

Merimbula Public School

Newsletter – Term 2, Week 3



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Congratulations to our high potential and gifted sports people who have been representing our school (very successfully!!!) in a number of sporting ventures this week. Our Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) knockout teams look as if they will go very far this year!

Congratulations to all Cross Country runners who are also representing our school today at the Far South Coast District PSSA District Cross Country. We hope that you will achieve your personal bests! Thank you to Mr Doherty, Mr Moses and Mrs Doyle for supervising our team and assisting with carnival coordination today.

Well done to our high potential and gifted artists who have been working with Mrs Chapple to create our Annie Jr. musical sets this week. These artists have been amazing at creating, enlarging and drawing their designs, ready to mentor younger students when painting backdrops in the coming weeks! We are so excited to see these creative masterpieces come to life!

Throughout the past years, the education sector has experienced a state-wide staffing crisis. This has impacted the staffing of many schools. Fortunately, with additional support staff and release from face-to-face

(RFF) teaching staff at Merimbula PS, we have not had to split any classes, as teachers have been able to flexibly cover each others' timetables/classes as required.

In 2024, we do not have additional RFF staff or learning support staff. Due to the staffing crisis, additional staff cannot be engaged on a long-term basis to allow for this flexibility. Unfortunately, this has meant that three classes have needed to be split for the first time today, due to casual teacher shortages. 1J was split across K-2, 4H across 3-6 and FD across the family classes. Reduced funding may also see this occur in the future, should casual teachers/funding not be available to replace teaching staff. We hope that this is not the case, and appreciate your understanding in this regard, as we plan to reduce disruption to classes in any way we can.

Our 2024 School Plan is now available to read via our school website. Please check out our website in the 'About Our School' section, and 'School Planning and Reporting Tab'. At [this link](#) you will find our 2021-2025 Strategic Improvement Plan, which includes areas of focus and goals for the 2024 school year. Thank you to our staff, P&C and school community for providing ideas during meetings

COMING EVENTS

Term 2

Week 4:

Monday 20th May: P&C Meeting @ MPS 6pm;

Tuesday 21st May: PSSA Boys Soccer @ Berrambool;

Wednesday 22nd May: PSSA Boys Cricket @ Googong

Week 5:

Monday 27th May: SCLC Music Camp;

Tuesday 28th May: SCLC Music Camp;

Wednesday 29th May: K-2 Assembly hosted by 2F 2.00pm-2.55pm; SCLC Music Camp;

Thursday 30th May: SCLC Music Camp concludes;

Friday 31st May: PSSA Touch Football Gala Day @ Pambula Sporting Complex;

Consent and Payment Reminders:



and surveys. We have enjoyed collaborating with our wider school community to drive school improvement in the coming year.

Our 2023 Annual School Report is now available on our website for parents and caregivers to access. If you would like to find out more about our 2023 programs, funding and success, use the link provided in this newsletter. Thank you to the P&C and SRC of 2023 for contributing to this report.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal



P&C News: Our next P&C Meeting is being held on Monday, May 20th in the Merimbula Public School staffroom. The meeting will take place from 6.00pm. New members and guests are welcome to attend. We would love to have more parents and community members join us as we work together to continue to ensure that our school is the best that it can be. If you would like to join to P&C, please collect a membership form from the school office or you can email the P&C directly on merimbulapublicschool@pandcaffiiliate.org.au

Annual School Report 2023: Do you want to learn more about our school programs, initiatives, achievements and budget commitments? If so, check out our 2023 Annual School Report, located on our website in the 'School Planning and Reporting' Section: <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>

Opportunity Class (Aurora College) - Year 5 entry in 2025

Reminder: Students seeking enrolment in Aurora College for Year 5 entry in 2025, are considered for entry on the basis of academic merit, which is determined by the students' performance in the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Applications will close next Monday May 20th. If you would like your child to sit the placement test for Aurora College, please follow the link to register. [Application process \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

Recorder Ensemble News: On Thursday May 16, some of our high potential and gifted student musicians attended a Festival of Instrumental Music rehearsal at Candelo Public School, in preparation for their upcoming performances at the Compass Festival of Music in Bega on June 6, and at the Sydney Opera House on June 26th.

Ticket information for the Sydney Opera House performance will soon be shared with parents/students.



Compass Music Festival – Update: To accommodate anticipated audience numbers at the upcoming Compass – Far South Coast Music Festival on Thursday 6 June, the Arts Unit have decided to run two shows at 5pm and 6:30pm. Each show will be identical and performing students will perform in both shows.

As previously advised via Compass, our students will already be at the Civic Centre during the day for rehearsals and will remain in Bega to prepare for the night performances. Please refer to the link for additional details:

- General Permission for Pump Track and consumption of food/drink – Due now
- PSSA Boys Cricket Round 4 – Consent due May 19th
- PSSA Boys Soccer Round 2 – Consent due May 19th
- PSSA Boys and Girls Touch Football – Consent due May 19th
- Compass Music Festival - \$12 bus fare and consent due May 19th.
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Consent due June 9th.



Crunch & Sip News:

Crunch&Sip does not have to be limited to school days. Encourage your children to crunch on fruit and vegetables and drink plenty of water over the weekend and during holidays.

Don't forget to join in! Be a positive role model by enjoying Crunch&Sip with your kids as you set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating habits.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre is available for phone appointments for the Bega, Eden & Cobargo area.

- Eden: Tuesday 21st May 2024, 1:30pm - 3pm
- Bega: Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 9:30am – 2:30pm



<https://merimbulaps-nsw.compass.education/Organise/Activities/Events/>

To ensure that there are enough tickets for everyone, we ask that families only purchase tickets to see one show. Students will be dismissed together after the second show at approximately 8:15pm.

Tickets will go on sale at **9am next Friday 24 May** via the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/compass-music-festival-far-south-coast-tickets-884628015207>

or by scanning the QR Code.



We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of music on the Far South Coast!

School Spelling Bee - Congratulations to the following Spelling Bee Stage Champions Lachlan and Erin. Both students will move on to the regional finals to be held in August. Well done!

Girls Soccer - Congratulations to our MPS Girls' Soccer Team, who won their match against Eden Public School on Tuesday at Berrambool Oval, 6 goals to 0.

The team played exceptionally well, showing fantastic sportsmanship and will now move onto the next round of the PSSA Knockout.

PSSA Basketball News: Congratulations to our Girls' PSSA Basketball Team, who won convincingly 31-6 against Pambula Public School this Wednesday.



Congratulations also go to our Boys' Basketball team playing against Pambula Public School too! The boys won the match by an impressive margin of 68-23.



All players demonstrated great sportsmanship and determination! Both teams will now progress through to Round 3, to be determined in June once neighbouring teams have played.

- Cobargo: Thursday 23rd May 2024, 10:15am – 12:30pm

Please see attached flyer for more information and contact details.



Uniform Shop Times - Reminder: Our Uniform Shop is open each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (school days) between 7.45am and 8.20am, with access via the gate near the canteen. Our shop is located on the oval side of the Jackson Hall. The shop can also be accessed at other times via private booking. Please call our Administration Office during school times to make an appointment.

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