

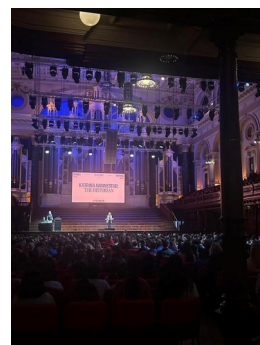


MEPS MAIL

Term 2 Week 6 - 4th June 2025

Key Dates	Principal's Message
<p><u>Term 2, 2025</u></p> <p>2nd June - 6th June - NSW Public Schools Student Survey</p> <p>Monday, 9th June - Public Holiday</p> <p>Wednesday, 11th June - School Assembly - 12.30pm</p> <p>Friday, 4th July - Last day of Term 2</p> <p><u>Term 3, 2025</u></p> <p>Tuesday, 22nd July - Students return for Term 3</p> <p>Monday, 28th July - 100 Days of Kindergarten</p> <p>4th August - 8th August - Public School Education Week</p> <p>In this issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal's Message• K-2 Sports Fun Day• Year 6 at the Sydney Writers' Festival• Student Survey• Whole School Assembly• Get Active• OOSH• Term dates	<p>Dear Parents and Caregivers,</p> <p>It's been a little while since our last newsletter, and during that time, our school has experienced a period of growth, resilience, and achievement. As always, we continue to move forward with purpose, guided by our shared belief in the power of education and the potential of every child.</p> <p>A highlight this term was our recent school audit, conducted by a senior auditor from the NSW Department of Education. These audits occur every 4–5 years, although our last one was seven years ago. It was a rigorous process, reviewing areas such as financial management, child protection, work health and safety, and student attendance. I'm proud to report that Merrylands East Public School received a <i>satisfactory</i> rating across all categories—an excellent result considering that other rankings are less desirable. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs. Forster, Ms. Linnell, Ms. Ghosn, and Ms. Fazzolari, whose professionalism and diligence were key to this achievement.</p> <p>Thank you also for your continued patience as we undergo remediation work on our Heritage Building. Built in 1928, this historic structure is protected under local heritage guidelines and remains a proud part of our school's story. The Department's Asset Management Unit has advised that stage one of the works should be completed within the next fortnight. Year 1 classes will then return to their original rooms. Stage two will see the remaining two classes in the Heritage Building temporarily relocated to the Library and the single-storey block.</p> <p>We are excited to be participating in a Department of Education trial to redesign our school's website. The new platform will offer a simpler, more user-friendly interface and better reflect the vibrant learning environment at MEPS. We look forward to hearing your feedback once it goes live.</p> <p>Our winter PSSA program is underway, with our Newcomb Ball and Netball teams showing fantastic sportsmanship and determination in their first game against Lidcombe PS. While the competition doesn't award major prizes, the true value lies in the lessons learned—teamwork, persistence, and fair play. A huge thank you to our teachers for volunteering their time to make this possible.</p> <p>Our debating team has also begun their season, with their first debate against Guildford West PS this week. We wish our debating students the best of luck as they develop confidence and critical thinking skills.</p> <p>Finally, a reminder to please follow all parking signs around the school to ensure the safety of our students and families.</p> <p>Let's keep inspiring one another—because together, we grow.</p> <p>John Goh Principal</p> <div><p>From the Principal</p></div>

Sydney Writers' Festival



On Tuesday, May 27th, our Year 6 students had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Sydney Writer's Festival at the Sydney Town Hall. They enjoyed listening to a fantastic lineup of authors, including Joel McKeerow, Jared Thomas, Katrina Naanestad, and Terri Libenson.

During the festival, students learned valuable techniques for composing poetry, discovered how authors draw from their everyday experiences to craft engaging stories, and gained tips on creating illustrations that complement their narratives. It was an inspiring day that encouraged our students to explore their own creativity and love for writing.

K-2 Sports Fun Day

What an incredible day of energy, teamwork, and smiles at our K-2 Sports Carnival! From sack races to relays, our youngest students gave it their all and cheered each other on every step of the way. It was heartwarming to see the joy on their faces as they ran, jumped, and celebrated each other's efforts. A big thank you to our amazing staff and student helpers who made the day run smoothly. We're so proud of every student for showing great sportsmanship and school spirit. Go team!



Canteen Closed on Friday 6th June



Please be advised that the canteen will be **closed on Friday, 6th June**. We kindly request that you ensure your child comes to school with enough food for the entire day. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for helping us keep our students nourished and prepared.

Student Survey

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.



NSW Public Schools Surveys
A voice for students



Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/nps>

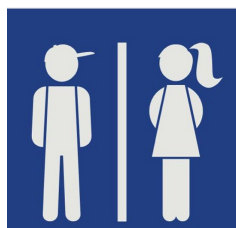
School Assembly



11th June
12:30pm

Parents and Caregivers are invited to our next whole school assembly on Wednesday 11th June, 12.30pm.

Student Toilets



Student toilets are strictly reserved for **student use only**.

Visitors to our school, including parents and preschoolers, are **not permitted** to use these facilities.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a respectful and appropriate environment for our students.

Transition to School Program

For children commencing kindergarten in 2026



A program developed by early childhood teachers to support your child's readiness to start school.

