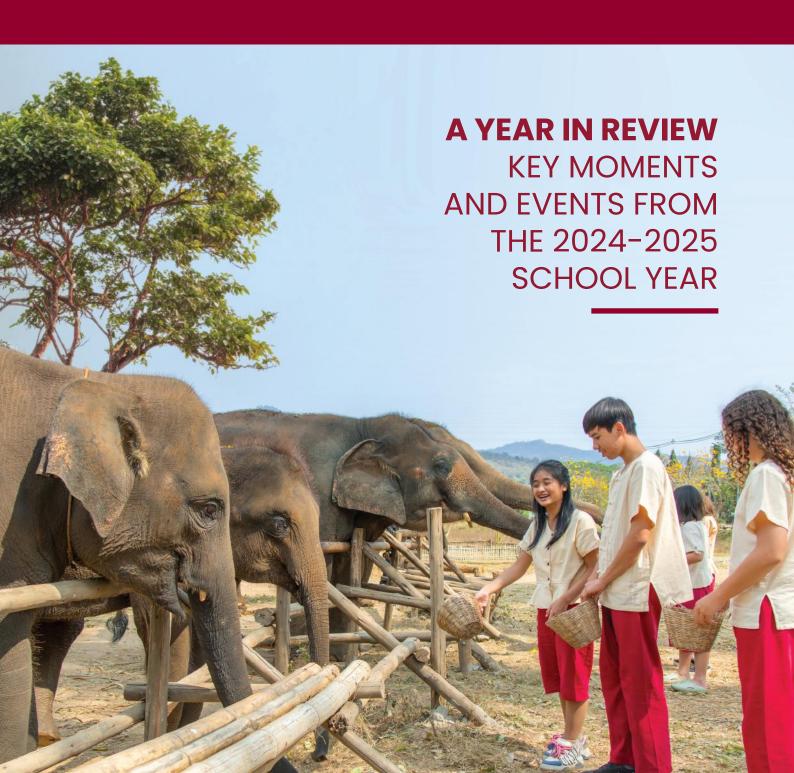


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# MERITTON NEWS





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### MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL

Dear Meritton Community,

e are proud to share with you the highlights of a remarkable year at MBIS. As we look back on the year just passed, we're proud of the steady progress our school community has made. It's been a year of learning, growing, and connecting, where students have been supported to thrive not only academically, but as thoughtful, curious, and compassionate individuals.

Alongside the many moments of activity and celebration, we also made time for pause and reflection, opportunities for students and staff to consider their progress, values, and personal goals. These quieter moments have been just as important as the milestones we proudly share in shaping the caring and inclusive culture of our school.

We have seen our students challenge themselves, support one another, and take pride in their learning and achievements. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, in the local community, or beyond, our students have shown what it means to be part of the MBIS family.

We are deeply grateful to our committed staff, supportive families, and—above all—our students, for helping to make 2024–2025 a year of growth, connection, and joy. This newsletter offers just a glimpse of the many moments that made this year so special.

Yours thankfully The MBIS Team

# MAIN SCHOOL **EVENTS**



#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

19th AUGUST 2025

We remember the joy of seeing our gates open once again and the smiles that filled the campus as Meritton students returned, along with the warm welcome extended to those joining us for the very first time.

There is something special about the first day of school: the excitement of meeting new teachers, the nervous laughter of new friendships forming, and the quiet confidence that grows as children begin to find their place.

For our new students, stepping into a new environment can be a big moment. But at Meritton, we are proud to offer a community that opens its arms with kindness, making sure everyone feels they belong from the very beginning.



#### **WORLD VALUES DAY**

11th OCTOBER 2024

#### **BRINGING VALUES** TO LIFE: ACROSS THE **GENERATION**

We were honoured to welcome Meritton families to a special event that provided a valuable opportunity to put our shared values into practice.

Pre-Nursery to Reception: Parents joined in storytelling sessions, sharing value-based stories with the children. This warm activity brought smiles and laughter, while fostering important values that will help the children grow into thoughtful and principled individuals.

Students in Years 1 to 2: "Homegrown Values" students brought in items from home that represented their family values and explained how these objects connect to the values they practise in their daily lives.

Students in Years 3 to 6: "Values Around Us" students interviewed family members, neighbours, or important community figures about the values they hold dear. They then creatively showcased these interviews through various displays to share with their classmates and visitors.

