



Monday May 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I get very excited at this time of year as I have the privilege of welcoming new children and their families to Merimbula Public School. Merimbula Public School is a friendly, welcoming school with excellent facilities. It has a supportive staff, Parents and Citizens group and strong links to the community. Merimbula Public School works closely with our local preschools, early childhood centres and services to make sure that your child starts school with a smile.

In the coming months you will find out more about Merimbula Public School, our staff, programs and the many opportunities your children will receive when they join our family. Some of our 2022 Kindergarten staff will be making visits to your child's early childhood centre or service to get to know your child. This will support them in getting ready for their orientation visits to our school.

Our Orientation Program will commence at the start of Term 4. We will also be holding additional small group transition visits in Term 3, to support children with additional learning needs and/or disability, to assist them in having a smooth start to school. **Small group transition visits** will be taking place **on July 20th, August 3rd, August 17th and September 7th**. Attendance on these days must be confirmed by the Principal, following your child having already attended his/her enrolment interview.

On **Wednesday November 3 (9:45am-10:45am)** children will begin their **orientation visits** in classrooms whilst parents/carers are invited to attend the Information Session held in our school's Jackson Hall. An Assistant Principal (Kinder to Year 2 Coordinator), School Psychologist, other support staff and I will share information about our school and how you can prepare your child for school. This will also be a time for asking questions and having morning tea with the parents and caregivers of other children. If COVID-19 physical distancing restrictions apply at this time, we will inform you of any changes to our meeting organisation via our Facebook page.

Our Orientation Program then involves additional visits for two Wednesdays: **November 10 (9:30am-11:00am)** and **November 17 (9.30am-12.00pm)**. During these sessions, children will be taking part in fun activities in the classrooms. We will be able to see how they play together to support us in making the right choice for your child when we complete our class placements. You will also have input during this time as to who your child's teacher will be, which friends you would like your child to be in the same class with and what day/time your child will initially start school.

In the meantime, you can further support your child's transition to our school by:

- Returning the **"Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School"** to Merimbula Public School with your child's **Birth Certificate, Immunisation Statement, Healthcare Plans, Courts orders** (if applicable) and a **Proof of Address** (such as the top of one of your phone/electricity bills or a photocopy of your licence).

Please note: Enrolment forms can also be completed online via <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=2526>

- Bringing your child to the school and having an interview with me and a tour of our school from May 17. Please book your tour ASAP to ensure your preferred time and so that we can start catering for your child's needs.

Please complete and return the attached **"Enrolment Interview - Expression of Interest for 2022 Kindergarten"** booking form ASAP, together with your child's Enrolment Form and attachments. **Please note that these documents and an interview are required prior to your child attending our Orientation Program / school.**

Our Administration Office will be in contact with you to confirm our meeting. Please be advised that your child will be required to attend this meeting.

You will receive more information about our school in an **Information Pack on November 3**, however if you are interested in finding out more about our school now, you can join us on Facebook [@MerimbulaPublicSchool](#) or have a look at our web site: <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. Additionally, Merimbula Public School parents are invited to download our free School Stream app. Once your child is enrolled, please download the app from your phone/iPad app store and create an account to have access to up to date information relevant to your child including Orientation Day visits and activities.

Enclosed within this pack are two posters containing information about special upcoming orientation events.

1. A Parent Information Night for Parents/Caregivers of children with Additional Learning Needs/Disability (Monday, May 24 6.30-8.00pm); and
2. A Parent/Caregiver Information Night about Kindergarten 2022, our Orientation Program and How To Prepare Your Child for School.

If you have any questions about our enrolment procedures, out-of-area enrolment requirements, our school Orientation Program, or if you would like help in completing the application, please do not hesitate to call me on (02) 6495 1266, or email me at the school's email address on: merimbula-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to meeting you and your child in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Michelle Hulme
Principal



Merimbula Public School



ENROLMENT INTERVIEW - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for 2022 KINDERGARTEN

Please return this slip to Merimbula Public School by Monday May 17, 2021.

Dear Ms Hulme,

I/we would like to meet with you to discuss my child _____'s enrolment at Merimbula Public School for 2022.

The most convenient days/times for me/us to meet are; (Please number the boxes 1 to 5 in order of preference for appointment times): We will endeavour to fulfil your preferences and will be in touch to confirm appointment times.

TERM 2				
Day/Time	Week 5 Monday May 17	Week 5 Tuesday May 18	Week 6 Tuesday May 25	Week 6 Wednesday May 26
9.15-10am				
10-10.45am				
11.15am-12pm				
12-12.45pm				
2.15-3pm				
3.30-4.15pm				
4.15-5pm				

Day/Time	Week 7 Tuesday June 1	Week 7 Wednesday June 2	Week 7 Thursday June 3	Week 8 Tuesday June 8
9.15-10am				
10-10.45am				
11.15am-12pm				
12-12.45pm				
2.15-3pm				
3.30-4.15pm				
4.15-5pm				

TERM 3				
Day/Time	Week 5 Tuesday Aug 10	Week 5 Wednesday Aug 11	Week 6 Thursday Aug 19	Week 7 Monday Aug 23
9.15-10am				
10-10.45am				
11.15am-12pm				
12-12.45pm				
2.15-3pm				
3.30-4.15pm				
4.15-5pm				

I have attached my child's:

- Application to Enrol
- Proof of Address
- Immunisation Statement
- Birth Certificate
- Court Orders
- Healthcare Plan

From (Name/s of parent/s and caregiver/s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Child's Current Early Childhood Centre/Preschool (and Days/Times attended):

Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Centre and Times Attending					