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# Merrijig Primary School No. 1379

## Newsletter 2



**SUN SMART SCHOOL**—Merrijig is a Sun Smart School—meaning that wide brimmed hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child doesn't have a hat on a

particular day, they must play in the shade or stay inside. Hats are available from school for \$8.00.

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**PROPER FOOTWEAR**—Can all parents please ensure that children wear proper footwear during the summer months—not sandals thanks. Forms are available from the office to order uniforms.

## NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS ON WEDNESDAYS UNTIL MARCH.

**LUNCH ORDERS**— Hopefully a new menu will be arriving by next week.

**PARENT PIGEON HOLES**—Sometimes we have things that don't fit into the newsletter, all parents please check your pigeon holes—in the foyer outside the office door.

**MARC VAN:** The Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) is based at Merrijig Primary School. Students will have a MARC session once a fortnight, this year it will be a Wednesday. Denise Findlay (MARC teacher) takes all students for a library class and the children are allowed to borrow books. Please ensure that all books are returned by the due date. All children require a library bag to be able to borrow. (A supermarket bag is fine).

**SUSHI LUNCH:** Sushi Field are kindly offering the students and staff of our school the opportunity to partake of a sushi lunch each Wednesday. All orders are to be placed in the box in the office by the close of school MONDAY thanks.

**BULB FUNDRAISER LEAFLET IN YOUR PIGEON HOLES**—ORDER ONLINE! Hoodie Orders now open

### PLEASE READ

**As we have students  
and staff who have  
nut allergies, ALL  
NUT PRODUCTS  
ARE BANNED  
HERE AND AT  
ANY SCHOOL  
FUNCTIONS.  
'Nutella' is allowed**

# Term 1/2 Important Dates

Wednesday February 10	No school for Preps. District Swimming Trials—Mansfield Swimming Pool
Thursday February 11	Swimming program commences. 2.30-3.30pm. Mansfield Swimming Pool.
Wednesday February 17	No school for Preps. MARC Van
Thursday February 18	Swimming program continues. 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday February 24	No school for Preps.
Thursday February 25	Swimming program concludes, except for the sports! 2.30-3.30pm.
Wednesday March 3	<b>Preps to school.</b> MARC Van
Friday March 5	Swimming Sports at Mansfield Swimming Pool. 1-3.15. Parents welcome.
Monday March 8	<b>LABOUR DAY. Public Holiday. No school</b>
Wednesday March 17	MARC VAN
Monday March 29	Norwood SC to visit
Wednesday March 31	MARC VAN
Thursday April 1	Last day of Term One
Friday April 2	GOOD FRIDAY.
<b>Monday April 19</b>	<b>First day of school for Term 2.</b>
Sunday April 25	Anzac Day
Monday April 26—Friday April 30	Year 3-6 Camp at Beechworth

## FINANCE

**Parents with outstanding accounts are able to pay off your invoices through Bpay. Our reference code is on your invoice.**



*Respect for Self, Others  
and the Environment.*

## SWIMMING

Students will be travelling into Mansfield Swimming Pool this Thursday. Lessons start at 2.30 and will conclude at 3.30pm. Students will be bussed in and parents are to collect from the pool at 3.30pm. The swimming cost is included in your school fees this year. Forms still need to be completed though.

## PARENTS/FRIENDS

**Please remember to put your points at Marks' IGA towards Merrijig PS**

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Any Families wishing to join Little Aths this term,  
you can so for a **REDUCE RATE...**




**Mansfield Little Athletics Mid 20/21 Season**

Registration portal is open NOW!!!

Please register online with link <http://lavic.com.au/Get-Involved>

Price = \$87 per athlete down from \$120, discounts apply for families of 2 or more. First Competition night - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 4:45pm at Lord's Oval.

Please contact Kirstie Casey – 0428 521672 for any enquiries

Nicole Ross – 0417 872 876 for any enquiries



Ena enjoying her new home

### Absence Notes

An early reminder that the government requires all absences to be approved via a **written communication** with the school. Remember ‘It’s Not OK To Be Away’. **You can enter your child’s absence on uEducateUs, or on the telephone also.**

**ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH A BOTTLE CONTAINING WATER PLUS FRUIT. WATER ONLY—NO FRUIT JUICE OR CORDIAL.**

### LUNCH TIMES

All days except Wednesday  
1.30-2.30pm.

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### Merrijig Rural Fire Brigade

We are seeking the Merrijig community’s assistance in a fund-raising project, which will enable us to complete several in-house projects for the station.

A tried and true method of fund raising is the collection of Aluminum cans and the Brigade is providing a collection point at the station for contributions.

The collection of cans is twofold. Firstly, a simple way to provide funds for our projects, and secondly contributes to reducing rubbish around Merrijig thus supporting the growing need to recycle.

We can provide a collection service should there a sufficient amount requiring pick up however, dropping off at the station would be most welcome.

The collection point is located along the Mansfield side of our brigade building.

For further information or to arrange collection, please contact John Findlay on 0409 949 920 or email to [info@merrijigrfb.com.au](mailto:info@merrijigrfb.com.au)

We thank the Merrijig community for continuing to support our Rural Fire Brigade

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

PS. School Council elections are now on. Nominations close next Monday 15th of February at 4pm. Forms are available— on top of pigeon holes..

## What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

**A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

**A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

## Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. It is important to have an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.