



# Merimbula Public School Newsletter - 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

IN THIS ISSUE

## School News

by Ms Michelle Hulme

**Term 3 News:** Staff returned to work last Monday, taking part in a Staff Development Day at the Merimbula RSL, where we were all once again learning about the Berry Street Education Model.

The Berry Street Education Model supports schools in further supporting primary and secondary school students who may have encountered adversity, chronic or traumatic stress, lack of support and/or other barriers to educational success. The model, and the many practical ideas we learnt about, will allow our staff to further support the engagement of vulnerable and disadvantaged students, so that they can reach their full potential through educational achievement. Staff have found this professional learning very rewarding and have already begun to implement some of the strategies in classrooms.

Students have had a great start to the term also, with our Paul Kelly Cup AFL Teams being selected and preparing to

attend the Paul Kelly Cup in Moruya on Tuesday July 31. Good luck to both the Girls and Boys' Teams representing our school. Thank you to Mr Phil Jackson and Ms Varley-Mitchell, the teachers who are coaching and transporting the teams. Thank you also to the parents assisting with travel.

Good luck to the Netball team too! They will be competing against Ulladulla PS, in Ulladulla, this Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Anna Charlton for offering to coach the team whilst Miss Patterson is on leave. Thank you to the parents assisting with travel to this event.

Welcome to the new families we have at our school! We have had 10 new enrolments commence this term. They have all settled in well and we wish them all the best in their coming years at our school.

Farewell to the families who have left our school. With many students moving out of the area, due to parent career or housing changes, we have had to say goodbye to 20 students. With over 80 students leaving us when they finish Year 6 later this year, our school looks to be a little smaller in 2019.



### Gifted and Talented Students...

We are really excited to be working with Aurora College to offer more opportunities for our talented students.

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### Term 3 Calendar

Check out the Term 3 Calendar for important dates coming up between now and the end of September. School timetables and library/art times are also included in this newsletter.

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Cover Photo: Students showing our new beanies!

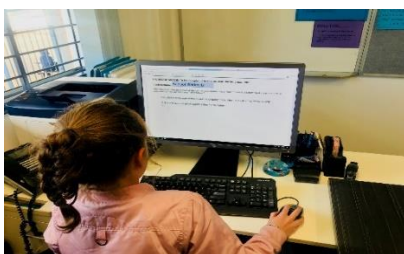
Please remind your friends to enrol their 2019 Kindergarten children if they have not already done so. We would like to have 2019 numbers confirmed to assist in staffing and whether we require returning the demountable classroom. We would hate to lose it then require it back again. Kindy enrolments for 2019 are due by August 31, ready for our transition days.

**P&C News:** Thank you to our P&C for your ongoing fundraising efforts and support. The P&C have funded some oval upgrades as well as the purchase of over \$1500 worth of new readers for our Stage 2 and 3 Home Reading Program. Some readers still need covering. Please see Ms Stafford if you can assist.

Our first P&C Meeting for Term 3 was held last night, Monday July 30. Thank you to those who attended. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, September 3. New faces are welcome!

**Student Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews:** Student Reports were sent home in the last week of Term 2. 3-Way-Conferences are taking place at the beginning of Term 3, between July 25 and August 3. If you have any questions about your child's learning, progress or needs in the meantime, please contact the administration office on 64951266 to arrange a meeting time with your child's class teacher.

**Aurora College, for Gifted and Talented Students:** Aurora College is the NSW Department, and state's, first virtual secondary school. The college commenced classes in February 2015.



*Addison typing her application for Aurora!*

*"Aurora provides a mix of online and residential school classes. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment, which comprises webconferencing software, a learning*

*management system, and a range of cutting-edge online communication and collaboration tools. The school also has its own digital resource repository and one of the state's first fully digital school libraries".* (See more information about Aurora College by checking out the information sheet on our web site or by having a look at the college's own web site or Facebook page).

