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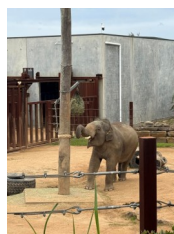
Term 2 Week 10 - 1st July 2025

Key Dates	Principal's Message
<u>Term 2, 2025</u> Friday 4th July - Last day of Term 2 <u>Term 3, 2025</u> Tuesday, 22nd July - Students return Tuesday, 29th July - 100 Days of Kindergarten Tuesday, 29th July - Year 3 excursion Wednesday, 30th July - Year 4 excursion Monday, 4th August - 5/6M & 6H excursion Tuesday, 5th August - 5Y excursion 4th August - 8th August - Public School Education Week Thursday, 7th August - Open Day 11th - 15th August - Science Week 18th - 22nd August - Book Week Tuesday, 19th August - Book Week Parade Thursday, 4th September - Fathers' Day Stall In this issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal's Message• Stage 1 visit the zoo• Free school holiday activities• What's on in Term 3• Student Survey	<p>Dear Parents and Caregivers,</p> <p>As we approach the end of a vibrant and productive term, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful school community for your continued support and dedication to learning and growth at Merrylands East Public School.</p> <p>On Tuesday, 1 July, students will take home their Half Yearly School Reports. These reports have undergone updates in line with the NSW Department of Education's revised requirements. Notably, the term 'Sound' has been replaced with 'Expected', and all A to E scale descriptions now refer to 'your child' rather than using general terms like 'student'. The report continues to include mandatory comments for English, Mathematics, with a general comment, which provides valuable insights into your child's overall progress and learning journey. For Kindergarten, comments on other Key Learning Areas are included in the General Comment. These twice-yearly reports reflect our commitment to ensuring each child's achievements and growth are meaningfully communicated.</p> <p>In inspiring news, we are happy to share that the first stage of the Heritage building refurbishment has been completed. This milestone has significantly improved the integrity and aesthetics of the classrooms, addressing longstanding cracks and wear. The next phase involves the remediation of the other two classrooms and the centre of the building. We appreciate the patience of staff and students throughout this process. Over the holiday break, the green rubber and asphalt in the playground will be replaced with new surfacing to enhance student safety and comfort. Upon returning in Term 3, we will temporarily adjust recess areas while these upgrades are finalised. Students will have access to the bark area, blue rubber, and grassed spaces during this period.</p> <p>A special congratulations goes to our school dance group, who have been selected to perform at Gimbawali 2025 at the Sydney Opera House, previously known as the All Schools Spectacular. This is a prestigious opportunity that recognises not only talent but also commitment and teamwork. Our school choir has also been invited to perform, and we look forward to witnessing the incredible performances of our students as they represent Merrylands East with pride and passion.</p> <p>In an exciting development, our school is the first of 20 across NSW to receive a newly upgraded website as part of a Department of Education initiative to modernise communication across more than 2,200 schools. The updated site will be easier to navigate and will gradually feature more articles, photos, and updates from school life.</p> <p>Looking ahead, Kindergarten enrolments for 2026 are now open. Children must be turning five by June 2026 to be eligible. Applications can be submitted online, and supporting documents, including a birth certificate or passport and another form of proof of address, like a bill, are required.</p> <p>As we conclude this term, let us celebrate the resilience, curiosity, and growth that define our learning community. Education is a lifelong journey, not a race, and every step forward, no matter how small, brings our students closer to reaching their full potential. I wish all our families a restful and safe break. We look forward to seeing everyone recharged and ready for another term of joyful learning.</p> <p>John Goh - Principal</p> 

Stage 1 visit the zoo



Stage 1 students participated in an excursion to Sydney Zoo, enhancing their understanding of Science and English through real-world experiences, promoting inquiry-based learning and wildlife conservation appreciation. Year 2 students had a wonderful day as planned but our Year 1 students, who were eager for their Sydney Zoo adventure, had their planned excursion postponed due to heavy rain. While many were disappointed, we turned this into a learning opportunity by encouraging expressive writing to process their emotions. Eventually, our Year 1 students had an unforgettable day at Sydney Zoo a few weeks later. They spotted lions, giraffes, and playful meerkats, experiencing their learning firsthand.



