P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held next Monday 2 June 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.

Note there is no Outside School Hours Care meeting next week.

International Exchange Parent Committee Meeting
The next Parent IEC Meeting will be held on Monday 2 June at 5.30 p.m. in the staffroom. The agenda will focus on the final preparations for the upcoming Katsuragi visit early next term.

Under 8’s Day
Last Thursday was Under 8’s day at Merrimac State School and we were blessed with beautiful weather. Mrs Lamburd coordinated the team of Junior School staff in preparing a range of developmentally appropriate activities for all Prep to Year 3 children to enjoy. Parent feedback reinforced that the event was a wonderful way to celebrate early childhood.

A big thank you goes to Robina High teachers, for bringing their senior students to make wooden planes and face paint. It wouldn't be the same without the high schoolers. Mrs Fry organised an ambulance visit and the children had the opportunity to engage with the ambulance paramedic, familiarise themselves with the ambulance and stretcher and had fun bandaging their many and varied ailments. If parents know of any other great activities or community groups which can contribute for next year, don’t hesitate to tell us.

It was also Chaplaincy Week and our Under Eights sausage sizzle was to raise money for our Chaplaincy program here at Merrimac. The P&C donated all the food for the barbeque and are a great support to Chappy Steve. Mr Jeffrey (our Schools Facilities Officer) worked tirelessly behind the scenes organising equipment. Most of all thank you to all of the lovely families who spent their time with us helping to manoeuvre children around to all the activities and relaxing with a picnic. A great day was had by all.

Magic of Music Concert
Congratulations to all our music students who took part in our Concert evening last night. Our bands, ensembles and choirs all performed beautifully. It’s great to see the progress the students have made during the year so far.

Thanks to the many families and friends who came along and supported the children on the night. It provided the opportunity for the children to perform on stage for a large audience. This will help prepare our students for the Gold Coast Eisteddfod later in the year.

A big thank you to our music teachers Mrs Powell, Miss Deb and Miss Hurst for the great job they do with our music students. Also thanks to Mrs Lush for her accompaniment on piano and to the Merrimac staff who assisted on the night - your commitment contributed to a great night. A big thank you also to Mr McBlane for his fantastic work with the sound. Our Music Program at Merrimac continues to grow in strength.

Fanfare
Once every two years, Education Qld holds a State-wide music competition. Schools compete to a standard of excellence in music. For each division, schools can be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze for their performance judged against these set standards. Miss Deb and the Senior Band went to Coomera State College to compete last Wednesday and were awarded a Gold Certificate for their wonderful performance. Staff and students at Merrimac are proud to have such fine young musicians at our school who have shown ongoing dedication to their music studies and practice. Mrs Hurst and Senior Strings ensemble will have their opportunity to compete today.

School-wide Positive Behaviour
Classes are being asked to have input into a review of our reward system for students displaying positive behaviours at our school. This will support the implementation of our three rules of Safe, Respectful Learner. Each week, for the first 6 weeks of the term, teachers teach a focus lesson about one of our rules and this is reinforced on parade by senior students who present information about our ‘Rule of the Week’. This week, students are working on the rule, “Respect”. The focus is for the whole school community to use respectful language. For the last four weeks of the term, teachers have a lesson focus on strengthening our students’ mental health and resilience. This is part of our Kidsmatter program.

E Newsletters
We will continue to distribute our newsletter via an email link to those families who have provided us with their email address. Remember to keep the school updated with any change to your email address so we can continue to keep you informed.
Katsuragi Sister School Visit
Katsuragi Elementary School will be visiting our school next term from Sunday 27 July through to Sunday 3 August. A very successful Video Conference was held last Thursday evening with all our home stay families having the opportunity of talking and seeing their Japanese students who will be staying with them in July/August.

School Photographs
Silver Rose returned on Tuesday to photograph Brother/Sister requests, Sports Groups and any catch up individual photos. If you would still like to order photos you can contact Silver Rose directly on 3262 5788. Sports groups will be available to order online next week at www.silverrose.com.au/schools:

QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards 2014
Nominate now. Are you inspired by an excellent Queensland school teacher? Download a nomination form at: www.qct.edu.au/awards

Prep Enrolments for 2015
Prep is an extremely important part of our school. 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.

