



THE MERRYLANDS MESSENGER

Term 1
2019

HARMONY DAY SHOWS THE WAY

Celebrating multiculturalism and community involvement.

HISTORY MAKING OPEN DAY

460 Year 6 students get a unique taste of high school.

BALANCE FOR BETTER

International Women's Day 2019

MHS TURN BLUE FOR AUSTISM AWARENESS

Blue cookies, ribbons and staff raise awareness of Autism.



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YEAR 6 OPEN DAY REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Over 460 Year 6 Primary school students attended Merrylands High School's annual Year 6 Open Day. Students took part in a range of engaging activities that provided them with an informative insight to High School life. The transition program has fostered a prosperous partnership amongst the wider community.



VOLLEYBALLERS 'SPIKE' FEAR IN OPPOSITION

MHS fielded their first Girls Volleyball knockout team in over a decade. The girls deemed to be too skilled for Arthur Phillip High School and advanced to round 2 where they suffered a narrow loss against Granville South CAPA High School. An outstanding effort by all students and great opportunity to develop for future competitions.



#BALANCEFORBETTER

A selection of MHS female leaders were invited to attend a celebration in honour of International Women's Day 2019, hosted by Flourish Australia. The theme for 2019 is #BalanceforBetter. The event featured guest speaker, Kath Koschel, who is the founder of 'The Kindness Factory'. Her story of determination and resilience encouraged the girls to think of new ways that they can support their school and local community.



HSIE STUDENTS PREPARE FOR FUTURE

Year 10 Commerce students had the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding by participating in mock interviews. Students were given 10 minutes to view the questions before they sat their interview. This opportunity allowed the students to apply their knowledge from the topic of 'Employment Issues' in a real-world scenario to prepare them for any future employment prospects.



EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL



TIMBER STUDENTS 'CHIP' AWAY

Year 11 & Year 12 students studying 'Industrial Technology – Timber' went on Industry Visit excursions this term to learn about the Timber Industry. Year 11 visited Briggs Veneer at Wetherill Park while Year 12 visited Asika Interiors at Guildford. All feedback was positive, confirming the value of firsthand experience of in real world situation and workplaces to help them understand what they are learning in the classroom.



STUDENTS ENJOY 'BIG DAY IN'

Students in Years 7, 8 and 11 with an interest in Technology careers attended UTS for the 'Big Day In' Workshop. Students experienced a taste of university life, spoke with a range of higher education providers in the IT industry and participated in a variety of activities. They also participated in presentations by industry leaders such as Animal Logic, IBM, Westpac Group, Microsoft and Adobe.



JUNIORS SHOW 'RAW' POTENTIAL

This year MHS has integrated a new program; 'RAW' which uses the Rock and Water program philosophy to engage all Year 8 and 9 students. The purpose of the program is to develop confidence, leadership and healthy social skills through challenging and competitive physical learning activities. The students have enjoyed the expressive physical nature of the subject, self-control and self-reflection it teaches.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The Multi-Categorical Unit celebrated 'World Autism Awareness Day' by holding a cookie stall. The Multi-Categorical and SRC students worked together to bake and decorate over 300 cookies and make 100 ribbons. All of which were sold and enjoyed by many. MHS staff also recognised the day by wearing something blue. The ongoing support from the community has been very encouraging.

IMPORTANT DATES

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 2

WEEK

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS (YEARS 7-12)

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FRIDAY 3RD MAY

CAPA MADD NIGHT @ MHS SCHOOL HALL

TUESDAY 7TH MAY

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND SEMESTER 1 REPORTS (YEARS 11 & 12)

2

FRIDAY 26TH MAY

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

MONDAY 13TH - 28TH MAY

NAPLAN (YEARS 7 & 9)

3

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WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY @ GRANVILLE PARK

4

FRIDAY 24TH MAY

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



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MONDAY 3RD JUNE

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY

6



MONDAY 10TH JUNE

QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND (NO SCHOOL)

7

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY @ EASTERN CREEK



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9

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

ZONE ATHLETICS @ BLACKTOWN ISP

TUESDAY 2ND JULY

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND SEMESTER 1 REPORTS (YEARS 7-10)

10

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

LAST DAY OF THE TERM