

### Merimbula Public School Newsletter

# Term 1 Weeks 1 to 6 – 2017

#### Principal's Messages:

Welcome to an exciting new year at Merimbula Public School! We have had a wonderful start to Term 1, welcoming around 20 new enrolments already as well as supporting our 2017 Kindergarten children and families to have a smooth start. It has been so wonderful to see 55 smiling little faces ready to start their primary school learning journey at our wonderful school!

We have also welcomed some new staff members to our school: Assistant Principal Mr Brenton Mace, Assistant Principal Miss Tahlia Stafford, and teachers Miss Kirra Boulton, Miss Natasha Sconfienza and Ms Erna Gaynor.

The following teachers and classes have been formed for 2017.

Class	Teacher
FL	Mrs Tina Lawson
FB	Mr Brenton Mace
FM	Mr Craig Morris
KV	Ms Jodi Vaughan
KW	Ms Jayne Wilson
K/1Y	Mrs Megan Young
<b>1</b> S	Miss Kirra Boulton
1B	Miss Natasha Sconfienza
2M	Mrs Candy McVeity
2S	Miss Tahlia Stafford
2/3J	Mrs Jenni Smith
3G	Ms Erna Gaynor
3/4P	Miss Caitlin Patterson
4S	Mrs Beth Smith
4F	Mrs Amanda Fowler/Mrs Terri Tuckwell
5C	Mrs Anna Charlton
5B	Mrs Manda Brewer
5/6K	Mrs Lisa Kellaway
6H	Mr Adam Hughes

Mr Mace will be supervising teachers within the support classes, as well as our Learning Assistance and Support (LAST) Teacher Ms Kim Peters and our School Counsellor Ms Pauline Allan. He will also be leading our Welfare Committee and further leading the school implementation of Kids Matter. Mrs Tracey Varley-Mitchell, who will teach the support classes Library and Music, will also be part of Mr Mace's team.

Miss Stafford will be supervising the Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 staff as part of her role as Assistant Principal. She will also be leading our Curriculum and Assessment Committee. Our 2017 Music Teacher, Miss Arati George, will also be part of Miss Stafford's team.

Mrs Brewer will be supervising the Year 3 to Year 6 team as well as our Positive Behaviour for Learning and Sports Committee. Mrs Erin Feneck, our Librarian, will also be part of her team.

Mrs Janelle Hodsdon will not be taking a class this year. She will be working with me to support communication and policy improvements as well as to support teacher professional learning and student welfare. Please contact the above Assistant Principals if you have any suggestions or concerns in relation to their areas.

We now have two more classes than we had in 2016. This will mean a demountable classroom will be installed at our school in the coming weeks. 3G, Ms Gaynor's class which is currently in the library, will move into the new demountable room.

It is so wonderful having so many new faces and families. We thank you for your patience and support while we make these minor adjustments.

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**School Works:** As well as a demountable being delivered, the wet areas, kitchens, cabinetry, linoleum, sinks, ovens and bench-tops in the support classrooms and 2M will all be replaced towards the end of this term. These works are likely to take place from Weeks 6 to 11.

Removal of the current area fixtures will take place over the weekends, to minimise noise to the adjoining classrooms. New kitchens however will take place during the weekdays. Students/families will have to access the classrooms from the side doors, not via the wet area. We apologise for any inconvenience however look forward to having amazing new cooking and craft spaces in our school!

Over the Christmas break the ceilings of the above mentioned rooms, and classrooms, as well as the Administration Block were painted. It is great to have a fresh new look to our already new looking areas!

**Staff Leave / Staffing Changes for Term 1:** Whilst teachers don't like leaving their classes during the school term, especially in Term 1, due to family or other reasons some teachers may need to take leave.

From today, February 3, Mrs Charlton will be on leave until February 9. From February 20 until March 2, Mrs Young will be on leave. Both teachers will be replaced by Mrs Adele Mackey.

Between February 16 and March 20, Ms Vaughan will be taking leave. She will be replaced by Mrs Mary Pearce. Both Mrs Mackey and Mrs Pearce are experienced casuals who know our school and students. They have also been spending extra time at the school this year getting to know our new classes.

Throughout Term 1 our LAST Ms Peters is also on leave, being replaced by Mrs Dot Green, while she supports other schools across the state in implementing synthetic phonics reading programs.

**Classroom Locations:** Please see the attached School Map to find out where your child's classroom is located if you haven't already visited.

Please remember that all school visitors MUST sign in at the front Administration Office on arrival and they must sign out on departure.

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Working With Children Checks (WWCC): From March 2018, it is compulsory for school volunteers (those helping at sporting games/carnivals, volunteering in classrooms etc) to have an approved Working With Children Check. If you have not already obtained this clearance, please do so this year and provide your certification to the Administration Office.

Volunteers working as Scripture/Special Religious Education/Ethics teachers, Canteen Volunteers and those transporting children to/from sport, or completing tasks at school when not in full view/supervision of a classroom teacher (ie the P&C/stall holders and volunteers) are required to have their WWCC this year.

If you need, or would like, to apply for a WWCC in 2017, you can complete the online application form at <a href="http://kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check">http://kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check</a> . If you cannot access the online system, call the Children's Guardian customer service line on (02) 9286 7219 for assistance. Persons with volunteer clearance are not required to pay an application fee.

More detailed information about 'How To Apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance' is located on our web site in the Handouts Section.

Changes at Home and Changes That May Upset Children: If there are any changes at home, with family circumstances, visitors, upcoming holidays or moves etc, or if a beloved family pet is unwell etc, please let your child's class teacher know.

This will help us support your child if they experience related anxiety or are upset.

Students experiencing anxiety at school, or who may be experiencing learning difficulties, are able to access additional support through an application to our Learning Support Team and/or School Counsellor. Please contact your child's classroom teacher, or the Administration Office, on (02)64951266 if you would like one of the referral application forms to complete. We will also add them to our web site in the coming weeks.

Keep checking our Facebook site and Kids Matter Facebook posts for more ways in which you can support your child in building resilience to support them at school with their confidence and learning.

**School Communication:** As shared in 2016, date effective maintaining up to and communication can sometimes be challenging as a result of having (this year) 419 students and 350+ families attending our school. We have a large, busy school that works hard to offer many varied opportunities. Coordinating these, often while liaising with other busy schools and organisations, not to mention working around the weather, can at times mean dates and activities change at short notice. Whilst we will be sending out a Newsletter to give an overview of key events, teaching and learning programs, dates and initiatives, sometimes dates and events may change. When this is the case, updates will be posted on Facebook and/or School Stream.

With many notes coming home, and with us wanting to keep our Facebook site, School Stream app and Web Site up to date, having a Newsletter sent home every 5 weeks, instead of weekly, will ensure that we can keep all methods of communication as up to date as possible without taking too much time away from planning our great activities and supporting your children.

A newsletter like this one will be sent home with the youngest child in the family twice a term.

School Web Site: All of our permission and information notes can be accessed via the Handouts section. The calendar will show a view of coming events. A wealth of information about our Department of Education, public schools, Merimbula Public School, staff, policies and detailed news stories can be found on our web site. Our School Plans, Annual School Reports and information about staff and programs can also be accessed.

Important Dates/Calendar Items: Please remember that in a busy school we can have unavoidable external and internal interruptions that will require events to change dates/times. To keep up to date with what is happening, please download our School Stream app or check Facebook regularly throughout the term for updates and alerts.

**How Will I know What Notes Go Home?** Each Friday we will put a post on Facebook to let you know which notes have been sent home.

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**School Newsletter:** Will include an overview of upcoming events, activities, key dates (particularly in Week 1 when a Term calendar is outlined), policy changes and Stage News. Library, Japanese, Music, Sport, Technology and Health News will also be included when relevant.

Class Timetables and Extra Curricular Events: At the beginning of each term, our Newsletter will let you know when regular extra-curricular (music rehearsals, sport team training, and non-playground lunch activities) occur throughout the week. Information regarding particular extra-curricular events will mostly be shared via permission and information notes. Sport and Performing Arts notes are grouped separately within the Handouts section of our web site. These notes are only sent home to participating students.

**School Stream:** Will contain links to Newsletters, and digital permission notes. This app will also allow us to send digital alerts and messages to families, as well as allow families to contact us regarding positive feedback, concerns and absences.

**Facebook:** This public site is for sharing positive stories, photos, event reminders and for promoting the amazing things students, families and staff are doing at our school. Our P&C also have a Facebook page.

How Will I Know What Is On Each Week? You can check the Newsletter, School Stream or Web Site Calendar to see what is on each week. Each week we will also post, via Facebook, a list of the week's key events. The "Big Events" taking place will be outlined in the school Newsletter.

We hope you like our new Newsletter and that it gives a clear insight into upcoming events and programs at our innovative and engaging school.

I hope you enjoy our first Newsletter and Term 1! Ms Michelle Hulme, Principal



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#### **School News:**

School Swimming Carnival (Year 3 to 6): The Annual School Swimming Carnival for Years 3 to 6 students is taking place next Wednesday at the Sapphire Coast Aquatic Centre in Pambula. Permission notes were sent home yesterday (see the web site 'Handouts' if your child did not bring theirs home). They are due back next Monday with full payment.

Students are expected to attend the carnival and may take part in novelty events and outdoor sports games if they do not wish to enter the races on the day. No prior sign up to races will be required.

Year 2 students who are competitive swimmers (ie can swim 50 meters and attend Squad or Swimming Club) can see their teacher for a note to be considered for entry.

Years 3 to 6, and participating Year 2 students, will attend House Meetings next Monday afternoon for more information.

Music Room Change: This year music classes will be taught either in the Jackson Hall or in classrooms. Music tutorial groups and band rehearsals will take place in the 2M Classroom. Choir rehearsals will take place in the Hall and recorder rehearsals will take place in the 2M Room (Advanced Recorder) or 4F Room (Beginner Recorder).

Learning Support News: In the coming fortnight, classroom teachers will be contacting parents/carers of students who: receive funding support OR; are in a support class. If your child receives this support and you do not hear from his/her teacher, please contact the school. We would like to have teachers, support staff and parents/caregivers work together to support students that have Individual Education Plans to have a smooth start to 2017, by holding some Planning Meetings. We look forward to arranging a mutually convenient time to meet with you.



1B teacher Miss Boulton.

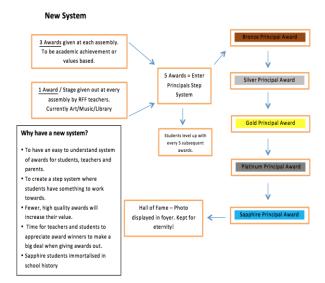
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Anti-Racism Contact Officer: Mrs Janelle Hodsdon is our Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). Please contact Mrs Hodsdon or Ms Hulme if you have any concerns regarding racism, would like information about our school's Anti-Racism Policy or would like to gain more information about how we support our children through implementing the policy.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Award System:** We are currently in the process of implementing a new award system at Merimbula Public School.

Please take the time to make yourself familiar with the model below. We understand that our older students may have received several Principal's Awards throughout their years at our school. If they would like to bring them in, we will take them into account and record the number they have (as Bronze Awards) in our new online system, as they strive towards higher award levels. If you have any questions about the new system, please contact Mrs Brewer. The school's Discipline Policy and Department's Behaviour Code have also been sent home with today's newsletter.





Miss Stafford and 2S.

Class SRC (Student Representative Council) Induction Assembly: This week, Class SRC reps were voted on by the students. These representatives will meet with me, Ms Hulme, on Wednesday's at recess to organise student-led initiaves, fundraising and disco themes etc.

Their induction will take place at a whole-school assembly in Week 4, Kindergarten will not be attending however. The Induction Ceremony will be held from 2-2.55pm in the Jackson Hall. Students will receive SRC badges. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

The following students are this Semester's (Term 1 and 2) SRC Reps:

Class	SRC Representatives
FL	Jazmin Cooper & William Peisley
FB	Kyuss Theidman & Maverick
	Wattam-Bowes
FM	Charlie McGarry & Chad Smith
K/1Y	Chloe Tonkin & Lachlan Meechan
<b>1</b> S	Tyla Radford & Grace Parker
1B	Aspen Tanner & Jack Cleverley
2M	Ruby Barrett & Emma Fraser
2S	Billy Hughes & Jacob Farley
2/3J	Rosanna Fernando & Lila Wilson
3G	Riley Pilt & Perrine Chabrier
3/4P	Hayden Stevens & Jorja Humphrey
4S	Hayden Randall & Cianna Williams
4F	Kellie Pickup & Rafael Chabrier
5C	Otto Lowe & Lauren Stewart
5B	Abby Fraser & Matthew Burge
5/6K	Isaac Overend & Rachel Ward
6H	Amali Burton & Jade Vanlandeghem

**SRC Celebration Disco Term 1:** The SRC Leaders Pearl Butler-Woollard, Maka Ofati, Jayda Hulme, Angus Kew and Corey Lawson, will be working with the SRC to coordinate the Semester 1 Disco. It will be held on Monday, March 13.

A permission note for the disco, which outlines costs and themes, has been sent home with today's newletter.

Parents are not required to attend the disco, however those with WWCC's are welcome to come in the hall for a quick look! Photography by parents/carers at the disco is prohibited.

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Cases of Impetigo and Head Lice: One case of Impetigo (school sores) and one case of Head Lice have been reported this week.

Impetigo are small red spots that change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted: usually on the face, hands or scalp. Students with impetigo are required to remain at home from school until antibiotic treatment commences. A doctor must also be seen prior to the child returning to school.

Students with headlice are able to attend school whilst they receive treatment each night. Lice may be found near the scalp and children usually scratch their head when infested.

Please check your child for lice, nits and impetigo this week. For more information about childhood illnesses and whether your child should stay at home, please see the attached information handout provided by NSW Health.

**School Attendance:** Unless your child is sick, has an unavoidable medical appointment, or has been granted an exemption from school to attend a family or religious holiday/gathering by the school Principal in writing, students must attend each school day.

It is also extremely important that students arrive on time each day to avoid missing out on important morning literacy and numeracy activities that may set them up for the day's learning.

More information about absences and the need for regular school attendance has been sent home with today's newsletter.

**Bus Pass Applications:** NSW Transport now require all bus pass applications for *new students, Kindy, students who have moved and Year 3 students* to be made online. All other students will be reissued a pass in the coming weeks. To be eligible for a school travel pass, students may need to live a minimum distance from the school. K-2 Students: There is no minimum distance; 3-6 Students: 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

To apply for a bus pass, visit <u>apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts</u>. If you do not have internet access, or have trouble with the site, call **131500** for assistance with your application.

#### **School Bell Times:**

8.30am	Morning Bell / Teachers on
	Playground Duty
	Students SHOULD NOT be on
	school grounds prior to 8.30am
8.40am	Breakfast Club – Free at Canteen
	Lunch Orders are DUE by 9am
9.00am	Morning Classes
11.15am	Lunch
	Canteen opens from 11.25am
11.55am	Classes
1.25pm	Recess
1.55pm	Afternoon Classes
2.55pm	Home Time / Bus Lines

Students being picked up from school should wait on the concrete steps in the K-2 area for pick up. Children should not be encouraged to walk to cars, between buses or cross roads alone in the interest of their own safety.

If you want your child to meet you at your car, choose a less congested area like on Beach Street. The teacher on the Walking/Crossing Line can cross them over Main Street for you. This might be a nice activity to practice with your child on the weekend when the roads are not so busy.

Release From Face To Face (RFF) Teaching: As well as having their own teacher this year, students will receive a 1 hour Music Lesson per week with Miss George or Ms Varley-Mitchell. They will also receive a 1 hour weekly library lesson with Mrs Feneck.

Japanese lessons will still take place however only for 1 term per class, for an hour a week. Additional Japanese lessons will take place on Wednesdays at lunch times for students wanting to join the 'Japanese Club' (from Week 5).

RFF teachers, days and times are included within this newletter near the attached Term 1 Calendar.

Department's Code Of Conduct: All staff, volunteers, contractors, P&C Members and visitors to the school are expected to adhere to the Department's Code of Conduct. If you visit or help at our school, please be aware of your responsibilities by reading the Code of Conduct procedures located in our front office (where you sign in) and on our web site in the "Handouts".

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**School Organisation:** Please encourage your child to be organised for school and school activities. We would also appreciate it if you could organise where children are going to after school in the mornings as it is sometimes difficult to get messages to children during the day. We realise that sometimes routines change but multiple calls throughout the day may disrupt valuable learning time.

**Post Box Reminder:** Please encourage your child to be independent and place all notes and money envelopes into the 'post box' in the foyer.

Asthma, Allergies and Anaphylaxis Update: If you have not informed the school that your child has asthma, or an allergy/anaphylactic reaction, please contact the office on (02)64951266 and request that an Action Plan form be sent home. These forms must be updated yearly. Forms will be sent home this week with students who have existing plans.

Voluntary Contributions: We are very fortunate to have such a well resourced school and funding donations yearly from the P&C. There are still many more things we would like to purchase to support our quality teaching and learning programs. Voluntary contributions support us in purchasing classroom resources. Invoices for the \$45 per child contribution will be sent home in Week 4. Please consider making payment when you can.

**Student Assistance:** The school has a small budget set aside to help families needing financial aide to purchase uniforms and/or school supplies, or attend excursions. Applications for assistance can be obtained at the Administration Office. They are put to a panel at each week's Executive Meeting to ascertain if/how the school can support. If you are requiring financial assistance, please complete your application ASAP, prior to the Tuesday panel meetings.

Permission To Publish and Updated Student Information Note: Please complete the Permission to Publish Note and Student Information Update Note for each child you have attending our school, and return it to the office by the end of Week 4 (February 17).

Web CATS Book Launch and Book Orders: Last year, nine of our Creative and Talented (CAT) students wrote and illustrated children's books! These books have been published and will be launched at the Tura Manang Library next week!

The Mayor is looking forward to presenting each student with a copy of their book at the official book launch on Saturday, 11th February at 10am.

There are also some fantastic prizes to be given out at the Book Launch, including 3 generous vouchers from the Web CAT printers, Albumworks. Perfect for publishing a bigger and fancier version of one of our students' books, or for creating a whole new book of your own!

#### **USEFUL "Web CATs" LINKS**

- VIEW EVERY BOOK ONLINE in the WebCaTS Shop: <a href="http://www.webcats.org/view-and-order-books">http://www.webcats.org/view-and-order-books</a>
- BOOK LAUNCH EVENT INFORMATION is here: <a href="http://www.webcats.org/book-launch-poster">http://www.webcats.org/book-launch-poster</a>
- RSVP: Please let us know if you will be attending by clicking here:
   https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/webcats-book-launch-tura-marrang-library-tickets-31669902531
- AUTHOR SURVEY: If you have not already done so, could all participating students please take a few minutes to carefully complete the online survey at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FC2W6JL">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FC2W6JL</a>

Lucy and Judith, the project coordinators, are looking forward to seeing the participating students and other young authors, their families and teachers at the book launch. It's just over a week away and will be lots of fun!

Prizes will also be given out on the day to students who choose to "dress up" for the launch! Maybe you have a book character outfit from last year's Book Week that you can recycle!





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#### **Performing Arts News:**

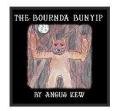
### Music Group Rehearsals (from Week 5/ February 20):

- Monday 8:35am Flute & Advanced Recorder Tutorial (2M Room/Mrs McVeity)
- Tuesday 8:35am Clarinet & Trumpet Tutorial (2M Room/Mrs McVeity)
- Tuesday Recess 1.25pm Band Rehearsal (2M Room/Mrs McVeity)
- Wednesday 8:35am Saxophone Tutorial (2M Room/Mrs McVeity)
- Thursday 8:35am Beginning Recorder (4F Room/Mrs Fowler)
- Thursday 11.25-11.55am –Choir (Jackson Hall/Miss George).

An Expression Of Interest note for new music tutorial students has been sent home with today's newsletter for interested students. It is also available on our web site.



Ice made us all cooler on the first day of school! As the temperatures reached the high 30's, the SRC handed out ice for eating and drink-bottles!





Some of the student books that the Mayor will launch on February 11 at the Tura Beach Library.

#### **Sports News:**

**Sports Times Term 1:** Sport times/days will remain the same for K-2 in Term 1, with Kindergarten having sport from 12.25-1.25pm and Years 1 and 2 between 1.55-2.55pm each Wednesday (except during inclement weather or on 'special days' such as the Jackson Cup).

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Sport will take place from 12.25-1.25pm each Friday. Stage 2 Sport (Years 3 and 4) will take place from 1.55-2.55pm on Fridays. 3-6 sport will take place at school in Term 1 as students prepare for the Cross Country Carnival and Ball Game Knockout Team trials.

Students must wear suitable footwear (not skate shoes), a hat and bring lots of water on sports days during the summer months. Students must bring an asthma puffer or sunscreen if needed.

An Expression Of Interest note for PSSA Sport Knockout Teams (Year 5-6 students) has been sent home with today's newsletter for interested students. It is also available on our web site.



#### **Library News:**

This term, most stages will be working on navigating the library system and school borrowing procedures. They will also re-visit cyber-safety. Other lessons will link into Stage-based learning themes.

We are looking forward to commencing regular library lessons once the new demountable classroom arrives.



#### **P&C News:**

Welcome to Term 1! We have a lot of exciting P&C events coming up this year. Our first meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

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#### Japanese News / 日本語:

....Konnichiwa! From Week 5, Japanese Club will commence on Wednesdays at Lunchtime with Fowler Sensei in the 4F Classroom. Any interested students are invited to attend.

During this time students will speak Japanese and explore Japanese culture, games and craft such as origami. *If you want people to understand you, speak their language. African Proverb* - Fowler Sensei

### Technology Education and Keeping Your Kids Safe Online:

Each Newsletter, we will be giving you some technology hints and safety tips, thanks to the Cyber Safety Lady, our P&C and IMB who funded ICT information sessions through an IMB grant received by the P&C. This Newsletter's tips are on *Supervision Limits!* 

"Friending" or supervising your child on apps, Facebook or social media is no guarantee that they will be kept safe. Your child's content can be shared by their friends and others can add nasty comments and inappropriate messages and photos to your child's page.

These public posts can upset your child regardless of your supervision. Your child is only as safe as their online peers support them to be. If your child's friends are not supervised appropriately, or their friends are immature or unkind at times, then your child is at risk. For more information see the Cyber Safety Lady at the following web address: http://www.thecybersafetylady.com.au

#### **Canteen News:**

Our Canteen has some exciting news this term! *Term 1 Opening Times:* We will continue to be open for Recess!!! (1.35-1.55pm). This will be so cold drinks and iceblocks can be purchased. Recess snacks will also be available. Breakfast Club will still operate (for free) from 8.40-8.50am, and Lunch Orders still need to be placed by 9am. The canteen will continue to open at lunch time.

