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IMPORTANT DATES

13/12/2018	Convict Day
17/12/2018	Talent Quest
19/12/2018	Last day of school for students



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The 2018 school year will come to a close next Wednesday with the traditional walking out of Year 6 at 1pm. They have been a terrific group of students and we wish them all the very best as they commence their next phase of their learning in high school. For students in Years 1 to 6 in 2019, school will recommence on **Wednesday, 30 January 2019 at 8am** with students working in grade groups. Classes will not be formed until the second week of the new school year until all the new Kindergarten students have commenced. If you are going overseas or intend on moving home / school during the vacation period, please advise the office as soon as possible.

During Tem 4, our school has trialled a dance program as part of School Sport. This program has been highly successful in engaging students in the performing arts. We will continue the program in 2019 with an offering of two dance groups as part of school sport. In addition, we would like to run an extra curricular program.

Over the vacation period, tradespeople will be on the school site and installing synthetic rubber on the asphalt netball court and artificial turf outside the Kindergarten Rooms. The contractors have advised me that the work should be completed before the beginning of the new school year. This change to our school site will be a wonderful addition and reduce the risk of injuries on the playground.

The vacation period is a time to spend with family and to refresh ourselves after a very busy year. It's important that students are safe during the vacation by taking a few precautionary steps:

- Always swim at patrolled beaches.
- Swim between the red and yellow flags. They mark the safer area for swimming.
- Never swim, surf or fish alone.
- Wear life jackets when on board a vessel.

The summer vacation is also the storm season. During storms, it is advisable to:

- Clear gutters and downpipes as they can easily block up and caused internal water leaks.
- Secure loose items around the home.
- Stay indoors and clear from windows.
- Stay clear of gutters, drains, fallen trees and powerlines.
- Never ride, drive or walk through floodwater (including flooded roads and pathways).
- Listen to local radio and adhere to the directions of emergency service and the Police.

For assistance during storms, contact the State Emergency Service on 132 500.

Another safety tip includes the wearing of a helmet and other safety gear while riding bicycles, skateboards, roller blades and scooters.

As I reflect on the school year, our students have all come a long way in their academic learning and their social and personal capabilities. I marvel each year in what our students have learnt and the manner in which they go about their learning.

On behalf of my staff, I wish everyone a joyous and relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Goh
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL LEADERS 2019

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2019. They have worked extremely hard and have demonstrated an exemplary example as upstanding members of Merrylands East Public School.

Captains: Amelia Forbes and Arash Aakefi

Prefects: Cate Playle Waerea, Deija Feaunati Katu, Hasti Fazili, Michelle Li, Khalid Chaouk, Oren Vukic, Tin Nguyen and Toryse Salekiki.

Sport Captains and Vice Captains:

Bass Captains Tarik Garibovic, Roqia Jafari, Imran Gulestani and Aisha Faizie

Macquarie: Mema Saukuru, Larissa Sefanaia, Skyla Sauler and Rida Weja

Flinders: De'Yahni Lehauli, Sobhan Mohammadi, Fusie Kurucake and Danyal Rashidi

Philip: Kiara Di Quattro, Ali Al Harishawi, Farwa Batool Ali and Mohammed Almshat

PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS:

Emily Timms Citizenship Shield (Kindergarten): Alishbabint Fahad

Pursuit Of Excellence: Vinka Jurisic

South West Connect Award for Work Ethics and consistent attitude to learning: Quincy Hona

Merrylands East Arts Award: Kiara Di Quattro

NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal: Anton Isaako

MEPS Carnival Champions: Perpetual

Swimming – Bass

Athletics – Bass

Cross Country - Flinders

DUX 2018

Congratulations to Muskan Nazari who has excelled in her schooling at MEPS and is the DUX for 2018.

YEAR 6 CONVICT DAY

Year 6 Convict Day will be held on Thursday 13th December. This is a Year 6 fundraiser to go towards the Year 6 farewell and a gift for the school. Classes will buy a student from donations on the day. Please support our Year 6 students by bringing a gold coin donation on this day.

TALENT QUEST

Merrylands East will be holding their annual talent quest on Monday 17th December at 11am in the Hall. This is a fun opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have been learning in the performing arts throughout the year.

CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!!

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 would help keep the Canteen running. Any help would be welcome. Please see Dina in the Canteen if you can help.



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.



MCA EXCURSION

On Monday 10th December, 18 students from 5/6CL went to the Museum of Contemporary Art to talk about the Declaration of Human Rights. Eight of the students spoke in their home language about human rights and what they really meant to them. The student's speeches were filmed by SBS and aired on Monday evening to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

By Vinka Jurisic

SCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to our Boys Softball team for your fantastic efforts during the season and competing in the PSSA grand final last week. It was a hard fought game against Granville South Public School but unfortunately they were stronger on the day.

LIBRARY NEWS

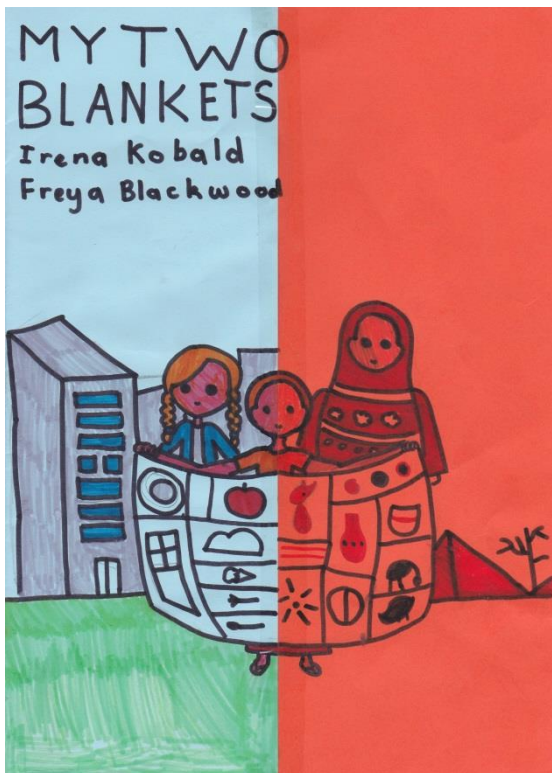
All Library books should have already been returned to the Library. If you still have a Library book at home, please return it immediately so our Library can be prepared for 2019.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open the last week of Term 4 from 7.45am – 8.45am.

Opening hours for 2019, for the first 2 weeks of Term 1 commencing Wednesday 30th January 2019 to 8th February 2019 are 7.45am every morning only.

Commencing Monday 11th February 2019 the hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 7.45am-8.45am.



Congratulations to Natasha Antonio in 4V for designing a winning book cover for Reading Australia Book Design competition.

It's fantastic to have the talent of our students showcased in the broader community. This is a fantastic effort and a prize well deserved.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN 2019

It is important to let the school know of your intentions for 2019 so a place can be held for your child. If you have not already returned the not, please return the form to the Office as soon as possible.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In order to begin organising classes for next year, we seek your assistance by confirming your intentions for your child/children next year. It is very important that we know if your child is not returning next year or will be returning after 30th January 2019 when classes for years 1-6 resume.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

My child/children _____ of class _____

_____ of class _____

_____ of class _____

- will be returning to Merrylands East in 2019.
- will be returning to Merrylands East in 2019 but will not return until _____
- will be going to _____ School in 2019 and does/do not require a place at Merrylands East Public School.

Parent Guardian

John Goh
Principal