



Merrimac State School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8, Thursday 8 June 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
14 June	Magic Of Music
18 August	Bicycle Safety 4C
14 September	Bicycle Safety 4A

Renovation work – progress



Our progress...is finished!
We anticipate our official opening will be mid Term 3.

Assembly next week will be a rehearsal for the Magic of Music Concert.

Animals, including Dogs (even puppies) are not allowed on School Grounds without the express permission of the Principal.

The Staff Carpark is no longer a thoroughfare in the morning or afternoon. Please use the main entrance at all times.

Student news:

Year 5 campers had a fantastic time at Camp Warrawee. It was our first time there and the activities challenged us to work as teams. We still have to work on our sleep though (hahaha).

Good luck to our interschool sporting teams as they move into semi final and final games tomorrow!

Congratulations Josh F for his selection in South Coast Regional Tennis.

Enrichment activities will still continue for Year 5 and 6 students despite the finish of Interschool sport. All activities will continue at school.

Chaplain News: Chappy Andrew finished with us last week. We are working with Merrimac SHS and SU Queensland to find a suitable replacement. We wish him all the best and acknowledged him at assembly last week. Staff and volunteers are continuing to run brekkie fitness and we thank them for this.

Prep 2024 Information sessions: Two sessions will be held on Thursday 8th June. The first one was this morning and another is tonight at 6pm in the MPC. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter. We are very keen to begin our planning for 2024.

Parent Helpers: If you have some time available at the start of the school day, we would love some additional support to prepare and laminate resources to help with the Reading Hub and classroom reading. Please let me know if you can help email slusk1@eq.edu.au subject 'Parent Helper'.

Changes for Term 3: The P&C supported a trial change to bell times for term 3.

Arrival bell: 8:15am – students move to the tuckshop area and sit. OSHC (the Y) is available for students who arrive to school before this time.

Saw this and thought it was appropriate to share 1973

Imagine something embarrassing happened to you at school when you were in Year 6. Everyone laughed and it was awful and you were mortified. Then a few weeks passed and everyone found new things to laugh about and they moved on. You didn't forget how embarrassed you were, but you could move on too. ❤️

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Now imagine you did something embarrassing in Year 6 and everyone laughed and it was awful. But someone also caught it on Snap Chat and turned it into a meme, and a Tik Tok. Everyone in school saw it and took a screen shot of it and spread it further and you couldn't get away from it and no one forgot and you couldn't either and people were still resharing it months later.

Kids aren't ready for social media. It starts with us parents. Please share ❤️

Shannon Lusk – Principal

HOW WE COMMUNICATE AT MERRIMAC

At Merrimac, our primary method of communication is via emails. Invoices are emailed to the nominated parent/carer who has been marked as the one responsible for payments. Our System only allows for one parent/carer to receive invoices. Group emails are sent to the primary parent/carer, which is usually the first person on the enrolment form unless we are advised otherwise. It is important for you to read your emails from us so that you don't miss important information and your child does not miss out on a scheduled events, incursions or excursions.

FINANCE

We are currently collecting for:

Who	What	Cost	Pay by
Year 6	Graduation Shirt No late orders accepted	\$45	23 June
Prep-Yr 2	Peter Combe Presentation	\$8.50	10 July
Year 3	Light Horse Museum	\$25	19 July

When using BPoint do not edit populated fields, Bpoint is for single invoice payments only.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Superstar Awards

Kai D P1, Bonnie B P1, Chloe M P2, Aubrey O P2, Avleen S P3, Max F P3, Kye R P4, Evie B P4, Willow F 1A, Leo S 1A, Charlie G 1B, Molly R 1B, Winifred E 1C, Ella C 1C, Mason K 1D, Willow H 1D, Amity P 23M, Harvey H 23M, Billy J 2A, Mason L 2A, Gabriel N 2B, Imarni C 2B, Tao Y 2C, Georgia M 2C, Sofia P 2D, Nicole S 2D, Macy L 3A, Jaxson E 3A, Emily W 3B, Aslan D 3B, Kenzo M 3C, Umi H 3C, Julena E 4A, Flynn C 4A, Leo M 4B, Nate V 4B, Liam P 4C, Cohen M 4C, Matilda B 4D, Ahmad A 4D, Ivy B 5A, Holly G 5A, Grace F 5B, Lincon V 5B, Rubie D 5C, James M 5C, Nate W 5D, Lani P 5D, Jake G 6A, Aliyah W 6A, Asha L 6B, Jaidyn R 6B, Wesley L 6C, Ethan H 6C, Samuel N 6D, Ella-Rose F 6D.

MUSIC NEWS

Our Magic of Music Concert is in week 9, Wednesday 14th June. All music students are required to attend, band, strings and choir. A note was sent out to parents with the details. You will also find the note attached to the newsletter email. We are looking forward to an evening of fine music entertainment.