P&C NEWS
Entertainment Books Fundraiser
All unpurchased books must be returned through the Bookshop now so that we may finalise this important fundraiser. All payments for the books need to be done online at: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/144d320

FINANCE NEWS
The finance window operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.00am - 9.30am. These are the only times money is accepted. Parents should ensure payment is made by due dates as final numbers are often required and your child will miss out on an event if they have not paid by the due date. Pay early and avoid disappointment. We are currently accepting payments for:

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Orders close 9am tomorrow, Friday 30 May. Ordering instructions:
- Complete order form on back page of brochure and be sure to include Child’s name, class and a contact number.
• Order to be enclosed in an envelope clearly marked BOOK CLUB on the front and is to include the order form and correct money (no change given), cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia, or if you have used the credit card system put the reference number of your payment into the reference box.
• Orders to the finance window tomorrow morning between 8.00am – 9.30am

PE NEWS

District Cross Country
On Wednesday last week, we had 27 students attend the District Cross Country at Pizzey Park. All the students tried their hardest against tough opposition from all our District Schools. With approximately 150 to 180 students in each race it was very pleasing to see most of our students finishing high up the order, with a number finishing in the top 30. The following three students did extremely well and were presented with place medals on the day:
Nikiah Campbell 1st place
Yusuke Zamma 1st place
Shunsuke Zamma 3rd place
Well done to all our students for participating, you were a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Lees, Mr Singh and the parents for assisting and cheering our runners on throughout the day.

Student Achievements
Congratulations to Katie Deeble who has made the South Coast Basketball Team and to Oryaan Kalolo who has made the South Coast Rugby League Team. These students will now compete at the State Championships in their respective sports. Well done Katie and Oryaan and good luck at the State Championships.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS FOR 30 MAY

Soccer at St Vincents/IAC, Clear Island Waters
5A Boys vs St Vincent’s on IAC2 at 12.45pm
6A Boys vs Canigeraba on IAC1 @ 12.45pm
7A Boys vs St Vincent’s on SV1 @ 1.40pm

Soccer at Marymount College, Burleigh Waters
6A Girls vs St Vincent’s on Field 1 @ 1.40pm
6B Girls vs Canigeraba on Field 2 @ 12.45pm

Mixed AFL at Salk Oval, Palm Beach
Jnr vs St Vincent’s on Field 2 @ 12.45pm
Snr vs Robina on Field 2 @ 1.35pm

Rugby League at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba
Open R vs Mudgeeraba on Field 1 @ 1.30pm
1R vs Mudgeeraba on Field 1 @ 12.40pm
10 vs Mudgeeraba on Field 2 @ 12.40pm

Netball at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba
7A vs Mudgeeraba on Court 2 @ 12.45pm
7C1 vs William Duncan on Court 1 @ 1.30pm
7C2 vs St Brigids on Court 2 @ 1.30pm
6A vs Mudgeeraba on Court 3 @ 1.30pm
5A vs Mudgeeraba on Court 11 @ 12.45pm
5B vs St Vincent’s on Court 8 @ 1.30pm

KS4KIDS2014

Thanks to everyone who participated last weekend in the Ks4Kids Walk in support of our Chappy Steve and to those who sponsored and donated towards the appeal. Your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop Roster for Week beginning: Mon 26 May 2014

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Thanks to our volunteers this week and to all those who help around our school. Your help is appreciated. Have a fantastic week.
~ Denise ~

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK


UPCOMING EVENTS

| Mon 2 June | 5.30pm Merrimac IEC Meeting (Japan Trip) |
| Mon 2 June | 5.45pm Merrimac Outside School Hours Care meeting |
| Mon 2 June | 6.30pm P&C Meeting |
| Mon 9 June | Queen’s Birthday Holiday |
| Fri 13 June | Last day of Interschool Sport |
| Fri 20 June | Senior Athletics |
| Mon 23 June | Senior Athletics |
| Tues 24 June | Junior Athletics |
| Tues 24 June | Report Cards to be sent home |
| Wed 25 June | 6.00pm Katsuragi Homestay Parent Meeting |
| Wed 25 June | Last day of AusKick |
| Fri 27 June | Last school day for term |

ROBINA State High School
Junior Secondary Showcase Evening Tonight 29 May
5.30 pm tonight in the Performing Arts Complex we invite our school community to celebrate the work of our Year 8 & 9 students.
The evening will feature energetic performances from our Creative Arts students, as well as exemplary static displays of our students’ work.
A BBQ dinner will also be provided by our League for Life students.