Our Secondary Students: "Values into Action" students explored how different values influence and shape our world. Through research, discussions, and projects, they investigated values such as kindness, honesty, and responsibility, and examined how these values impact global and societal issues.

This event reminded us that living by our values is not something confined to a single day, but an ongoing journey towards making our world a better place. We hope to continue promoting and nurturing these values within our school community throughout the year. A big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this meaningful celebration, and for helping











inspire our children and community with these important values.

World Values Day is observed every October. It's a global event that encourages citizens worldwide to pause and reflect on their values, as well as to increase their awareness and practice of these values.

Discover more about **World Values Day at** www.worldvaluesday.com



Click to watch Meritton's World Values Day Highlight Video







15th NOVEMBER 2024

The event offered students a memorable opportunity to explore traditional Lanna culture and learn about the significance of ยี่เป็ง (Yi Peng), also known as ลอยกระทง (Loy Krathong).

Yi Peng is a northern Thai festival celebrated to pay respect to the water goddess and to symbolise the letting go of negative thoughts while making wishes for the future. The festival is marked by the release of floating lanterns (krathongs) into rivers and sky lanterns into the air.

Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of hands-on activities, including traditional Thai games, Thai dessert making, crafting natural krathongs, and creating sky lanterns. These engaging experiences not only brought joy but also helped deepen students> understanding of this meaningful cultural celebration.





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#### **SPORTS DAY**

27th TO 29th NOVEMBER 2024

This year, our focus was on MBIS coming together and participating as one, with students competing alongside each other. It was be a celebration of physical skills, learning new activities, and building relationships among everyone.

This was an event for competition, but also for enjoyment and togetherness.

We thank you all for your collaboration, which made it possible to bring this day to our students."

– MBIS Physical Education Department

As we look back on Sports Day, we're reminded that it's not just about winning or competing it's about celebrating growth, perseverance, and the joy of being active together. From our littlest learners to our senior students, every child stepped up with confidence, supported their peers, and embodied the true spirit of Meritton. We are so proud of each and every one of them and look forward to many more shared milestones ahead.





#### **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK**

13th DECEMBER 2024

#### **ENDING THE TERM WITH** JOY, GRATITUDE AND **TOGETHERNESS**

The final week of term 1 was filled with festive cheer, creativity, and heartfelt appreciation. From 9th to 13th December 2024, we celebrated the season with a wonderful series of activities that brought smiles to faces across our campus.

The week began with students dressed in cheerful red for a magical visit from Santa, followed by beautifully decorated classrooms showcasing imaginative Christmas themes. Tuesday saw students arriving in matching outfits, creating a joyful sense of unity, and later in the week, our cosy Movie Magic Day gave everyone a chance to relax and enjoy a film with friends.

Beyond the festivities, Spirit Week was also a meaningful time to reflect and give thanks. Our students expressed appreciation to the often-unsung heroes of our school—our ground staff and operations team by writing thankyou cards, cleaning the hallways, and even preparing lunch for the kitchen team.

The term ended with student Meritton community. It was a true celebration of joy, courage, and kindness.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the Meritton community for making this celebration so special. Your support, teamwork, and generosity made it a memorable close to the term.



Let's watch the highlight video from the week to spread a little more holiday cheer!









#### **WAIKRU CEREMONY**

27th TO 29th NOVEMBER 2024

On Wai Kru day, we honoured the selfless dedication of our teachers, who shape our minds and nurture our hearts. It was a day to express gratitude for their guidance, showed respect for their wisdom, and reflected on the responsibility we carried to uphold the values they impart.

Meritton students from the Early Years, Primary, and Secondary presented flower cones, a meaningful gesture in our culture, to express their heartfelt appreciation to their teachers. This beautiful tradition reminded us of the enduring bond between students and teachers, built on respect, gratitude, and shared growth.





#### **CELEBRATING** THE YEAR OF **THE SNAKE**

27th TO 29th NOVEMBER 2024

Mr Dayu, our representative from the Chinese language department, hosted a fantastic event to explore and appreciate Chinese culture. Students engaged in arts and crafts, as well as cooking activities, to experience the rich traditions of the Lunar New Year. At Meritton, we value and celebrate diversity, embracing

A special thank you to the parent of a Year 5 student for sharing her knowledge, personal experiences, and insights into the significance of the Lunar New Year. We were also incredibly grateful to our parents for their support in preparing the children's beautiful costumes.





