



Merrimac State School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8 Thursday 2 September 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Merrimac Community

Well we are getting ever closer to the Fun run and as we do, the excitement bubbles. Thank you to the incredible team whose dedication to this fun event has inspired this excitement. Your faces at the gate (albeit in disguise) brings a smile to the faces of the students leaving for the day. We appreciate the hours of preparation that goes into hosting something like this and thank the teachers too for their enthusiasm in the classrooms.

The prize pool is enhanced too with the total raised so far sitting above \$40,000. What an incredible achievement for the P&C, and by default, the Merrimac students.



Pupil Free Day

Tomorrow, September 3, is the final pupil free day for 2021. The teaching staff will engage in professional development centred around *Assistive Technology* to enhance opportunities to differentiate teaching and learning for students, *Zones of Regulation* to support students to recognise their emotions and respond accordingly and appropriately; and *Microsoft TEAMS* to help us all navigate the ever-changing world of communication and teaching and learning.

YMCA's OSHC will be operational for the day.

Enrol for Prep 2022

As we surge towards the later parts of the year, it's timely that we focus on our future enrolments and request that all families wishing to enrol their child for 2022 go to our website:

www.merrimacss.eq.edu and download the enrolment forms. Complete the forms and email to admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au or bring them to the school office. Every enrolment must be accompanied by a Birth Certificate and where both parents are born outside of Australia, please also provide Residency/Visa/Citizenship documents.

Our strong reputation continues to attract new enrolments and we ask for your continued support in spreading the word about our amazing school tucked away in the beautiful surroundings of Merrimac.

2022 Prep transition and orientation days are currently being reviewed so that we can offer an experience that not only aligns with our current conditions, but also eases any anxiety and prepares our future preppies for a super fun year of learning. Information will be released in the coming weeks and we encourage all interested families to get their enrolments in now so they will be included in any future mail outs or emails.

Finally, for our families who have a student in Year 6, it's time to make decisions about your child's secondary schooling (if you haven't already done so). All local schools are trying to finalise their numbers and we would encourage any of our families, who are yet to enrol, to touch base with your high school of choice ASAP.

P&C AGM

We now have all the documentation needed to proceed with the AGM this year. The date for this is Tuesday 7 September at 6pm in the Staffroom located in the School office building. Please wear masks for the indoor event.

All executive positions will become available and all new memberships taken. This meeting is the only one for the year where membership does not have to be in person. Please join. Your voice is incredibly important to the work we do as a school COMMUNITY.

Fire Drill

Please be advised that our mandatory practices mean that we are due for a Fire Drill practice before the end of the term. We anticipate that there will be a practice this week.

Masks

The following is the current advice from the Qld Government Covid site. Please help us keep our community safe at pick up and drop off and while on school grounds.

A mask covering the nose and mouth must be worn at all times:

- **Outdoors:** (including public transport and rideshare) unless: alone or with members of your household; eating or drinking; doing strenuous exercise or it is unsafe.

Shannon Lusk
Principal

FINANCE NEWS

We are currently accepting online payments for:

Participants	Events	Cost	Due by
Whole School	Life Education	\$11	27 Aug
Year 4	Camp	\$140	27 Aug

Advance information for budget planning purposes only
Payments are not due until invoices are issued
Learn to Swim P-2 price estimate \$40-\$60
Interschool Sports Years 4-6 price estimate \$50 - \$70

STUDENTS OF WEEKS 6 and 7

Congratulations to the following students of the week:

