



Merrimac State School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 Thursday 14 September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Happy Holidays

The school staff would like to wish every family a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Parents are reminded that school resumes on Tuesday 3 October. Monday 2 October is the Queen's Birthday holiday. Please make a note of this. The next Pupil Free Day is scheduled for Monday 16 October (Week 3). Please contact Vacation Care on 55252617 if you need care for the Pupil Free Day.

School Watch

The School Watch program is aimed at reducing crime, vandalism and arson in schools. Over the school holiday period, parents are asked to keep a watchful eye on our school as they drive past. Any suspicious actions, especially at night time, should be reported to the police or to School Watch on 131 788. Other than the Vacation Care Program, there should be no need for children to enter the school grounds over the holiday period. State Government Security and random police patrols will monitor the school premises.

Platinum Cards/Merit Certificates

Certificates and cards will be given out to the children early next term. This allows the behaviour data to be entered for the whole of Term Three.

Lost Property

There are quite a number of school jumpers in lost property in the Under Cover Area. Please be sure to look through the box if you are missing any clothing items. The children in their classes will also go through the lost property. You are encouraged to label your children's clothing to help with return if they get lost.

Japan Trip Update

The Japan Trip to Katsuragi Elementary School is going extremely well. Our group of 40 Year 5 and 6 students, ten staff including our Principal Dr Pointing and Deputy Principal Miss Murray and 4 parents from the International Committee have been having a wonderful cultural experience. They left very early Saturday morning from Gold Coast airport on the 6.00am flight to Japan. There have been some stunning photos of their sightseeing in Kyoto of Nijo Castle, the Handicraft Centre and Kiyomizu Temple. On Monday they enjoyed a day at Universal Studios.

On Monday evening the group travelled to Katsuragi to meet their excited host families and to settle into their homes for the week. On Tuesday, there was an entertaining Welcome Ceremony where the students from the whole school sang their school song to the visitors and performed a variety of acts. Our Merrimac students were able to reciprocate and perform their presentation to the Katsuragi school community. It was very well received.

Over the rest of the week, Merrimac students are welcomed into classes with their buddy. On Thursday, they will travel by bullet train to Hiroshima and visit the Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum. They will also travel to Miyajima Island by ferry to see the Itsukushima shrine before returning to Kobe and Katsuragi for a weekend with their host families. Everyone at school wishes them a wonderful week and a safe return.

P&C Information

At our P&C Meeting on Monday night, Mr John Clark was voted in as our Vice President. We thank John for his acceptance of this position and wish him well on the P&C Executive. We are still in need of a Treasurer and have one Vice President position available for any interested parents and community members. We would also like expressions of interest for a relief Tuckshop Convenor for when our current Convenor is sick. Could you please forward your expression of interest to ommsspc@gmail.com.

Last night the P&C voted to continue to support Merrimac families with subsidies for the online mathematics program, Reading Eggs, the Japanese Program, Language Perfect, and to extend support for the Music program, Smart Music for our Instrumental Students. The P&C are an integral part of our school and we invite interested parents and community members to come along, become involved and learn a little more about your school. The P&C meets every 2nd Monday in the staff room in the Administration Block at 6.30pm. The next meeting will be on 9 October 2017. There will also be a Merrimac Outside School Hours Care meeting on the same evening commencing at 5.45pm. The next Parent Katsuragi IEC meeting will also be held on this evening at 5.30 pm in the staff room.

Wellness Day Donations

Our whole school Well Being Day is scheduled for next term on Thursday 12 October.

We are requesting assistance from parents for the donation of some art materials. We are looking for scraps of material, feathers, beads, fabric leaves or anything you think could be used for our dream catchers. As well, any scrap booking bits and pieces that you may not be using would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver any donations to Mrs Zarew in 3B or the office. We need these donations by Term 4 week 1. Thanks so much for your support.

Sun Safety

On the holidays, please check with your child that they have a school hat. Merrimac State School is a uniform school and children are required to wear the royal blue school hat. This has been ratified by the Merrimac State School P&C. Queensland schools have a 'No Hat, No Play' policy so children without their school hat will be directed to undercover play areas, the Library or play time clubs. Royal blue hats with no markings are acceptable for children to access outside play areas. More information about our uniform policy can be found on our website in Merrimac State School's Responsible Behaviour for Students or in the Merrimac State School Parent Handbook that can be obtained at the School Administration.

Children Leaving School at the end of Term Three

If your child/children will not be returning to Merrimac for Term Four please notify the school office as soon as possible. We have a number of new enrolments for the start of next term and early notification of students leaving our school will assist with class placement of new students.

Life Education

The Life Education Van is visiting our school until tomorrow Friday 15 September. Class visits have been timetabled.

