



# THE MERRYLANDS MESSENGER

Term 4  
2018

## PHILLIPS BOWLS OVER THE FIELD

and is awarded CHS  
and Syd West 'Blue' in  
sport of Lawn Bowls.

BOYS EDUCATION  
TEAM LEAD  
WHITE RIBBON  
INITIATIVE

MUSIC TEACHER  
RECOGNISED FOR  
EXCELLENCE

MHS DANCERS INSPIRE  
COMMUNITY PRIMARY  
STUDENTS

Dance workshops creates  
movement with local primary  
schools.





### STATE AWARD FOR PROMINENT PARENT

Melissa Welsh, a fierce advocate for special education services in NSW public schools was recognised and awarded with the 2018 FACS Carer award for her enthusiastic and regular engagement with our school. The most recent example was being the guest speaker at our whole school White Ribbon initiative. We thank Melissa for her ongoing efforts and hope to see her involved with MHS for many years to come.



### WHITE RIBBON 2018

In support of White Ribbon Australia, the MHS Boys Education Team raised close to \$1000 in support of women and children who have been affected by domestic violence. The team designed class lessons, delivered a whole school presentation and created a powerful video on the issues of violence against women. MHS students and their families stand together as a community against domestic violence. Thank you to the presenters, Ms. Melissa Welsh and Snr Cst. Dusan Dakic for their insight and support.



### VOCAL TEAM RISING UP!

The newly formed and talented Vocal Ensemble hit high notes when they performed at the Principals Network Annual Award Ceremony recently this term. The school has been inundated with overwhelmingly positive feedback on their performance and their commitment to their vocals.



### YOUNG NETBALLERS LEAD THE WAY

Four students that have displayed exemplary leadership on and off the court throughout 2018, were invited to attend the Catherine Cox Netball Leadership Clinic at Sydney Olympic Park. They received expert coaching and invaluable sporting advice from Catherine Cox (former Australian captain) and Abbey McCulloch (current Australian representative).





# EVENTS

## HIGH SCHOOL



### FIFITA AWARDED EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Our very own talented Music Teacher Mr Fifta, has been recognised for his outstanding contributions to teaching with an award from the Australian College of Educators. Mr Fifta has been at MHS since 2008 and is actively involved in all school and community events, working tirelessly behind the scenes. He is the current conductor of the 'Voices of Sydney' and 'Sydney Regional Choir'.



### JUNIORS HAVE BIG DAY IN

The 'Big Day In' junior workshops involve Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) based activities for Year 5 & 6 students that are hosted in primary schools around Australia. All 'Big Day In' events are coordinated by the Australian Computer Society Foundation. Students participated in five workshops to encourage them to study STEM subjects in the future.



### DANCERS IN THEIR ELEMENT

Throughout 2018, the Year 9 dance class have actively created dance shows and workshops for Merrylands Public School students. These student leaders delivered the 'Elements Tour' this term, where they were able to employ their leadership skills and mentor the primary students to devise movement pieces and share the love of dance.



### PARTNERS IN SCIENCE

MHS Year 9 & 10 student leaders and participating primary schools Merrylands Public School and Hilltop Road Public School, attended the Science Fair held at Macquarie University. This fair concluded the "2018 MyScience@Macquarie Project" where the MHS accelerated science class facilitated the investigations undertaken by primary school students. The fair featured science projects completed by all schools participating in the project.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

### TERM 1 WEEK

WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR  
STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 11 AND 12



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THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR  
STUDENTS IN YEARS 8, 9 AND 10

2

THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

3

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
@ MERRYLANDS POOL

4

MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
@ AUBURN POOL

5

MONDAY 4TH MARCH

YEAR 6 OPEN DAY

6

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

7

MONDAY 11TH MARCH

REGIONAL SWIMMING  
CARNIVAL  
@ SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

8

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

HARMONY DAY

9

10

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8-10TH APRIL

STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
@ SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

11

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

LAST DAY OF THE TERM