



# Merrimac State School Newsletter

**Term 2 Week 1 Thursday 20 April 2017**

## **PRINCIPAL'S PAGE**

### **School Closures**

It was certainly an unusual way to finish the end of Term One. Thank you once again to all parents for your understanding with the closure of our school on the Thursday and Friday of last term. The Premier made the decision to close all schools in SE Queensland due to the concern for the safety of our children. Conditions on the road were very dangerous and there were many road closures.

We did not have too many issues here at school with only a small number of tree limbs down and a small amount of water getting into classrooms. I do hope that all Merrimac families fared well with no personal damage to your homes from the flooding.

As the school was officially closed there is no attendance penalty for children not being at school on the Thursday and Friday. Because of the school closure on the Friday we have postponed the Years 4 to 6 swimming carnival until Term Four. A date is still to be finalised. Also our Free Dress Day to raise funds for the RSPCA had to be postponed from the Thursday to a date still to be determined early in Term Two.

### **New School Term**

Welcome back to Term 2. The school term has started at a busy pace with quite a number of new enrolments on the first day back. We would like to welcome all new families to Merrimac and we look forward to an exciting Term 2. Our school enrolment to date is 807 students.

### **Staffing News**

Congratulations to four of our teachers who have recently received their permanency with Education Queensland and have been appointed permanently to Merrimac State School. Well done to Mrs Alycia Patterson, Miss Nicole Jacobs, Mrs Katie McDonald and Mrs Jennifer Hiscocks. This is fantastic news for these teachers and also great news for our school.

Mrs Farrar in the school's office has leave all this term. Mrs Jill Bonner will be replacing Mrs Farrar in the office four days a week (not working on a Tuesday). Mrs Bonner has worked previously doing finance at Miami State High School. We welcome her to our school. Thanks to Mrs Katrina Jenks who filled in for Mrs Farrar during last term.

### **Lost Property**

If parents didn't get the opportunity in the last week of Term One to check the Lost Property Box, please do so early this term. The lost property is located in the UCA near the tuckshop. Please check for your child's property in this area. Putting names on items, especially hats and jumpers, assists with the return of clothes to students.

### **History of ANZAC**



As part of Merrimac State School's Centenary Celebrations, the school wanted to recognise the significance of the Centenary of our ANZAC tradition. The community of Merrimac, like all communities in Australia, have given their service to the defence of their country and have been touched by

the loss of loved ones. This year on April 20, Merrimac School will unveil a new memorial plaque and dedicate three lone pine trees, sourced from Canberra, to three local boys who made the ultimate sacrifice in WW2. Pte William C. Rosin, a past student of Merrimac SS and two local farm hands, PTE F.C. Webb and Acting Corp. R.G. Hutchinson signed up as teenagers and never came home.

Charlie Veivers, a past student recounts an experience attending Merrimac State School during WW2:

*'The Merrimac School Air Raid trenches were built in 1942. They were dug by the district working bee using crowbars and shovels. They were dug around two Camphor Laurel trees, directly in front of the school on the boundary fence. The trenches were approximately 2ft 6in wide and three ft deep and more than 90 feet long.*

*'The threat of a raid or invasion must have been of concern, as families and many secondary school pupils, particularly girls, left the coast. The husbands remained in the district and carried on normal activities.'*

Mr N. Nielsen, a past student of Merrimac School in 1954 to the mid 60's is attending the ceremony as a member of the Albert Battery. The school is privileged to have the Albert Battery as they will fire a volley during the ceremony and bring equipment for display. The Mudgeeraba Light Horse will be an important part our celebrations for ANZAC Day and will later perform a demonstration of tent pegging on the oval for the students. There will also be a display 'From Cables to Commemoration, Home Front 1914-1918' supplied by the Gold Coast Office of the City Architect.

As the school opened on 25 July 1917, major celebrations will be held on Tues 25 July 2017. There will be a community Fair on Saturday 22 July with a Bushdance being held on Friday 28 July. We are currently asking past students and staff to contact the school on 5569 1555 or via email on [admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au) so we can include their stories and/or photographs in our Centenary Celebrations.