This program will be available at:

Guildford West Children's Centre
50 Princes Street, Guildford West

Holroyd Children's Centre Gumnut Grove
13 Windsor Road, Merrylands

3 days a week

Mon/Tue/Wed or
Wed/Thu/Fri

9:30am to 2:30pm

BYO Lunchbox

\$52.00 a day*



To enrol your child into Council's Transition to School Program, scan the QR code or visit: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/enrol

*Full fee before Child Care Subsidy. Use the CCS calculator at www.startingblocks.gov.au to get an estimate of your gap fee. The NSW Department of Education will also provide an additional discount up to \$42.20 per week

Guildford West Out of School Hours Care

Education and Care for Children Aged 5-12 Years



We provide high quality education and care in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere that meets the standards of the Education and Care National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place Framework for school aged children.

What's included?

- Healthy, nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea
- Art & craft, cooking, science experiments, sport activities, robotics, and much more!
- Open-ended program to encourage children to challenge themselves, develop new skills and knowledge and build on strong positive relationships.

Schools we cater for:

- Guildford West Public School
 - Merrylands East Public School
- Children are transported to and from school by Council vans and private bus.

Location:

50 Princes Street, Guildford West

Hours:

Before School Care: 7am to 9am
After School Care: 2:30pm to 6pm

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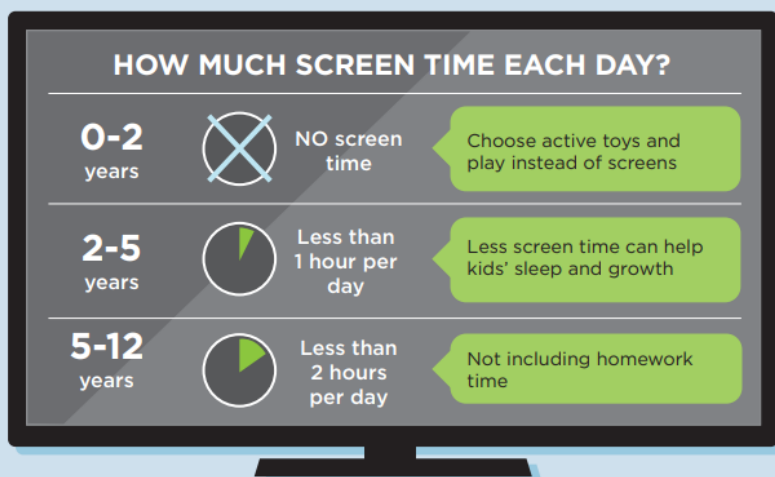
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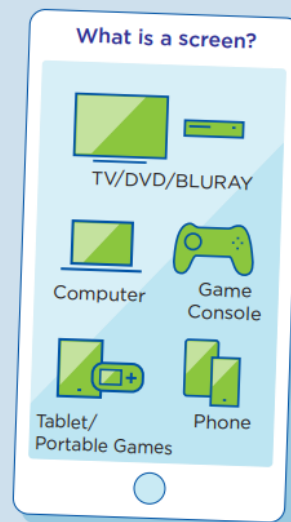
For more information or to enrol now, please scan the QR code.

Turn off screens + get active

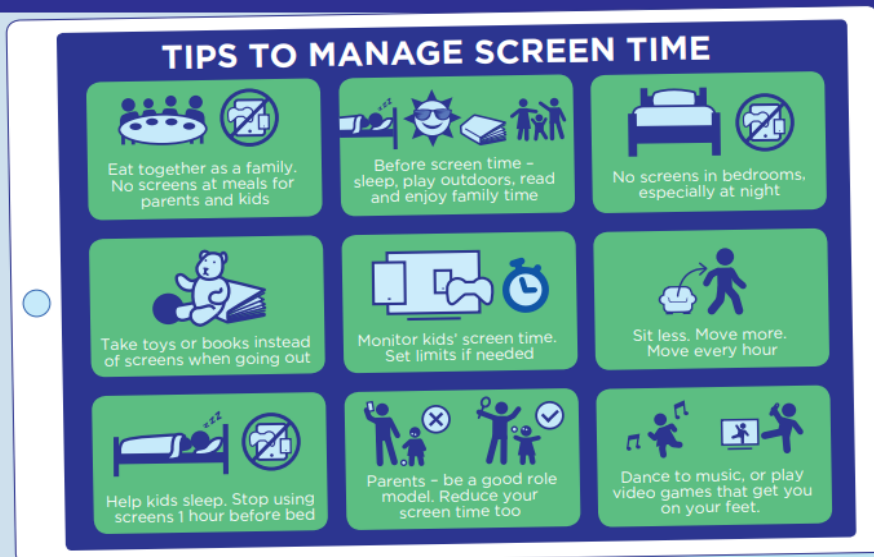
Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.



Source: Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines and Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for the Early Years (Birth to 5 Years)

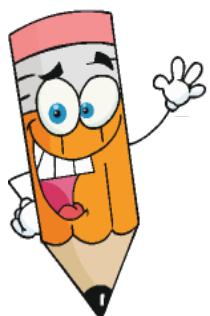


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Term Dates for 2025



- **Term 2:** Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July
- **Term 3:** Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September
- **Term 4:** Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

P&C News

MEPS P&C is always looking for new members.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 26th June, 2025. 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.