**BOOK WEEK** 

3rd - 7th FEBRUARY 2025

Book Week (or Reading Week) has always been one of Meritton's most cherished events. Each year, participation grows, and we are delighted to see students eagerly taking part, because we all agree that reading is incredibly important!

Throughout the week, students took part in a variety of exciting activities. There were English competitions to test their spelling skills, a bookshop-themed art competition to showcase their creativity and artistic talents, and an Extreme Reading Photo Challenge, where children and families captured playful and imaginative reading moments. We also held a Book-Themed Character Costume Day, where students brought their favourite literary characters to life. Additionally, we organised a book swap, giving students the opportunity to exchange their gently used books, ensuring they find new homes while discovering fresh reads without having to buy new ones.

The highlight of the week was Friday's special guest— Geronimo Stilton from the Geronimo Stilton Media Group! He visited the Meritton library, and we can't wait to read his next big scoop about his journey to Chiang Mai (if there is one in the works!).

# \*XTREME Reading . Reading . Photo Challenge . Winners! .





#### Honorable Mention



A huge thank you to our wonderful friends at Little Lion Children's Bookshop and Asia Books, whose expertise and passion for literature helped students discover exciting new reads right here on campus. Their support made the event even more vibrant and engaging.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our entire community. We are deeply grateful to the students, teachers, support staff, and especially the parents, whose enthusiasm and cooperation made Book Week such a success.





#### A HUGE THANK YOU TO **OUR GUEST READERS!**

We are incredibly grateful to the wonderful parents who generously volunteered their time to bring stories to life for our students. Reading aloud is not an easy task, but they went above and beyond, sharing their love of books with enthusiasm and heart.



#### SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

17th - 21st MARCH 2025

During Sustainability Week, we focused on practising and reflecting on sustainable living both at school and at home. Students observed the number of vehicles arriving at school and discussed ways to reduce emissions from car engines. They also identified high-energy-consuming appliances, such as air conditioners, and reminded everyone to switch off unused electrical devices.

#### **Sharing is Caring**

We encouraged Meritton families and staff to carpool to school throughout the week. This was a key strategy to reduce car emissions, decrease traffic congestion, and foster stronger relationships within the Meritton community. It was heartwarming to see friends sharing rides with different families and forming closer bonds after school.

#### Sustainable Living Seminar with Chiang Mai Nayu

Mr. Luke and Ms. Susana visited Meritton British International School to host insightful sessions and workshops for our secondary students and parents on how to live more sustainably. We were honoured to continue this meaningful initiative with Chiang Mai Nayu for another year.

#### **Swapping Station**

On Friday, the Swapping Station was bustling with students exchanging used toys, books, and clothes! These gently used items found new homes, extending their purpose and reducing waste. This initiative also provided a great opportunity for students to practise kindness and respect for others and their belongings. We hope that everyone who took home new items will cherish and care for them.

#### Our Veggie Garden

From Early Years to Secondary, Meritton students had hands-on experience planting and caring for vegetables. Our school now boasts beautiful, green vegetable gardens in both Early Years and Primary. Students will observe



how vegetables grow, maintain their health using organic fertilisers, protect them from weeds, and enjoy the fresh taste of homegrown produce.

This activity integrates life skills and science, with Year 7 students using the compost and fertilisers they created themselves!

#### Food Waste Reduction and Saying No to Single-Use Plastic

#### Take What You Want, But Eat What You Take

We are committed to reducing food waste and eliminating single-use plastic, especially during Sustainability Week. We promoted the use of reusable cups, and thanks to everyone's cooperation, this initiative was a success. This practice gave us real-life experience in being responsible for our actions and thinking mindfully before contributing to plastic waste.

#### **Earth Hour**

Let's switch off the electricity and celebrate our veggie gardens and outdoor play! At Meritton, we all turned off air conditioners, fans, and even computers for 2 hours to participate in outdoor activities together. It was a fantastic opportunity to engage in face-



to-face interactions, spark meaningful conversations, and enjoy games and playtime with friends.

#### A Sustainable Future Starts with Us

Sustainability Week at school was a meaningful and inspiring experience for our entire community. Through hands-on activities, collaborative initiatives, and thought-provoking discussions, we took steps towards a greener, more responsible way of living. As we move forward, we hope these sustainable habits continue beyond this special week, shaping a future where mindful choices and environmental responsibility become a natural part of our daily lives. Together, we can make lasting change—one small action at a time.