Regional Spelling Bee

Yesterday afternoon the Merrimac spelling bee team represented the school with pride and perfect manners at the Miami SHS Regional Spelling Bee. All students were able to answer correctly in the first round, and two Year 5 students were able to make it to the final round. The students were outstanding, and Mrs Johns, who has been training and supporting the Merrimac Team was very proud of their achievements.



Year 6 Graduation Date

Our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony is planned for Thursday 7 December from 10am to 12pm. On that evening the Year 6 students will also have their own Graduation Disco. Please note these events on your calendar.

Centenary Memorabilia

To help celebrate and remember our school's Centenary we have several souvenirs and memorabilia still available to purchase. These are available from the Bookshop. Orders can also be placed through flexischools.com.au.

All orders must be collected from the Bookshop.

Centenary Memorabilia Items include:

- KEY RING \$ 2.00
- STYLUS PEN \$ 3.00
- DRINK BOTTLE \$ 4.00
- STUBBIE COOLER \$ 4.00
- TRAVEL MUG \$ 4.00
- WINE GLASS \$ 5.00
- STEMLESS GLASS \$10.00
- PREMIUM TAWNY PORT \$25.00
- CENTENARY BOOKS \$ 15.00
- CENTENARY PAVERS \$ 40.00
- CENTENARY SHIRTS \$ 25.00
- CENTENARY PAVERS \$40.00

These are available from the Bookshop

Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8.00am to 9.00am.

Upcoming Staff Leave

The following staff have leave in early Term Four:

3 and 4 Oct Mrs Anderson has LSL: no replacement

3 Oct to 6 Oct Mrs Conder has LSL: Ms Julie Poole to replace

3 Oct to 13 Oct Miss Jacobs has Leave: Mr Greg Chin to replace

3 Oct to 8 Dec Mrs Seward has LSL/Sick Leave: Mr Ben Shaw to replace (2 days a week)

3 to 13 Oct Mrs Lamburd has LSL: Mrs Denise Boyd to replace

5 and 6 Oct Mrs Kelly Hall has Leave - TRS to replace

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser for Years 4 to 6 - Update

As part of the recent Jump Off at school, students raised funds for the National Heart Foundation. We have an updated amount that was raised - exactly \$2639.70 was raised which is a fantastic effort. Well done to Mrs Haywood and to all the children involved.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Our school is again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. In previous years, our school has received many valuable resources through this promotion. The program for 2017 has commenced and will run through till next **Tuesday 19 September**.

It's simple to participate. From Friday 21st July to Tuesday 19th September 2017, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths.

Our school can then redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school.

Points will be traded in for valuable school resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

Parents and family friends who shop at Woolies are encouraged to collect the stickers and sticker cards and send them along to the school. Your support in this program would be much appreciated.

Koala Joeys Family Program

There is no program this week (Friday 15 September). It is planned to restart Koala Joeys in Week Two of Term Four (Friday 13 October).

From the desk of Ralph and Rosie



Merrimac State School Focus of The week

Over this past week, the children at Merrimac State School have been examining the topic of self-reflection. Self-reflection is a skill that everyone needs to develop.

Being reflective means being able to think about what you have done, why you did it and

if it was effective. In their classes and on parade, the boys and girls at MSS have been asked to engage in discussions, role plays and class demonstrations on the importance of self-reflection as a powerful tool to help find strengths within ourselves and within others.

Well done to P4 and 6A for being awarded the Ralph and Rosie Award of the Week. P4 received their award for keeping their eating area clean and tidy. They were spotted by P3. 6A received their award for helping set up the pathway of peace for Peace One day. They were spotted by 3D.

Congratulations to all girls and boys for remembering to be safe, respectful learners in the classroom and in the playground.

Ralph and Rosie

Prep Enrolments for 2018

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2018. On **Tuesday 24 October** our school will hold a morning and an evening orientation session for new families. In November we also hold Prep experience days for our future Prep students. These are scheduled for Tuesday 14, 21 and 28 November.

Enrolments for Prep next year can be made at the school office. Parents of Prep students for next year are encouraged to enrol their children now. 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 student's Birth Certificate. In catchment enrolments require two forms of proof of address.

Art's Council Performance

Permission form/payment advice for this performance has been sent home with students.

LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU

P - 6

Tuesday 17 October 2017

9.50am (P-Yr 2) and 11.40am (Yrs 3-6)

Cost - \$5.00 per child

Let the Music Move You - Lullabies to Heavy Rock, A Capella to Pop and loads of participation. Focus is on music and movement and how the two are integrally linked. It is designed to engage students both as an audience and actively in the performance

Closing date for payment is Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Limited numbers available - FIRST 300 only

Payment to Finance Window - Mon, Wed & Fri 8.00-9.30am

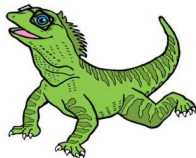
Parent Reading Workshop

Parents please join us for an informative **reading workshop** where we will share the reading strategies that are used in our classrooms to help your children read difficult words.

