

Newsletter

Maryland Public School

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Our P & C Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm
All parents and community members are welcome to attend
Our School Council meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6.00pm

Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 3.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students, staff and families for supporting another successful swimming carnival last Wednesday. A super day of weather (although very hot) and once again a day which ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Mrs Wingrove for her continued organisation and commitment to sport at our school. Well done to every student who participated and helped their house team. A wonderful day of MPS spirit!

Longest Coin Line

We have been asked by the local Lions Club (Elmore Vale) to participate in a fund raiser to support the Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. This year, Lions Australia will be attempting to break the record of the World's Longest Coin Line in the Guinness Book of Records to raise money for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Fund. Over the past ten years, Lions Australia has contributed more than \$60,000 to ALCCRF.

To support International Childhood Cancer Day (15 Feb) we are going to make our own Longest Coin Line in our school. We will be doing this on **Friday, 1 March**. On this day we are asking children to bring in a coin (gold or silver) to help make our line. The coins will be collected by a Lions representative and will be converted to 5c coins to be laid on the Hunter Sports Centre athletics track on **Saturday, 16 March**, to verify the GBR attempt.

So, let's lay it on the line on **Friday, 1 March** and see how MPS can support research into childhood cancer.

Thanks for your support with this.

Canteen News

We are excited to share that our school canteen is now a leader in providing a healthy food service to our students and staff. Our menu has been recognised as a "**Great Choice Healthy School Canteen**" meaning that it meets the criteria of NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

A big thanks and congratulations to our wonderful Canteen Supervisor Amanda Bailey, (supported by Kim Woolley and our super team of volunteers) for all the hard work in reviewing our school canteen menu and providing outstanding service to our school community.

For a healthy lunch or snack, please visit our Maryland Public School canteen.

Out Of Bounds Areas In School

At the beginning of each new school year, as part of our PBL framework, we review with all students, safe areas to be in our school and areas which are out of bounds.

Our students are pretty good at remembering these areas and usually only require reminders from time to time.

There are always good reasons for identifying places which could potentially be unsafe for our students. Mostly, these are identified as they are areas not in clear view of supervising staff members.

We have designated pathways for walking to and from classrooms and to access the entry / exit points of our school. We respectfully request that all visitors to our school adhere to our safety requirements. We appreciate your support in helping to keep our kids safe.

Don't forget to check the school calendar and have a wonderful week!

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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Calendar

Term 1 – Week 3

Friday, 15 February 2019	2pm Infants Assembly
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Term 1 – Week 4

Monday, 18 February 2019	Individual and Class Photos 5pm - 5.45pm Stage 2 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday, 19 February 2019	5pm - 5.45pm Stage 1 Parent Information Evening 6pm P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 20 February 2019	9am Cut-off for Grey and Gold Cards to be handed into the office for next week's Whole School Assembly Book Club Loop closes for Online Orders 11.30am Scripture commences 5pm - 5.45pm Stage 3 Parent Information Evening
Thursday, 21 February 2019	Zone Swimming Carnival 5pm - 5.45pm Early Stage 1 Parent Information Evening
Friday, 22 February 2019	2pm Primary Assembly

Important Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, 27 February 2019	2pm Whole School Assembly
Friday, 1 March 2019	Longest Coin Line (Gold or Silver Coin Donation)
Friday, 8 March 2019	2pm Infants Assembly
Friday, 15 March 2019	2pm Primary Assembly
Tuesday, 19 March 2019	6pm P&C Meeting
Friday, 22 March 2019	2pm Infants Assembly
Friday, 29 March 2019	2pm Primary Assembly
Friday 5 April 2019	Cross Country 2pm Infants Assembly
Wednesday 10 April 2019	2pm Whole School Assembly

OFFICE NEWS

Dogs On School Grounds

We wish to remind everyone that **dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site.**

Book Packs

Book packs have been distributed to classes for use. Payment for the book packs is due by **Friday, 22 February 2019.**

General Permission Notes

The general permission note was sent home last week. This note needs to be returned to **class teachers** as soon as possible.

