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# 2024 FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

JUNE 2024 PROGRAM



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## Welcome to the 2024 Festival of Learning

We are so excited at Meridan State College to be hosting a month long program of events, workshops and challenges in June as part of the very first Festival of Learning. We encourage all our members of our community to sign up to join in the fun, to learn something new and to be part of our community of learners. Keep an eye on our college Facebook feed throughout June to learn more about the events and to see all the exciting ways our community are learning together as part of the festival.

### How to get involved

From a High Tech Tea for Seniors in our broader Meridan community to Forest Yoga sessions and a Biosphere Buddies Forest School World Environment Day celebration, there are festival programs that will engage and delight all ages of our Meridan community.

You can get involved in the following ways:

- ▶ Register to attend some of the workshops or sessions. Individual workshops and sessions are targeted at different members of our community.
- ▶ Support your child to sign up for one of the workshops or sessions being offered as part of the festival.
- ▶ Visit our Learning Alley next to the Sports Centre during the Primary Disco on the afternoon of Tuesday 4th June. Our Festival of Learning team will have displays and activities you can do whilst the Primary students are grooving at the disco.
- ▶ Sign up your child or family to be part of one of our Festival of Learning Challenges. They run throughout the month of June and by participating you will go into the draw to win some great prizes.
- ▶ Keep an eye on our Meridan State College Facebook page or feed during the month of June. You'll be able to keep up to date with what is happening as part of the Festival and see our students, parents and community learning together.



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## 2024 Festival of Learning Workshops and Activities

### Sustainable Home Gardening & Lifestyles Workshop

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 – 9:00am – 12:00pm

For all interested community members aged 15 - 100

Level up your sustainability knowledge and home gardening skills at this workshop led by Meridan parent and sustainability guru Dr Kim Polistina. Kim has over 30 years of experience working and living change for sustainability. There is a cost of \$85 for this workshop with every participant receiving a starter kit for their own sustainable home garden. [Find out more](#)



### Sustainable Community Food Garden Tours

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - 9:15 – 10:15am

Yr 3 - 6 Students - 10:30 - 11:30am

Meridan State College is inviting interested community members to come for a tour of stage 1 of our Sustainable Community Food Garden. This tour will be hosted by Bruno Sanker – one of our eMpower program teachers.

[Find out more](#)



### Learning Alley

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 4:00 - 6:30pm

All Parents & Meridan Family Members Welcome

Come on down to the Learning Alley next to the Sports Centre on the afternoon of our Primary Disco to play, wonder and learn with some of the fantastic resources and robots our students use in our Meridan Primary classes. From our Story Time Chess kits to our awesome robots, you'll be amazed by some of the tools our students learn with at Meridan. No need to register – just drop in.



### World Environment Day Biosphere Buddies Forest School Session

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 9:00am – 10:45am

World Environment Day Celebration Event for all Meridan Prep students  
All Prep students will attend with their class on the day

For our Meridan Preppies, playing, wondering and learning in their very own rainforest is just part of their learning every day at our College. But on World Environment Day, we'll be taking learning to the next level with a very special day of celebrations. Students will be learning about the wildlife in our Sunshine Coast Biosphere, playing with our new Forest Friends Finger Puppet Theatres, making nature based arts and craft and more. We're so excited to announce that Wildlife SEQ is also bringing some furry and scaly friends for us to enable us to meet some real life biosphere buddies.







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## Coral Reefs Deep Dive Session

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 3:30 – 4:30pm

For all interested community members aged 10 - 100

Visit our Marine Science Unit at Meridan and learn about the astonishing abundance of life within our coral reefs and oceans. Develop an understanding of the impact that coral bleaching is having on the Great Barrier Reef. This session will be led by our Marine Science teacher Craig Reid who co-authored the book 'Coral Reefs and Climate Change.' [Find out more](#)



## Bee Discovery Workshops

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Workshops at various times. Students attend with their classroom teacher.

Students from our Early Years and Primary classes will have an opportunity to learn about our new native bee hives as part of special Bee Discovery Workshops being offered to our students. Students will inspect our hives, learn how to collect data, count incoming bees, explore pollinating gardens and get creative with cool bee-themed art and craft activities.



## Native Bees in a Box Workshop

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 3:15 – 4:15pm

For all interested community members aged 6 - 100

Come along and meet Janie from Native Bees in a Box to get the buzz on native bees and to learn about the new Native Bee Hives we have recently installed at Meridan. Participants will:

- Learn about how bees evolved and other fascinating bee facts.
- Discover how we can all contribute to increasing the native bee population on the Sunshine Coast.
- Learn about the Native Bee Hives Janie has installed at Meridan.

[Find out more](#)



## World Oceans Day Art Workshops

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024

P- 2 Students - 9:00 - 10:00am

Yr 3 - 6 Students - 10:30 - 11:30am

Primary students from Meridan are invited to unleash their creativity at these two awesome free art workshops we are hosting on World Oceans Day. These workshops will be facilitated by Anna from Kidz ArT who will also lead a short guided relaxation session as part of the workshops. [Find out more](#)





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## World Oceans Day Animation Workshop

Saturday 8th June 2024 - 9:30am – 11:30am

Open to Year 2 – 6 students at Meridan State College

Come along and celebrate World Oceans Day with a deep dive into the wild and wonderful world of stop motion animation! Be guided step-by-step as we design and create marine animals and environments from plasticine and found objects and bring them to life through the magic of animation. [Find out more](#)



## Story Time Chess Workshop

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Meridan State College is inviting families to come along to learn how to play chess at our Story Time Chess Workshop. Participants will learn the basics of chess and will play a game a chess with the help of our chess teachers. Bring along a friend or family member to play with for this session in our Resource Centre. Registration is essential. [Find out more](#)



## Forest Yoga Sessions

P- 2 Students – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – 3:00 - 4:00pm

Yr 3 - 6 Students - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 3:00 - 4:00pm

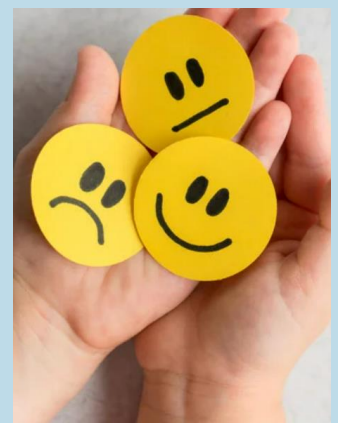
Meridan Primary students are invited to join us for our first ever Forest Yoga sessions. Yoga is a fantastic activity that helps kids connect with their body, breath and mind. It promotes positive body awareness, focus, compassion and individuality. This session will be facilitated by our very own Yoga guru and teacher Thea Nolte. [Find out more](#)



## Little People, Big Emotions Parents Workshop

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - 2:00pm – 2:45pm

Come along and meet some of our support Team at Meridan and learn some mindfulness and calming strategies to use with your children. Allow yourself to become part of our Mindful Marlin Community and reassess how you and your family cope with the stress of the world we live in. [Find out more.](#)





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## Meet the Story Dogs

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 8:00 – 8:45am

For all interested community members

Drop in to our Year 1 & 2 Undercover area on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June to meet our Story Dog team including Molly and her handler Cherise. Story Dog Volunteers read with children each week at Meridan as part of special Story Dog 20 minute reading sessions. They use the calming presence of the dog to support comprehension during each 20 minute reading session. No need to register, just come along to the Year 1 & 2 Undercover Area on the morning. [Find out more](#)



## Maths Fiestas

Workshops on various dates. Students attend with their classroom teacher. For selected classes in Meridan Primary.

Our young mathematicians in our Meridan Primary classes will be having an awesome time as they take on a range of maths puzzles, investigations and challenges as part of our Maths Fiesta programs. The Fiestas will be held by different classes and year levels throughout the Festival of Learning. Stay tuned to see pics on Facebook of our students and teachers wearing sombreros, smashing pinatas or devouring tacos as they make maths awesome,



## The Realistic Race

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

For educators and interested community members

During our Festival of Learning, Meridan will once again be hosting the Realistic Race. Inspired by the 'Amazing Race' concept, the Realistic RACE is a three hour workshop, which involves participants gaining a first-hand insight into disability for a brief amount of time while completing a series of tasks. The tasks undertaken will aim to ensure all participants experience common accessibility issues within the workshop venue and community.

Our hosting of this PD is a dream of Finley Coll - a Meridan student who is completing a traineeship at Spinal Life Australia. We encourage educators, industry members, business owners and individuals to register individually or as a team for this valuable professional learning opportunity. [Find out more.](#)







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## Esports for Students with Disabilities Info Session

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 4:30pm – 5:30pm

For Parents of Students with Disabilities at Meridan and interested community members

Meridan State College invites our parents of students with disabilities and interested community members to come along to this information session about our involvement in the statewide eSports for Students with Disabilities Pilot Program. Parents will learn about the trial, explore the values that we will be using to build social skills and confidence as part of our broader Meridan Esports program and will get to have a go of some of the games identified as part of the statewide trial. [Find out more](#)



## Marine Biologist Career Discovery Session

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 2:00 – 3:00pm

For all interested students in Years 5 – 12

Come along and meet our inspiring CSIRO STEM Professional Dr Charlotte Birkmanis. Charlotte is a marine biologist who researches sharks and whose career has taken many amazing twists and turns which have taken her on many global adventures. Participants will:

- Learn about how careers in STEM can take you to unexpected places.
- Develop their understanding of what a marine biologist does and learn more about sharks and what humans are learning from these amazing creatures.

[Find out more](#)



## High Tech Tea

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 2:00 – 3:30pm

For Senior Members of the Meridan Community

Meridan State College is inviting Seniors from our local community to join us for a High Tech Tea Party. Whilst indulging in some scrumptious treats, we'll explore how we can learn, play and connect with current and emerging technologies.

- Learn about current and emerging technologies and how to use them.
- Have some fun having a go at the technologies students are using as part of leisure and learning.
- Access our tech team for support with all your tech questions.

[Find out more](#)





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## Day of AI

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Various classes throughout Meridan

In today's rapidly evolving world, AI is ubiquitous, revolutionizing industries and shaping our daily lives. That's why on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, some of our Meridan classes will be taking part in the Day of AI activities being held across Australia. Students in these classes and teachers across the College will be encouraged to explore AI tools and to reflect on how this emerging technology is being used to change the way we learn, work and play.



## Inventors Lair Workshops

Workshops on various dates for Middle and Upper Primary students. Students attend with their classroom teacher.

Step inside if you dare and make something in our Inventors Lair. A piano made of jellybeans? Playdough that controls the letters on screens? A glove that plays an air guitar? Alfoil that controls a falling star? It's all possible in the lair so we can't wait to see you there.

Classes attending our Inventors Lair will:

- create inventions with our Makey Makey Invention Kits and the Scratch programming platform.
- Learn about conductive and non-conductive materials.
- Develop skills in engineering, design and computational thinking.

No registration is necessary. Selected classes attend with teacher.



## Augmented Reality Adventures

Every day during first break in June  
with Mrs D in the Meridan State College Library

Every day throughout June in the library in our Resource Centre, students will be able to explore the wonders of Augmented Reality. Augmented Reality (AR) is an interactive experience that combines the real world and computer-generated 3D content.

During lunch breaks, students will be able to colour their own 2D trigger images and will then use our iPad kits to watch their images come to life as 3D models. At random times throughout the festival, classes and students will be able to see our library shelves come to life with the magic of AR. From much loved storybook characters like the Very Hungry Caterpillar to the most feared dinosaurs, they'll all be making an appearance to help our students play, wonder and learn.







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## Festival of Learning Challenges

As part of our Meridan State College Festival of Learning, we have two challenges that run throughout the whole month of June. Details are below and on the next pages.

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## The Good Life Goals 30 Day Challenge

Throughout June, we're encouraging our entire Meridan State College and broader Meridan community to take on our Good Life Goals 30 Day Challenge. The Good Life Goals are personal actions that we can all take to help support the Sustainable Development Goals – the UN's blueprint for a better future for all. Check out our Good Life Goals Actions page to see the personal actions you and your family can take.

Email a photo, drawing or story that shares the actions you've taken as part of the challenge, to go into the draw to win a prize. Send your emails through to: [festivaloflearning@meridansc.eq.edu.au](mailto:festivaloflearning@meridansc.eq.edu.au)

**DAILY IN JUNE 2024**

**A goal without a plan is just a wish.**





### LEARNING GOALS

- To help you learn about the Good Life Goals and develop an awareness of how the personal actions that everyone around the world takes, can help build a brighter and more sustainable future.
- To be part of our community. Together we can make a difference.

**FOR OUR ENTIRE MERIDAN STATE COLLEGE COMMUNITY**

View the [Good Life Goals Challenge Sheet](#) to see the challenge actions.



# THE GOOD LIFE GOALS

## 30 DAY CHALLENGE

Help make a difference to our local and global community by taking on these actions in June.