Earlier this year, two of our Year 6 students, Dylan Gill and Jayda Hulme, completed a day of exams to seek placement into the virtual selective high school. Both students were successful – congratulations Jayda and Dylan! They will now have the opportunity to study English, Mathematics and Science (STEM) in a virtual Year 7 classroom from either Bega or Eden Marine High School, where they will complete their practical subjects from too (such as PE, Sport, TAS etc).

In 2017, a working group was established to investigate whether the approaches used by Aurora College (in Years 7 to 10) could be used to establish a virtual opportunity class provision in areas of rural and remote NSW where there is not currently an opportunity class (OC) provision. OC provisions are provided to talented Year 5 and 6 students in metropolitan areas.

The working group developed a rationale for a small-scale pilot for a virtual OC provision based on three hubs across rural and remote NSW, with schools or groups of schools applying to opt into the pilot.

Our school applied to participate in the pilot, as shared at recent P&C Meetings, and we were one of 17 schools in the state to put forward the names of talented Year 5 students who may be able to take part in virtual learning (in English, Maths and Science/STEM) later this year. I put forward a number of nominations in the last week of last term. Thank you to the parents and students for completing your parts of the application in such a short timeframe! I look forward to hearing if any of our Year 5 students are successful, when I am contacted by the college next week. Primary schools participating in the pilot will be called and emailed on August

8 with information about the success of its student applications. The parents of successful students will then be contacted by the college.

The pilot, if our students are successful in receiving a place, will commence in Term 4, 2018, and will conclude at the end of the 2019 school year. Students will take part in two 90 minute virtual lessons a week from our school in Term 4. In 2019, a 90 minute virtual lesson will take place each day Monday to Thursday, with a 45 minute lesson taking place on a Friday.

If some of our students are successful in taking part in a virtual OC class, our lunch times may have to be slightly adjusted. If this is the case, we will let you know of any changes ASAP.

### **Learning and Support Provisions**

**Term 3:** On Friday, letters were sent home to parents/caregivers of children receiving a form of learning support in Term 3. Support offered by our school ranges from: assistance from our Learning Assistance and Support Teacher, Assistant Principal Welfare Support, School Learning Support Officer (Teacher Aide) Support, support in literacy/numeracy, School Counsellor Support, interagency support, small group social skills lessons, academic assessments, mentoring, social skills program support, behaviour and anxiety support, funding and/or support class applications and more.

At Merimbula Public School we take pride in offering a range of quality support provisions for students. If your child brought home a letter acknowledging that they will be receiving additional support with their learning, if needed please give Mr Brenton Mace, Mrs Hodsdon, your child's class teacher or me a call to further discuss your child's needs and how we will be assisting them.

If you think that your child needs additional support, and they did not receive a letter, please let your child's classroom teacher know. A blank version of the Learning and Support Provisions letter to parents (including the supports we offer) is uploaded on our web site under 'Handouts'.

**Canteen Menu & Volunteers for Term 3:** Our Term 3 Canteen Menu was sent home last week. It is available on our web site and School Stream app for your convenience.

If you have any time to spare this term (even if for only an hour or two) and you can assist in our canteen, please complete the volunteers form that has been sent home with today's newsletter.

**Connecting Country Schools Project:** Our school has been included in the Connecting Country Schools (CCS) project, which is delivering upgraded wireless connectivity and internet access to more than 900 schools around the state. Planning for installations at our school has commenced with our assigned Technical Officer from the Department's IT Directorate, who are managing this project. CCS will deliver upgraded and reliable wireless access in all our learning spaces, assisting teachers to deliver future focused learning to prepare our students for digital age jobs.

Improved wireless and internet services will also give students more chances to connect and collaborate and greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts. We are working with our Technical Officer to ensure that disruptions during the installation are kept to a minimum. More information about this project is available in a handout on our web site.

