



# Merrijig Primary School No. 1379

## Have a great day!

### Principal News:

Welcome to Term 2! We have enjoyed hearing about everyone's holiday adventures. We are hoping that everyone had an enjoyable and restful break.

We really enjoyed the hike and Easter celebrations last term, as we felt like it was a wonderful way to finish Term 1.

We have enjoyed holding assemblies, and appreciate parents, family and friends coming to celebrate this time with us.

It has been lovely to see everyone joining in on our special days, both staff and students enjoying everyone being part of our learning and fun.

Term 2 is looking busy, full of learning and extra curricular activities. In the junior room we have been focusing heavily on an intensive phonics program, which the children seem to be really enjoying. In the senior room, one area the students are concentrating on is developing their procedural writing skills.

We are continuing to strengthen our sense of community, so please join us whenever possible and feel free to communicate any ideas, suggestions or concerns with us.

Enjoy your weekend!

Department of  
Education and Training

Term 2, Week 2

May 2nd, 2025

### Important dates:

Friday 2nd May: Cross Country (District)  
5th- 8th May: School Tours  
Friday 9th May: Morning Tea for mums and special friends  
Wednesday 14th May: MASS Farm visit, whole school  
Friday 23rd and Tuesday 27th May: Swimming lessons in Benalla  
Monday 9th June: Kings Birthday (no school)  
Thursday 26th June: Kinder kids come and play morning.  
Week 10: Monday 23rd June- Friday 27th: Cyber safety sessions. More details to follow.



**WELCOME to Vanessa!**  
 Vanessa has been a student teacher at Merrijig and we are very happy to announce that she is going to stay on as an Education Support worker. She will also be running literacy intervention with Bailee!

**FINANCE**

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



Respect for Self, Others  
 and the Environment.

**PARENTS/FRIENDS**

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

Resilience Project message:  
 What are some random acts of kindness that you could do this week?

**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.**

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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

# GEM Chats Gratitude

## CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

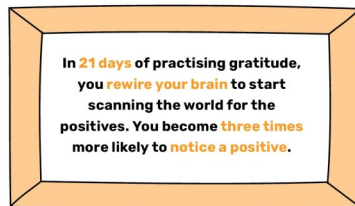
GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations.**

## HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice gratitude.

Try these prompts:

- ★ What are you **grateful** for today?
- ★ Share a moment that **made you smile.**
- ★ How can you **support** someone tomorrow?
- ★ What was the **best part** of your day?



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## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.merrijigps.vic.edu.au>. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.