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| <b>1</b> HELP END POVERTY       |    | Share and donate what you can.                             | <b>10</b> BE FAIR             |    | Stay open-minded and listen and learn to others.  |
| <b>2</b> EAT BETTER             |    | Enjoy more fruits and vegetables.                          | <b>11</b> LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE |     | Do something nice for someone in our community.   |
| <b>3</b> STAY WELL              |    | Wash your hands & exercise regularly.                      | <b>12</b> LIVE BETTER         |    | Reuse, repair, recycle, share and borrow.         |
| <b>4</b> LEARN AND TEACH        |   | Keep learning throughout life.                             | <b>13</b> ACT ON CLIMATE      |   | Walk and cycle rather than drive.                 |
| <b>5</b> TREAT EVERYONE EQUALLY |  | Be kind and treat everyone equally.                        | <b>14</b> CLEAN OUR SEAS      |  | Say no to unnecessary plastic.                    |
| <b>6</b> SAVE WATER             |  | Save water when brushing your teeth, washing and cleaning. | <b>15</b> LOVE NATURE         |  | Spend time outside enjoying nature.               |
| <b>7</b> USE CLEAN ENERGY       |  | Save energy by turning off lights.                         | <b>16</b> MAKE PEACE          |  | Be kind and tolerant.                             |
| <b>8</b> DO GOOD WORK           |  | Support our local businesses.                              | <b>17</b> COME TOGETHER       |  | Learn about those who volunteer in our community. |
| <b>9</b> MAKE SMART CHOICES     |  | Stay smart and kind online.                                |                               |  |   |

Email a photo, drawing or story that shares the actions you've taken as part of the challenge to [festivaloflearning@meridansc.eq.edu.au](mailto:festivaloflearning@meridansc.eq.edu.au).





# 30 Days of DRAWING

## A Meridan State College Festival of Learning Challenge

June

Draw every day to hone your skills and level up your creativity. Use the prompts provided. Draw by yourself, in the library with friends or with your class.

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						<b>1</b> Draw something you might see from your window.
<b>2</b> Draw a friendly monster or alien.	<b>3</b> Draw something using only black.	<b>4</b> Draw an amazing or magical forest.	<b>5</b> It's World Environment Day- Draw something on Earth we should take care of.	<b>6</b> Draw an animal you've spotted at Meridan.	<b>7</b> Draw something that makes you laugh.	<b>8</b> It's World Oceans Day- Draw your favourite sea creature
<b>9</b> We love our Meridan Story Dogs. Draw a dog that loves to read.	<b>10</b> Draw something you love to eat.	<b>11</b> Draw a web belonging to a creative spider.	<b>12</b>  Draw a real life hero.	<b>13</b> Draw a Meridan Marlin.	<b>14</b> Draw something from a bird's eye view.	<b>15</b> Draw something using only your favourite colour.
<b>16</b> Draw a character from your favourite book.	<b>17</b> Draw an animal with a moustache.	<b>18</b> Draw an interesting pattern.	<b>19</b> Draw an invention that would make the world better.	<b>20</b> Draw something using only four colours.	<b>21</b> It's the last day of school! Draw a place you want to go.	<b>22</b> Draw a plant or flower in your garden or local park.
<b>23</b>  Draw something you love.	<b>24</b> Draw yourself having fun at the beach.	<b>25</b> Draw a character from your favourite show or movie.	<b>26</b> Draw the most delicious or disgusting dessert you can imagine.	<b>27</b> Draw an insect you could spot in your house or garden.	<b>28</b> Draw two animals that would make unlikely friends.	<b>29</b>  Draw a picture of you.
<b>30</b> Draw anything you like.						



Email a photo or two of your drawings to us at [festivaloflearning@meridansc.eq.edu.au](mailto:festivaloflearning@meridansc.eq.edu.au) to go into the draw to win some great art & craft prizes!





**A ZERO  
WASTE  
EVENT**

# **UNDER 8'S DAY 2024**

## **FRIDAY 7TH JUNE**

Meridan State College invites our Prep - Year 2 students, their families and 0 - 5 year olds and their parents from our local community to join us for our annual Under 8's day of fun activities in our Prep precinct. Come along, join in the fun and make, explore and play as we celebrate being Under 8.



**Friday 7th June**  
9:00am - 10:30am



**Meridan State College**  
Prep Precinct