



Friday, September 16, 2016.

## Ethics classes at Merimbula Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

***Could you be an Ethics Teacher for Merimbula Public School?  
Or do you know somebody who would be interested?***

In 2016, thanks to our wonderful group of volunteer Ethics Teachers, ethics classes have been offered **to all four Stages** at Merimbula Public School, including Kindergarten/Early Stage 1. Our school is the only school in our region that has had the privilege to do so. However, some of our current Ethics Teachers are moving on at the end of the year and we are now seeking volunteers so that all the classes can continue uninterrupted in 2017.

**Ethics Teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics**, which consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Curriculum and access to teaching resources is provided. Suitable volunteers that have an interest in children's education and developing their critical thinking skills can apply, and must be available to teach for 30 minutes on Friday afternoons during the school terms.

In Ethics Classes, teaching is done through dialogue and discussion - a tradition of philosophical inquiry that goes right back to Socrates. This approach has significant social benefits. By learning to think about ethical matters together, and through the give-and-take of reasoned argument, students learn to consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Children discuss topic such as:

- *imagining how others feel*
- *how do we treat living things?*
- *how do we disagree in a respectful way?; and*
- *fairness.*

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Elisabeth Larsen, Ethics Coordinator for Merimbula Public School on: [e.larsen@bigpond.com](mailto:e.larsen@bigpond.com) PH: 0448 235 577.

Sincerely,  
Ms Michelle Hulme - Principal



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