**Term 1 Menu:** The Term 1 Canteen Menu is attached to this Newsletter.

**Volunteers Needed:** With our extended opening times, we need more helpers! Please contact the school by filling out the slip attached to this Newsletter if you can offer a few hours or days of your time. Kids love seeing parents/carers helping!



Lunch orders are placed in the lunch order box at the canteen before 9am. Please show your child/ren this photo to remind them when it is lunch order day.



Ms Bunce is our friendly Canteen Supervisor.
If you'd like to help in the canteen, please fill out the attached form. Your kids will love seeing you help out at school – even if only for a couple of hours each term.



#### **Kindergarten News:**

Welcome back to all students! A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students and families and those returning.

This term will be a busy one in Kindergarten with new students learning all about making friends, routines and so many firsts - as their Kindergarten journeys begin. They may come home very tired at first. You can help them by making sure that they have healthy nutritious lunches, snacks and plenty of water with the hot weather.

Please label all of their belongings as they aren't the best at looking after their new things at first.

Most of all enjoy this special time and embrace all the changes and new learning your child will be sure to share with you. As always, if you have any concerns please see your child's class teacher.

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#### Stage 1 News:

In Year 1 and 2 we will be learning all about Asia, this term, including its place in the world and how Asia is similar and different to Australia. It ties in nicely with the celebration of Chinese New Year from January 27<sup>th</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2017 is the Year of the Rooster.

In Mathematics we will be focusing on Whole number, 2D and 3D space, Multiplication and Division, Area, Length, Fractions and Decimals, Patterns and Algebra and Data and Chance.

The Term 1 Talking and Listening task will be sent home shortly.

We thank you in advance for supplying your children with all their school supplies that they need within the classroom each day. We look forward to another exciting year educating your children!



Miss Sconfienza and the lovely 1S!



Mr Mace enjoying some time on the playground at his new school!



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#### Stage 2 and 3 News:

A big welcome back to all students, we hope you had a relaxing and restful summer.

In *English*, Stage 2 students will be studying 'Journeys' and Stage 3 students will be studying 'A Waltz for Matilda', focussing on character development and characterisation (for Term 1 and 2 with a different concept focus each Term).

Stage 2 Math topics include:

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Weeks	Topics
2	Whole Number and Angles
3-4	Addition & Subtraction and 3D Space
5-6	Multiplication & Division and Volume & Capacity
7-8	Fractions & Decimals and Length
9-10	Patterns & Algebra and Chance

#### Stage 3 Math topics include:

Weeks	Topics
2, 3 & 4	Whole Number
5, 6 & 7	Addition & Subtraction
8 & 9	2D Space
10 & 11	Position

For *Science*, Stage 2 will be studying 'Feathers, fur or leaves', which is a unit focused on exploring how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features. Stage 3 students will be learning about the 'Physical World'.

For *History*, students in Stage 2 will focus on 'First Contacts' and Stage 3 will learn about 'Australia as a Nation' (which will be carried over Terms 1 and 2).

For **PDH**, students in both Stages will complete the 'Quality Start' as well as 'Ready, Set, You Can Do It' programs.

Commencing Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 students will be undertaking the **KidFit Leaders Program**. This program is designed to inspire and equip Year 5 & 6 students with the understanding, skills and knowledge on how to take on the responsibility of building a positive, healthy and active school environment through physical activity and peer support.

Stage 3 students will be receiving a homework task in the coming weeks.

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#### **IMPORTANT 2017 DATES:**

These dates will be added to School Stream and the school web site this week.

#### **TERM 1:**

See the attached Term 1 Calendar.

#### **TERM 2:**

- Mon April 24 Staff return
- Tues April 25 ANZAC Day / student march & SRC Speeches
- Wed April 26 Students return
- Thu May 11 K-2 AFL Skills Day TBC
- Fri May 12 Zone Cross Country, Wolumla
- Thur May 18 3-6 Athletics Field Events Carnival
- Mon May 22-25 SCLC Music Camp
- Wed June 7 Athletics Carnivals K-2/3-6
- Mon June 12 Public Holiday/Jazz Weekend
- Thur June 22 Paul Kelly Cup Stage 3
- Mon June 26 NAIDOC Week Assembly at MPS / NAIDOC Week Celebrations commence
- Fri June 30 Last day of Term 2

#### **TERM 3:**

- Mon July 17 Staff return
- Tue July 18 Students return
- Tue July 25 and Wed July 26 Parent teacher mid-year interviews
- Mon July 31 Education Week
- Tue Aug 1 Book Parade/Book Fair and Open Day
- Fri Aug 11 Zone Athletics Carnival, Bega
- Tues Sept 5 Fri Sept 8 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
- Tue Sept 12-Wed Sept 13 School Photos
- Thurs Sept 14 Jackson Cup
- Mon Sept 18 Term 3 Disco
- Thur Sept 21 Jackson Cup Back Up Day
- Fri Sept 22 Last day of Term 3

#### **TERM 4:**

- Mon Oct 9 Staff and Students return to school
- Kindy Picnics and Orientation See postcard>
- Mon Nov 27 Sports Award Presentation Day
- Fri Dec 8 Presentation Day
- Thu Dec 14 Year 6 Farewell / K-2 Party Days
- Fri Dec 15 5-6 Party Days / Leaving Arch/ Last day of Term 4

#### Throughout the year - Assemblies:

Odd Weeks = **K-2** Assemblies (Week 4 SRC Induction for Stage 1 students, then from Week 5). Even Weeks = **3-6** Assemblies (from Week 4). All Assemblies are held in the Jackson Hall from 2-2.55pm.



