



Term 2
2019

THE MERRYLANDS MESSENGER

ATHLETES SOAR AT NEW HEIGHTS

Celebrating our 60th
School Athletics Carnival.

HAPPILY IFTAAR AFTER

300 community members embrace
inaugural dinner success.

THE HISTORY OF LITERACY

Students savour Shakespeare

ART STUDENTS TARGET BULLSEYE TO RAISE AWARENESS

Archibull prize aims to hit mark
on agricultural and
environmental understanding.



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RAMADAN IFTAAR DINNER 2019

On Tuesday 28th of May we hosted our first Ramadan Iftaar dinner in the school hall. The event was highly successful with over 300 guests attending including members of parliament and community. We would like to thank the sponsors who helped make this event possible. All proceeds will be donated to a deserving charity.



BUSINESS STUDENTS SERVE UP EXCELLENCE

It has been a busy term for the Year 12 Business Services class, with many of the students completing their final work placements and finalising their Cluster E Task. The class enjoyed learning about the essential skills of collaboration and sustainability in completing the 3D models pictured to the right.



LITERACY REWARDS EXCURSION

Our Stage 4 Literacy students visited the State Library of New South Wales and participated in its 'Seeking Shakespeare' program. Students explored the exquisite Shakespeare room (built to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the writer's death), viewed rare objects and works from the Shakespeare collection and enjoyed a drama workshop based on 'As You Like It'.



OLYMPIAN INSPIRES THE FUTURE

2016 Rio Olympian Nathan Katz (Judo) delivered a strong message about his journey through sport and life. Katz focused on the importance of maintaining a balanced lifestyle that allows adolescents to succeed in academic, sporting and leisure activities. Students eagerly responded with questions varying from balancing studies, socialising and strategies to deal with pressure. We wish him all the best as he aims to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.



EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL



DANCERS BRING THE SYNERGY

Throughout Term 2 the Open Dance Ensemble participated in the Synergy Dance Festival. This dedicated group performed at Penrith Panthers and were recognised by the community for their outstanding performance. Congratulations to all staff and students involved on their incredible achievement and performance.



VET STUDENTS GET WORK READY

Students undertaking studies in Year 11 VET Courses: Hospitality, Sport Coaching, Information Digital Technology and Business Services, had the opportunity to attend a 'Work Ready' seminar at Merrylands Bowling Club recently. This prepared students for their mandatory 35 hours industry work placement. Students were addressed by guest speakers and teachers and participated in mock interviews by Industry Experts.



YEAR 5 OPEN DAY 2019

In Week 6, our school hosted its biannual Year 5 Open Day. The program is committed to supporting the transitioning of Year 5 students into High School. The Open Day saw attendance of Year 5 students from six of Merrylands High Schools's partner primary schools. The incoming Year 7 cohort of 2021 engaged in a variety of taster lessons taught by our school's staff.



ART STUDENTS SAY NO 'BULL'

The Archibull Team have been meeting to share ideas, creativity and research on the Farming Industry in Australia. Our 'Cow' aims to raise awareness of the increased hardship Australian Farmers are facing due to natural disasters. If you would like to stay in touch with the Archibull Teams Progress check out our blog! <https://mhsarchibull.wixsite.com/archibull>.

IMPORTANT DATES

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 3 WEEK

TUESDAY 23 JULY

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

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THURS & FRI 1-2 AUGUST

REGIONAL ATHLETICS - BLACKTOWN

MONDAY 5 AUGUST

YR 12 HSC TRIAL EXAMS BEGIN

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TUESDAY 13 AUGUST

YR 8 & 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS
YR 8 - 5-6PM YR 10 - 6-7PM

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FRIDAY 16 AUGUST

YR 12 HSC TRIAL EXAMS END

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THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

COS CAPA SHOWCASE
LIFE READY DAY 3 - YEAR 11

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

VACCINATIONS - YEAR 10

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RUOK?

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WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

STATE ATHLETICS - BLACKTOWN

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

BE STREET SMART - YEAR 11

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THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

R U OK? DAY

MONDAY 16-23 SEPTEMBER

YEAR 11 EXAMS

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FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

MHS TALENT QUEST

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

YR 12 GRADUATION & FORMAL

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FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM