



Merimbula Public School Newsletter - 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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School News

by Ms Michelle Hulme

Term 2 Update: Term 2 been another fun and educational term at Merimbula Public School. We have had many amazing events and experiences, excursions, multicultural speaking festival events, NAIDOC Week events and excursions, academic competitions, special days, NAPLAN assessments and 2019 Kindergarten interviews/tours.

Students have had the opportunity to attend many performing arts events. Our Recorder Ensemble shared a talented showcase at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. Our Choir and Combined Choir students have been rehearsing for the Sapphire Coast Learning Community Performing Arts Festival in Week 3 of next term, as too has the Hip Hop Dance Group. We look forward to those shows and other exciting performances happening in Education Week.

Our sporting teams and sports stars have also had a wonderful term. Our Netball Team and AFL Paul Kelly Cup Teams will

progress to Term 3 rounds. Well done to our Soccer and Basketball Teams for doing so well in Term 2, as well as all of the students who attended Regional and State events representing our school in Cross Country, or the South Coast in a representative sporting team. You should all be proud of your efforts.

Staffing Changes and Updates: Ms Tahlia Stafford will be taking Maternity Leave for Term 4, and Terms 1 and 2 of 2019. Ben Kirk has been successful in completing the EOI process. He will stay on Year 6 for the remainder of the year but will lead Years 3&4 - allowing consistency for the students. Erica Bell (currently teaching Year 5 RFF) will teach 3S for Ms Stafford. In preparing for a smooth transition to teaching 3S, Mrs Bell will begin teaching 3S each Friday from Week 8 Term 2 whilst Ms Stafford is off class completing Assistant Principal duties. Mr Jackson, who had been teaching 3S each Friday, will now take 5B whilst Mrs Brewer has her Assistant Principal time.

Ms Vanessa Bain, our K-2 Assistant Principal, will be taking Leave Weeks 5-10 of Term 3. Mrs Corinna Mace will relieve as Assistant Principal and teach 2B each Monday to Wednesday,



SCLC Music Camp Stars!

In Week 5 of this Term (May 28-31) these talented musicians took part in the SCLC Music Camp in Tathra.

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Dinosaur Museum Designs!

June 28 was full of excitement in the Year 1 and 2 classrooms, with students showcasing their dinosaur models and displays for visiting family and friends.

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Cover: Recorder Ensemble @ Opera House

completing Assistant Principal duties on a Friday. Mrs Shook will continue to teach 2B on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Mace already teaches Year 2 (2M) part time. Mrs Lee Robson, the other 2M teacher, will teach 2M full time during this period. This will again support consistency for the students.

Term Dates - REMINDER 2018/2019:

The following dates are term dates for 2018 and 2019.

2018:

Term 3: Last Day of Term: Fri Sept. 28;

Term 4: Students Return: Mon, Oct. 15;
Last Day for Students: Wed, Dec. 19.

2019:

Term 1:

Staff Return: Tues. Jan. 29;

Year 1-6 Students Return: Wed. Jan 30;

Kindy Commence: Mon Feb 4;

Last Day of Term 1: Fri April 12;

Term 2:

Staff Development Day: Mon April 29;

Students Return: Tues. April 30;

Last Day of Term: Fri, July 5;

Term 3:

Staff Development Day: Monday July 22;

Students Return: Tue, July 23;

Last Day of Term: Fri Sept. 27;

Term 4:

Students Return: Mon, Oct. 15; Last Day for Students: Wed, Dec. 19.

Biggest Morning Tea: Thank you to everyone who came in to support the Biggest Morning Tea on May 24! Thank you also to the local businesses who offered support too! The Waterfront Café, Mor Mors Café, Sundeck Café, Boardwalk Ice Creamery and Midtown Delites all helped us out! The Waterfront donated \$1 from every donut sold and Mor Mors \$1 from every muffin sold. We raised \$446.80 to support those affected by cancer.



Biggest Morning Tea Supporters!



SCLC Music Camp: Jayda Hulme, Elouise Hicks, Dylan Gill and Sienna Schnabel all attended the Sapphire Coast Learning Community Music Camp during the last week of May. They further developed their musical talents whilst working with other local talented public school music students from Years 5 to 11. They were also supported by some very talented local musicians and high school student mentors.

The Thursday evening performance was an amazing selection of 80s songs, with students performing rock items, brass and wind instrument performances, dances, percussion and more. Congratulations to the participating students and well done for your efforts and for always demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



Music Camp Items...



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition:



Congratulations to all students who took part in the class and stage rounds of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

The efforts of all students were amazing! Not to mention their skills, stance and subject matter! Archie Smith, Jackson Lane, Billy Hughes and Sam Hsiao participated in the local finals of the competition on June 21. Jackson Lane was successful in coming first out of all Stage 3 participants and will compete in the regional final in the coming months. Well done to all students and good luck Jackson!

