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IMPORTANT DATES

17/9-28/9/2018	Swimming Scheme
28/09/2018	Last day of Term 3
15/10/2018	First day of Term 4

AWARDS

Class Awards

Mariam Kasim, Abiha Wasi, Arian Sistani, Preksha Thakur, Kinytah Castillo, Riddhisha Prakash, Mohammed Ali, Rachel Sefanaia, Mahya Ramazani, Amarni Reilly, Mohammad Tokhi, Rudra Kathiria, Jocelle Antonio, Namitha Chivukula, Ameer Parwana, Taha Roustaei, Tarek Hassan, Diyar Al-Makssoossi, Maitreyi Patel, Jude Al Tememy, Nadia Beryalay, Alexis Ihimaera, Hasti Fazili, Sanchit Arora, Muskan Nazari, Connor Rigley,

5 Class Awards

Maher Munasser, Rudra Kathiria, Elangkeeran Pushparajah, Jay Narsey, Sydra El Arja, Mohammed Elsayih, Hasan Malik, Layla El-Gashingi, Husna Shafaq, Sofia Zhou, Jawed Afzali, Ozan Halacoglu, Millen Batth



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was with such joy that we celebrated our school's 90th anniversary last week with a visit from the NSW Department of Education Deputy Secretary Mr Murat Dizdar and other dignitaries including the NSW Parliament Member for Granville Ms Julia Finn MP and Cumberland Council Mayor Mr Greg Cummings. They toured our school and commented on the changes that have occurred in the 90 years of our school. My thanks to all the Year 6 students who made a series of games for students to play after the morning assembly.

Last night, I had the opportunity to attend Our Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House. This is a combined gala concert from schools in the Auburn / Chullora and Strathfield Network of schools. We had thirteen students performing in the mass choir and they all performed magnificently. Congratulations. Thank you to Mrs Lee and Ms Wilson for co-ordinating the choir this year.

Students with a mobile phone must hand it into the office in the morning and pick it up in the afternoon. Throughout the day, parents wishing to contact their child can do so through the front office. Mobile phones distract students from learning and can easily be lost, damaged or taken during the school day.

The NSW Police visited our school today to talk to Years 3-6 about the appropriate use of mobile phones / laptops and the internet. They reminded students that Facebook / SnapChat and Instagram accounts can only be created when students turn 13 years old. If any student has an account already, they should delete it. The Police also spoke about cyber bullying and being safe online. Parents have a part to play by supervising internet usage of their child. One of the best strategies is to have students only use the internet in visible places like the lounge room.

Students turning 5 years old by the end of July 2019 are eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2019. Parents will require a birth certificate or passport, proof of residential address, identification and the immunisation certificate. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office.

The Department of Education has informed our school that NAPLAN results from May will be available to be sent home from around the 13 September. It is important to realise that NAPLAN is an assessment to capture information at a particular point in time and not a pre-determiner of future schooling or occupations. This year, some students across the nation sat NAPLAN online while others used pencil and paper. For this reason, it is important that we proceed with caution with any comparisons made between any one school and the state and national averages.

John Goh
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

SWIMMING SCHEME PAYMENT IS DUE

If your child has put down a deposit for Swimming Scheme, final payment should be paid before Friday 14th September. If you will have trouble meeting this deadline, please contact the office. Our school learn to swim scheme will be conducted daily over the last two weeks of Term 3, from Monday the 17th September to Friday 28th September. Each lesson will be 45 minutes and there is no cost for the lessons. However, there is a cost of approximately \$90 which is \$9 per day for daily pool entry and bus fare. All students in Years 2-6 are eligible to attend.

Please pay any outstanding amounts to the Office before Friday 14th September.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 6th September 2018, our school celebrated its 90th anniversary with an assembly in the morning and school tours for our invited guests. We also had the official unveiling of the Library mural and an afternoon of fun activities for the students. The day was a great success and it was enjoyed by all.



OUR SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

The choir students proudly represented MEPS by performing in the combined choir, 'Our Spectacular' at the Opera House on Monday 10th September. Thank you to the parents and teachers who came to the concert to support our students. We are looking forward to performing again next year.

Ms Wilson and Mrs Lee



STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL

Stewart House bags will go home on Monday 17th September. Start sorting any unwanted good, clean, wearable clothing, manchester and blankets for this appeal.

Please leave the filled bags in the community room, which is under the Year 6 classroom, no later than **Monday 24th September**. Bags cannot be left after Monday as they will be collected by Stewart House.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

If you or someone you know has a child who turns 5 before 31st July 2019, we are now accepting enrolments. We will need a Birth Certificate and Passport, proof of address and an Immunisation history statement. Please pick up an enrolment form from the Office and return it as soon as possible.



DENTAL VISIT

Merrylands East Public School is proud to partner Taylor Groenlund & Doan Dental Surgery who will be visiting our school again in Term 4.

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SCHOOL SPORT

PSSA SPORT

Good luck to the Junior Netball team who have progressed through to the Finals of PSSA Netball due to the cancellation of the semi-finals last week. They are playing against Rosehill Public School at Wyatt Park, Church St, Lidcombe. \$8 bus fare may be is required. We are still working out transport arrangements.

P&C AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The Father's day stall raised \$1100 which is a great outcome. Thank to parents and students for supporting the school.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on 27th September 2018 at 8:30am

Elections for the 2019 P&C executive committee, will be held at the AGM on 25th October 2018

The P&C was proud to support the school and provided a FREE sausage sizzle for all students to mark MEPS 90th Birthday. Thank you again to all the volunteers for helping and making the event a success.

Thanks
Zamilah Pervez
P&C Secretary

CANTEEN

There are now delicious **Spinach and Ricotta triangles** and **Chicken and Vegetable Triangles** available from the canteen on Mondays. The canteen offers healthy and delicious food for our students. Why not try some!