**Raffle Tickets Sent Home Today:** Our Snow/Skiing Excursion is taking place September 10-12. The cost is \$600 (not the estimated \$625) thanks to fundraising efforts. Our Education Week Sausage Sizzle and a gift raffle will help finalise fundraising efforts. Tickets (as they have only just been sent home) will be on sale until the K/1V Assembly on August 24 (the

raffle be drawn at the assembly). **Tickets are to be returned by Tue Aug 21.**

**Sapphire Coast Learning Community Performing Arts Festival:** Our school Hip Hop Dance Group, Recorder Ensemble, Choir and Combined Choir students will all be performing items at the Education Week Performing Arts Festival! Parents and community guests are invited to attend. Tickets are available for \$15 using the following link (which is also uploaded onto our Facebook site). Don't leave getting your tickets until the night – just in case they sell out!

**Walking Line:** Students walking home, towards Short Point/beyond the back gate, can line up at the Canteen Gate from next Tuesday. The duty teacher will open the gate for bus lines and these walkers can then walk alongside the oval up the dirt path if their parents want them to. Supervised walking lines will still take place from the Year 3 line up area, where students are walked over the Raldolph

and Main Street crossings as well as towards Henwood Street.

**ICAS Assessment News:** Students from our school have been busy taking part in voluntary assessments as part of the ICAS program. Congratulations to the following students who have received exceptional results in the ICAS Science Test: Sunny Hulme (Year 3) – Distinction; Holly Wong (Year 3) – Distinction; Billy Hughes (Year 3) – Credit; Archie Smith (Year 4) – Credit; Marlo Kew (Year 4) – Credit; Kai Hughes (Year 4) - Credit Utsav Sapkota (Year 6) – Merit.

They will be presented with their certificates at our school's Education Week Assembly (Next Monday, August 6 from 11.50am).



**2018 SCLC PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**

**WHEN**  
**August 7 - 9**  
**7.00pm – 8.45pm**

**WHERE**  
**Bega Commemorative Civic Centre**  
 Zingel Place Bega NSW

**FEATURING** - Bega Valley PS - Bemboka PS - Candelo PS - Cobargo PS - Eden PS - Merimbula PS - Pambula PS - Quaama PS - Tanja PS - Tathra PS - Towamba PS - Wolumba PS - Wyndham PS - Bega HS - Eden Marine HS  
[www.trybooking.com/WSNA](http://www.trybooking.com/WSNA)

**ALL AGES EVENT**

**TICKETS**  
**\$15.00**  
[www.trybooking.com/WSNA](http://www.trybooking.com/WSNA)

**AT THE DOOR**  
**\$15.00**

**Tuesday 7 August**  
 Schools: Bega HS, Eden Marine HS, Eden, Bega Valley, Quaama, Bemboka, Towamba and SCLC Band

**Wednesday 8 August**  
 Schools: Bega HS, Eden Marine HS, Merimbula, Wolumba, Cobargo, Wyndham and SCLC Band

**Thursday 9 August**  
 Schools: Bega HS, Eden Marine HS, Pambula, Tathra, Candelo, Tanja and SCLC Band

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**Education Week:** Next week (Week 3) we will be celebrating Education Week. There will be many activities and events taking place in schools across the region, as well as in ours. Please see the following information regarding our Education Week Assembly and events.

### Education Week Assembly Monday August 6

11.50-1.25

*Please note, times are approximate only*

**11.50-** Choir Sing National Anthem;  
**11.55** - Choir Sing their SCLC Performing Arts Festival Song;  
**12.00** - Acknowledgement of Country & School Pledge;  
**12.05** - Principal's Address;  
**12.10** - SRC Induction Semester 2;  
**12.25** - ICAS Science Competition and other special awards presented;  
**12.35** - Sport and Academic News/Team Reports;  
**12.50** - Recorder Ensemble - SCLC/Opera House Song;  
**12.55** - Athletics Carnival Presentation;  
**1.15** - Choir Sing SCLC Combined Choir Song;  
**1.20** - Dance Group Perform.

A Sausage Sizzle will be available after the Education Week Assembly. Sausage sandwiches can be purchased for \$2 each. You can pay on the day (while stocks last) or your child can complete an order by the end of the week. Those who pay/order before Monday will be given a token to line up and collect their sausage first. This sausage sizzle will be a fundraiser to support the Ski Excursion. The **Sausage Sizzle will be held from 1.25 to 1.55 – Monday August 6.**



Between **1.55-2.30pm on Monday (August 6)**, parents/families are welcome to visit our classrooms as we will be having **"Open Classrooms"** during this time.