Class Speech Finalists



Stage 3 News

by Ms Manda Brewer

Athletics: For Sport and Physical Education (PE), students have been learning field event skills such as: Discus, Shot Put, High Jump and Long Jump throughout Weeks 5-10 this Term. Skills have been taught and we have begun the culling process which will continue until we have the Finalists.

We will announce and run a finals mini carnival once culling has been completed. Due to the inclement weather this month, the field events carnival will most likely take place early in Term 3.



Athletics Track Events Pictures! See our Facebook page to check out more shots as well as some short videos taken.



Homework: The Stage 3 homework task for Term 2 relates to the Science topic we are covering in class, 'Earth and space: the effects of a natural disaster'. Students will be learning about how sudden geological changes and extreme weather events can affect the Earth's surface. Students are to design and create a landscape scene (diorama) with The Three Little Pig's house in a natural-disaster zone (volcano, tsunami, earthquake etc), and an evacuation centre in a safe location. Due to a busy Term, the homework task is now due Week 1, Term 3. However, if students are ready to present at the end of this Term they can do so.

SRC Fundraising: On Thursday, May 31 2018, Jazmin Cooper and Hollie Staight (along with Mrs Brewer), visited local business owners asking them for donations. The support was extremely overwhelming with most businesses approached donated things such as fishing rods, glasses, vouchers and books (to name a few). These items will be raffled at Merimbula Public School and at various stores in town to raise money to help subsidise upcoming camps. More details will be released in the coming newsletter.

Dress Like A Pirate Day: K-6 can dress up as a pirate for **'Pirate Day'** this Friday, June 8 and bring along a gold coin donation to raise funds for childhood brain cancer research.

Regional Cross Country: Congratulations to Rali B (54th), Harry B (28th), Xavier O (41st), Liam D and Willow P (26th) who travelled to Nowra on Friday, June 1 2018 to represent our Zone in the Regional Cross Country Carnival. All students displayed our school values and ran their very best.

Sound waves and iMaths login REMINDER:

Students can practise the skills and strategies they are learning in class for sound waves and iMaths.

YEAR 5:

www.imathskids.com.au password = check977

www.soundwaveskids.com.au
password = sit171

YEAR 6:

www.imathskids.com.au password = bear871

www.soundwaveskids.com.au
password = flag350

Festival Of Instrumental Music: Congratulations to the Recorder Ensemble on your amazing performances at the Opera House on June 19: Savannah Pilt, Jayda Hulme, Charlie Hughes, Willow Purcell, Emily Son, Taysha Jensen, Brianna Whalley, Kellie Pickup and Lyv Volkov. These Stage 3 students travelled to Sydney to perform with over 300 students from over 50 NSW Public Primary Schools and High Schools.

There performances were amazing! You can watch one of them via our school Facebook page. Thank you to Mrs Fowler for your many hours of tutoring and for coordinating the event.



Stage 2 News

by Miss Tahlia Stafford

In Stage 2 we have had a great start to the term and have been quickly and eagerly commencing our teaching and learning programs for Term 2.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking:

Thank you to the parents who assisted their child with writing a speech for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition as part of the Stage 2 Homework. The encouragement, support and knowledge you have given your child is invaluable and it is clear to us that our students have learnt a lot from the experience.

Home Reading: The P&C has been very generous with the offer to support our Stage 2 (and Stage 3) Home Reading Program through the purchase of a number of books and associated resources. The books have now arrived and need to be covered with contact before they reach our classrooms. If you are able to assist with the covering of books, please speak to your child's teacher. If you don't have time during the day, books may be taken home to be covered and then returned to the school.

While this program is not compulsory, it is a great opportunity for students to practise their reading skills at home. The program is aimed at encouraging a love and enthusiasm for reading.

Students may choose to use books from our school home reading program, or may read chosen books from the library or books they have at home. Students have been given a Home Reading Diary that they can fill out for each night that they read (not necessarily each book), and after a certain number of nights, are given a reward. We encourage parents to help us support this program by encouraging your child to read (and remembering to return home readers when finished).

Boomerang Bags: At the end of last term, a representative from Boomerang Bags spoke with Stage 2 to talk about sustainability. This was a very engaging and educational information session! Boomerang Bags work to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags – community made, using recycled materials. Boomerang Bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

Most students have now bought in an old pillowcase that is no longer being used (in good condition with no wear holes). Students have begun the cutting, ironing, sewing and stitching phase of making our own bags. If you are able to volunteer your time with any of the above activities (some can be completed at home) please speak with your child's teacher.