### **ANZAC Day March at Robina**



On ANZAC Day (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April) Merrimac children are invited to take part in the Robina Town Centre ANZAC Day March. Should your child/ren wish to participate they should meet Dr Pointing and Mrs Hall at the marshalling area outside Target in Arbour Lane at 8.00am for a parade start of 8.30am. This will be followed by a service at 8.45am in the auditorium at the Robina Community Centre where you and your families are welcome to attend. Wreaths can be laid during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service and you are invited to join all parade participants and guests for morning tea. Children involved in the March need to wear the Merrimac school uniform.

### **P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C general meeting will be held on Monday 24 April at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All parents are invited to attend. P&C Meetings are a good way to find out what is happening in your child's school. The Staffroom is situated at the end of the Administration Building.

The next MOSHC meeting will also be held on Monday 24 April at 5.45pm in the MPC building.

### **International Exchange Parent Committee Meeting**

A Parent Katsuragi IEC Meeting will be held on Monday 24 April at 5.30pm in the Admin Building staffroom. The agenda will focus on this year's Japan visit in September. New members are most welcome to attend.

### **Work Completed Over the Holiday Period**

Quite a bit of work was done over the school holidays - rooves and gutters cleaned, trees limbs lopped, carpet installed in three classrooms, some painting jobs undertaken, sealing of the Centenary Mural and new flooring in the amenities building. Thanks to Mrs Yeates who helped co-ordinate this work and for being in attendance at different times during the holiday period to oversee these projects.

### **Platinum Cards/Merit Certificates**

Behaviour Certificates will be sent home at the end of Week Two. Overall the standard of behaviour last term was good with a pleasing number of children receiving Merit Certificates (5 or less points with no L4 or L5). Platinum Cards are awarded to students with exemplary behaviour (no more than 1 point). Parents are encouraged to continue supporting the Merrimac Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

### **Class Newsletters**

This term we are introducing the emailing of class newsletters to parents. It is very important that we have up to date correct email addresses. Class Newsletters will be emailed home to parents next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, by all class teachers. Class Newsletters are an important form of communication between school and home. They outline curriculum content for the term, reminders about class rules, behaviour management, teacher and homework expectations. Any special events and activities are also highlighted in the Class Newsletters.

### **NAPLAN Information**

Students in Years 3 and 5 in Week Four of this term will participate in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 9-11 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3 and 5 students are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

More information is available on the [NAP website](http://www.nap.edu.au/) at <http://www.nap.edu.au/>.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child participating in the NAPLAN testing, please contact the school's office.

### **Footsteps Dance Program**

The Footsteps program started this week. Although it is a five week program it will be spread over a seven week period. We do not have Footsteps next Tuesday (ANZAC Day holiday) and also in the NAPLAN week (Week 4). Lessons will be held on Tuesdays in the MPC. Students will learn some bush dances during the sessions in preparation for the Centenary celebrations in Term 3. All payments should be made by this Friday 21 April. Please keep reminding your students to send in their money.

All children were allowed to attend this week's Footsteps unless parents have specifically not given permission in writing. It is hoped to get almost a 100 per cent participation rate for the remainder of the dancing program (we achieved this last year). The program is \$5 for 5 weeks for students with the P&C subsidising the remaining cost. This program was designed to support teachers in providing professional development and support in delivering the Dance component of the Arts Curriculum. The program will culminate with a Footsteps Disco on Wednesday 24 May.

### **School Dress Code and Jewellery Policies**

Students are reminded that our school has an approved School Dress Code and Jewellery Policy. These policies have been approved by our school's P&C Association. Along with the school's responsible Behaviour Plan, parents are made aware of these policies when enrolling students at our school. Copies are available from the school office or can be found on the school's website. Parents are asked to reinforce our school's expectations with their children.

### **School Forts/Playgrounds**

Parents and students are reminded that the school forts/playgrounds are out of bounds both before and after school. At these times there is no staff rostered on duty which means there is no assistance if an accident happens. Parents are asked to support this school rule and are reminded that it applies to all children whether parents are in attendance or not. After School Care children are not allowed on the school forts until after 3.20pm each afternoon.

### **Electronic Devices at School**

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to have mobile phones, I-pods, PSPs, game-boys or other personal electronic devices at school during school hours. It is almost impossible to monitor the use of these devices at school and children are able to access material that is not suitable for school. This includes inappropriate music, unsuitable games and improper images.

If a child must have a mobile phone for after school contact, the phone must be turned off and handed in at the school office for safe-keeping before school commences and collected after school concludes. They are not to be kept in children's bags.

