



MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13 August 2026

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Term 3, Week 5

WHAT'S ON Week 5

Thursday 13 August

Intermediate Strings 8am
Life Education for 3A, 3C, 6B
Intermediate Strings Eisteddfod 3.00pm at HOTA

Friday 14 August

Senior Choir 8am
Life Education 45M, 23M, 3B
ISS and Enrichment Years 5, 6
Senior Band Eisteddfod 3.00pm at HOTA

Week 6

Monday 17 August

Prep Vision Screening
Life Education: 9am 5B, 11.45am 4B, 12.45pm 4C & 4M
Senior Band 3-4pm

Tuesday 18 August

Run Club 8am Yrs 3-6
Junior Choir 8am
Life Education: 9am P1, 10am P2, 11.45am 5C
Junior Band Eisteddfod 9.30am HOTA
No after school Junior Band

Wednesday 19 August

Beginner Strings 8am
Breaky Fit 8am Years 1-6
Life Education: 9am 2C, 10am P3, 11.45am 5A
Junior Assembly 2.20pm PAC

Thursday 20 August

Intermediate & Senior Strings 8am
Bullying No Way Day

Friday 21 August

Senior Choir 8am
ISS and Enrichment Years 5 and 6

Week 7

Monday 24 August

Year 6 Camp
Book Week Something Special Show P-2 10am
Book Week Something Special Show 3-6 11.45am

Tuesday 25 August

Year 6 Camp
Run Club 8am for Years 3-6
NO JUNIOR CHOIR
Junior Band 3-4pm

Wednesday 26 August

Year 6 Camp
Beginner Strings 8am
Breaky Fit 8am Years 1-6
Senior Assembly 2.20 PAC
Prep Vision Screen

Thursday 27 August

Intermediate & Senior Strings 8am

Friday 28 August

GOLD COAST SHOW HOLIDAY

PARENTS TO DO LIST...

- Pay due invoices
- Register for QParents

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

🏆 Celebrating Outstanding NAPLAN Results at Merrimac!

I am incredibly proud to share the outstanding 2026 NAPLAN results achieved by our students at Merrimac State School.

These results are a wonderful celebration of the hard work, perseverance and commitment of our students, the support of our families, and the exceptional teaching and learning taking place across our school every day.

📊 Strong Results Across Literacy

Across Year 3 and Year 5, Merrimac students achieved results that consistently exceeded national benchmarks, with particularly strong performance in the Strong and Exceeding proficiency levels.

Reading

- Year 3 mean scale score: 411 – above the national average of 402
- Year 5 mean scale score: 494 – above the national average of 487

Spelling

- Year 3 mean scale score: 429 – significantly above the national mean of 405
- Year 5 mean scale score: 497 – above the national mean of 488
- Year 5 Exceeding achievement increased from 9% to 20%
- No Year 5 students were identified as needing additional support in Spelling.

Grammar & Punctuation

- Year 3 mean scale score: 418 – above the national average of 408
- Year 5 mean scale score: 515 – significantly above the national average of 497

These results are a strong reflection of the rigorous, explicit and consistent literacy instruction occurring across Merrimac.

👏 A Standout Year for Writing

Writing was one of our standout success stories in 2026.

In both Year 3 and Year 5, the proportion of students achieving at the Strong and Exceeding levels was above national performance.

In Year 3, an impressive 67% of students achieved at the Strong level, while in Year 5, more than half of students achieved at Strong or Exceeding levels.

This success reflects our deliberate focus on targeted skill instruction in writing, high expectations and providing students with the explicit teaching they need to develop as confident and capable writers.

☀️ Success by Design

These results are about much more than numbers. They reflect the everyday work of teachers who know their students, monitor their progress, use data to identify what students need to learn next, and respond with targeted teaching.

They also reflect the determination of our students to keep learning, improving and challenging themselves.

And importantly, they reflect the strong partnership between school and home. Thank you to our families for the encouragement and support you provide every day.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to every Merrimac student on these wonderful achievements, and my appreciation to our teachers and staff for their professionalism, expertise and unwavering commitment to student success.

🎉 Congratulations, Merrimac!

These results demonstrate that Merrimac State School is continuing to build a strong culture of learning, high expectations and achievement.

We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved and, importantly, we are excited about what comes next. Well done, Merrimac! Our students are achieving great things. 🏆 📊 ☀️

Julia Hoy
Principal

Merrimac State School



SCHOOL CONTACTS

Please send school business emails to admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au rather than personal emails to ensure prompt action and/or response. Include your child's first and last name in your emails.

FINANCE

We are currently accepting payments for:

Who	What	Cost	Pay by
P-5	Something Special Show	\$9	19 Aug

Methods of payment accepted are:
BPoint for single invoice payment only OR

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL BOOST

Back to School Boost process – remember to use this when you receive invoices, if you are unsure if you have any boost left email admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au

Every Primary School age child has been allocated a \$100 Back to School Boost. If you'd like to apply your Back-to-School Boost follow these steps:

- Receive an invoice
- Email admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au stating that you wish to apply an amount to an invoice
- Include your child's name in the email subject
- You will receive an email stating "We will apply" to confirm your request

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Super Students for weeks 4 and 5:

Neve F P1, Max H P1, Kalin S P2, Kiara K P2, Franki S P3, Trixie M P3, Evie N 1A, Kohen P 1A, Terisa J 1B, Eddie W 1B, Anita T 1C, Dean N 1C, Samara B 2A, Jaxtyn H 2A, Thomas C 2B, Grayson H 2B, Oliver P 2C, Koban A 2C, Ollie D 2/3M, Lydia S 2/3M, Poppy R 3A, Chayapat P 3A, Cayde L 3B, Mia R 3B, Kaidan B 3C, Reuben C 3C, Aoi M 4A, Allegra N 4A, Bodhi A 4B, Maisie L 4B, Mya D 4C, Isobelle B 4C, Nara B 4/5M, Johan B 4/5M, Leo S 5A, Emma C 5A, Mia H 5B, Wolfe P 5B, Isabella M 5C, Amira C 5C, Alexander A 6A, Alarrah S 6A, Sergio E 6B, Jed G 6B, Kaelan P 6C, Macy L 6C.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Koharu recently competed at the 2026 Queensland Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior State Championships, representing Allure Rhythmic Gymnastics in the Development division.

