



MEPS MAIL

Term 1 Week 11 - 10th April 2024

Key Dates

Term 1

Thursday, 11th April

- Anzac Day Service

Friday, 12th April

- Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Tuesday, 30th April

- First school day of
Term 2

Friday, 3rd May

- Cross Country Carnival

Friday, 3rd May

- Kindy hearing screening

Tuesday, 7th May

- Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday, 8th May

- Choir rehearsal

Thursday, 9th May

- Selective School test

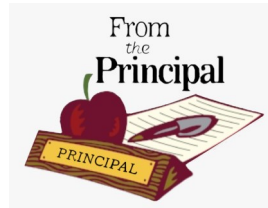
Friday, 10th May

- Stewart House Day

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Principal's Message



From
the
Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we near the end of Term 1, I am pleased to reflect on the many achievements and milestones we have reached as a school community. This Thursday, 11th April, we will gather for our ANZAC Service to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served

our country with honour and courage. It is a time for us to come together in remembrance and gratitude, honouring the sacrifices made by our ANZACs and reaffirm our commitment to upholding their legacy.

I would like to announce that our school's attendance rate for Term 1 stands at an impressive 90.7%, surpassing the NSW Department of Education state average for Term 1. Furthermore, 66.7% of our students have maintained an attendance rate of 90% or more throughout the term, a testament to their dedication to their education.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to parents and guardians for their ongoing support in ensuring their children attend school regularly. Your commitment to prioritising education is evident in the improved attendance rates we have achieved this term. Moving forward, I encourage continued collaboration between home and school to further enhance student attendance and ensure the continuity of our learning programs.

Looking ahead to Term 2, I am excited about the opportunities it holds for our students. We will continue to focus on providing a supportive and enriching learning environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. We do have a lot of work to do with the new Department of Education Behaviour Policy and meeting the challenges of staffing our school. There is a teacher shortage across the state and our school is no exception. Where possible we try to cover a class with a casual teacher to ensure the teaching and learning program continues.

On 2nd May our school will undergo External Validation - a process where our school evidence and documentation across fourteen defined elements will be examined by a member of the NSW Department of Education Principal School Leadership and a Principal from another school. This occurs every four years for all NSW public schools. The validation process is an opportunity for us to showcase the outstanding work happening at our school and highlight our commitment to excellence in education. It is also a time of reflection of our schools priorities for the next four years and to identify areas for improvement.

In closing, I would like to thank our entire school community for their hard work, dedication, and support throughout Term 1.

John Goh

MEPS Anzac Day Service



MEPS ANZAC Day Service will be held at school on Thursday 11th April at 8.30am. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Feel free to bring a wreath or flowers to lay in remembrance of those who have served our country in times of war and conflict and those who are currently serving in peace operations all around the world.

Cumberland Council School Holiday Programs



Cumberland Council is again running many exciting school holiday care programs.

These programs are designed for children aged 5 to 12 years.

Activities include different sporting activities, movies, writing workshops, library activities, jewellery making, paper sculpture, kitchen science and much more.

For more information, read about these programs on the council's website or contact the council on 8757 9000.

<https://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/school-holiday-activities>

Harmony Day



On Thursday 21st March, MEPS celebrated Harmony Day with students wearing their traditional cultural clothing or the colour orange.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Our students embraced the day and it was a colourful and exciting day for students and teachers alike.



Cross Country Carnival



MEPS Cross Country Carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held on Friday 3rd May (Term 2 Week 1) at King Park. The Cross country Carnival is a fun opportunity for our older students to come together and take part in an annual sporting event. Students will walk to and from school to King Park under the supervision of their classroom teachers. Students should wear their sports uniform, which may include a house coloured shirt, plus a school hat and sport shoes.

Term Dates

The last day of Term 1 is this Friday, 12th April.

Students will return to school on

Tuesday 30th April.



Mother's Day Stall



Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held in Week 2 of Term 2. The P&C have been busy purchasing and wrapping gifts. Prices range from \$1 to \$10.



International Children's Book Day



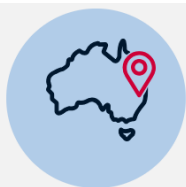
On Tuesday 2nd of April, MEPS celebrated International Children's Book Day. This is a day celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. Our Kindergarten students were extremely happy to have their Stage 3 buddies read to them.



OC Placement for 2025

Applications are now open for opportunity class entry in Year 5 in 2025. Applications close 20 May 2024.

Information and registration can be found at: shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au



Submitting your application for placement

This site allows you to apply for placement in selective high schools and opportunity classes for high potential and gifted students while applications are open.

The parent who lives at the same address as the child for most of the time should submit the application.

You must [log in](#) to access the dashboard.



Key dates

For **Year 5 entry in 2025**, applications open on 4 April 2024 and close on 20 May 2024. The placement test is on 1 August 2024. Read about the [placement process](#).



What else might I need to complete an application?

- Your child's disability details, including any medical or behavioural conditions
- Parent contact details
- Any court order details
- Any visa details
- A [supported browser](#)

Term 2 Assembly Dates



Parents and Caregivers are invited to the following whole school assemblies in Term 2

Week 3	Wednesday 15th May 2024
Week 6	Wednesday 5th June 2024
Week 9	Wednesday 26th June 2024

Eid Mubarak



Eid Mubarak to our MEPS community this week.

P&C NEWS

MEPS P&C is always looking for new members.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd May, 2024.

The meeting will be held at 12.15pm in the Community Room under the verandah of Block C.

