

# MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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18 April 2024

FORTNIGHTLY NEWS

Term 2, Week 1

### WHAT'S ON...

#### WEEK 1:

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

\*Senior Choir/Music Room/8am

#### WEEK 2:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

\*Run Club/Oval/8.00am

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

\*Junior Choir/Music Room/8.10am-8.40am

\*Deadly Choices Program/ICT Lab/1.45pm –

2.55pm (Year4-6)

\*Senior Band/Music Room/3.00pm-4.00pm

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

\*Brekky Fit/PAC/8.00am

\*Intermediate Strings/Music Room/8.00am

\*Anzac Day Service/PAC/Year 1-

6/1.55pm/Parents & Carers Welcome

\*Junior Band/Music Room/3.00pm-4.00pm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

\*PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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\*Intermediate Strings/Music Room/8.00am

\*Senior School Assembly/PAC/2.20pm

\*Junior Band/Music Room/3.00pm-4.00pm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

\*Beginner Strings/Hall/8.00am-8.40am

\*Religion (RI)

\*Senior Strings/Music Room/3.00pm-4.00pm

\*Newsletter Sent Out

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

\*Senior Choir/Music Room/8am

### PARENTS TO DO LIST...

- Student Code of Conduct Form
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Consent Form
- Payments Due (see Finance section)
- Media Consent Forms

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back. I do hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. The feel across the school this week has been that everyone really appreciated the time to spend with friends and family and that despite some rain, the break was just what we all needed. I hope the same for all of our families. This term has started incredibly well and is filling up with excursions, camp (Year 5) and incursions. A reminder that we have two public holidays in the next two weeks – ANZAC Day and Labour Day.

ANZAC Day is huge on our school community calendar. Our school's commemoration service is next Wednesday, commencing at 1:55pm in the PAC. Second break will be earlier on this day to accommodate this important assembly. All families are welcome to attend.

Students are welcome to attend the Robina Town Centre March alongside myself and Mrs Nielsen. Please wear full school uniform and meet in Arbour Lane near Target at approximately 8.15am for an 8.30am start. For more information follow the link: [Anzac Day Service – Robina Town Centre](#).

Our school's **Yarning Circle** was completed over the break. We are incredibly grateful to Thomas and the Team and The Y for their successful grant application. This space is available to all for use. Over the term, we will learn from our Indigenous partners more about the protocols and use of yarning circles. The use of a Yarning Circle is an important process within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. It has been used by Indigenous peoples from around the world for centuries to learn from a collective group, build respectful relationships and to preserve and pass on cultural knowledge.

Basketball courts and handball courts on the oval are also being upgraded. Details and photos will be provided upon completion. Last term's facilities focus was huge. The senior water cooler particularly proving very popular with students. We have prioritised the toilet blocks and Year 4 and Year 5 buildings for the next round of infrastructure funding.

Chappy Em met with the P&C at this month's meeting. She has a [blurb](#) below about the opening of the Chappy hut with allocated times per year level. She is really looking forward to meeting everyone.

Online safety is always a priority. Our Guidance Officer, Kim Roebig, has included a useful [link](#) on how to navigate and help students with their online presence, usage and safety.

Under 8s' week is coming up. The date and information are included [below](#).



Shannon Lusk – 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.



## STUDENT AWARDS

### Principal Awards:

Willow H P1, Oliver D P2, Olivia M P3, Ivy H 1A, Harlow H 1B, Chloe M 1C, Gwen H 1D, Lily P 2A, Sienna W 2B, Sophie V 2C, Summer M 2C, Charlie G 2D, Anne S 34M, Scarlett T 3A, William O 3B, Eli B 3C, Mia S 3D, Maddison W 4A, Zara M 4B, Allira A 4C, Lily B 5A, Caysie-Li S 5B, Daiju T 5C, Cooper H 5D, Grace F 6A, Rose M 6B, Nika B 6C, Sienna R 6D.

