Congratulations to our 2017 School Leaders

Captains: Chloe and Harrison
Vice-Captains: Lauren and Sean
Performing Arts Captains: Mya and Asher
Moorin Captains: Gemma and Bradley
Gandan Captains: Pippa and Alex

Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle
The Meringandan State School staff members are looking forward to meeting parents and carers this Thursday evening at 5:30pm. Thank you to the P and C Association for organising the sausage sizzle (gold coin donation) and drinks for sale.

Before and After School Routines
Morning Routine and Transition: Developing Independence.
Students arriving after 8:15 and prior to the 8:45 bell must wait in the undercover area. Students may join the Early Bird Reading Club at 8:30 on the scheduled days and parents are most welcome to join in by reading to or playing a word game with their child in the library.

At 8:45 the teacher aide on duty in the undercover area organises students to walk to class. At this time parents are encouraged to quickly say goodbye to their children or to walk their child to class and say goodbye at the door. Encouraging your child to take responsibility for the before school routine supports growing independence. A very important developmental task leading towards independence is for students to put their lunch in the fridge and take responsibility for any notes or folders in the school bag. A quick goodbye and hug at the classroom door will ensure a smooth transition into class.

If you need to discuss a concern with the classroom teacher please book a convenient time as the time before school is extremely busy.

After School Routine
In the interest of safety and maximising teaching time I am requesting that parents/carers remain in the undercover area as directed by our school expectations for before and after school. Parents who arrive prior to 2:55 in the afternoon need to wait in the undercover area, this eliminates noise and distractions near classrooms during class time. Waiting in a common area in the undercover area avoids parents having to sin in at the office as a visitor. Thank you for your support with these safe and successful before and after school routines.

Student Birthday Invitations
Please note for privacy reasons teachers will not provide class lists of students. It is not appropriate to ask the classroom teacher to hand out party invitations.

You are warmly invited to attend our 2017 Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet
When: THIS Thursday, 16 February, 2017
Time: From 5:30pm - 7:00pm
A sausage sizzle will be operating, by our wonderful P&C, for the duration of the evening.

Sausage Sizzle: Gold coin donation
Drinks: $2.00 each

Phone: 074696 9666 — Absence Line: 07 4696 9688 — Address: 10 School Road, Meringandan Q 4352— www.meringanss.eq.edu.au
CONGRATULATIONS... to our award Recipients!

Award

BRAVO MUSIC Award

PRINCIPAL'S Awards
**PARENT INFORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Our school office is open from 8:30am–3:30pm each day

**Year 3-6 SWIMMING LESSONS:** Lessons commenced today
Students in Years 3-6 commenced their swimming lessons today. Please ensure forms have been returned and final payments have been made at the office. Thank-you.

**2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL:** Friday, 17 March, at the Highfields Swimming Pool
The students in years 3-6 will be participating in our 2017 Swimming Carnival on Friday, 17 March. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer on the students! Further details will be in our upcoming newsletters.

**HOLIDAY READING CLUB:** Have you returned your Holiday Reading Club Journal?
For those who participated in the Holiday Reading Club– please ensure that journals have been returned to enable you to be eligible for the prize draw.

**HATS, BADGES & COMMUNICATION FOLDERS:** Cash payment requirement
The school bucket hats, sew on badges and communication folders are available from the office for purchase. As the items are sold through our P&C a **cash payment** is required. Please note that correct cash is appreciated. P&C will endeavour to get change back to you as soon as sales have been processed.
**Reversible Hats:** $17.50 each  
**Badges:** $5.00 each  
**Communication Folders:** $10.00 each

**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** Classroom helpers/ Parent Helpers
If you are a volunteer at Meringandan State School, it is required that you complete a “Confidentiality and Responsibility” form. These are available at the office. **We wish to thank-you for giving your time to help our staff and students. It is most appreciated.**

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Absence Line (07) 4696 9688
If your child is absence, please contact the absence line (the day of the absence) and leave a message stating your name, your child’s name, reason for absence and expected return date.

**POSITION VACANT:** Cleaner
Cleaning vacancy of 19.75 hours per week. Please contact the school office if you require further information or to arrange an application package.

**STUDENT MEDICATION:** Does your child require medication at school?
If your child requires medication at school, please contact the office. Please note that for medication to be administered at school the appropriate paperwork MUST be filled out and the medication must be in the original packaging, with the pharmacy label including prescribing doctor. Under no circumstances is it appropriate to send medication with a child– this is a health and safety risk.

**Have you visited our School Website?**
For up-to-date news, events and information visit…  www.meringanss.eq.edu.au

**Have you downloaded the QSchools App?** The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about our school.
2017 Leaders Parade

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