



# Merrylands East Public School

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## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Our 2021 Kindergarten teachers are:



Miss Stretton  
K Kindness



Mrs Fernandopulle  
K Wonder



Miss Nguyen  
K Courage

To find helpful information go to our school website: [merrylandseast.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://merrylandseast.schools.nsw.gov.au) and click on the Kindergarten Orientation Slideshow.

**SCHOOL TIMES** Starting on Monday, Kindergarten students are to meet their teacher on the main playground. School begins at **8:00am**. Please ensure that your child is at school on time every day, so they do not miss out on valuable learning time. To avoid students becoming worried or upset, please pick your child up from the front gate (Walker St) no later than **1:15pm**.

**ABSENCES** If your child is away from school for any reason you must provide the school with an explanation for their absence. Please call the office if you know your child is going to be away from school. When your child returns to school, please send a note with their full name, date of absence and explanation.

**HOMEWORK** Reading to young children every day is the best homework. Kindergarten will begin home reading in Term 2. Your child will bring home a book in a purple plastic folder. Sign and date the record card after you have heard them read. Return the book to school on the allocated days so your child can exchange it for a new book.

**LOST PROPERTY** Please help your child keep track of their belongings by labelling each item clearly with their name. This can be done using a permanent marker.

**A LUNCH BOX AND A WATER BOTTLE** Please pack a water bottle and healthy food in your child's lunchbox for recess. Remember recess is only a short break, so only pack what you think your child can eat in approximately 10 minutes.

**LIBRARY** Kindergarten will be going to the library every **Wednesday**. Please send this blue library bag to school with them on Wednesday's so that they can borrow books from the library. This is a great opportunity for you to read a book your child has chosen or for them to look at the pictures and talk about the book with you. Please encourage your child to care for our library books.



**SPORT** Kindergarten will participate in sport every **Tuesday** in Term 1. Please ensure your child is dressed in our school sports uniform, including a hat and comfortable shoes. Please send a refillable water bottle for recess that they can use again for sport.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Our teachers are busy preparing for the day before school, teaching your children in school time and attending meetings after school. Making an appointment ensures that the teacher can focus on your concerns and that you will not be disappointed because of time restraints.

John Goh  
Principal  
12/02/2021

Mrs Fernandopulle  
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