



THE MERRYLANDS MESSENGER

Term 3
2019

SWIM SCHOOL, A REAL LIFE SAVER

School recognised for valuable service with Commonwealth Presidents Award.

CELEBRATING A HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP WITH SUCCESS

Hundreds reminisce sixty years

STUDENTS SET NEW GOALS FOR INCLUSION

With bronze at state championship

STUDENTS UDDERLY IMPRESS THROUGH ART

Archibull project nears completion and is officially named.



MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGES EXCELLENCE

Two members of Merrylands High School were recently recognised by The Honourable Sarah Mitchell MLC for their individual distinction and dedication. Congratulations to Negeen Daudi on receiving the Minister of Education's award for Excellence in Student Achievement and to Mr Fifita for receiving the Minister's award for Excellence in Teaching.



IF THE WALLS COULD TALK!

This year we celebrated the school's 60th year in existence. The day saw the school decked out with hundreds upon hundreds of photos, celebrating our unique history and regular tours of the school led by current Merrylands High School staff and students. It was great to see many friends reunite and recall their great memories of Merrylands High School from 1959 to 2019.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VISIT

Merrylands High School continues a strong partnership and connection with overseas schools. This was recently apparent when staff and students from Zhengzhou No 9 Middle School, China; toured Merrylands High School classrooms and facilities. Students participated with MHS students in Visual Art and Chinese Language lessons. Staff from Zhengzhou No 9 Middle School had the opportunity to communicate and share educational dialogue with our senior executive.



STUDENT LEADERS WEIGH IN ON GLOBAL ISSUES

This term, six year 11 SRC students represented Merrylands High School at the Q & A High School Special at the ABC Studios. Students had the opportunity to be part of the audience, where students joined NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklin and Senator Kristina Keneally to discuss topics ranging from Climate Change to Education Funding.



EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL



DANCERS BRING THE HOUSE DOWN

In Term 3 the Open Dance Ensemble were selected to perform as part of the Our Spectacular's 'Seasons' show at the Sydney Opera House. Their routine "This Is Halloween" was inspired by the Day of the Dead, a Spanish tradition that welcomes and honours the spirits of the dead. Sporting their brand new costumes, all 18 students involved delighted the audience with their spooky performance.



MAJORS DUSTED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Earlier this term the Year 12 Industrial Technology students submitted their major projects after a long, grueling 11 month process. Their teachers could not be more proud of the effort they displayed throughout the year. Through great displays of support, from staff and students, all projects were completed to a very high standard.



SENIORS ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL

Recently, a selection of Year 11 students represented Merrylands High School at the State Goal Ball Knockout competition. On the day, students demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork, and were successful in achieving 3rd place. It is a testament to their hard work and preparation in the weeks prior to the event. We look forward to continuing the recognition of goal ball within our school.



LET US INTRODUCE 'GUYAL DHAAGUN'

Significant progress has been made on our 'Archibull Project', naming it 'Guyal Dhaagun', Wiradjuri for 'Dry Earth'. The theme of Mental Health within Australian Farmers has been the main focus of the project. A range of symbols have been included to explore this theme; a brain scan of a person who lives with depression and mud and dirt to symbolise the dry land caused from the drought.

Check out our blog at <https://mhsarchibull.wixsite.com/archibull>.

IMPORTANT DATES

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 4

WEEK

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS (YEARS 7-11)

1

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

HSC WRITTEN EXAMS BEGIN



2



TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

YR 11 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

3

WED 30TH - FRI 1ST OCT/NOV

YR 11 MINIMUM STANDARDS TESTING

MON 4TH - WED 6TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 8 CAMP

4

WED 6TH - FRI 8TH NOVEMBER

YR 10 MINIMUM STANDARDS TESTING

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY

5

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

HSC EXAMS END

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

6

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

WHITE RIBBON DAY

7

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

8

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

SWIM SCHOOL BEGINS

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF SWIM SCHOOL

9

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

SPORTS PRESENTATION 11:30AM - 1.30PM

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

ACADEMIC PRESENTATION 6-8PM

10

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF THE YEAR