



School Leader, Monitor and Captain Representation 2021

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Dear Student, Parents and Caregivers,

Merimbula Public School offers a range of leadership opportunities for all students. One of the opportunities Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) students have is to represent their peers as a **House Captain, Technology Monitor, Library Monitor, Bus Monitor, Flag Monitor, Class Student Representative Council Leader** and/or **Mascot**. Year 6 students also have the opportunity to represent their peers and school as a **School Leader** (*please note, this option may also open up to Year 5 students if there is not enough interest from Year 6 students*). These same opportunities will continue in 2021. Students who have held positions in 2020 can also reapply.

Positions:

School Leaders: Our school has 5 school leaders. There are no set numbers of boys or girls. These leaders coordinate and run whole-school assemblies (including some class and home time preparation); represent the school at local and community events (as required during class/out-of-school time ie: ANZAC Day); assist in running special days, SRC Meetings (fortnightly at lunch time or recess); assist in the running of school discos (when held); and present speeches at school and community events (ie: two students give a speech at the Merimbula ANZAC Day service in town, on the public holiday, when held). School leaders are expected to have exemplary behaviour, talking and listening skills, as well as, the confidence to lead their peers and work with staff to coordinate activities. School Leaders must be in Year 6. Year 5 students may be considered should not enough students in Year 6 (during the following year of leadership) express interest.

House Captains: Each house (Bellbirds, Pelicans, Kookaburras and Swans) has four House Captains. In the past we have had a captain of each gender, to coordinate the Netball, Soccer, Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Teams for their house group. We will endeavour to have the same in 2021, however, should limited candidates of one gender apply/be successful, numbers may be filled with students of the opposite gender. House Captains and Vice Captains, in addition to coordinating teams and helping at sporting events, also loan equipment from the Sports Store at the beginning/end of 2-3 lunch breaks a week.

Technology Monitors: The school has up to 10 Technology Monitors each year who assist in setting up assemblies, special days and performances, the Technology Room, as well as, assisting with sound and lighting at other events. Some set up may be required during class/play times.

Library Monitors: The school has up to 10 Library Monitors each year who: assist in setting up library displays and help in the library during lunch and recess once a week (when the Library is open during these times). This may include assisting staff and other students or with borrowing.

Bus Monitors: The school has 2-4 Monitors for each bus. They are required to assist at the front and back of the line when alighting the bus in the afternoon. They also assist young/new students in bus lines. Whilst they are required to remain seated on the bus, they assist the school in reporting inappropriate bus behaviour, so that it can be followed up by the bus company.

Flag Monitors: The school's two Flag Monitors raise and lower the Australian and Aboriginal flags daily.

Class Student Representative Council Members: Each class has 2 SRC Representatives (up to 4 in an open classroom). They attend SRC Meetings and lead class meetings. They share SRC Meeting information with their class and class information with the SRC. The Family Classes have one representative who represents the three groups. These representatives are selected by their class peers (in class at the beginning of each semester) and inducted at the beginning of each semester.

Mascots: The school has 3 mascots, related to our 3 school values. These mascots give out encouragement tokens during assemblies and at other special school events to students demonstrating appropriate behaviours. Mascot volunteer times are negotiable.

All leadership positions must be filled by students who demonstrate exemplary behaviour and our school values. Students must also be committed to the additional time and homework that is involved when holding one of the positions.

Process:

- Tuesday October 13 (Week 1 Term 4) – Expression of Interest (EOIs) Applications (attached) are sent home;
- Monday November 2, 9am (Week 4) – EOIs are due to the office;
- Monday November 2 to Friday November 6 (Week 4) – Executive Team read EOIs, as well as allocate positions and/or organise which students will give speeches (if required for SRC/House Captains);
- Monday November 9 (Week 5) – Students giving speeches notified (and photos taken for ballot paper);
- Friday November 13 (Week 5) – Draft Speeches shared with Mr Doherty/Miss Hearn/Mrs Hodsdon;
- Monday November 16 (Week 6) – SRC Speeches (9.30am-10.45am) These may be presented via Zoom/Facebook as opposed to being held during an assembly, depending on COVID restrictions at the time;
- Following speeches – all K-5 students complete preferential voting process to elect leaders. Staff do not vote.

The number of students giving speeches is culled due to the length of time the assembly/Zoom presentation takes. Up to 12 students will be invited to give speeches based on the quality of their EOI and ability to meet the school values and position role and responsibilities.

Students asked to give a speech are to present a 3-4 minute speech in the Jackson Hall/via Zoom to all staff and students. Parent/carer guests may not be invited to attend this year. It will depend on COVID restrictions at the time. We will let you know closer to the date. Students unable to attend the speech assembly may be able to arrange a Zoom presentation (at least a week of prior notice will be required).

If you have any questions about the leadership nomination and voting process, please contact the school Administration Office on (02) 64951266 to arrange a time to meet/talk with Mr Doherty, Miss Hearn (SRC Coordinators) or me.

Regards,
Michelle Hulme
Principal



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All sections MUST be completed

Name: _____ Class: _____

Grade in 2021: _____

House Group: _____

Bus Number: Morning: _____

Afternoon: _____

My Preference (1-8):

- School Leader _____ (Must be in Year 6 2021)
- House Captain _____
- Technology Monitor _____
- Library Monitor _____
- Bus Monitor _____
- Flag Monitor _____
- Mascot _____

Why I want to be a school leader:

Why I would be good at being a school leader:



