



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

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particular day, they must play in the shade or stay inside. Hats are available from school for 10.00.

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.

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. Andrea Cousins and Denise Findlay job share responsibility for the MARC van, taking 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 Tuesday. All orders through Sushi Field, not the office. Orders through the QKR app by Monday 5pm.

Staffing

Most of you will know that Ms McCluskey is on Long Service Leave until July this year. Kylie McCormack has been appointed as Acting Principal, with Cathy Johnstone acting as Principal on Fridays. Mr Wiseman continues to take the Years 3-6 for English and Maths, the whole school for Japanese and History. Mrs Johnstone is teaching Science, Art, the Junior school. Bailee Kay is an Education Support, offering support to both staff and students.

This week will see the return of Mrs Binzer to teach the students Music, and Well-being. Sue spent several years with us, beginning back in 2007.

Term 1 Important Dates

Wednesday February 19	Excursion to Lakeside Berries and Lake Nilahcootie.
Wednesday February 28	MARC VAN.
Monday March 11	LABOUR DAY. Public Holiday. No school
Wednesday March 11	MARC Van
Wednesday March 27	MARC Van
Thursday March 28	Last day of Term One
Monday April 15	First day of school for Term 2.
Thursday April 25	Anzac Day. NO SCHOOL.

WELCOME

The new children to join our school this year are Bryll and Tannah Tait. Welcome to the Merrijig school community.

LUNCH TIMES

All days except Wednesday
1.30-2.30pm.

FINANCE

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

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.



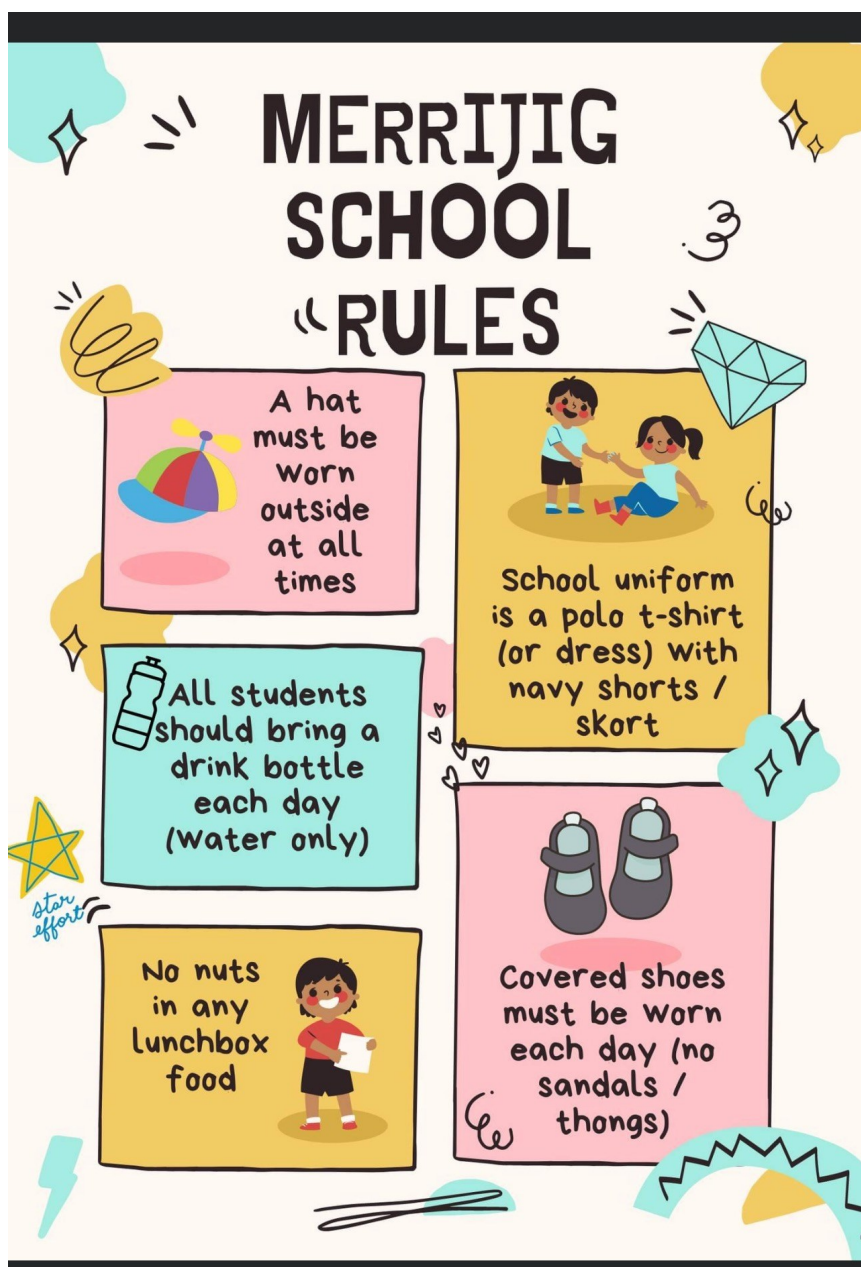
Respect for Self, Others
and the Environment.

PARENTS/FRIENDS

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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.merrijgps.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.