Dena Reid

Music Teacher (Wednesday-Friday)

HPE NEWS

South Coast Tennis



Congratulations to Josh F who was selected in the South Coast Regional Tennis Team. This is a fantastic achievement as only 4 boys from the Region were selected. He will now compete at the State Championships later this year. Well done Josh and good luck at the State Championships. Special mention to Charlize C who missed out by 1 spot.

Interschool Sport

This Season's Interschool Sport finishes this Friday. Thank you to all the teachers for giving up their time and coaching the teams and any parent volunteers who assisted as well. We have 3 teams competing in finals this week and we wish them well:

5B Rugby League (Semi Final)

5C Girls Oztag

6B Soccer

Please speak to your child if he/she is interested and allowed to do next Term's Interschool Sport. It is a 6 week

Season because of Athletics and the Gold Coast Show Holiday and starts on 28th July.

Sports on offer are:

Girls Touch

Boys Oz Tag

Girls and Boys Basketball

Mixed Cricket

Mixed TBall



UNDER 8S DAY MORNING CELEBRATION

A huge shout out and thank you to all the parents and carers who came to help out at our Under 8s activities. A great time was had by all and we couldn't have done it without you!! I hope that you had as much fun as the students!!

Victoria Kirk-Lamburd

Under 8s Day Co-ordinator

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Throughout 2023, we will be working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

[The Resilience Project](#) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and weekly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: **Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness**. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here:

Part 1: Meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project - <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-hugh/>

In this presentation, Hugh shares a personal experience about his sister's battles with Mental Illness.

Note: This video contains a story about an Eating Disorder that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).

We will be in touch fortnightly to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.

P&C NEWS

DISCO CANTEEN

Thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers and Tuckshop Staff who staffed the Disco Canteen. It was a successful evening and the kids had lots of fun! Your children had lovely manners and looked after the smaller children.

TRIVIA NIGHT - 90s NOSTALGIA

Our annual Trivia Night will go ahead on Saturday 17th June in the PAC. Tickets are on sale on Munch Monitor for \$20 or via bank transfer - please email pandcmerrimacss@gmail.com for more information. Raffle tickets from \$2, with over \$1000 worth of prizes to be won. Tables of 8-10. Get your family, friends or work colleagues to come along and get a table. This event is 18+ & BYO alcohol/thermos (it's going to be a cold one)! Yummy pre-paid cheese platters on Munch Monitor also. Feel free to dress up in your best 90's get up - prizes for the winning team & best dressed! The Canteen will also be open for snacks.

UNIFORM SHOP - HOURS

The Uniform Shop is now open Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30am-10:30am. Munch Monitor orders will be filled Mon-Thurs and sent to classrooms via lunch baskets. Please contact Diana, the Uniform Shop & Tuckshop Convenor, directly by emailing merrimactuckshop@gmail.com with questions, comments or enquiries.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Homemade Hot Food - please familiarise yourself with the new hot food category on Munch Monitor, with lots of yummy foods to warm your tummy.

Red Food Day - Thursday 22nd June will be a red food big lunch with a sausage sizzle, chocolate frogs and ice blocks.

Last Week of Term - The Tuckshop will have a limited menu for the last week of term in preparation for school holidays.

SAVE THE DATE - Country Winter Bush Dance on Saturday, 22nd of July. It is a family friendly event. More information to follow.

NEXT P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be Term 3 week 4 - 1st August at 9:15am in the Old School Building, with refreshments provided. We would love your input. Your help will make our school more successful.

Please follow our FaceBook page for updates and info: Merrimac State School P&C Association, or directly contact us via our email address: pandcmerrimacss@gmail.com

Come on, be a part of it!

**Your 2023 P&C Executive Team,
Kelly, Danielle, Eliza & Jess**

GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA

Our Merrimac grandparents are invited to attend a Morning Tea on Tuesday 13th June at 9am. It will be held in the Old School Building (beside the tennis courts). Come along for a cuppa and a chat with other grandparents. If anyone would like to bring a plate it would be most welcome.

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>. For any enquiries please email us at amm@ymcabrisbane.org or call us on 0438 367 390.

Thomas, Taylah, Katie & The Y Merrimac Team



S.E. QLD ALL SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING TRIALS
SUNDAY 4 JUNE

Public events available also

School students born 2013 and before are invited to trial.

A TEAM WILL BE CHOSEN FROM THIS EVENT TO COMPETE AT THE OLD SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS (22-23 JULY IN MILES)

Baden Powell Park (Samford)

Starts 9-10am

Info: <https://oq.orienteering.asn.au/events/18193>



90's

NOSTALGIA

TRIVIA NIGHT

17TH JUNE 2023

6PM-9PM

MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL PAC

\$20 TICKETS

TEAMS OF 8-10

RAFFLE TICKETS FROM \$2

LOADS OF PRIZES

BYO ALCOHOL/THERMOS

CANTEEN OPEN

CONTACT:

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MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!