

# MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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6 November 2025

Term 4, Week 5



## WHAT'S ON...

### Term 4 Week 5

#### Thursday 6 Nov

MSS Newsletter  
Intermediate/Snr Yr4, 5 Orchestra (Strings) 8am  
Year 6 Orchestra 11am

#### Friday 7 Nov

Senior Choir 8am  
Choir to Hillview House 9.30am – 10.00am  
Surf Awareness 5C, 6C, 6D

### Term 4 Week 6

#### Monday 10 Nov

P-2 Swimming  
Junior Band Music Room 3-4pm

#### Tuesday 11 Nov

Junior Choir 8.15am  
P-2 Swimming  
Senior Band 3-4pm

#### Wednesday 12 Nov

##### TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED TODAY

Brekky Fit 8am  
P-2 Swimming  
Junior Assembly 2.20pm  
Beginner Orchestra (Strings) 3-4pm  
GLOW Disco 5.30-7.00pm

#### Thursday 13 Nov

##### Tuckshop – limited food

Intermediate/Snr Yr4, 5 Orchestra (Strings) 8am  
Year 6 Orchestra (Strings) 11am

#### Friday 14 Nov

##### Tuckshop – limited food

Senior Choir 8am  
P-2 Swimming

### Term 4 Week 7

#### Monday 17 Nov

P-2 Swimming  
Year 4 Bike Safety  
Junior Band Music Room 3-4pm

#### Tuesday 18 Nov

Junior Choir 8.15am  
P-2 Swimming  
Year 4 Bike Safety  
Senior Band 3-4pm

#### Wednesday 19 Nov

Brekky Fit 8am  
P-2 Swimming  
Year 4 Bike Safety  
Senior Assembly 2.20pm  
Beginner Orchestra (Strings) 3-4pm

#### Thursday 20 Nov

MSS Newsletter  
Intermediate/Snr Yr4, 5 Orchestra (Strings) 8am  
Year 4 Bike Safety  
Year 6 Orchestra (Strings) 11am

#### Friday 21 Nov

Senior Choir 8am  
P-2 Swimming

## PARENTS TO DO LIST...

- Follow Social Media
- Register for QParents
- Pay for Swimming P-2

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Welcome to Term 4, Week 5

Thank you to the staff, students and parents who have welcomed me to your lovely school. When around the grounds talking to and meeting the kids, they have been nothing but polite, friendly and very respectful which is a true testament to the hard work of our parents and staff.

Last week we proudly celebrated **World Teachers' Day**, taking the time to recognise and thank our amazing teachers for everything they do. Each day, our teachers go above and beyond to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and support every child to reach their potential. Their dedication, care, and commitment to our school community make a lasting difference—not only in the classroom, but in the lives of students and families. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, passion, and the positive impact they have on our school every single day.

### Student Transfers – 2026

Is your student (Prep – Year 5 only) transferring to another school in 2026? We would appreciate early notice if your child, or children, will be transferring to another school in 2026. Please inform the office as soon as possible to ensure accurate class formations can occur for next year.

### Safe Parking around schools

Please review the letter received this week from City of Gold Coast about parking complaints received regarding illegal and unsafe parking practices around our School. Let's all keep our community safe and adhere to rules and consideration of other drivers.

### Exemption from School

Families intending to commence Summer Holidays earlier than December 12th, and who will be away from school for longer than 10 school days, need to complete an Exemption from Compulsory Schooling form. The form is available from the school's front office. The new school year commences on Monday 26th January 2026. If your family is not back to commence the school year on day one, you will need to complete a Day Eight attendance form. This is available from the office. ***To effectively plan for classes in 2026, it is imperative that families complete the Day Eight Attendance form before the end of the 2025 school year.***

### Tuckshop Day

This Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, we join schools across Queensland in celebrating Tuckshop Day and saying a very big thank you to the Tuckshop team and their volunteers. Their early starts and wonderful lunches help keep our students and staff fuelled, focussed and ready to learn. Thank you to our amazing Tuckshop staff.



### QParents

Jump on board and register now and join the 30% of parents able to access their child's information easily. Enquiries should be emailed to [admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au) and they will be answered as soon as possible to help you progress your registration. To find out more, go to <https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/school-information/qparents>.

Have a Wonderful fortnight!

