



MEPS MAIL

Create the Future

18th November, 2020

Key Dates

TERM 4

Thursday 19/11/2020

- P&C Annual General Meeting

Monday 23/11/2020 -

Thursday 26/11/2020

- Presentation Day/s

Wednesday 2/12/2020

- Year 6 Graduation and farewell dinner

Wednesday 9/12/2020

- Year 6 Market Day

Tuesday 15/12/2020

- Convict Day

Wednesday 16/12/2020

- End of Term 4 2020

TERM 1 2021

Friday 29/01/2021

- Year 1-6 students

Monday 01/02/2021 or

Tuesday 02/02/2021

- Kindergarten students

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



This year has tested the resilience of everyone and thankfully the number of community transmission of Covid19 has reduced significantly. However, we cannot be complacent until a vaccine becomes available.

Presentation Day

The NSW Department of Education recently updated the Covid19 guidelines for school events like Presentation Day. The guidelines stipulate:

- Schools must comply with the 4 square metre rule for all people participating and will need to invite guests based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents and carers and visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule.
- Schools may need to consider holding multiple events across year groups or stage group cohorts in order to comply with the 4 square metre rule.

Presentation Day will be very different this year due to the requirements of social distance in our school hall and the Covered Learning Area. We will be holding four short informal events with only parents of award recipients invited to attend in the morning. Parents will need to sign in from the canteen gate and stay in set seating within a designated area. The schedule is:

Monday 23 November	8.10am to 8.40am	Kindergarten
Tuesday 24 November	8.10am to 8.40am	Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 25 November	8.10am to 8.40am	Year 3 and 4
Thursday 26 November	8.10am to 8.40am	Year 5 and 6

Sport awards for Years 3-6 students will be presented informally at school on Friday 27 November 2020 with only Years 3-6 as an audience.

School reports will be sent home on Friday 20 November 2020. Parents wishing to discuss their child's progress can do so by contacting the office and leaving a message for their child's class teacher.

Year 6 Orientation Day, Graduation and Farewell

Year 6 moving into a public high school have their Orientation Day on Tuesday 1 December 2020. This is a consistent statewide date. Parents will need to make arrangement for their child to be at the Orientation Day. Our school does not provide transport.

The Year 6 Graduation will be held in the hall on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 8:20am. Only parents of Year 6 students and newly elected school captains and school leaders will be invited to attend. Parents will need to enter from the York Street canteen gates and sign in upon arrival. Designated seats will be provided and cannot be moved.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Merrylands Bowling Club on the evening of Wednesday 2nd December. Under the Covid19 plan with the club, no parent will be permitted to enter the club unless they are a member. Instead, a drop off point will be marked just outside the club for student drop off (5:45pm) and pick up (8:00pm).

Enrolment

Last year, the NSW Department of Education published a revised enrolment policy. Each school has a cap on the number of enrolments they can accept. Our cap is 320 students and we have exceeded it. Please be aware that parents who move out of our local area but choose to keep their child in our school may be required to enrol any further brother or sister into their designated local school. Our school advises that if parents do decide to move, please check whether you remain in our school local area or not.

Please advise the office if you intend to move during the school vacation.

John Goh (Principal)

Do you have your water bottle?



Students are asked to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. The bubblers cannot be used due to Covid19 but our new water stations have water bottle filling facilities.

Now the weather is heating up it is VERY important to stay hydrated!

What's new in Kindy?



Kindy students are again learning about how chickens hatch and grow. It's an exciting time in the Kindergarten classrooms!

Stage 2 excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens

"On Tuesday 2nd of November, Stage 2 went on a bus to Sydney Botanical Gardens. It was fun but the most fun part was when we played the animal game. The way you play is you have to be in 1 of 3 groups: Dingo, Emu or Wallaby. When the teacher claps fast it's hunting season. I learnt lots of things from this excursion. For example, that some plants can hydrate you while others can give you soap by adding water and scrubbing your hands onto each other and if you touch certain fish you will get paralysed. Aboriginal people have very smart technology, we got to see some like one of the oldest baby holders."

