



# MEPS MAIL

Term 3 Week 10 - 24th September 2024

## Key Dates

### Term 3

**Wednesday, 25th September**

- Kindy Teddy Bears' Picnic

**Friday, 27th September**

- Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

**Monday, 14th October**

- First day of Term 4

**Friday, 25th October**

- World Teachers' Day

**Wednesday, 30th October**

- Kindy 2025 Orientation

**Wednesday, 6th November**

- Kindy 2025 Orientation

**Thursday, 7th November**

- Selective HS & OC 2026 applications open

**Monday, 11th November**

- Remembrance Day

**Wednesday, 13th November**

- Kindy 2025 Orientation

**Tuesday, 19th November**

- Year 6 Market Day

**Wednesday, 27th November**

- Presentation Day

**Wednesday, 4th December**

- Year 6 Graduation & Farewell dinner

**Wednesday, 18th December**

- Last day of Term 4

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am thrilled to share the exciting events and updates from our school over the past week. Our students have been busy showcasing their talents and participating in important programs that contribute to their growth and development.

Firstly, our dance and choir groups recently had the incredible opportunity to perform at the Sydney Opera House as part of Our Schools Spectacular. This prestigious event saw our students take the stage alongside performers from over 40 schools across Auburn, Strathfield and Merrylands Education Networks. I am immensely proud of our students for their brilliant performances, both in their dance routines and choir contributions. Their dedication and hard work truly shone through. A special thanks to Miss Cowan and Miss Babic for their exceptional coordination, and to Miss Nguyen and Ms Park for their invaluable support. The event was not just a highlight for our students but also involved a great deal of behind the scenes organisation. From coordinating venue visits to the NSW Art Gallery and State Library (during the day), to arranging dinner at a Circular Quay café, and not to forget Mr. Nick's efforts in driving the bus to rehearsals—everyone played a crucial role in making this experience memorable for our students.

In addition to these artistic achievements, we are also excited to announce the commencement of the NSW Department of Education's School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Merrylands Pool. This year, we have expanded participation significantly, with 88 students involved, up from 46 last year. Water safety and swimming are essential life skills, particularly in a country with such a rich array of water-based environments, including beautiful beaches, rivers and numerous swimming pools. This 10 day program is just the beginning. To truly master these skills, ongoing lessons and practice are crucial, and we encourage all students to continue building on the foundation they are developing through this program.

Congratulations are also in order for our Junior and Senior Netball teams, who competed in the Auburn Zone PSSA Grand Finals last Friday. While we didn't secure wins in the games, the experience of playing in a grand final is a significant achievement in itself. Their hard work and dedication throughout the season have been commendable, and I am confident that their skills and teamwork will only continue to improve. Looking ahead, we are eager to see our students participate in Summer PSSA sports, which will resume in Term 4.

In a further update, Mr. Nick has recently installed new House colour banners in the school hall. We have moved away from the previous house names, which were based on male figures and did not adequately reflect our diverse community. The new banners represent values that resonate with and are inclusive of all members of our school.

We are also in the process of revising our Behaviour and Discipline Policy, as well as our Anti-Bullying Policy. The NSW Department of Education defines that bullying involves repeated harmful behaviour, whether verbal, physical, social, or psychological, and is characterised by the misuse of power (eg an older persons behaviours towards a younger student). A one off incident does not constitute bullying, but we maintain a firm stance against any form of inappropriate behaviour. Our aim is to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone in our school community.

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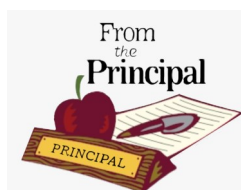
Furthermore, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining respectful interactions within our school grounds. Recently, there have been incidents where adults have approached students about matters that may have occurred during the school day. Please be aware that such actions can lead to serious consequences, including restrictions on access to school grounds and potential reporting to the NSW Police. If there are concerns regarding students, we ask that you contact the school office directly. Our staff will ensure that the relevant information is directed to one of the Assistant Principals for appropriate handling.

The school is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten. Students turning 5 years old by the end of July are eligible to enrol. Enrolments can be completed online via a link on our website page.