Waste Audit: This term, we invited Jules Donne from the Bournda Environmental Education Centre to conduct a Waste Audit with students from Year 4 as part of their learning about sustainability and the environment. Students were involved in discussions about waste and explored the waste collected at our school. They were involved in a number of games and conducted an audit of the bins in our school.

Students discussed the concept of sustainability and what they can do help our environment and reduce waste in the future. ABC South East also came along and interviewed some students! A short clip can be found on the school's Facebook page.



5c Drive Fundraiser: A note was sent home last early in Term 2 outlining the 5c Drive fundraising initiative which will support the Stage 2 excursion. Congratulations to 3T who collected the most 5c coins! They enjoyed a pizza party day during the last week of Term 2 as a reward.

Thank you to the Pambula-Merimbula Golf Club for donating the delicious pizzas!



3T enjoying their delicious pizza party!

Athletics Carnival: The Athletics Carnival Track Events will be held later this term/early Term 3, and many skills will be practised throughout this term during sport lessons. Please refer to Facebook for dates.



Some pictures taken at the Stage 2/3 Disco in Term 2!



Stage 1 & Kindy News

by Ms Vanessa Bain

We have had an exciting term in K-2. Our Kindergarten excursion to see Play School in Bega was very exciting with all children and staff having a fantastic time. On the same day, Stage 1 children participated in an AFL skills day with several other local schools. Despite the wind, we had a fabulous day and developed many skills through the games we played.

Supplies: Thank you to all the parents and careers who have assisted us by making sure that their children have the correct equipment for school. It is great to see so many children with lead pencils ready to learn as we lose valuable class time when children are searching for their pencils etc.

Day at the Museum: As you are aware, children in Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) have been studying Dinosaurs in Science during Term 2. A note was sent home in Week 4 outlining a 'Design and Make' task where the children were asked to make a model of a dinosaur. We also asked all students to present a short speech about this task to the class (Weeks 7 and 8) on their usual news day.

The models were displayed in classrooms at our 'Dinosaur Museum'. This was an exciting open classroom session where all of the school community was invited in to see what all of the students in Stage 1 had made. The Dinosaur Museum took place on Thursday 28th of June. Here are some of the photos taken. More pictures are posted on our Facebook site.



Some of the great dino displays!



Sport: All children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time participating in the Hot Shots Tennis Program during the term. Each class had also been learning athletics skills as well during our sport time. This was to assist the children to develop the skills they needed to participate in the K-2 Athletics Carnival.

Assemblies: Thank you to the children from 2M and 1H who hosted our Term 2 Assemblies!

Class Dojos: Each day children work hard to earn individual Dojos. These are awarded for displaying positive behaviours and values such as being on task or showing responsibility. These accumulate as a class total. Each teacher sets a class target. When a class reaches their target, they receive an award. It is generally a Pyjama party. If your child's class is receiving this reward, it will be announced on Facebook.



1H Dojo Reward - PJ Party Day!

KS News: Our reader exchange days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Please let your child read their books for several days before changing them. They need to be fluent at recognising and reading letters/sounds/words before they move to another reader. We also have many runny noses, so donations of tissues would be gratefully received. Some children have brought in hankies, but tissues at this stage would probably be more hygienic.

2018 AEDC Survey: The Australian Early Development Survey is an Australian Government initiative. It is conducted every four years for children in Kindergarten. The AEDC is the most comprehensive data collection of its kind and can help schools, communities and governments better understand and respond to the developmental needs of children. In 2018, the survey will be conducted over a two to three week period between 3rd May and 3rd August. Parents should have received more information about this. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Notes can be downloaded from our school web site.

Special Education News

by Mr Brenton Mace

Playschool: Last Tuesday our Kindergarten boys got to travel into Bega to watch Playschool. They thoroughly enjoyed the bus trip and even got to sit on the back seat on their way back to school. Through the show the boys got to sing and dance along to well know children's songs and it was very pleasing getting to see the big smiles on their faces.

Cooking: Kyuss was very excited to be cooking sliders in class. He set himself the challenge of creating a recipe for the support class to follow and shared it with Mrs Lawson for all the kids to create them. With the fun task of cutting onions being a little overwhelming, he was able to use some stylish sunglasses to complete the job.



AFL Skills:

Our Stage 1 boys were provided with an excellent opportunity to learn and test out their AFL skills at Berrambool. The boys got to work with other schools in the area and the South Coast AFL. It was a long day and at the end of the day the boys were very tired.

AFL School Selection:

A big congratulations to Jaxon Westell and Roux Butler-Woollard on their selection in the school AFL team. Good luck boys at the round robin competition! Paul Kelly Cup AFL Trials will take place in Term 3.