Date: Wednesday 18th October

Time: 8.00am

Place: Science Lab next to PAC



A light breakfast will be provided.

Please RSVP to the school office : 5569 1555

Year 2 Excursion at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Last Friday the year 2's had a fabulous excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. The day began with every child enjoying patting a koala and having a memorable photo.

We were really spoilt for a choice of where to visit first in the park, there are many shows to see and the free flight bird show was truly spectacular. Year 2 were able to show their knowledge of Australian wildlife and their life cycles during our talk with rangers from the park. We got to be up close with a green tree frog, a blue tongue lizard and a python.

The day was fun filled and jam packed with activities, animals to observe and shows to enjoy. The children had so much fun riding on the train and feeding kangaroos, not to mention a really exciting time in the playground that had a flying fox and plenty of things to climb on. Many tired students were enthralled to finish the day watching an aboriginal show with dancing and excellent music. Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary remains an excellent venue for year 2's.



Breakfast and Fitness Program

The Breakfast/Fitness Program for this term has finished.

A big thank you to Chappy Steve for running the program and also thanks to the many staff and parent helpers who assisted each week.

We certainly appreciated the support from Coles Worongary, Tina Nenadic, from Harcourts Real Estate and the Genesis Church who supported the Breakfast/Fitness Program allowing us to buy the various breakfast requirements.

The program will recommence on Wednesday 11 October in Week Two of Term Four.

Parent Fitness (Boot Camp) Program - free for Merrimac Parents

Thanks to Tina Nenadic from Harcourts Real Estate, for sponsoring the weekly free fitness program each Thursday for our parents. The Parent Fitness Program will continue at school in Term Three.

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.

It is planned to continue this program into Term Four commencing in Week 1 on Thursday 5 October.

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.

P&C NEWS

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of our school. Parents and grandparents are always welcome in various areas within our school. If you are able to help out in the tuckshop or bookshop please contact the school with your details. If you are free on a regular or casual basis we would appreciate your help.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students of the week:

Bree-Anna H 1A, Angus B 1A, Rubi M 1B, Finn P 1B, Sibellah K 1C, Lincoln P-G 1C, Kyce P 1D, Thomas D 1D, Kobe W 1E, Talia T 1E, Declan W 2A, Caelan B 2A, Tyler B 2B, Ebony A 2B, Naim G 2C, Chuck C 2C, Harrison S 2D, Taylor C 2D, Annabelle K 2E, Taylor J 2E, Rylee Mc 3A, Imogen D 3B, Elias W 3C, Jaydan S 3D, Clancey H 3E, Julian N 4A, Timothy D 4B, Dijana R 4C, Koki Y 5A, Mariella A 5B, Ava Layton 5C, Sophie E 5D, Arik E 5E, Bailey D 6A, Cameron K 6B, Georgia P 6C, Alicia M 6D, Luna H P1, Aki Y P1, Luke B P1M, Jai M P1M, Quendi C P2, Mia-James E P2, Ethan M P3, Hunter R P3, Jake G P4, Asha L P4

FINANCE NEWS

Important Information on Invoicing

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.

Please ensure that all payments to the finance window have your student's **full name and class** marked on the permission form/envelope. Payments made online must have the student's **surname as a reference so we are able to match student records**. Permission, medical or order forms should then be handed in at the finance window. Thank you

We are currently collecting money for:

Participants	Event	Cost	Payment due date
All Years	Let the Music Move You	\$5	11 October First 300 only

Upcoming events in Term 4:

Prep to Yr 2	Swimming	Start 26-27 October
Yr 5 Selected Students	Year 5 Y Lead	18 October
Year 1	Seaworld	22 November
Year 6	Graduation	4-8 December

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)

PE NEWS

Prep to Year 2 Swimming

Advance notice that all students in Prep to Year 2 will be participating in Learn to Swim lessons next term as part of the HPE curriculum. Notes will be sent home early next term with more details. The cost will be \$50 per student.

Interschool Sports

There is **no** Interschool sport tomorrow Friday 15 September.

Red Ball Gala Day - Tennis Tournament

Last Thursday, 10 students from years 2-4 represented Merrimac SS at the Red Ball Gala Day at Somerset College. These students competed against five different schools in tennis playing 3-minute rounds of singles and doubles. The students all played very well

and Merrimac SS placed 4th overall with all students receiving a participation certificate and four students receiving a prize for great sportsmanship. Well done to all our players and a big thank you to Michael Mitchell for managing and coaching the team.



