



MEPS MAIL

Create the Future

16th March, 2020

Key Dates

19/03/2020

- Sausage Sizzle

19/03/2020

- Harmony Day

20/03/2020

- International Day of Happiness

23-25/03/2020

- Year 5&6 Canberra Trip

24/03/2020

- Stage 3 to NSW Parliament House and Cumberland Council

31/03/2020

- Cross Country Carnival

02/04/2020

- P&C Meeting

07/04/2020

- Easter Hat Parade

09/04/2020

- Anzac Day Assembly

09/04/2020

- Last day of Term 1

28/04/2020

- First day of Term 2

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



The NSW Department of Education continues to work closely with the NSW Department of Health in the provision of information concerning Covid-19, more commonly known as CoronaVirus. I'd like to reassure you again that we have no one returning from any of the designated countries and our school continues as normal. As per their advice, we encourage students to:

1. Clean their hands
2. Cover their coughs and sneezes with their elbow
3. Stay at home if sick

It is important that we continue to reassure students by role modelling our actions. I have been pleased by the way our students have continued to engage in lessons despite the disruption of building works and the daily news. It speaks immensely on the resilience and character of our students.

On Wednesday 1 April at 12pm, I would like to invite parents to our school for an open day and a time for students to present some of their work to you in their classroom. This is a very different form of parent teacher interview as the students will be leading the discussion and sharing their work. Teachers will be in the rooms with the students and they will be available to answer any of your questions.

Tomorrow, Tuesday the 17th March 2020, is our school's Years 3-6 (and Year 2 students turning 8 years old in 2020) Athletics Carnival at Holroyd Sports Ground. We are all looking forward to a day of running, throwing and jumping events. The carnival is an occasion from which we select an Athletics Team to represent our school at the Auburn Zone Carnival later in the year. Students can wear their house colours. They will need to bring a drink, recess, sunscreen and a hat. In the event of wet weather, we do have a reserve date on Tuesday 31st March, 2020.

Harmony Day is on Thursday 19 March 2020. This is a day where we celebrate the cultural diversity of our nation and the manner in which people have integrated successfully into a land that has First Nation people as traditional owners. Like my own parents, many people in our school community have migrated into Australia and want the very best for their children. Sometimes, this migration has been for economic reasons while for others it has been due to conflict. Regardless of the reason, I am so optimistic that Australia is richer for the cultural diversity, and together we have so much to learn while living in a peaceful country. Our P&C will be graciously holding a sausage sizzle to help celebrate Harmony Day.

Just a reminder that our school provides supervision from 7:30am to 1:15pm each day. Students should not be at school before 7:30am as there is no supervision. After 1:15pm, it is important to pick up students from the playground or make arrangements for students to go directly home.

John Goh (Principal)

Awards

Merit Awards

1 Honesty

Simione S
Alisha S

2 Fearless

Ali F
Mahya R

3 Gratitude

Mezhgan A
Amir H

4 Inquisitive

Mohammed E
Philippa F

5 Harmony

Sarah M
Jeize S

6 Persistence

Zainab K
Jerry N

1 Resilience

Jessica A
Pri L

2 Perseverance

Salma A
Akash S

3 Hope

Akbar P
Hawa Z

4/5 Justice

Kaelanii P
Krishna V

5/6 Generosity

Jawed A
Badr M

5 Class Awards

Layan E
Alisha S
Amir R
Lema W

Patrick R
Mariam K
Gurekam S
Imran G



Stage 3 Canberra Trip



In line with the Department of Education guidelines, our trip to Canberra has been cancelled. We will be in contact with parents shortly with regard to payments already made.

School sport

PSSA

There will be no PSSA games or training for the rest of Term 1.

We will rely on the Department of Education advise moving forward.

Students will be notified when PSSA and training will resume.

Please make arrangements for your child/children to be collected from school at 1.15pm on Tuesdays for the rest of the term.



P&C News

The next meeting of the P&C is

Thursday 2nd April

12.00pm

Community Room



Please come along , join us for morning tea and see what the P&C has planned for the year. Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 12.00pm.

The P&C meets once a month to organise fund raising events for our students. These include Sausage sizzles, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls and raffles. Help is always welcome for these events and it gives parents a chance to be involved in their children's school.

The P&C also runs the Uniform Shop and the Canteen. Funds raised throughout the year help the school supply much needed resources to our students. Most recently the P&C have jointly funded the chilled water bubblers. We are now in the process of jointly funding a new sign board for the school playground.



Parliament of NSW

In line with the Department of Education guidelines, the Stage 3 excursion to NSW Parliament House and the Museum of Contemporary Art has been cancelled. We will be in touch with parents regarding the money that has been paid.



Athletics Carnival

Due to the wet weather the council has closed all grounds. The Athletics Carnival scheduled for **tomorrow**, Tuesday 17th March, has been postponed.

Students should arrive at school as usual at 8.00am.



MEPS on social media

Please keep your eye on our social media pages for updates and important information.

Facebook

Merrylands East Public School

Twitter

Merrylands East @merrylandseast

Web Page

Merrylandseast.schools.nsw.gov.au



Harmony Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day and the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on:



**Thursday
19th March
2020**

To celebrate Harmony Day we are encouraging students to wear something orange, even if it's only a scarf or headband, or to come to school in their national costume. To help with our school fundraising, a gold coin donation would be appreciated.



Sausage Sizzle

The Parents and Citizens Association will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Harmony Day:

Thursday 19th March

Sausage Sandwich (beef, beef halal, chicken, chicken halal)	\$3
Vegetarian Patty Sandwich	\$3
Popper (juice)	\$1
Water	\$1
Ice blocks will also be available on the day	\$1



Longneck Lagoon Visit

Kindergarten and Stage 1 students were visited by educators from Longneck Lagoon on Thursday 12th March.

After reading the story 'The Nest' by P.D. Eastman, Kindergarten students had the opportunity to view a range of bird nests, noting how nests are made and the materials used by birds. They then used tweezers and pegs as beaks to pick up straw and feathers to make a nest of their own. Each group then tested their nest to see if it could be supported in a branch and hold an egg. All our students would make very good birds!



Stage 1 students learnt to think like scientists and had the opportunity to observe a variety of resin bugs through the eyes of scientists. Each group then created a bee using native plants and clay.



Did you know?

Did you know that we rely on our neighbours to keep our school safe.

Please respect them by not parking in or across their driveways or on the footpath at any time of day.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours for 2020 are

Mondays: 7.45am - 8.15am

Wednesdays: 7.45am - 8.15am

Fridays: 7.45am - 8.15am

York St gate closure

Please be aware that the York Street gates will be locked between 8.30am and 12.30pm every day until further notice. Please use either Myee Street or Walker Street between these times.



Bring your hat to

It is very important for every student to have a hat at school each day. Hats must be worn during recess and sport.