Any phones or other technological devices found in children's possession during school hours will be confiscated and returned to parents. Parents are asked to please assist us in this area by ensuring that your children are aware of this procedure and reinforcing this with them at home.

### **Advertisements Disclaimer**

Although we at times include advertisements in our school newsletter we do not necessarily endorse products or the information provided. It is important that parents thoroughly investigate products or services advertised and make their own informed decision.

## Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress and Language Perfect

Notes have been sent home last term with students who have not yet paid for one or more of these programs. Non-payment by the end of this week Friday 21 April (please note the extension date due to the recent school closure) will result in cancellation of subscription for your child. Payments can be made to our School Bookshop. If you have a query re these payments, please contact the Bookshop on 55227846 (open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.00am to 9.00am).

## Year 5 Camp Dates

The Year 5 camp will be held later this term at the Runaway Bay Sports and Recreation Centre from 14 to 16 June. Notes have been sent home towards the end of last term and invoices for payment have been issued. Final payment is due by Friday 19 May.

## Upcoming Staff Leave

The following staff have leave coming up early in Term Two:

- Mrs Bird LSL 18 April to 21 April (please note change to leave dates) – Mrs Denise Boyd to replace
- Mrs Sloss LSL 18 April to 28 April – Miss Noni Rolfe to replace
- Mrs Johns LSL 18 April to 24 April – Mrs Jan Beggs to replace
- Mrs Haywood LSL 24 April to 5 May – Mrs Jan Beggs to replace
- Mrs Powell LSL 2 May to 17 May – Mrs Dena Reid to replace
- Mr Angelo Valle Rec Leave 18 April to 24 April – Mr Adam McNeilage to replace
- Mrs Katrina Jenks LSL 19 April to 21 April – no replacement
- Mrs Riis Mat Leave 8 May to 15 Sept – Mrs Rayma Bryant to replace.

## Koala Joeys

The Koala Joeys Family Program is a transition to school program and has been specifically created to deliver in all primary schools for families with children under school age. It focuses on empowering parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments.

Early literacy and early numeracy information is shared during the program in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.

Koala Joeys at Merrimac will recommence next Friday 28 April:

Where: PAC Conference Room

When: 9.00am – 10.00am

**See you there**

## Language Perfect

Konnichi wa,

A reminder that students in Years 3 to 6 at Merrimac State School are registered with Education Perfect. (A free App can also be downloaded.) Students in Years 5 and 6 in particular are encouraged to log in and complete the assigned tasks each week to help with the learning and revising of the vocabulary learned in class. Once completed, students can then enjoy "Dash" to see who can be the fastest in the class. Log in and complete a task to Dash now!



To access Education Perfect:  
<https://www.educationperfect.com>  
Username: mssfirnamesurname  
Password: firstname

Arigatou,  
Marshall Sensei  
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## Prep Enrolments for 2018

This year we currently have 110 Prep students. This is a very good intake of new students. Prep is an extremely important part of our school. We are already getting inquiries regarding Prep for 2018. In October each year our school holds a morning and evening orientation session for our new families. In November we also hold Prep experience days for our future Prep students.

Enrolments for Prep for next year can be made at the school's office. Parents of Prep students for next year are encouraged to start enrolling their children. Early enrolment allows the school to be better prepared for the 2018 school year.

Now that our school has an official enrolment boundary, all families especially those residing outside our catchment area, are encouraged to get their Prep enrolments in as early as possible. All enrolments must include the enrolling students Birth Certificate.

## Breakfast and Fitness Program

In Term One we commenced our Wednesday Breakfast/Fitness Program for Years 4, 5 and 6 students around mid term. It has therefore been decided to continue the Breakfast/Fitness Program for Years 4 to 6 for the first five weeks of this term. The program has certainly been very well received by the students. Thanks to Chappy Steve and Mr Epiha and all the staff and parents who assisted with this program.

For this term Chappy Steve has secured the support from Coles Woorangary to supply the breakfast. Chappy Steve will again need the help and support from school staff and parents for the program to run smoothly. The program commenced this week and will run for the next four weeks.

Thank you to Tina Nenadic, from Harcourts Real Estate for her support and sponsorship of this program during Term One.

## School Support

Tina Nenadic, from Harcourts Real Estate has kindly offered to donate \$500 to Merrimac State School for any referrals (from Merrimac families and friends) that list and sell through Harcourts Real Estate. We thank Tina for her ongoing support of our school.