We are very proud to announce that Koharu is awarded 6th overall in Queensland. Well done Koharu.



URGENT - QPARENTS - REGISTER TODAY

Remember to register with QParents to have easy access to your child's current information, including report cards, ability to enter absences and make changes to contacts. Outstanding invoices also appear on the app. **We are moving to using the QParents app for permissions for excursions and incursions so you must be registered to participate.** Invitations to sign up have been sent home again yesterday. Please register as a priority.

P&C NEWS

Monty's Colour Fun Run - 17th September:

Fundraising has commenced for this exciting event, it is great to see students and families already getting involved. This year we are fundraising towards new seating for the school oval - something our students and school community will enjoy for years to come! With a goal of \$40,000, we need your help. With awesome incentive prizes for your students and a great Colour Fun Run to look forward to - let's all get behind this one!

To get started go to www.myprofilepage.com.au - Create a profile and share with family and friends.

Father's & Important Person Stall:

Our Father's & Important Person's Day Stall is just around the corner, and we are excited to help students find the perfect gift for the special people in their lives.

Dad Bucks are available to purchase on Munch Monitor via the Fundraising tab in the school shop. Cash and Eftpos will also be accepted at the stall.

Students: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September (timetabled with their class).

Parents: 2:30pm - 3:30pm, Wednesday 2nd September.

8:30am - 9:30am Thursday 3rd September.

P&C Meeting:

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 17th August at 9:15am in the Administration Building staff room. If you have thought about coming along and haven't had the chance, join us after school drop off - everyone is welcome.

**Your P&C Team,
Rayleen, Shannon, Kate, Kelly & Susan.**

DIARY DATES FOR HPE EVENTS THIS YEAR

The following dates are correct at time of publication

DATE	EVENT
24 Jul – 21 Aug Fridays	Interschool Sports and Enrichment Groups – Years 5 and 6
Tues 15 th Sept	Junior Sports Day Prep – Year 3
Wed 2 Dec	Swimming Carnival – Years 4-6

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or call us on 0438 367 390.

Thomas, Tori & The Y Merrimac Team



Gold Coast
EISTEDDFOD
HOTA
INTERMEDIATE STRINGS
Thursday 13th August 3.00pm
(Bus transport from School - own transport from venue)

SENIOR BAND
Friday 14th August 3.00pm
(Bus transport from School - own transport from venue)

JUNIOR BAND
Tuesday 18th August 9.30am
(Students to be at HOTA by 8.30am - bus will return to School)

MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL
LifeEd.
Every child deserves to thrive
10th - 19th August 2026

MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL
NO WAY TO BULLYING!
17TH TO 21ST OF AUGUST 2026
2026 NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

We will be engaging in Bullying No Way education and activities around the school and in our classrooms.

THIS YEAR'S THEME:
SMALL ACTS, BIG IMPACTS.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!
WEAR PURPLE ON THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST 2026
Wear a purple item to show you say NO WAY to bullying!

IT COULD BE A:
HAIR TIE SOCKS T-SHIRT

Let's work together to create a **kind, safe and inclusive** school for everyone!

BE KIND
Treat others with kindness.

BE RESPECTFUL
Respect others and celebrate our differences.

BE INCLUSIVE
Include others and celebrate our differences.

SPEAK UP
Speak up if you see bullying. Everyone has a voice.

BE A LEADER
Small actions from you can make a big impact.

TOGETHER, WE CAN SAY **NO WAY TO BULLYING!**

SAVE THE DATE!
BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY!
THEME 2026: *Symphony of Stories*
LET'S CELEBRATE THE *Symphony of Stories!*

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST
BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY
FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF!

WHOLE-SCHOOL BOOK WEEK PARADE
Monday 31st August
PARADE TIME: **9:15am**
More information to come!

GET YOUR COSTUMES READY AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE the *Symphony of Stories!*

FATHER'S & IMPORTANT PERSON DAY STALL
Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of September

PLEASE PURCHASE DAD BUCKS ON MUNCH MONITOR

CASH AND EFT also available

THANK YOU!

MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL

PREP 2027 INFORMATION SESSIONS

PREP 2027 INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD 9.30AM - 10.45AM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Please contact the school office via phone or email to register your details!

Call 07 5566 1666 Email preps@merri.macs.q.edu.au

For further enrolment details, please visit our website www.merri.macs.q.edu.au

SAVE THE DATE!

MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL

COLOUR RUN!

GET READY TO RUN, LAUGH AND GET COLOURFUL!

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL

OPEN DAY PREP 2027

Thursday 3rd September

9:00 - 10:45 AM

Have Fun!

Meet Prep teachers

See classrooms

- ✓ Explore Prep classrooms
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Choir performances
- ✓ Dance and fun activities

Register by phone: 55691555 or QR code:

2 Boowaggan Road Merrimac 4226

Register: (07) 55 691555 visit us merri.macs.q.edu.au follow us @merri.macs/

Australian Fundraising

ICY POLE PARTY!

THE CLASS WITH THE MOST ONLINE PROFILES BY THE END OF WEEK 1 WILL RECEIVE AN ICY POLE PARTY!

THIS IS GOING TO BE EPIC!