Regards

**Ben Edmunds – Acting Principal**

We respectfully acknowledge, the Kombumerri peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land and recognize their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



## FINANCE

### We are currently accepting payments for:

| Who    | What                  | Cost | Pay by |
|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| P-2    | Swimming              | \$75 | 7 Nov  |
| Year 6 | Wet 'n' Wild Bus only | \$10 | 15 Nov |
| Year 6 | Wet 'n' Wild Entry    | \$22 | 15 Nov |
| P-6    | Life Education        | \$17 | 21 Nov |

### Methods of payment accepted are:

**BPoint is for single invoice payment only**

**Direct Deposit for multiple invoices as a total to:**

**BSB: 064 445**

**Account: 00090019**

**Account Name: Merrimac SS General Account**

**Reference: Student Surname and initial**

## STUDENT AWARDS

### Congratulations to the following Super students:

Dean N P1, Luka V P1, Zykia P P2, Matilda M P2, Tahj F P3, Eddie W P3, George P 1A, Wyatt W 1A, Olivia M 1B, Rhyker C 1B, Braxton K 1C, Grayson H 1C, Leo C 1/2M, Autumn W 1/2M, Aquila S 2A, Jayden B 2A, Oscar P 2B, Zoey B 2B, Lina T 2C, Nick W 2C, Henley D 2/3S, TJ S 2/3S, Cortez A 3A, Alexandra B 3A, Zarli W 3B, Oskar T 3B, Zen K 3C, Mila V 3C, Ryan K 4A, Scarlet D 4A, Leela S 4B, Andronicos S 4B, Zuriel C 4C, Luke H 4C, Emma C 4D, Kylie O 4D, Roy W 5A, Louis C 5A, Ryan D 5B, Kenzo M 5B, Levi D 5C, Mollie F 5C, Joel T 6A, Lenox C 6A, Brody R 6B, Kapish M 6B, Ivy A 6C, Kayden N 6C, Mia V 6D, Charlie G 6D.

## PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 ARE OPEN!

Enrolments are now open for Prep in 2026. For more information on how to enrol please and paste the following link into your browser <https://merrimacss.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/forms-and-documents/documents>.

In order for us to begin the transition to school process for 2026 please enrol your Prep age student as soon as possible.

## P&C NEWS

### Tuckshop & Uniform Shop

Tuckshop/Uniform shop closed Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please pack your children's lunches for the day.

Trading hours for the Uniform Shop are 8:30am-10:30am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (closed 12<sup>th</sup> November) with Munch Monitor orders being filled Monday to Thursday each week.

### Glow Disco

**Wednesday 12 November | 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Get ready to light up the night at our Glow Disco!

Entry: \$2 per person (cash on arrival) with all proceeds going towards supporting our Christmas Carols event.

Food & Fun: Pizza, lollies, drinks, and glow sticks will be available for purchase on the night \*\*Keep an eye out on our socials for the menu coming soon!

Location: PAC (Performing Arts Centre). Bring your best dance moves and come shine bright with your friends!

### Colour run

Prize orders have now closed and are being organised for delivery. We will update our socials when we have a delivery date.

Thank you again for all your hard work fundraising to help upgrade our learning and eating area.

## Year 6 Graduation Hats

Graduation hats for all your family and friends to sign! Available for \$25. Purchase on MunchMonitor or at the Tuckshop.



## MSS Hair scrunchies and bows

Available for purchase on MunchMonitor or at the Tuckshop. Ribbon @\$6.50 – Scrunchie @\$8.50



## Volunteers Needed! Can You Lend a Hand?

If you're interested in volunteering please reach out via email, send us a Facebook message, or chat with the Tuckshop ladies for more details. Every bit of help counts — thank you!

## Keep Up To Date

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on the happenings around the school

- Merrimac State School P&C Association

- Merrimac State School Parents and Guardians

## Contact Us:

If there is anything you think would be a good idea for positive change within our school community, but you don't know what to do next, please feel free to contact us by email [pandcmerrimacss@gmail.com](mailto:pandcmerrimacss@gmail.com), or see the lovely ladies in the Tuckshop.

## Next P&C Meeting

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November @9am in the School Admin Staff Room.

**Your 2025 Executive Team,**  
**Rayleen, Kelly, Shannon & Kate**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with all the latest news and updates from Merrimac State School by following our social media channels. Please note that students must have parental permission and a signed social media consent form to be featured on our platforms.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## DENTAL VAN UPDATE

Book by calling 1300 300 850 as they are not in attendance every day at Merrimac Primary.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Christmas Carols

Our Annual Merrimac Christmas Carols event is fast approaching! This year it will be on **Monday the 8th of December**. Entry is \$2/person or \$5 per family cash at the gate. Gates open at 5 for a 6pm start. Make sure it is marked in your calendar as this is a fun filled family evening.



Please note this event will again be running semi cashless. More information about this will follow in the next newsletter.

Alongside our carols, we host a raffle and we are again asking for donations for our school hampers. Every year these are a huge success and are a popular raffle prize. Please look out for communication from your class teacher about what, when and where these donations will be collected.

Do you own a business or know of someone willing to donate some major prizes for our raffle? Please contact Amanda Potter in P1. We look forward to seeing you on the night. Come watch our Merrimac kids shine on stage!