School App

The School App for iPhones, smart phones and iPads is available free from the iTunes store or Google Play store. All parents and family members are encouraged to download and access the app.

The calendar will be regularly updated and alerts will be provided to remind parents of events and activities.

Just a reminder for parents who already use the school app, you need to go to the set up section in the app and change the year your child / children are in.

Mozzie Alert

Due to the warmer days there has been a large number of children being bitten by mosquitoes.

Please spray your child every morning before attending school. Students may bring their own roll-on mosquito repellent. **NO SPRAY** repellents are permitted.

Newsletter

Newsletters are emailed each week to parents. It is our preferred method to email. If you do not have an email address or you would prefer a paper copy please return the slip below as soon as possible.

Newsletter Return Slip

I would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter.

Name:.....

Youngest Child's Name:.....Class:.....

Scholastic Book Club

Book club brochures were sent home today. Parents wishing to order books from the Scholastic Book Club will need to process their orders online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

LOOP orders for Issue 1 will be open until Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Orders cannot be accepted at the office.

Make Online Payments (Preferred Method)

Payments can be made online using either a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. The secure payment page, hosted by Westpac, is accessed via **our website** by selecting

\$ Make A Payment tab at the bottom of the page.

You can pay for any school activity that you would normally pay for via the front office.

When you access the Make Online Payments you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. No student's details are given to Westpac. As a consequence, payments for each child need to be made separately. (There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice Number but these fields are not relevant to Maryland PS). You must also enter details about who is paying.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit / debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

Under payment options, you enter the activity or item for which you are paying. Write a title in the Payment Description that will enable the School Staff to match your payment with the school activity or item.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. You can print your own receipts or have the receipt emailed to your email account. This gives you immediate proof that you have paid for the item.

The next morning, details of the payments are passed to the school where they will be matched against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by us.

Payments Made Directly to School Office

If making a payment directly to the school office Eftpos is the preferred option. Cash payments require the correct amount payable as we do not have change. If the correct money is not provided the difference will be receipted to the child's account as fees in advance.

Please note any P&C, Fundraising or Canteen activities can only be paid with cash placed in an envelope with child's name and activity written on the front of envelope.

Reward and Recognition

Student achievement is rewarded, recognised and celebrated within our school community by students working towards earning their BRONZE, SILVER or AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE in each stage.

To achieve each level students must collect a number (refer to chart below) of Maryland Merits (grey) cards or gold cards (handed out in Friday's stage assemblies).

- The value of Gold Cards = 2
- The value of Grey Cards = 1

Students may collect a combination of grey and gold cards towards each certificate.

For example a student in Early Stage 1 qualifying for their Bronze Award may have 3 grey cards and 2 gold cards or 5 grey cards and 1 gold card or any number of combinations as long as it equals 7. They then hand these in to the office and their Bronze Award will be handed out at the next **whole school assembly** which is held on Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm. They would then start collecting and earning grey and gold cards towards their Silver Award.

Stages 1, 2 and 3 earn their Award for Excellence over a two year period, Early Stage 1 have one year.

Stage Attainments

Stage	Bronze Certificate	Silver Certificate	Award for Excellence
Early Stage 1	7	Bronze + 8 = Silver	Bronze + Silver + 10 = Certificate
Stage 1	15	Bronze + 15 = Silver	Bronze + Silver + 20 = Certificate plus School Badge
Stage 2	15	Bronze + 15 = Silver	Bronze + Silver + 20 = Certificate plus a Pen
Stage 3	15	Bronze + 15 = Silver	Bronze + Silver + 20 = Honour Student, Certificate and Medallion in a case

Whole School Assemblies

Whole school assemblies have been changed to Wednesdays this year. The dates for these assemblies are advertised in the calendar of the school newsletter.

Students are presented their Bronze, Silver and Award for Excellence at these assemblies.