11th APRIL 2025

Songkran is a time to pause, reflect, and joyfully come together to welcome the Thai New Year. On Friday, 11th April, we celebrated this meaningful occasion with all students, from Early Years to Secondary School, giving them the opportunity to enjoy the festivities alongside their friends and teachers.

Students took part in the traditional รดน้ำดำหัว (rod-nam-dam-hua) ceremony, gently pouring water over the hands of teachers and the senior leadership team as a gesture of respect and to seek blessings for the year ahead.

The Thai Language and Culture Department organised a vibrant 'Songkran Fun Fest', inspired by the lively atmosphere of a งานวัด (ngaanwat) – the colourful temple fairs found throughout Thailand. Students enjoyed a range of traditional games, cultural activities, and festive fun with their friends before heading off for the holiday break.









# CROSS-SCHOOL FRIENDLY MATCHES



27th MARCH - 29th MAY 2025













his year, Meritton students had the wonderful opportunity to connect with our friends from British Concordance International School (BCIS) through a series of friendly multi-sport matches, including basketball, football, badminton, and volleyball. We extend our sincere thanks to the BCIS team for joining us, and to all Meritton parents for your enthusiastic support.

We hope all students gained valuable experience and continue to pursue their passion for sports. We look forward to more shared opportunities in the new academic year!









#### INTERNATIONAL WEEK

13th JUNE 2024

We were delighted to celebrate diversity during International Week this year. Each homeroom represented a different country and spent the week learning about its customs, traditions, food, and landmarks.

On Friday, students came to school dressed in traditional costumes from their chosen countries and shared their learning through displays, exhibitions, and hands-on activities while visiting other classrooms. They also had the chance to sample delicious international cuisines and take part in traditional games from around the world.

Learning about different cultures helps us develop empathy, understanding, and a broader perspective of the world. By exploring our differences, we learn to appreciate what makes each of us unique and discover how much we share in common. International Week is a reminder that respecting one another's backgrounds, beliefs, and traditions strengthens our school community and helps us grow into open-minded and compassionate global citizens.

#### List of Country Representatives

Thailand Pre- Nursery Japan Nursery South Africa Reception A Reception B Australia China Year 1A Thailand Year 1B India year 2A South Korea Year 2B Australia

Year 3 Singapore year 4

Malaysia, France, Spain, USA Year 5 Sudan & South Sudan year 6

Year 7 Japan Brazil Year 8 Sweden year 9 Mexico Year 10







#### THE MAKING OF **DIYA LAMPS**

Year 2 students learned about the festival of Diwali which is celebrated in India. It is also known as the festival of lights. They made the diya lamps using a salt dough mixture and then baked it in the oven to set the shape. Finally they decorated the diya lamps with paint and sequins!





#### MERITTON DAY OF CELEBRATION

19th - 20th JUNE 2025

#### A Joyful End to the Academic Year

Meritton Day of Celebration was a special event that brought together students, families, and staff to reflect on a year of learning, growth, and achievement. The atmosphere was filled with joy and pride as we honoured the efforts of our young learners across all year levels.



hroughout the two days, students took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm. Every performance showcased creativity, collaboration, and personal growth.

Along the school hallways, visitors were invited to explore impressive exhibitions and class projects, each one a testament to the curiosity and hard work of our students throughout the academic year.

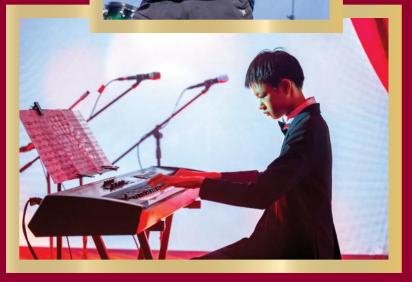




his celebration also marked several important transitions in our school community. Our Reception children were recognised for their development as they prepare to take their next step into Primary School. Year 6 students celebrated the completion of their Primary education and looked ahead to the new opportunities awaiting them in Secondary School. Meanwhile, Year 9 students were warmly welcomed into the IGCSE programme, beginning a new phase of academic challenge and exploration.

More than just a showcase of talent, Meritton Day of Celebration was a meaningful family day. It was a time for parents, teachers, and students to come together in appreciation of one another. It served as a joyful reminder of the strong partnerships that support our students both in and beyond the classroom.