## Parent Fitness (Boot Camp) Program – free for Merrimac Parents

Thanks to Tina Nenadic from Harcourts Real Estate, we will be continuing this term with the free fitness program each week for our parents. We had a very good turnout in Term One.

Simone Doyle, a fitness instructor, runs the sessions in the MPC/Tennis Court area on Thursdays from 1.45pm to 2.45pm. It is completely free. Parents wishing to participate can contact Tina direct on 0402984898. Simone can only cater up to 20 in the session so please register your interest with Tina to avoid disappointment.

## From the desk of Ralph and Rosie

### Merrimac State School Focus of The week

Over this past week, the children at Merrimac SS have been examining what is meant by being a learner by staying on task. In their classes and on parade, the boys and girls have been asked to engage in discussions, role plays and class demonstrations about how to stay on task, what it means and why it is important. Well done all boys and girls for remembering to be safe, respectful learners.

**From Ralph and Rosie**

## P & C FUNDRAISER

### Hi Families

Once again we are fundraising through the entertainment book this year. All proceeds will go towards our amazing upcoming Centenary celebration. Please click on the link below to purchase your book and enjoy saving \$1000's for your family.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/144d320>



## FINANCE NEWS

### Important Information on Invoicing

Important information: when the payment date for an excursion closes and we cancel unpaid invoices if you did not pay for this excursion you will receive an adjustment notice email, **this is not an invoice, please open and read.** This email only goes to those not participating and can be ignored.

Invoices have recently been issued for Year 5 Camp and Interschool Sport. If your child isn't involved in an Interschool Sport team, please disregard this invoice as your child will do sport here at school which is a free activity.

### We are currently collecting money for:

Participants	Event	Cost	Payment due date
All Students	Footsteps Dance	\$5 (cash)	21 April
Years 5-6 (Interschool Sport children)	Interschool Sport	\$80	21 April
Year 5	Camp	\$210	19 May

**MONEY IS ACCEPTED IN PERSON AT THE FINANCE WINDOW MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 8AM - 9.30AM - DIRECT DEPOSITS CAN BE MADE ON RECEIPT OF INVOICE (VIA EMAIL)**

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Congratulations to the following students of the week:

Jarred L 1A, Coco B 1A, Finn P 1B, Ashley L 1B, Zane D 1C, Tijana J 1C, Oliver E 1D, Dylan D 1D, Amy G 1E, Jonathon C 1E, Sage C 2A, Sunni J 2A, Flynn Z 2B, Olivia T 2B, Marcus R 2C, Steve D 2C, Charli M 3C, Aaliyah G 3D, Cooper G 3E, Anderson H 4A, Isabel D 4B, Sariyah D 5B, Mitchell W 5C, Blake G 5E, Nazreth W 6A, Cameron K 6B, Emilee H 6C, Jake M 6D, Noah P P1, Martina S P1, Jacob L P1M, Izaak M P1M, Roman E P2, Qundi C P2, Ethan M P3, Brandon T P3, Tahlia S P4, Jake G P4

## MUSIC NEWS

### Magic of Music Concert

A reminder - our Magic of Music Concert will be held on Wednesday 7 June at 6.00pm. Please save this date to ensure you are free to attend this wonderful evening of entertainment.

## PE NEWS

### Interschool Sport for Years 5-6

Interschool Sport starts this Friday 21 April. The sports draw will be included each week in the school's newsletter.

Children not participating in Interschool Sports will be involved in school based sports activities each Friday afternoon. Please check with your child which team they are in.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DRAW FRIDAY 21 APRIL