To enable the office staff to process these awards students must hand their merit cards (grey and gold) into the school office by 9am the Wednesday before the whole school assembly.

The cut-off date for our first whole school assembly in Week 5 (Wednesday, 27 February) is **9am Wednesday, 20 February 2019.**

STAGE 1 NEWS

Infants Assembly

The infants assembly this week will be hosted by students from 1/2DG. It will commence at 2pm and is anticipated to finish at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there!

Mrs Groth (Classroom Teacher of 1/2DG)

DANCE NEWS

Lunchtime dance lessons commence this week with senior students (Years 3-6) on Monday and juniors (K-2) on Fridays. However, next week as school photographs are being taken in the hall the senior lunchtime dance lesson will be on Thursday, 21 February.

Mrs Groth (Dance Coordinating Teacher)

SPORT NEWS

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to the students and their supporters at the Swimming Carnival last week. The staff at the pool commented on the excellent behaviour of the students. The fastest 3 times for the 50m freestyle will qualify for Zone and times will be considered for breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. The Crossroads Zone Carnival will be held on Thursday, 21 February. The swimming ribbons will be awarded at the whole school assembly in Week 5.

PSSA Trials

Throughout the year PSSA trials will be held for individual sports. Those students who play at a representative or high level will be eligible for trial selection.

Knights Knockout

Mr Blyth will be organising trials for the junior and senior teams this term.

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held on Friday 5th April.

PSSA Knockout Teams

This year Maryland PS will play in a Knockout Competition for the following sports; netball, football, touch football and basketball. Trials for the teams will begin this week.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to the existing family and community members as well as a warm welcome to the new members of our school for 2019. By way of a reminder and an introduction for those new to our community the P&C Committee is a small group of carers / parents, staff representatives and the school principal who volunteer and meet once a month. At these meetings an agenda is followed to discuss, plan and review aspects of MPS school programs, routines, fundraising and policies. The P&C meet on the third Tuesday of the month and the first meeting for 2019 is scheduled for next week, Tuesday, 19 February in the school library from 6pm. A warm invitation is extended to all members of the MPS community to attend. We would love to welcome some 'new faces', it's a great way to get

involved, meet new people and find out what happens at school. We hope to see you there!!

Deb Groth on behalf of the P&C Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteers urgently needed for canteen. Without volunteer support the canteen may be forced to close on certain days. If you can help out on any of the dates required (even if it's only for 1 hour) please contact the canteen asap.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Canteen Roster Term

Day	Date	Name
Week 3		
Wednesday	13 February	Lesley, Robyn 1 Volunteer Needed
Thursday	14 February	Janelle, Lesley, Cher
Friday	15 February	Jamie, Sharna, Kass, 1 Volunteer Needed
Week 4		
Monday	18 February	Carmen, Cath
Tuesday	19 February	Carmen, Amy
Wednesday	20 February	Lesley, Robyn, Kass
Thursday	21 February	Kristie, Lyndell
Friday	22 February	Jamie, Esme, 2 Volunteer Needed
Week 5		
Monday	25 February	Carmen, Alisha O
Tuesday	26 February	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	27 February	Lesley, Robyn 1 Volunteer Needed
Thursday	28 February	Susan B, Amy
Friday	1 March	Jamie, Sharna, Kass, 1 Volunteer Needed

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday Mornings 8.30am until 9.00am
- Thursday Afternoons 2.15pm until 2.45pm

Carmen & Alisa ☺☺

NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Visit the website by clicking on the link below to order uniforms online.

<http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good for Kids good for life



ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time!
Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids to apply




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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to be a SunSmart pro!

Test yourself with these SunSmart questions!

- 1: When do I need to use sun protection?
- 2: How can I be sun safe?
- 3: How can babies stay safe?