## FINANCE

### We are currently collecting for:

| Who        | What                          | Cost    | Pay by  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Select 5/6 | Interschool Sports            | \$85.00 | Overdue |
| P-6        | Classroom Resources (SRS)     | \$60.00 | Overdue |
| Yrs1-6     | Reading Eggs                  | \$14.00 | Overdue |
| Yrs3-6     | Resilience Diary              | \$20.00 | Overdue |
| Year 1     | Religion Activity book        | \$5.60  | Overdue |
| Yrs2-6     | Religion Activity books       | \$7.30  | Overdue |
| Year 2     | Currumbin Sanctuary           | \$37.00 | 26 Apr  |
| Year 3     | Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum | \$20.00 | 1 May   |
| Year 4     | Wild Rangers Incursion        | \$10.00 | 17 May  |
|            |                               |         |         |

**Please note: A reminder that BPOINT as a method of payment is for single invoice payment only. For multiple invoice payments please use the Direct Deposit method to:**  
**Account Name: Merrimac SS General Account**  
**BSB No: 064 445**  
**Account No: 00090019**  
**Reference: Student Name/Event**

**DO NOT MAKE DEPOSITS UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN INVOICE – INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED AS MONEY REMAINS UNALLOCATED UNTIL RESOLVED**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class group photos were taken on Tuesday this week. Leading Image will return to Merrimac on 30 April to take the following photos:

- Catch up individual photos
- Student Leader groups
- Siblings (orders that have been placed by 4.30pm 29 April) present at the PAC before school after 8.15am on 30 April
- Musical Groups
- Interschool Sports Groups

Orders can still be placed using the online booking system – see flyer in this newsletter. Sibling orders must be placed before 4.30pm on 29 April.

## UNDER 8'S DAY (Prep – Year 2)

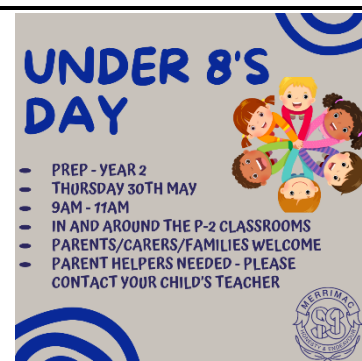
Under 8's Day will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Prep – Year 2.

\*9am – 11am.

\*Event will be held in and around Prep-Year 2 Classrooms.

\*Parents/Families are welcome to attend.

We are in need of Parent Helpers – please see your child's teacher. [Back to top.](#)



## CHAPPY HUT OPEN FOR STUDENTS – FROM WEEK 2

Our school Chaplain Em will be opening the Chappy Hut from Week 2 for students during first break/s. Em will be seeing students as per below:

Tuesday (Big Lunch): Years 1-3

Wednesday (Big Lunch): Years 4-6

Em will be accepting 25 students per session during these times. If a student would like to see Em (informally), she can be found during second break around the school grounds or on the basketball court. Em Cannot wait to connect with our students and get to know you all 😊 [Back to top.](#)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In preparation for our annual Wellbeing Day later in the year, we are seeking volunteers who are able to assist on the day. This year's Wellbeing Day will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024. If you are able to assist, please contact Calum Smith:

[csm1124@eq.edu.au](mailto:csm1124@eq.edu.au).



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Wellbeing Day - Thursday 10th October 2024**

If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Calum Smith: [csm1124@eq.edu.au](mailto:csm1124@eq.edu.au)

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Illustration of five hands of different colors (brown, tan, white, dark brown, light brown) raised in a gesture of support or volunteering.

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS OPEN

Book club orders are now open – Scholastic Book Club (Issue 3) – orders closing Wednesday 1st May. It is 'highly recommended' you view the catalogue with your child to ensure age-appropriate titles are chosen. Online payments is the only way to purchase book club (no cash accepted). To place an order visit <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> or download the LOOP app. Don't return the order form to school after making payment (your order will automatically be added to the school order). When orders arrive at school, teachers will receive an email (usually one week after closing date). If you have any questions about book club, please contact the library.



## ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR PREP 2025

Enrolments are now open for Prep in 2025. For more information on how to enrol please visit follow the [link](#).

Not sure if your child is eligible for 2025? View the Department's prep ready calculator, to determine when your child can commence their preparatory year: [Here!](#)



**ENROL NOW! PREP 2025**

For more information and enrolment forms: <https://merrimacss.eq.edu.au/enrolments>

SCAN ME

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Collage of school photos showing students in a library, a playground, and a classroom.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

To keep up to date with all things Merrimac State School, please follow our social media platforms. Students are required to have permission and a signed social media consent form before they will be featured on our school's social media platforms.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## MORNING ACTIVITIES

**Run/Walk Club** – Monday mornings on the oval – open to Years 4-6 – 8.00am start. Thank you to Mr Scaysbrook for making this possible.