MUSIC NEWS

Merrimac SHS Twilight Tunes

The Senior Band and Strings' students attended a full day workshop at Merrimac SHS for the first annual Twilight Tunes. They joined two other primary schools in collaboration with Merrimac SHS's Instrumental music students to rehearse and present a performance under the stars. It was a fantastic event which was enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks to Miss Deb, Miss Hurst and Miss Williams for supporting the students.



TERM THREE UPCOMING EVENTS

9-17 Sept	Japan Trip
11-14 Sept	Year 4 Bike Education
Fri 15 Sept	Last Day for Term Three

TERM FOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 2 Oct	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tues 3 Oct	First day of Term 4
Thurs 5 Aug	RE recommences for the term
Fri 6 Oct	Interschool Sport resumes
Mon 9 Oct	5.30pm Katsuragi Parent IEC Meeting
Mon 9 Oct	6.30pm P&C meeting
Mon 9 Oct	5.45pm MOSHC meeting
Tues 10 Oct	12.30pm to 2.55pm Start of SEP Gym Program (9 weeks) for selected students
Wed 11 Oct	8.00am Breakfast/Fitness Program recommences
Thurs 12 Oct	Whole School Wellness day Activities
Mon 16 Oct	Pupil Free Day
Tues 17 Oct	Music Performances (Let the Music Move You)

	9.50am Years P-2 and 11.40am Years 3-6
Tues 17 Oct	2.00pm to 2.45pm Merrimac SHS Band and Strings to visit Merrimac and perform
Wed 18 Oct	Year 5 Y Lead day at Miami SHS (selected students)
22 to 28 Oct	State Education Week
Tues 24 Oct	Prep Orientation Day (9.00am and 6.00pm)
Wed 25 Oct	Inter School Debating Day at Merrimac
Thurs 26 Oct	School Sport, Music and Graduation Photo Day
Fri 27 Oct	World Teachers' Day
Wed 1 Nov	School Disco
Thurs 2 Nov	Music - Count Us In (senior choir children)
Mon 6 Nov	8.00am School Council meeting
Wed 8 Nov	8.00am LCC meeting
Wed 8 Nov	2.00pm Active School Travel meeting
Mon 13 Nov	6.30pm P&C meeting
Mon 13 Nov	5.45pm MOSHC meeting
Mon 13 Nov	5.30pm Katsuragi Parent IEC Meeting
Mon 13 Nov	Robina SHS Awards Night
Tues 14 Nov	Prep Experience Day (P1 and P2)
Wed 15 Nov	Year 5 HRE
Wed 15 Nov	Magic of Music Concert
Thurs 16 Nov	Year 5 HRE
Fri 17 Nov	Last day of Interschool Sport
Tues 21 Nov	Prep Experience Day (P3 and P4)
Thurs 23 Nov	Year 1 to SeaWorld Excursion
Mon 27 Nov	6.30pm P&C meeting
Mon 27 Nov	5.45pm MOSHC meeting
Mon 27 Nov	5.30pm Katsuragi Parent IEC Meeting
Tues 28 Nov	Prep Experience Day (P1M)
Thurs 30 Nov	RE Christmas Presentations
Mon 4 Dec	Carols By Candlelight
Tues 5 Dec	Report Cards to go home
Tues 5 Dec	Last day of SEP Gym Program (9 weeks) for selected students
Wed 6 Dec	Class party Day and Free Dress Day
Thurs 7 Dec	10.00am to 12.00pm Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Thurs 7 Dec	Years 6 Graduation Disco
Fri 8 Dec	Last day of Term Four
Fri 8 Dec	Years 6 excursion day to Wet 'n Wild
Fri 8 Dec	2.30pm Whole School Parade

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please note the following closure dates for the Tuckshop:

Closed this Friday, 15 September

**CLOSED 1ST WEEK OF TERM 4
TUES 3 OCT TO FRI 6 OCT**

We would like expressions of interest for a relief Tuckshop Convenor for when our current Convenor is sick. Could you please forward your expression of interest to ommssp@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Little People's Literacy Learning

The Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) has published the 'Little People's Literacy Learning: A guide for engaging parents and carers' online resource. Cute, colourful, practical and FREE! Here's the link

<https://www.alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning>



MUDGEERABA LIGHT HORSE MUSEUM

100 YEARS OF ANZAC THE SPIRIT LIVES 2014 - 2018

FREE ENTRY Family Fun Day

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Light Horse charge at Beersheba (31 October 1917)

Sunday 29 October 10am to 3pm

Military vehicles | war dogs | museum tours
Light Horses | tent pegging | firing party
choirs & music | kids entertainment
Anzac merchandise | food & drink vans

FREE parking Mudgeeraba Rd entry to showgrounds

Funds raised on the day help support the future of the Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum
Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum Inc. 8 Worongary Road, Mudgeeraba.
www.mlhmuseum.com.au info@mlhmuseum.com.au
Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum

EVENT

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