We are so proud of every Meritton student who contributed to this memorable event. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive families for helping create such a vibrant and uplifting end to the 2024–25 academic year.









































# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS 2024







# WHY IS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IMPORTANT TO US?

11th NOV 2024

Our young learners had a fantastic time discovering exotic animals and exploring the wonders of nature at WOWS Nature Learning Centre. This hands-on experience supported the Lower Primary's Unit of Exploration and the Early Years' sensory play focus, helping students develop curiosity, creativity, and compassion for living things.







#### LIVING TIMELINE

11th NOVEMBER 2024

As part of their Unit of Exploration, students from Years 3 to 6 brought history to life through a fun and engaging project called the Living Timeline.



Year 5: Ancient Greece Year 6: Ancient Rome









Each year group explored a different ancient civilisation and recreated elements of daily life through arts, crafts, costumes, and collaborative presentations. This hands-on activity helped students deepen their understanding of the past while building teamwork and communication skills.



It was a creative and memorable way to connect history learning with real-world expression.







#### **ODD SOCKS**

10th JANUARY 2025

The entire school celebrated individuality by wearing odd socks! This fun and simple activity gave students a chance to be playful while recognising the importance of uniqueness.

At Meritton, we create a safe environment where children can express themselves and feel heard. We encouraged students to seek support from trusted adults whenever needed, and activities like Odd Socks Day sparked personal stories that reminded us how every voice matters.

It was a meaningful way to strengthen connection and understanding within our school community.



#### **GYMNASTIC** GALA

28th MARCH 2025

We were incredibly proud of our students from Years 1 to 5 who took part in the Gumnastics Gala as part of their PE unit. Through their solo performances, they showcased their physical skills with bravery. Students followed instructions with discipline, waited their turn

patiently, performed with courage, and supported their friends with encouragement.

























#### **EXPLORING REACTIONS** & RAINBOWS

1st - 8th APRIL 2025

As part of their latest Unit of Exploration, Year 2 students have been investigating how materials react through a series of exciting hands-on activities.

They began by observing chemical reactions in their model volcanoes, followed by the Dancing Popcorn experiment, where kernels bounced in a fizzy mixture.

In small groups, students grew sparkling borax crystals on pipe cleaners and explored how Epsom salts and sea salts can form different types of crystals, observing how solids emerge from a solution over time.

Later, in a darkened classroom, they used sticky tape, markers, and a torch to create a rainbow light—discovering how light can bend and split into different colours.

Each experiment deepened their understanding of key scientific concepts and reinforced their recent Maths learning through accurate measurement and comparison.

— Mr Peter, Homeroom Teacher.



MATH KANGAROO **THAILAND 2025** 

Congratulations to all students from Years 2 to 10 who participated in the Math Kangaroo Thailand competition on 23 March. Meritton hosted categories and we are proud of everyone who took on the challenge. Awards were presented to the top-performing students across the country, and our participants represented the school with pride.

#### **RESULTS:**

#### Pre-Ecolier (Years 2-3)

- Sichun Huang Silver
- Zhang Zhijie Gold

#### Ecolier (Years 4-5)

- Akhayar Sun Merit
- Eva Dou Merit
- Inthanon Tangpaitoon Merit
- Oriana Aderoju Merit
- · Tianyi Wu Gold
- Wynn Phuworawong Gold
- · Xinrui Deng Silver
- Yumo Zhou Bronze

#### Benjamin (Years 6-7)

- Aye Khin Merit
- Disanai Nukong Bronze
- Hajun Park Silver

#### Cadet (Years 8-9)

• Hamin Park – Gold

**AWARDS** 

GOLD Medal Award: Top 10% of participants SILVER Medal Award: Next 10% of participants BRONZE Medal Award: Next 10% of participants

MERIT Award: Next 20% of participants

#### **TRANSITION PROGRAMME**

FEBRUARY - JUNE 2025

#### The Main Objectives:

- Familiarise students with their new learning environment
- · Build connections between students, peers, teachers, and home-school
- Address any concerns or questions about the transition
- Equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the next phase of learning





#### Key Features of The Programme:

- Orientation Days: activities to help students familiarise themselves with the next phase of learning. Year 6 students moving up to Secondary will also receive guidance on time management, organisational skills, and study techniques
- Peer Mentorship: Each new student will be paired with a «buddy» from an upper year, who will provide guidance and support as they navigate their first few weeks
- Information Sessions for Parents: Meetings to share information about the next phase of learning and answer any questions that you may have about our programme
- Counselling Support: Our pastoral support team will be available to address any personal or academic concerns with students

# VALUES INACTION



#### **VbE WRITING** COMPETITION

10th APRIL 2025

Congratulations to our students from Years 3 to 10 for taking part in this writing competition, which focused on the values we learn and live by at school. Every entry was unique and meaningful in its own way. We saw the depth of their understanding and the strength of their character.

To appreciate everyone's hard work and creativity, we gave out three kinds of recognitions:

First Place - For writing that really stood out and touched our hearts Runner-Up - For thoughtful, meaningful work with strong values Effort Award - For students who gave it their all and showed great determination





#### **FINAL RESULTS**

#### **Years 3-4:** If I Were a Superhero of Kindness

#### FIRST PLACE

- Oriana (Year 4)
- Tahn (Year 3)
- Sonja (Year 4)

#### **RUNNER-UP**

- Grace (Year 3)
- Kiki (Year 4)
- Nada (Year 3)

#### **EFFORT AWARD**

- Edward (Year 4)
- Razza (Year 3)

#### **Years 6-5:** A Letter to My **Future Self**

#### FIRST PLACE

- Cho Cho (Year 6)
- Luca (Year 5)
- Pbub (Year 5)

#### **RUNNER-UP**

Musk (Year 6) Near (Year 6) Waan (Year 5)

#### **EFFORT AWARD**

- Effort Award
- Enya (Year 5)
- Pepsi (Year 6)

#### **Years 8-7:** Should Schools **Focus More**

#### on Teaching Values? **RUNNER-UP**

- Lola (Year 8)
- Vanessa (Year 8)

#### **EFFORT AWARD**

- Fffort Award
- Daniel (Year 8)

#### Years 10-9: The Role of Values in Academic Success

#### **FIRST PLACE**

· Anna (Year 9)









Read their works on our website:

**CLICK** 







#### APPRECIATION FOR OUR SUPPORT TEAM

Meritton, a safe, clean, and caring environment is the foundation for great learning, and it would not be possible without the dedication of our incredible Support Team.

Our heartfelt thanks go to every member of our Support Team: the security guards who keep us safe, the kitchen staff who provide healthy meals, the housekeeping and maintenance crews who ensure everything stays clean and in working order, and the gardeners who help our campus tidy and uplifting.

Your dedication behind the scenes makes a meaningful impact every single day. We see your efforts, we value your work, and we are deeply grateful to have you as part of the Meritton community.

#### SUPPORT FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED **COMMUNITIES**

17th SEPTEMBER 2024





response to the recent severe flooding in Chiang Mai, Meritton British International School and our parent community offered support to those affected. Many residents have experienced significant damage to their homes, livelihoods, and overall well-being.

Together, we donated essential supplies and a total of 52,717 baht in support of Dara Academy, Chiang Mai University, and the Disaster Prevention and Relief Command Center, Nonghoi Municipality, to help distribute aid swiftly to those in need.









We sincerely hope the situation improves soon and that affected families find strength and resilience during their recoveru.







# TEACHERS' PREPARATION WEEKS

AUGUST 2024





#### PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL TRAINING

JANUARY 2025





















#### **FACILITY UPDATES**

This year, Meritton has added new spaces to support student learning and growth: an IGCSE building, a new outdoor sports pitch, vegetable gardens, and a messy play area for our Early Years learners. These upgrades enhance both academic and hands-on experiences across the school.





Mew Pitch Early Jeans Messy Area



Vegetable Garden

#### Academic year of 2025-2026

## **Upcoming Keydates in Term 1**

<b>AUG</b> 2025	Fri 15 Parents' Orientation  Mon 18 First Day of Term 1  Meritton Parent Association (MPA) Meeting
<b>SEPT</b> 2025	Mon 8 to Fri 12  Student Profile Photo Week  Fri 19  Parent Morning: Wellbeing & Values (1 of 4)
<b>OCT</b> 2025	Wed 8 to Fri 10  Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC Week)  Fri 19  Mid-Term Break
<b>NOV</b> 2025	Thu 27  Parent Morning: Wellbeing  & Values (2 of 4)
<b>DEC</b> 2025	Fri 5 Fathers' Day (School Closed)  Fri 12 End of Term 1

View school calendar on the website







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