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IMPORTANT DATES

07 & 14/11/2018	Kindergarten Orientation
12/11/2018	Year 5 Open Day Merrylands High School
12/11/2018	Selective High Schools 2020 applications close for Year 5 students
29/11/2018	Presentation Day
04/12/2018	Year 6 Orientation Day for Public High Schools
05/12/2018	Year 6 Graduation and Farewell

AWARDS

Merit Awards

Aishpreet Kaur, Gurekam Singh,
Horatio Pitolua, Nawa Choettrakun,
Ashlina Ahmed, Tamim Kohistani,
Noah Soueid, Shawwal Nar, Zohal
Afzalai, Makelesi Natinavou, Harshal Ralh
Zahra Jafari, Yaseen Amin, Mia Oueik,
Aisha Faizie, Batool Kanaan,
Elein Amin, Lachlan Tilbrook Orel,
Heather Pati, Aarjan Simkhada,
Janna Assaf, Abbas Shafeei, Borte Demir
Joanna Lin, Kahurangi Simeon,
Tiamana Kaio, Hossain Elsayih,
Kowtha Al Ubudy, Orianthi Lagaloga,
John Kavapalu, Awab Amin,
Jalaluddin Sidiqi, Mahdi Ahmadi,
Ahmad Shmait, Zainab Khan,
Gardinia Pitolua, Millen Bath,
Mikayla Tuitivake, Sinin Muqadam,
Borhan Ramazani, Tianyu Wang,
Arda Baydogan, Heather Pati,
Elise Kumar Adnan Mohsin

5 Class Awards

Riddhisha Prakash, Baseer Shafaq,
William Smith, Radhey Patel,
Anoushay Fahad, Lykin Awatere,
Makenzie Forbes, Aimar Bayati,
Zahra Rahmani, Sadia Rezae,
Husna Shafaq, Don Rasmussen,
Waheed Nazari, Ishac Eghamraoui,
Asma Shafaq, Noah Soueid,
Sulaiman Faizie, Aiza Mohsin,
Elangkeeran Pushparajah,
Narges Al Tae, Fatma Al Rekaby,
Cem Kilic, Idris Ahmadi

Banners

Lachlan Tilbrook Orel
Khalid Chaouk



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was lovely to hear and see photos of our Kindergarten students visiting Featherdale Wildlife Park last Tuesday as part of their learning program. The students had their journals to draw and write about their experiences. Learning from authentic and realistic experiences provides an opportunity to learn and use English in a meaningful way. My thanks to the Kindergarten teachers who organised the program to ensure students had a rewarding learning experience.

The combination of Science, Technology, Engineer and Mathematics is often referred to as STEM Education. Our older primary students have a vast range of experiences with STEM for problem solving. At the end of last term, I was amazed at the high quality skills shown by students in using the software Adobe Premier to edit videos as part of their learning program. Last Wednesday, Years 5/6 have been set Google Computer Science work as part of their homework. This is a free program that encourages students to code.

Last week, Mr Hewes took a group of Year 5 students to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) at The Rocks (close to Circular Quay Railway Station) for 4 days as part of our Visual Arts Program. Our students explored various artworks and learnt to design and create their own artworks. The MCA is one of our school's partners and provides opportunities for our students to learn about visual arts from artist educators.

Over the next few weeks, the external walls outside the Kindergarten Rooms will be painted with a mural to enhance our environment. The mural will be an abstract painting by the same artist who painted the library wall.

The Merrylands Dental Surgery (Taylor Groenlund & Doan) on Merrylands Road has been visiting our school over the past month and providing dental screening for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 6 students. The dentists are providing their services free of charge to our students. Part of the screening is the identification of students who require an urgent visit to the dentist. It is important that parents take their child to a local dentist for regular checks.

Monday 12 November 2018 is the closing date for Year 5 students applying for a Selective High School in 2020. Applications can only be completed online at:

<https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>

Every week our ducks produce a number of eggs. Parents wishing to take home some freshly laid duck eggs can pick them up from the office.

John Goh
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018

On Monday 12th November Year 5 students are invited to attend a free Open Day at Merrylands High School.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020. Last day to apply is Monday 12th November 2018.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our school held a Remembrance Day Service this morning after morning assembly. It's an important day in our calendar and our school leaders will be attending the local service tomorrow morning with Mr Goh.