Cumberland Council Free School Holiday Activities



Cumberland Council is offering a range of exciting free activities for school-aged children this school holidays! Among these, their library events include:

- Stars Planetarium Visit
- Drop in Badge Making
- Dinosaur and Insect Painting
- Animal Masks
- Canvas Painting
- Paper Bag Puppets
- Movies at the Library
- Kitchen Science
- Mail Run with Local History
- Bee Squad Book Launch



For more information on library activities please scan the QR code or visit:
www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/winter-school-program

NOTE

- Bookings are required unless otherwise stated.
- Bookings will open one week prior at 9am.
- Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that each session can begin on time.
- All children must always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents of children under 12 years of age must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

In addition to library events, a variety of other engaging activities are available, including Basketball and Pickleball, Science Workshops, an NRL Clinic, Acrylic Painting, Lawn Bowls, an AFL Clinic, Zumba, and that's just the beginning! There are plenty more activities planned to ensure a memorable school holiday experience for everyone.

For information on all other activities visit Cumberland Council website and search for 'School holiday activities'.

<https://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/school-holiday-activities>

Student Survey

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.



NSW Public Schools Surveys
A voice for students



Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npsc>

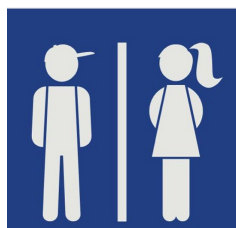
School Assembly



Wednesday
2nd July
12.30pm

Parents and Caregivers are invited to our next whole school assembly on Wednesday 2nd July, 12.30pm.

Student Toilets



Student toilets are strictly reserved for **student use only**.

Visitors to our school, including parents and preschoolers, are **not permitted** to use these facilities.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a respectful and appropriate environment for our students.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).



Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes: year of schooling, category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional, level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to: formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools, consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools, develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

What is coming up in Term 3!

100 days of Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students and teachers are excited to celebrate their 100th day of school on Tuesday, July 29th! Kindy students can dress up as 100-year-olds, complete with grey hair, glasses, outfits and canes. The day will be filled with fun activities focused on the number 100. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together!



Education Week

Public Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education, showcasing the achievements of our schools, teachers, and students. In 2025, it will be held from August 4th to 8th (Week 3 of Term 3) with the theme "Ignite Your Potential." This week is a chance to celebrate the strength and diversity of NSW public education, empowering every student to learn and thrive. Let's recognise our achievements and support all learners on their educational journey!

Open Day

Public Education Week is a great chance for schools to welcome parents, carers, and community members to see the amazing learning happening every day. We invite you to our Open Day at 12 PM on Thursday, August 7th. Come and witness how our students engage in learning and celebrate our vibrant community. We look forward to seeing you!

Science Week

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology, taking place from August 11th to 15th. This year features over 2,000 events across the country, organised by universities, schools, and science centres. The theme for schools is "Decoding the Universe: Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language." Explore the wonders of science and the mysteries of the universe during this exciting week!



Book Week

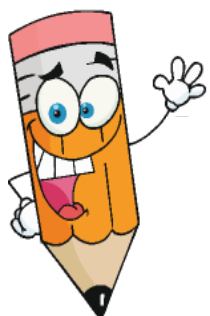
Children's Book Week is the Children's Book Council of Australia's key national event, celebrated from August 16th to 23rd. The 2025 theme is "Book an Adventure!" Students are invited to explore the incredible worlds that books unlock, encouraging them to imagine, discover, and create their own adventures. Celebrate the magic of books and the journeys they inspire!

Book Week parade

During our annual Book Week Parade on Tuesday 19th August, students and teachers can dress up as their favourite book characters and showcase their costumes. Each class will parade their outfits, sharing the joy of reading with fellow students, parents, and carers. It's a great opportunity to bring stories to life and foster a love of literature in our school community. We look forward to seeing all the imaginative characters!



Term Dates for 2025



- **Term 2:** Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July
- **Term 3:** Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September
- **Term 4:** Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

P&C News

MEPS P&C is always looking for new members.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 24th July, 2025. This is not a meeting about your child.

The meeting will be held at 12.30pm in the Community Room under the verandah of Block C.