At this time of the year, parents may be making arrangements for the end of the school year and the vacation period. In 2025, students in Years 1-6 return to school on Tuesday 4 February 2025. It is important to contact the office if you contemplate travelling and will not be returning on the **4<sup>th</sup> February 2025** so that a class can be available for your child. Similarly, if you are moving and enrolling at a new school, it is important to notify us so that your child's school record can be transferred to your new school. The final day of current school year for students and staff is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Together, we continue to make Merrylands East Public School a vibrant and nurturing environment for all our students.

John Goh  
Principal



## Kindy 2025 Orientation Days



Next term, we welcome 2025 Kindergarten students to our school for their orientation days. This is a great time for our new students to meet their teachers and learn about their new school. It is also an important time for new and existing parents to learn about our school and what their children can expect next year. It is important for students to attend all three sessions.

**Wednesday, 30th October, 2024 - 8.30-9.30am**

**Wednesday, 6th November, 2024 - 8.30-9.30am**

**Wednesday, 13th November, 2024 - 8.30-9.30am**

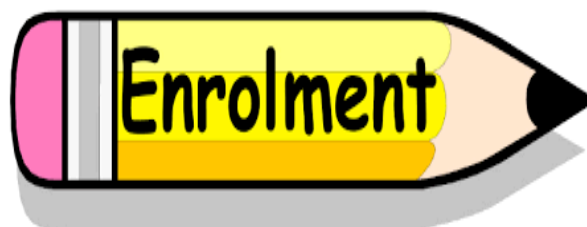
## Kindy Enrolments for 2025

Merrylands East Public School is accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2025. To be eligible to enrol, students need to be turning 5 years old by 31 July 2025.

For enrolment purposes, you will require proof of age (birth certificate or passport), proof of citizenship (passport, citizenship certificate or visa documents), proof of residential address (a gas or electricity bill, rate notice or a lease agreement), and immunisation history from Medicare. Original documents need to be shown to the office after the online enrolment is complete.

Visit:

[Merrylands East Public School](#) website [Enrolments](#) tab



## Stage 1 Excursion

Stage 1 students joined Ranger Jamie at Western Sydney Parklands for an excursion supporting their Geography unit focusing on Features and Places. The students explored the effect pollutants have on our environment, used natural resources to create habitats and went bug catching.



## MEPS @ Our School Spectacular

We are very proud of our School Choir and Dance Group who performed at the 2024 Our School Spectacular on Tuesday 17th September.



## Stage 2 Excursion

On Tuesday 3rd September, our Stage 2 students and teachers had an incredible day exploring the wonders of nature at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney.



## Free internet for eligible families

The Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative offers free home internet for eligible families.



To find out more and check your eligibility

- Call the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610
- Visit [anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](http://anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet)
- Scan the QR code for more information



## Canteen Menu - Term 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Variable Menu</b>	Veggie Burger \$3  Chicken Burger \$3  Mini pancakes with mixed berry sauce \$3	Lamb Nachos with Sour Cream \$3  Vegetarian Nachos with Sour Cream \$3	Vegetarian Pizza \$3  Cheese Pizza \$3  Chicken & Cheese Pizza \$3	Spaghetti Bolognese \$3  Cheese Sandwich \$3	Seasoned chicken drumstick with rice \$3  Seasoned chicken drumstick with couscous \$3
<b>Every Day Menu</b>	Fruit Cup \$2  Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$3  Popcorn \$1  Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$2  Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$3  Popcorn \$1  Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$2  Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$3  Popcorn \$1  Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$2  Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$3  Popcorn \$1  Ice Block \$1	Fruit Cup \$2  Hummus Dip with Vegetable Sticks and Lebanese Bread Crisps \$3  Popcorn \$1  Ice Block \$1
<b>Drink</b>	Bottled Water \$2	Bottled Water \$2	Bottled Water \$2	Bottled Water \$2	Bottled Water \$2

### Term Dates



Last day of Term 3  
**Friday 27th September**

First Day of Term 4  
**Monday 14th October**

**Happy Holidays!**

### P&C NEWS

MEPS P&C is always looking for new members.

The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 24th October 2024. This is not a meeting about your child.

The meeting will be held at 12.30pm in the Community Room under the verandah of Block C.