FREE DENTAL CHECKUP YEARS 1 AND 6

On Thursday 1st November 2018, Dr Steven Doan, of Taylor Groenlund & Doan, Dental surgery in Merrylands, will be conducting free dental checkups. There will be no treatment carried out. Please return the permission slip if you require your child to participate in this program. This program is specially funded by the school and your Medicare details are not required.

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.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program will be held in 3 sessions commencing on Wednesday 31st October, Wednesday 7th November and Wednesday 14th November 2018, at 8.30am to 9.45am in the Kindergarten room and the Library.

If you will be attending Kindergarten Orientation please inform the Office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SPORT

This week 2nd November T-Ball will play against Lidcombe Public School at Granville Park, Claremont St, Merrylands and \$8 bus fare is required.

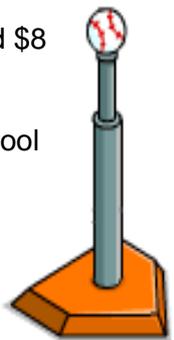
Softball will play against Guildford Public School at Harry Gapes Reserve, Lavinia St, Merrylands and \$8 bus fare is required.

Next week 9th November, Softball and T-Ball teams will be playing against Guildford West Public School at Granville Park, Claremont Street, Merrylands.

No bus fare is required as we will be walking.

Softball training is on Tuesdays at 1.15pm 2.30pm at school

T-Ball training is on Thursdays at 1.15pm-2.30pm at school



Siblings are not eligible for the Homework Centre on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library has many wonderful books that are borrowed regularly by our students. To protect our books from being damaged please make sure you provide your child with a Library bag or other suitable bag. In

order to protect our resources, students will not be able to borrow books without a suitable bag to protect them.

Library bags are available in the Uniform shop for \$10.

Library will be open before school on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7.30am-7.55am for returning and borrowing books.

CANTEEN

Volunteers are needed every day especially on a Monday. Any help on any day, once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month. Any help would be welcome.

Please see the Office if you can help.

P&C AND COMMUNITY NEWS

P&C Meeting and AGM will be held on Thursday 15th November at 8:30am in the community room.

Elections for all the vacant executive positions (President, Two Vice Presidents, treasurer and secretary) will take place.

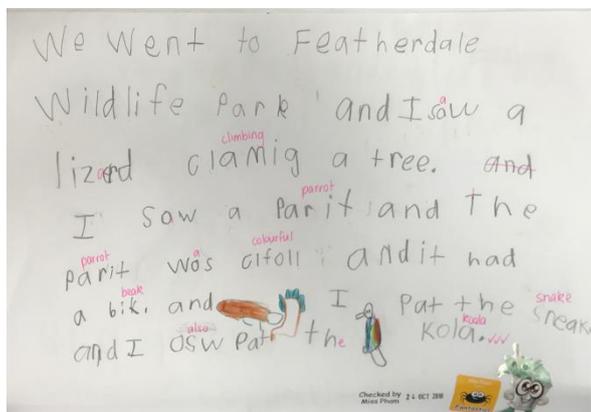
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Zamilah Pervez

P&C Secretary

FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK-EARLY STAGE 1

Kindergarten enjoyed an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park this Tuesday. We learnt about different types of animals and their habitats. Here is some writing we did about our learning back at school.



YEAR 5 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART VISIT

Last week, fifteen students from year 5 attended the Museum of Contemporary Art to take part in their four day 'MCA Together' program. From Monday - Thursday, students were taken on a tour of the museum, where they engaged in art-making and art appreciation activities and learned more about what goes on 'behind the scenes' at museums and art galleries. They then worked in teams to plan their own tour of the museum, including art-making and art appreciation activities similar to the ones that they had experienced. On the Thursday, family members were invited to the museum to take part in a tour which was planned and implemented entirely by the students. Year 5 did a wonderful job of making their way to the museum by train each day using their OPAL cards and to collaborate effectively with their peers and communicate their learning to their parents. The MCA Together program is an excellent opportunity for year 5 students as they make their way into year 6 and provides a great opportunity for students to practise and demonstrate their leadership skills.