-Emad Mehrish 3 Hope



"On Tuesday 2nd of November 2020, Years 3 and 4 went to the Botanical Gardens. I felt really happy. When I got there I was so excited. I learnt a lot about plants and Aboriginal people. I saw beautiful flowers and plants, some of the plants were like medicine. Some of the other plants could be eaten like food. I also learnt some of the Aboriginal numbers and I learnt about the things that Aboriginal people made and how they made it. When we came back I was full of happiness!"

-Narjes Altaee 3 Gratitude



P&C NEWS

MEPS P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 19th November, 2020. Due to Covid-19 restrictions this meeting will be held online through Zoom. Please contact the office for the link to this meeting.

This is the end of financial year for the P&C.

At this meeting the financial position of the P&C will be tabled and discussed including how Covid-19 has impacted the fundraising of the P&C. The financial position of the Canteen will also be discussed.

All executive positions will be vacated and nominations will be accepted for each of these positions and new leaders will be appointed.

We are looking for members to take on:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact the office for more information.

PSSA NEWS

T-ball and Softball - Term 4

Games for Friday 20th November

T-Ball - against Rosehill Public School at Granville Park

Softball - has a bye and will train at King Park

Games for Friday 27th November

T-Ball - against Granville East Public School at Granville Park

Softball - against Auburn North Public School at Granville Park

Please make sure you have a hat and a drink bottle!

There will be NO training sessions this term.



Our new mural

We have a great new mural behind the bubblers between the Year 5 & 6 rooms. It is spectacular! It will be great when parents can come back into the school and see this new addition.



Uniform rules

Many students are not wearing the correct uniform each day. School shoes must be black and sport shoes must be predominately white. **Red, pink or any other bright coloured shoes** are **NOT** school uniform.

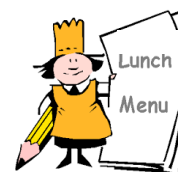


The sport uniform for girls is a blue skort, blue shorts or blue track pants. **Leggings** and **hoodies** are **NOT** part of our school uniform.

Canteen news

ORDER YOUR LUNCH!

Students **MUST** order their lunch first thing in the morning to guarantee their order is ready for recess. Food is made at 9.00am according to the orders given in the morning. If your child comes to the canteen at recess and has not put in an order, there may not be any food left to give them.



Stage 1 visits Longneck Lagoon

Students in Years 1 and 2 visited Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre in Maraylya to explore the environmental centre, create nature maps, engage in dip netting and use microscopes.

"1 Honesty went to Longneck Lagoon for an excursion. We went with 1 Resilience and our teachers. First, we went on the bus and it was a one hour drive. When we arrived we met Libby and she was going to be our teacher during the excursion. Next, we went on a bush walk and we saw many natural and man-made things. We saw a log, a termite nest, a paperbark tree, a lagoon and a boardwalk. We made a map to show our walk by using sticks and things we found on the floor. After that, we went dipnetting. We caught bugs and put them into buckets. We took these bugs and looked at them under the microscope. They were huge! Finally, we got ready to go on the bus and went back to school. I had a great time on the excursion."

- By Alisha Syeda (1 Honesty)



"My favourite part of the excursion was when we used dip-nets to catch water bugs. I saw lots of bugs and I caught a little spider in my net. I liked looking at the dragonfly and tadpole under the microscope, the tadpole moved so fast!"

- by Ameer Abulhasan (1 Resilience)



2021 Kindy Enrolments

We are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2021. If you have a child born between 1st January and 31st December 2015 you must enrol him/her for Kindergarten next year. If your child is born between 1st January and 31st July 2016 you have the choice to send them to kindergarten next year or wait for them to mature a little more and start them in 2022.

If you have moved and are living out of the MEPS local school intake area you will have to apply as an 'Out of Area Enrolment'. Please see our website to determine if you are still in our local area.

Did you know?

Did you know that McDonald's once created bubblegum-flavoured broccoli?

McDonald's is always trying new things for their menu but their bubblegum-flavoured broccoli was not a hit. They developed it in 2014 trying to make a tastier version of the healthy green vegetable specifically targeted at children. It was a complete failure and children found it a very strange and confusing