#### **Weekly Events, Activities and Extra Curricular Classes**

		Library	Japanese	Music	Other
Monday	<ul> <li>8.15-9.15am - Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>8:35am Flute / Advanced Recorder Tutorial</li> <li>11.25-11.55am Choir in Jackson Hall</li> <li>1.55-2.55pm - School Assembly (From Week 4: K-2 Odd Weeks/ 3-6 Even Weeks – In Jackson Hall</li> </ul>	Mrs Feneck 2M and 6H  Miss Varley- Mitchell FL	N/A	Miss George 2/3J, 2M and 4F	<u>Miss Varley-</u> <u>Mitchell</u> 5B
Tuesday	<ul> <li>8:35am - Clarinet &amp; Trumpet Tutorial</li> <li>11.25-11.55am From T2 W5 Musical Main Actors</li> <li>1.25-1.55pm - Band Rehearsal 2M Room</li> </ul>	Mrs Feneck 5B, 5C, 3G and 4S	Fowler Sensai 2/3J, 3G, 2M and 2S	Miss George 5/6K Miss Varley- Mitchell 5B	Miss George 2S Miss Varley- Mitchell FB and 5B
Wednesday	<ul> <li>8.35am - Saxophone Tutorial in Hall</li> <li>9am - School Banking</li> <li>11.35-11.55am Japanese Club 4F Room</li> <li>1.35-1.55pm SRC Meetings in Library</li> <li>12.25-1.25 - Kindy Sport</li> <li>1.55-2.55 - Stage 1 Sport</li> </ul>	Mrs Feneck 1B, 1S, 4F and 3/4P	N/A	Miss George 15, 1B, 3/4P and 3G  Miss Varley- Mitchell 4S	<u>Miss Varley-</u> <u>Mitchell</u> FB
Thursday	<ul> <li>8.15-9.15am and 2.15-3.15pm - Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>8.30am Beginning Recorder 4F Room</li> <li>11.25-11.55am Choir in Jackson Hall</li> </ul>	Mrs Feneck KW, KV, K/1Y and 5/6K	N/A	Miss George K/1Y, KW, KV and 2S Miss Varley- Mitchell FB, FL and FM	<u>Miss Varley-</u> <u>Mitchell</u> 5B
Friday	- 12.25-1.25 – Stage 3 Sport - 1.55-2.55 – Stage 2 Sport	Miss George 2S Miss Varley- Mitchell FB, FM and 2/3J	N/A	Miss George 6H, 5C, 2S	Miss Varley- Mitchell FB



The \$5.00 headstart is credited to the Zoo account in the child's name. Ofter not redeemable for cash, "Limit of one per member for each 10 school banking disposits made. Giff will be the current IMB Bank School Banking Giff being dishibuted at the time that the member becomes eligible to receive the giff. The information is general advice only in account jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consider the PDS analotise from IMB Deferred advice only in a count jour inforbidual situation, objectives on redee. Please consideration in the please of the please in the p

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# School Calendar – Term 1, 2017 Merimbula Public School

Changes and updates may be seen on School Stream, our web site calendar & on Facebook

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onth	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
January	1	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	26 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Staff Return to School	28/29
Jan/Feb	2	Years 1-6 Return to School / KV&KW Best Start	XV&KW Best Start / K/1Y Kindy Best Start from 12-3	1 KV&KW Best Start / K/1Y Kindy Best Start from 12-3	2 Kindy Students Commence	Newsletter Sent Home	4/5
February	3	6 House Meetings 1.55pm Year 3-6	7	8 School Swimming Carnival	9	Kid Fit Leaders Stage 3 Peer Support Training	11/12 Web CATs Launch @ Tura Library 11/2
February	4	13 SRC Induction/3-6 Assembly 2- 2.55pm/P&C Meeting 6.30pm	14 11.45-12.30 NRL Anti-Bullying and Respect Assembly/ Workshop	15	16	Information / Permission to Publish Notes Due	18/19
February	5	<b>20</b> K-2 Assembly 2pm	21	Zone Swimming Carnival Candelo	23	International Food Day Orders Due	25/26
Feb/March	6	27 3-6 Assembly 2pm (Includes Swimming Carnival Preso.)	Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6pm	1 Book Club due /International Food Day/ Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6pm	2	3 Newsletter Sent Home	4/5
March	7	6 K-2 Assembly 2pm/ P&C AGM 6pm then P&C Meeting 6.30pm TBC	7	8 Disco Notes and Money Due	9	10	11/12
March	8	13 3-6 Assembly 2pm/ K-2 Disco 5- 6.25pm/3-6 Disco 6.30-8pm	14	15	16 Year 3&4 AusKick Gala Day Pambula \$2	17 Gifted & Talented Stage 3 Engineers Day	18/19
March	9	K-2 Assembly 2pm/ Harmony Week	21 Harmony Day	22	23	24	25/26
March/April	10	3-6 Assembly 2pm	28	29 Cross Country Carnival (K-2 at MPS/3-6 at Berrambool)	30	<b>31</b> Stage 3 Mini Fete	1/2
April	11	3 K-2 Assembly 2pm / P&C Meeting 6.30pm	4 Ryka Ali Aboriginal Education Performance Free/ Easter Red Food Day	Cross Country Back Up	6	<b>7</b> Mini Fete Back Up	8/9 School Holidays



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Don't Forget Your House Coloured Shirts on Sport Days (Wednesday K-2 and Friday Years 3-6) as well as at Sports Carnivals (Swimming & Cross Country)