### Rugby League at Pizzey Park, Miami

Yr 5 v Mudgeeraba on Field 3 @ 12.45pm

Yr 6 v Mudgeeraba on Field 3 @ 1.30pm

### Girls Otag at Marymount College, Burleigh Waters

5A v Elanora on Field 3 @ 12.45pm

6A v Varsity 2 on Field 15 @ 1.35pm

6B v St Augustine's on Field 10 @ 12.45pm

### Netball at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba

5A v Hillcrest on Court 8 @ 12.50pm

5B v Marymount on Court 13 @ 1.20pm

5C v Varsity 2 on Court 15 @ 1.50pm

6B v St Vincent's on Court 5 @ 1.20pm

### Soccer at St Vincent's Primary, Clear Island Waters

5A Boys v St Vincent's on Field 3 @ 1.35pm

6B Boys - BYE

### Soccer at Italo-Australian Club (Merrimac Soccer Club)

5B Boys v St Brigid's on Field 2 @ 1.35pm

6A Boys v St Brigid's on Field 2 @ 12.40pm

## TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 20 April	Centenary of ANZAC at Merrimac SS
Fri 21 April	Interschool Sport commences
Fri 21 April	8.00am Start of Japan Travel School
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day service at Robina Town Centre
Wed 26 April	Hearing Screening for Prep students
Fri 28 April	Robina SHS Year 6 Experience Day
Mon 1 May	May Day Holiday
Wed 3 May	School Cross Country
Mon 8 May	5.30pm Merrimac Katsuragi IEC Meeting
Mon 8 May	5.45pm Merrimac Outside School Hours Care meeting
Mon 8 May	6.30pm P and C Meeting
Tues 9 May - Thurs 11 May	NAPLAN Testing
Fri 12 May	Catch up NAPLAN Testing Day
Mon 15 May	Main School Photo Day
Mon 15 - Thurs 25 May	Language Perfect Competition
Mon 22 May	Catch up Photo day
Mon 22 - Fri 26 May	Under Eights Week
Tues 23 May	ICAS Australian Computer Competition
Tues 23 May	Year 6 Lightning Carnival at Miami SHS and Merrimac SHS
Wed 24 May	8.00am School Council Meeting
Wed 24 - Fri 26 May	Year One RSPCA Visit
Wed 24 May	Footsteps School Disco (Week 6)
Thurs 25 May	Under Eights Day
Wed 31 May	2.00pm Active School Travel Meeting
Thurs 1 June	Year 5 Lightning Carnival at Miami SHS and Merrimac SHS
Tues 6 June	Last day of Footsteps
Wed 7 June	Magic of Music evening
Mon 12 June	5.30pm Merrimac Katsuragi IEC Meeting
Mon 12 May	5.45pm Merrimac Outside School Hours Care meeting
Mon 12 June	6.30pm P and C Meeting
Wed 14 June - Fri 16 June	Year 5 School Camp
Sat 17 June	Chappy's Walk
Mon 19 June - Thurs 22 June	Regional Music Camp (selected students)
Tues 20 June	Report Cards to be sent home
Tues 20 June	Senior Athletics - Field Events
Wed 21 June	Senior Athletics - Track Events
Thurs 22 June	Junior Athletics
Fri 23 May	Last day of Interschool sport
Fri 23 May	Last school day for term
Fri 23 June to Sun 25 June	Mudgeeraba Show
Mon 10 July	School Resumes for Term Three

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop Roster for week commencing 24 April 2017:

Date	Volunteers Thank you	MEAL DEAL Thursday 27 April \$6*
Mon 24/4	Mayumi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aussie Beef Pie (Large)</li> <li>Lamington Finger Slice <u>or</u> ANZAC Cookie</li> <li>Bottled Water</li> </ul>
Tue 25/4	ANZAC Day Holiday	
Wed 26/4	Mel L / help please	
Thu 27/4	Maria S / Mayumi	
Fri 28/4	Lisa M / Mayumi	

\* add extra 50c to upgrade to flavoured milk or small playwater  
\* add extra \$1.00 for large playwater

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! We hope you've enjoyed the break and are as refreshed as we all are in the tuckshop. With the cooler weather upon us we will introduce some "wintery-warmer" options into our menu and will advise through our Tuckerbox News. Have a great week everyone.

~ Denise ~

### School Website and QSchools Smartphone App

The QSchools app is available to the school community as a free download via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. Update regularly to access the latest features.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

For children  
Ages 0—5  
years

Merrimac State School is working with families to ensure a smooth transition to the Prep Year. Parents and their toddlers and pre-prep children are invited to come to a free weekly song and movement class with an experienced Prep teacher and teacher aide to rediscover songs, rhymes and stories in a fun, interactive environment at school. The program called "Koala Joeys" has been developed to improve children's social skills, oral language and self-esteem. Parents report that it is a great way for the youngsters to build a strong relationship with their school and develop friends.