**Brekky Fitness (Week 2- Week 10)** - Held every Wednesday - open to Years 1-6 and will be held in the PAC – 8.00am – 8.45am. Thank you to Coles Worongary and our Volunteers for making this possible.



**Brekky Fit Wednesdays**

Oval / PAC  
8.00am - 8.45am (Year 1-6)  
Note: Capped at 100 students  
Thank you Coles Worongary & Genesis Church!

**MERRIMAC RUN/WALK CLUB**

MONDAY  
8.00AM  
OVAL  
(YEAR 4-6)

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Illustration of a runner silhouette.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Abigail alongside her other teammates in the U12 girl's category, won gold in their girl's sprint relay at QLD state Championships recently. They participated in many events and against some fierce competition, however the girls gave it their best! Congratulations on your efforts Abigail and the U12 girls' team for winning gold.



## P&C NEWS

### TUCKSHOP

Hotdogs on Tuesday's, Pizzas on Wednesday's & Sushi on Thursday's. Munch Monitor ordering cut off is 9am. Late orders via the Tuckshop.

Please ensure your children are not purchasing items for other students. This has been a recent issue, with potential to cause great harm to those with allergies/restrictions. These instances have been referred to our School Executive team to manage. We do not want any medical issues arising. Please have a chat with your children around food sharing and allergies.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Trading hours are 8:30-10:30am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Munch Monitor orders will be filled Mon-Thurs.

### MOTHERS' DAY STALL: 7-9th May

Our Mothers' Day stall is scheduled for week 4 - Tuesday and Wednesday for class visits, with parents permitted to visit 3-4pm Wednesday 8th and 7:30-9am Thursday 9th May (eftPOS available) in the Old School building.

MUM BUCKS are now live on Munch Monitor. And over the counter purchasing of MUM BUCKS via eftPOS is also accepted, at the Tuckshop. Cut off will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The flyer is advertised on the P&C Facebook page, parents and guardians page and will also be placed in the newsletter and posted in the school.

If you would like to volunteer an hour or two at the stall, please contact the Tuckshop.

### EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Family Fun Day and supported the P&C's BBQ and raffle. The rain held off enough for the kids to have a great time. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers, Tina Nenadic for her continued support, AE Events and Coles Worongary for their assistance in our purchasing and fundraising efforts.

### NEXT P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will occur on Wednesday 15th of May at 6pm in the Staff Room of the Administration Building. Membership forms are in the Uniform Shop, or can be completed at the meeting. Please come along and be involved.

Many hands make light work!

Kelly, Rayleen, Shannon, Eliza & Jess  
Your 2024 P&C Executive Team

## 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, Katie & The Y Merrimac Team



# ♥ Mother's Day Stall ♥

♥♥♥♥♥ 7th May - 9th May 2024 ♥♥♥♥♥



## PANTRY DRIVE

Our tuckshop will be running a 'Pantry Drive' throughout this term to help restock our supplies. Please see below brochure on how you can donate and items needed. Thank you all in advance for your assistance.



## MERRIMAC STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

# PANTRY DRIVE

DROP LOCATION  
TUCKSHOP

Help restock our pantry by donating and item or two from the list below. Students can participate by bringing a non-perishable food donation.

**DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE END OF TERM 2**

### PREP & YEAR 1:

#### Most Needed Items:

Passata sauce, Tomato sauce, brown paper bags, bagged Popcorn, Spaghetti, Aluminium foil & Plain Tuna.



### YEAR 2 & YEAR 3:

#### Most Needed Items:

Plain Rice Crackers, jam Strawberry, Vegemite, Rock Salt, Peppercorns, Cling Wrap, and Crushed Pineapple



### YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6:

#### Most Needed Items:

Self-raising Flour, Coconut Cream, Minced Garlic, Diced Canned Tomatoes, Medium Grain White Rice, Dishwashing Liquid and Olive Oil.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical Theatre Classes: Please see flyer for more information or visit:  
[www.zigzagtheatre.com](http://www.zigzagtheatre.com)

**MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES**  
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WEDNESDAYS  
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THEATRE

info@zigzagtheatre.com | www.zigzagtheatre.com | 0439 299 062

## ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own **FREE** background



### The benefits of being online...

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost

[www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)

## Merrimac State School

Access Key

**FYT3H5VZ**



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Enter your Access Key



Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day.  
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