## THE Y MERRIMAC 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. Enrolment information can be found at: <http://www.ymcachildcare.com.au/services/outside-school-hours-care.html>. Enquiries to [amm@ymcabrisbane.org](mailto:amm@ymcabrisbane.org) or call us on 0438 367 390.



Thomas, Taylah & The Y Merrimac Team



Date: 4 November 2025  
Contact: City Parking Business Support  
Location: Bundab  
Telephone: 07 5667 5989

Principal  
Merrimac State School  
2 Boowaggon Road  
Merrimac, Queensland 4226

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Parking matters at 2 Boowaggon Road, Merrimac QLD 4226.**

Please be advised that the Council of the City of Gold Coast (Council) has received complaints related to vehicles being parked in a manner that is in breach of the Queensland Road Rules.

Council undertakes parking enforcement operations to address illegal parking activities that pose a potential risk to public safety, protect footpath/nature strip infrastructure, protect community amenity and promote fair and equitable use of curb side resources.

Examples of illegal parking activities include:

- Stopping in a bus zone
- Stopping on a yellow line
- Vehicle parking for extended periods
- Stopping in a position that obstructs access (driveway)
- Stopping on footpaths and nature strips (verge parking)
- Stopping on a road within 20m before a children's crossing or 10m after a children's crossing, or in an area, to which a parking control sign applies

Further inspections may be conducted throughout the school term.

Please be advised that parking illegally may result in the issuance of a penalty infringement notice.

I have attached for your reference educational material, which you may use to include in your school newsletter and social media to remind parents to park safely and legally.

Should you require any further information in relation to this request, please contact **City Parking** on **07 5667 5989**.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Carter  
A/Coordinator City Parking  
Community Compliance

For the Chief Executive Officer  
Council of the City of Gold Coast

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Find the closest centre or online service  
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City Panel - Have your say  
Register at [go.hereyoursay.com.au](http://go.hereyoursay.com.au)



School zones can be busy places, especially during the start and end of the school day. Pick-up and drop-off are the busiest times outside a school. With an increased number of pedestrians and vehicles around, motorists need to take care when parking to keep the roads safe for everyone.

### Always remember

- Obeying parking signs and road rules is key to creating a safe environment for children and other road users.
- Parking further away and walking children to their school gate may be required to park safely and legally.
- Be aware that road and parking rules may change during school hours.



Unless you are driving a bus that seats more than 12 people (including the driver), you must not stop in a bus zone at any time.  
You must not stop a vehicle closer than 20m before and 10m after a bus stop. This gives room for the bus to enter and exit safely.

### Did you know

That it is an offence to stop:

- 20m before or 10m after a signposted pedestrian or supervised children's crossing.
- 20m before or 10m after a bus stop or within a bus zone (bayed area).
- within 10m of an intersection or corner.
- on a footpath or nature strip within a built-up area.
- in a way that restricts access to a driveway.
- in a no parking zone for more than 2 minutes, in a no stopping zone, or on a yellow line.
- double parked at any time, as it blocks visibility and causes cars to overtake each other to proceed, creating a traffic hazard.

For more information on the safe and legal parking, please visit the **City of Gold Coast website**.

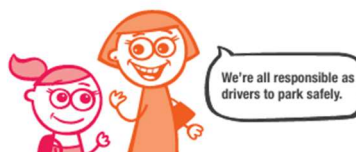


The passenger loading zone sign indicates an area designated for picking up or dropping off passengers.  
You must not remain in the zone for longer than signed (generally 2 minutes). This sign often displays times during which the loading zone applies.



A driver must not stop where a no stopping sign or yellow 'no stopping' line applies, even to drop off or collect passengers.

No stopping areas may be delineated with a regulatory sign and/or with a continuous yellow line marked on the road.



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### WEBSITE

Raising Children Network is supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

**Do you have a parenting question?**



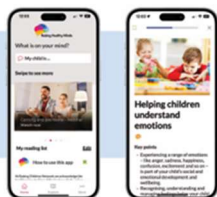
Raising Children Network is your free, trusted parenting resource providing reliable, up-to-date and independent information online to help your family grow and thrive together.  
[raisingchildren.net.au](http://raisingchildren.net.au) articles, videos and interactive resources are evidence-based and tailored to different ages and stages, taking you from nurturing your newborn to raising a confident, resilient teen – and helping you to look after yourself as a parent too.



### APP

Raising Healthy Minds app is supported by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

**Thinking about your child's emotions or behaviour?**



The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help you raise confident, resilient children. It offers quick-read ideas, tips and videos about your child's social and emotional wellbeing, right from birth to 12.  
Download the app from the Google Play or App Store and browse by topic or just explore.

Find out more about Raising Healthy Minds at [raisingchildren.net.au/rhm](http://raisingchildren.net.au/rhm)