Oliver S P1, Iylah P P1, Mia S P1, William O P1, Amity P P1M, Cooper K P1M, Harlan C P1M, Paris M P1M, Yilia H P2, Oakley S P2, Tori F P2, Kai P P2, Ruby F P3, Noah B P3, Antonia E P3, Oli S P3, Rie L P4, Serayah W P4, Isabella M P4, Leighton B P4, Ava G 1A, Mikayla M 1A, Anne S 1A, Betty R 1A, Chloe F 1B, Alarrah S 1B, Harbor R 1B, Diamond S 1B, Ciera W 1C, Kora M 1C, Mia J 1C, Finn C 1C, Maddison W 1D, Phoenix B 1D, Ryan D 1D, Vincent M 1D, Isabella M 2A, Tonyio S 2A, Hallie W 2A, Corey L 2A, Richelle N 2B, Jack W 2B, Simon M 2C, Indy E 2C, Cohen M 2C, Ada A 2C, Isaiah R 2D, Luci G 2D, Bowie F 2E, Maya M 2E, Tilly M 2E, Jack A 2E, Miroslav Y 34M, Elara P 34M, Dwaine S 3A, Holly M 3A, Alec S 3B, Taiyo S 3B, Eduardo M 3C, Rubie D 3C, Adrielle L 3D, Timmy S 3D, Hannah K 4A, James L 4A, Leo S 4B, Braxton A 4B, Laikyn M 4C, Maxx T 4C, Charli L 4D, Summer H 4D, Amy W 5A, Kiedis C 5A, Nisha P 5B, Kobi M 5C, Tristan W 5C, Charles R 5D, Lincoln P 5D, Tyson T 5E, Macey C 5E, Alexia P 6A, Blake T 6A, Elliot V 6B, Jacob D 6B, Ana M 6C, Zarian L 6C, Naim G 6D, Noah G 6D, Eden P 6E, Isaac S 6E.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

Congratulations to the following students of the Month:

Frankie L P1, Indi S P1M, Chase T P2, Pippa M P3, Evelyn A P4, Kaiden P 1A, Eli M 1C, Alana M 1D, Corey L 2A, Brody R 2B, Anastasia G 2C, Imogen P 2D, Cooper H 2E, Elara P 34M, Jayce G 3A, Ruby W 3B, Ivy B 3C, Emmett P 3D, Alana D 4A, William D 4B, Samson M 4C, Tilly F 4D, Leon O 5B, Bree-Anna H 5C, Ashley L 5D, Jaxon B 5E, Marcus R 6A, Lyla G 6B, Hiyori T 6C, Matthew R 6D, Ava P 6E.

P&C NEWS

AGM Meeting – Tuesday 7 September 6.00pm. The meeting is for all interested community members. If you would like to come along register your interest at pandc@merrimacss.eq.edu.au

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday 13th September at 5:30pm. If you would like to come along register your interest at pandc@merrimacss.eq.edu.au

Please follow the P&C FB page, “Merrimac State School P&C Association” as it is updated frequently.

COLOUR EXPLOSION SPECTACULAR (aka FUNRUN)

Monday 6th September

Our funrun is next week Monday 6 Sept. Don't forget to bring in your white shirts. Please make sure all your 'cash' donations have been deposited into your child's profile account. Contact pandcmerrimacss@merrimacss.eq.edu if you have questions.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please type in your browser

<https://volunteersignup.org/R8TFH>

Volunteer Signup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Colour Explosion Spectacular signup sheet. Volunteer involvement will be determined by COVID restrictions at the time of the event.



UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP NEWS

The uniform/bookshop is closed due to the current Covid lockdown restrictions. For orders that have been made and not yet delivered to your child, please contact pandc@merrimacss.eq.edu.au.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Due to the current restrictions, orders can only be made online and we are unable to offer over the counter services to children at this time. Tuckshop staff have been advised to order in advance where possible to minimise online traffic and avoid possible network meltdowns. Pizza Wednesdays will continue, however, we are unable to have Sushi Tuesday as they are an outside supplier and we are making every effort to reduce outside contact. For all the latest updates head over to the tuckshop FB group:

“Ralph and Rosie’s Kitchen Merrimac State School Tuckshop”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Fri 3 Sept	STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 6 Sept	P&C Fun Run Fundraiser
6 – 17 Sept	Life Education
Wed 15 Sept	Parent Teacher Phone Interviews
Fri 17 Sept	Last School Day Term 3
Mon 4 Oct	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 5 Oct	First School Day Term 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERRIMAC YMCA OSHC

YMCA is the provider for Outside School Hours Care at Merrimac SS. YMCA is a child safe organisation that prides itself on high quality relationships with the community, families and children. Permanent placements can be completed via my family lounge through the link: <http://www.ymcachildcare.com.au/services/outside-school-hours-care.html>. For any enquiries please email us at amm@ymcabrisbane.org or call us on 0438 367 390.

Please note: bookings are essential to ensure ratio numbers are adhered to



A very big THANK YOU to our wonderful school community and these exceptional local businesses for supporting Merrimac State School's Colour Explosion Spectacular !