Bellbirds = Red

Pelicans = Blue

**Kookaburras = Green** 

Swans = Yellow

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# Term 1 2017

## The Big Events!



#### Parent Teacher Interviews



Our Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on <u>Tuesday February 28 and Wednesday March 1</u>, in Week 6 of this term. This is a great way to have a 1:1 talk with your child's Classroom Teacher, share any concerns and learning celebrations as well as ask questions about what your child can work on in the coming terms. Interviews take place for approximately 10-15 minutes. Interviews will again take place early in Term 3 after the mid-year reports have been sent home. Booking sheets will be sent home in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Stage 3 Mini Fete – Friday, March 31:





Stage 3 students will be holding their Mini Fete on Friday March 31! Students take \$5 to \$20 to spend on this day, taking part in sideshow games, challenges and guessing competitions. Everyone learns about money and Mathematics in a real world context while funds raised reduce the cost for the Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

#### Year 3 & 4 AusKick Gala Day March 16

Stage 2 students have been invited to attend the AusKick Gala Day in Pambula. All Stage 2 students will take part as it will be part of our Ball Skills Physical Education Program. A note will be sent home in the coming weeks.



#### **Cross Country Carnival**



All Years 3 to 6 students will head to Berrambool Oval on March 29 for the annual Cross Country Carnival. Competitive Year 2 students turning 8 in 2017 can also attend. Students will walk to

and from the oval. K-2 students will have their own carnival at school from 12-1.25pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend both events!

# Swimming Carnival



Our Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival will take place at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre in Pambula next Wednesday. Students are to wear their full sports uniform over their swimmers. Children will play sports outside through the day so they should take sunscreen if they want to wear it. Hats and water bottles are a must!

Competitive Year 2 swimmers who are turning 8 years old (and do squad or swimming club) are also invited to attend. See your child's teacher to get a note.

Students who win events, and meet qualifying times, may be invited to represent MPS at the Zone Carnival in Candelo on Wednesday February 22.



#### Ryka Ali Performance

To celebrate HARMONY WEEK, Ryka Ali will be returning to Merimbula PS to put on another one of his amazing and educational performances. This performance has been paid for by the school and is of no cost to



#### Celebration Disco & Mufti Day - \$RC Fundraisers:

This Term the SRC are running two fundraisers, the first one is a <u>Mufti (Out Of Uniform) and Crazy Hair Day</u>. Children can come to school wearing 'mufti' clothes (no crop or singlet tops & enclosed shoes must be worn) they can also have crazy hair styles (see Facebook/posters for ideas) and can donate <u>a gold coin</u> to support Year 1 student Amelia Davey in making a difference! Amelia (pictured below) will be shaving her head next week to be able to donate her hair to make a wig for a child who has lost their hair due to being sick. These wigs can cost up to \$6000! Every dollar donated will support Amelia in helping others! So caring Amelia!



In Week 8, Monday March 13, the SRC will be hosting School Disco's (K-2 5-6.25pm and 3-6 6.30-8pm). Notes were sent home today, and are on the web site. Notes are due back to school with the \$7 payment by Wednesday March 8.

It is a Celebration Disco for students with great behaviour, therefore students on Behaviour Monitoring may not be able to attend.

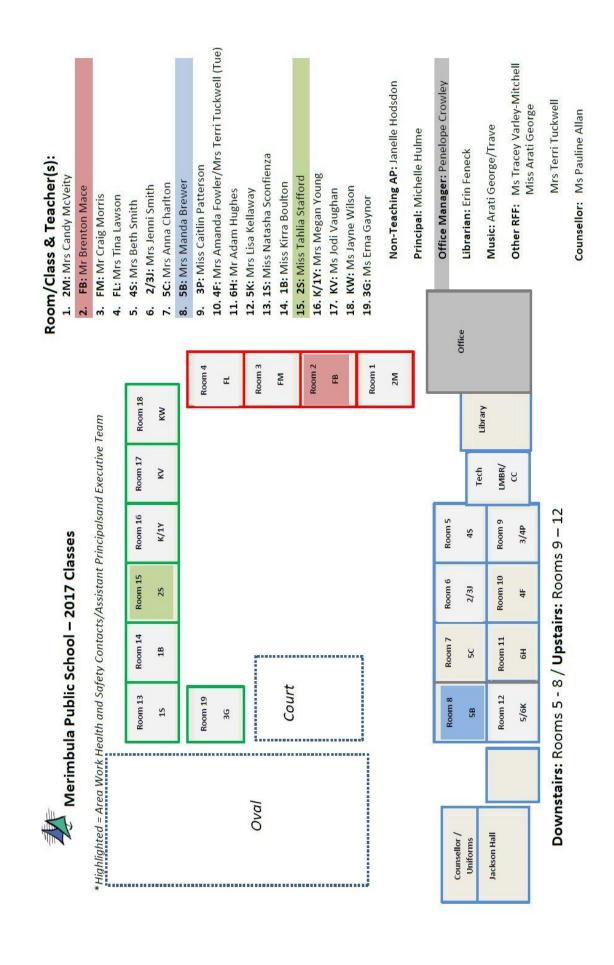


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Bronchitis	Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.	Antibiotics may be needed.
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.
Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	
<b>Diarrhoea</b> (no organism identified)	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
Fever	A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.	until temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.
German measles (Rubella)	Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.	for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)	Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.	unless they're feeling unwell.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.	until all blisters have dried.
Hayfever [Atlergic rhinitis] caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees], dust miles, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke	Sneazing, a blocked or runny nose (rhinitis), itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches.	
Head lice or nits* [Pediculosis]	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	
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Hepatitis A	Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.	for 2 weeks after first symptoms for 1 week after onset of jaundice). Contact your doctor before returning to school.
Hepatitis B	Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.	if they have a chronic pymptoms. Contact have a chronic your doctor before infection front he returning to school. first outbreak) and no symptoms.
Impetigo (School sores)	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.	until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
Influenza	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	until well.
Measles	Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.	e for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Meningococcal Disease	Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck, stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.	Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.
Molluscum Contagiosum	Multiple small lumps [2-5mm] on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.	(F)
Mumps	Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.	on for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Ringworm* (tinea corporis)	Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.	for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.
Runny nose or common cold		in unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.
Scabies*	Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.	until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
Shigella	Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.	until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.
Stapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19 infection, fifth disease, erythema infectiosum)	Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.	(4) as it is most infectious before the rash appears.
Whooping Cough [Pertussis]	Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	— until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.
Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)	The main sign of threadworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel out of sorts and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.	(a) and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.