Answers

1. We need to use sun protection whenever the UV is three or above. In most of NSW, this is 11-12 months of the year. Check the SunSmart App every day to be sure.
2. It's simple, just *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*
3. Children under 12 months should be kept out of direct sunlight. Sunscreen is not recommended for children under 6 months. Remember to carry out a sunscreen usage test.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



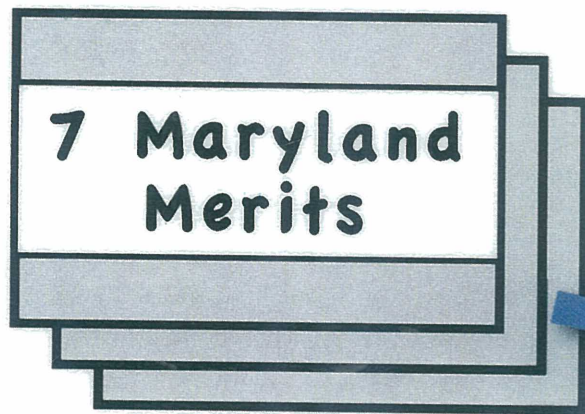
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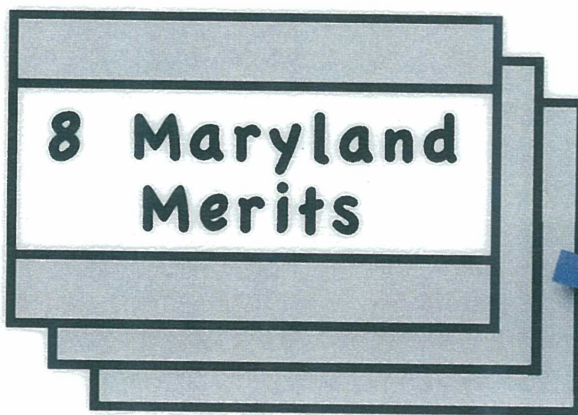