Term 1 Programs starts now  
Time: Friday 9.00am—10.00am  
Venue: PAC Hall  
Cost: FREE  
For further information contact: 5569 1555

### Do You Give Your Children 8 Minutes of Attention per day?

*(I came across this notice in a newsletter recently and love it!*

*Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. Investing uninterrupted time in their child AND partnering with their child's school are two of the most important things they can do)*

Stop what you're doing and give 100% attention to each of your children for at least 8 minutes a day. Small emotional investments like one-on-one, quality time now will help ensure your kids grow up feeling safe, valued and listened to.

Time is precious...but not as precious as your children. That's why it's so important to set aside at least 8 minutes every day of distraction-free time to engage with each of your kids, one on one, without interruptions. Put down your phone, iPad or laptop and take the time to really BE with them - exchanging stories, asking and answering questions, sharing a laugh...whatever works best!

Your child will feel more listened to, valued, safer and happier. Studies show that kids who receive this kind of attention do better at school, with greater language skills and higher self-confidence. With benefits like these, there's no better way to spend 8 minutes a day.

## ACTIONS

- Sit down with your child for at least 1 meal every day.
- Read a book together before bed or tell a story of your own.
- Ask questions about your child's life that need more than a one-word answer.
- For older kids, discuss a news item they might be interested in.

## Do your children love to dance? Join our Irish Dance class!

Irish Dance is an exciting and unique dance style suitable for boys and girls of any age or skill level.

Classes will be focussed on fun, fitness and friendship with performance and competition opportunities available!



**What:** Irish Dance Classes  
**Where:** Merrimac SS School Hall  
**When:** Fridays 3:30 - 4:30pm  
**Cost:** \$8.80 per week

Sophie Parfitt, T.C.R.G. is a qualified Irish Dance teacher and holds a current Blue Card for working with children. If you have any questions or want to join our class, please contact us via email [phoenixdanceproductions@outlook.com](mailto:phoenixdanceproductions@outlook.com) Phoenix Dance Qld [www.phoenixdanceqld.com.au](http://www.phoenixdanceqld.com.au) check us out on Facebook!

## Nerang Girl Guides

Nerang Girl Guides are looking for new members to come along to join our fantastic units.

We are at 40 Ferry Street Nerang and meet on different days throughout the week.

Brownies 5 to 10 year olds Saturday morning 9am to 11am

Guides 10 to 14 year olds Wednesday night 6pm to 8pm

Rangers 14 to 18 year olds Thursday night 6.30pm to 8.30pm

We provide activities such as canoeing, camping, craft, community service, bush walks, life skills, cooking indoor and outdoor and much more!

If you are interested please contact Kerry Patrick at [kezandscott@bigpond.com](mailto:kezandscott@bigpond.com)

## Active School Travel



**Move it Thursdays!**



# YEAR 6 INTO 7 2018 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING



**- TUESDAY 16 MAY -  
6.30PM | SCHOOL HALL**

Merrimac State High School welcomes all prospective students and parents to attend this information evening. Staff will be on hand to provide information on enrolment, curriculum and facilities.

*Pride in Excellence*



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# 2018 SELECTIVE ENTRY



## APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Our Selective Entry program gives Merrimac State High School the opportunity to select students from both within and outside our boundary to participate in our high performance programs. Places are limited, consequently only students with passion, commitment and high levels of performance are selected.

These programs include:

- ◆ STEAM Academy
- ◆ Academic Summit
- ◆ Sport Summit
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Leadership

The Selective Entry and Scholarship Program booklet outlines all program details and the benefits successful students gain by participating in a high performance program. Please visit our website for information and to download an application form.

**Year 6 into Year 7 for 2018  
Enrolment Information Evening will be held  
+ Tuesday 16 May, 6.30pm in our School Hall +**



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## Keebra Park State High School

### BASKETBALL EXCELLENCE Experience

For Year 5 and 6  
Girls and Boys

**Thursday  
4 May 2017  
3:30pm – 5:00pm**

RSVP – 3 May 2017  
T. 5509 2555  
E. [info@keebraparkshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@keebraparkshs.eq.edu.au)



## Keebra Park State High School

### GIRLS SPORT EXCELLENCE Experience

For Girls in  
Year 5 and 6

**Thursday  
4 May 2017  
3:30pm – 5:00pm**

RSVP – 3 May 2017  
T. 5509 2555  
E. [info@keebraparkshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@keebraparkshs.eq.edu.au)