\*It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm







## Sandy Beach Cafe Term 1 Canteen Menu

### Term 1 Canteen Menu 2017



Our school takes pride in offering healthy canteen menu options informed by the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and Fresh Tastes @ School Policy as "Children and adolescents need sufficient nutritious foods to grow and develop normally". For more information go to: <a href="https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student\_serv/student\_health/canteen\_gu/CMPlanner.pdf">https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student\_serv/student\_health/canteen\_gu/CMPlanner.pdf</a>



Red "Occasionally" Foods: We do not sell these more than twice in one term.

Amber "Select Carefully" Foods: We do not let these foods dominate the menu and we avoid large sizes.

Green Foods: Fill the menu!

International
Food Day Term 1 "Vietnam"- March
1st. Order forms
will be sent home
beforehand & are

Daily Menu Items					
Sandwiches/Rolls and Wraps:  Add 50c for rolls/wraps, or extras: pineapple, cheese, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cucumber and/or lettuce.		TASTES healthy food at school Snacks:		Drinks: Iced Strawberry Iced Chocolate Iced Honeycomb	\$2.00 \$2.00 \$2.00 \$2.00
Salad (With: Ham, chicken or tuna) Ham, Salad or Tuna Salad Mini Wrap Cheese and Tomato (With: Ham or Chicken) Cheese and Tomato Egg and Lettuce	\$5.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$3.50	Berry Yoghurt Cup Seasonal Fruit Veggie Bag Pizza Muffin Pasta Cups Garlic Bread	\$2.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00	Flavoured Milk (Choc, Strawberry, Banana) Spring Water 99% Juice Popper (Tropical, Orange, Apple/Blackcurrant) Frozen Treats:	\$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.00
Cheese  Toasted Sandwiches: Ham/Chicken and Cheese and Tomato Ham or Chicken Cheese and Tomato Cheese	\$2.50 \$4.50 \$4.00 \$3.50 \$3.00	Corn On The Cob Mousse Cups Popcorn Mini Muffins Pikelets Vegemite Crackers	\$1.00 \$1.00 50c 40c 30c 5c	Frozen Yogurt Vanilla Ice Cream Tub Paddle Pops Icy Twists Calippos Orange & Mango Cup Blackcurrant Cup	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00

#### **Select Carefully Menu Items / Daily Specials**

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Chicken Burger	\$4.50	Lasagne	\$5.00	Lasagne	\$5.00	Chicken Burger (with lettuce and cheese)	\$4.50	<b>\$6 Meal Deal Day:</b> Mrs Macs Pie, Fresh Fruit &
Ham/Cheese/ Tomato/ Pineapple Toastie	\$4.50	Egg and Lettuce Sandwich	\$3.50	Fish and Chips	\$5.00	Backstreet Bakehouse Pie	\$4.70	Choice of Milk/Juice/Water OR Pasta Bowl, Fresh Fruit & Choice
Mini Salad Wrap	\$4.00	Potato Pie	\$3.80	Mini Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (with lettuce, tomato & cheese)	\$4.00	Ham/Cheese/ Tomato/ Pineapple Toastie	\$4.50	of Milk/Juice/Water OR Ham and Pineapple Pizza, Fruit
Backstreet Bakehouse Sausage Roll	\$3.80	Taco Boat	\$3.50	Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$3.50	Hotdog (With or Without Sauce)	\$3.50	& Choice of Milk/Juice/Water OR
Chicken Bundle	2.50	Hotdog (With /No Sauce)	\$3.50	Chicken Bundle	\$2.50	Chicken Bundle	\$2.50	Chicken Bundle, Corn, Fruit & Choice of Milk/Juice/Water OR
Sauce Sachets = 30c extra  ★ ★ Red Food Day - April 4★ ★ ★							Ham and Cheese Toastie, Fruit & Choice of Milk/Juice/Water	

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

We love Canteen Volunteers and always welcome newcomers! Come and help your school, make new friends & have fun! Even 1 hour will help! Please call Sandra on 64951266 to assist or fill out the canteen slip below.

#### Lunch Orders.....

Please write your child's name and class on all lunch orders. Orders should be in to the canteen before 9am. Please let us know if your child has allergies and how we can accommodate his/her needs.

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# I'd like to be a Canteen Volunteer -

Term 1, 2017!

Please return to the Canteen ASAP if you can assist!

Dear Ms Bunce,	
l	(name) would love to help you in the canteen
on the following date/s. I have written	the time/s I am available within the boxes.
ie: - Breakfast Club: 8.30-8.50am - Preparation & Lunch: 9am-12pm	n (our busiest time/when we need the most help)

Recess Prep. & Pack Up: 12-2.30pm
All Day: I'll stay from 9 until I'm not needed.

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February	3	<b>6</b> eg: 9-12	7	8	9	10
February	4	<b>13</b> eg: 12-2	14	15	16	17
February	5	20	21	22	23	24
Feb/March	6	27	28	Japanese International Food Day*	2	3
March	7	6	7	8	9	10
March	8	13	14	15	16	17
March	9	20	21	22	23	24
March/April	10	27	28	29	30	31
April	11	3	4 Red Food Day*	5	6	7

<sup>\*</sup>Our busiest days in the canteen, when we need lots of helpers!

My phone number is:_	 Please call me if you get stuck & I'll see
what I can do	

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