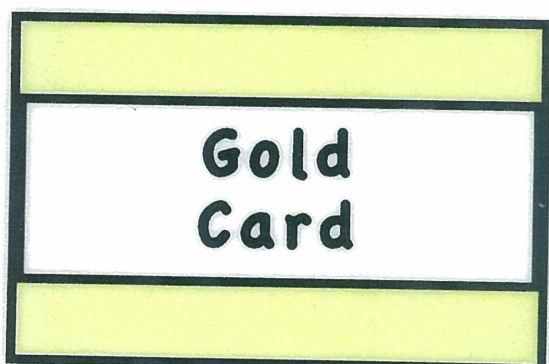
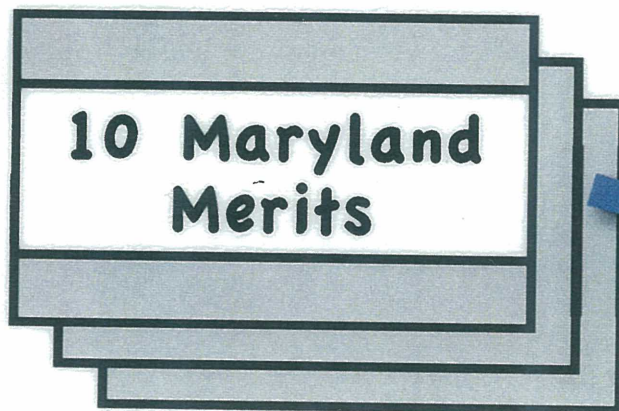
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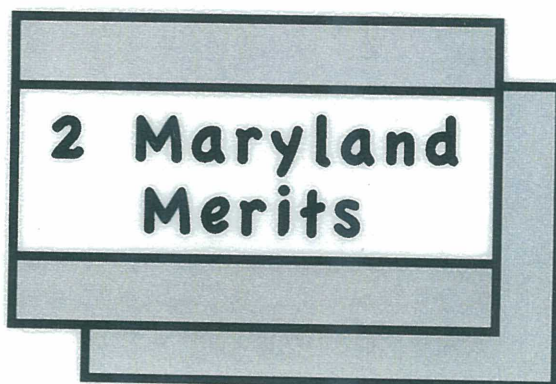
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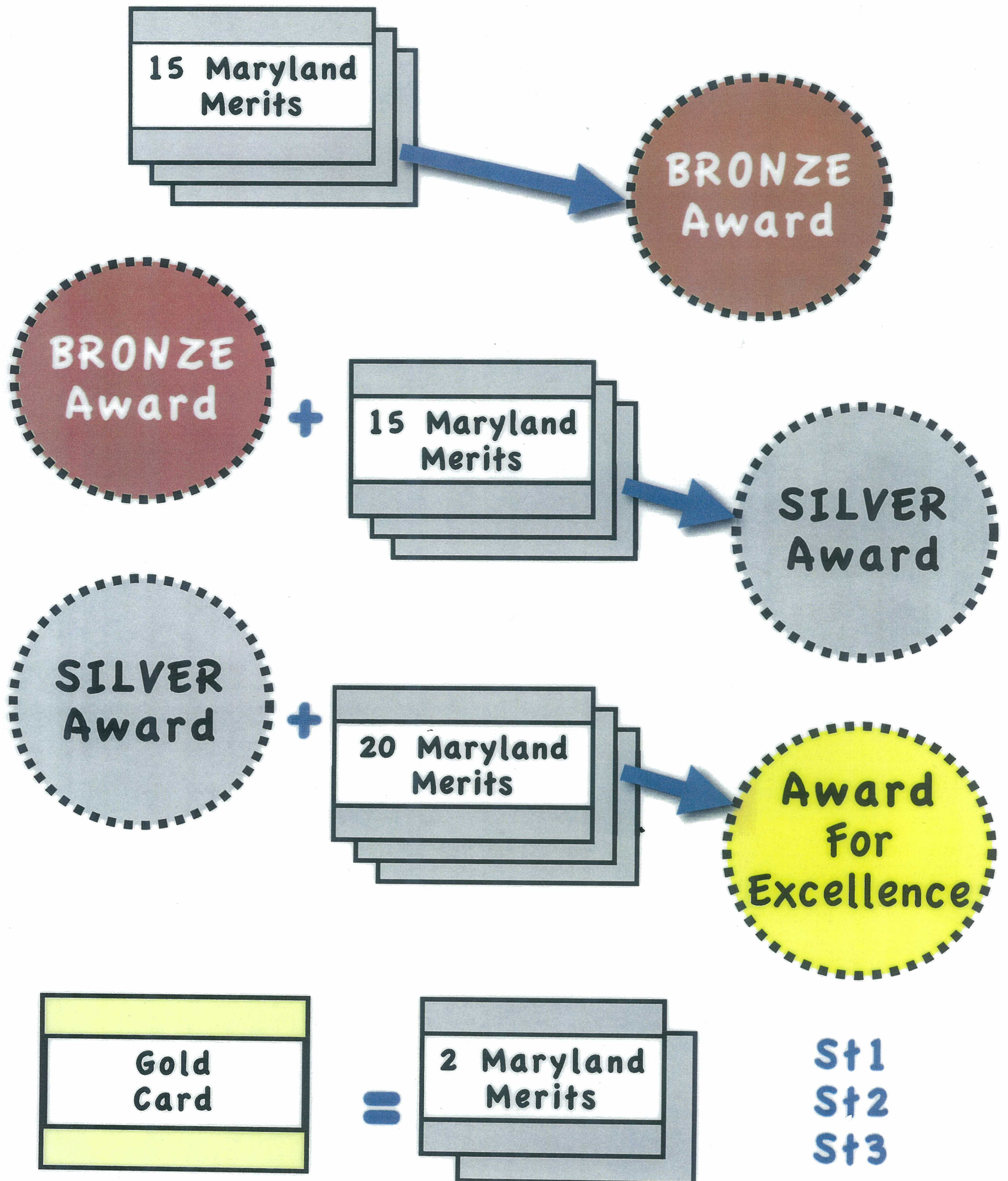
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Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.

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3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.