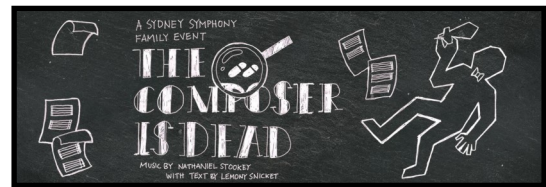
Date: Tuesday 5th November

Times: Arrive at school at 8.00am
Return to school at 1.15pm

Cost: \$10

Dress: Full school uniform

Lunch: Recess and water in a backpack (no plastic bags)



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 children beginning school.