#### Tuesday – August 7:

SCLC Performing Arts Festival Rehearsal –Choir, Recorder and Dance Groups attend Bega Civic Centre (notes/payment were due last Friday).

#### Wednesday – August 8:

SCLC Performing Arts Festival @ Bega Civic Centre 7-9pm – Choir, Dance and Recorder Groups perform.

The Hip Hop Dance Group will also perform at CWA's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration (1pm). Permission notes will be sent home this week.

#### Thursday – August 9:

Mrs Hodsdon and Ms Hulme will be hosting a "Social Media Masterclass" professional learning event in our Tech room all day. Social Media experts from the Department's Communications Unit

will be sharing some great ideas and tips with local schools to support us all in communicating with our families and supporting community engagement.

#### Friday – August 10:

Our school will be hosting the Principal Network Meeting for all school principals in the Far South Coast / Monaro Network. Ms Bunce is catering for this large event, so we would love some extra volunteers on this day! Some of our student performance groups may even get to present an encore at this event!

Between 10-10.30am our Dance Group will perform for the Day View Club at Club Sapphire. Permission notes will be sent home this week.

**SRC Inductions for Semester 2 Classroom SRC Representatives:** Semester 2 SRC Representatives will be inducted into their positions and they will receive their badges at the Education Week Assembly on Monday, August 6. Congratulations to the following students:

CLASS	STUDENT
FL	Lincon Innes Jaxon Westell
FV	Claye Eaves
FM	James Hill
K/1V	Leroy Burkinshaw
1S	Zariah Doughney Spencer Mason
1H	Everley McBain Ella Westcott
2B	Kealy Hollander Bailey Dorling
2M	Lilli Talbot Elise Gordon
3S	Josephine Lane Brody Kellalea
3T	Billy Hughes Elise Brodie
4F	Rali Badullovich Jack Stevenson
4D	Daniel Cummings Ryan Denaro
5B	Luke Feneck Jorja Humphrey
5P	Eathan Wattam-Bowes Ava Jorgensen
6H	Lauren Stewart Ocea Thiedeman
6P	Ashton Reyneke Natahlia Frans
6K	Nathan Hamm Daniel Coathup



**“Tell Them From Me” School Community Survey**

In Term 3 2018, our school is taking part in the ‘Tell Them From Me’ student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Schools in Australia and around the world have used the survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Please refer to the note sent home with this newsletter for further information. You only need to sign the note if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate.

**Other Community Surveys**

We will also be completing some other whole school parent surveys in the coming weeks (re: 2019 plans, Stage 2 and 3 Excursions in the coming years, school curriculum and extra-curricular options etc).

**Merimbula Public School Book Parade**

**Date:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September **Time:** 11:45am-1:25pm



**This year we will be holding our annual Book Parade and Book Fair in week 7!**

**The theme this year is ‘Find Your Treasure’.**

The **BOOK PARADE** will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 11:45 am in the Jackson hall**. We are asking children to dress up as a book character on this day. Costumes can be homemade, recycled or purchased. The most important thing is dressing up, participating and having fun! You can find simple ideas through the internet on sites such as Pinterest or by Googling ‘Book Week 2018 Costume Ideas’. Parents and staff are encouraged to dress up too!

Books are available for purchase and will be displayed in the library during our **BOOK FAIR**, which will be held from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The Merimbula Newsagency will be supplying the books and a percentage of all books sold will be donated back to the school library.

Children will visit the **Book Fair** during their Library time or with their classroom teacher. They will be able to browse the books and create a wish list. **On Thursday, Merimbula Newsagency staff will be available so that children and parents can purchase or order books.** You may use cash, and eftpos facilities will also be available. If you are unable to attend with your child, you can send the money with them in a school money envelope or wallet. The fair will continue until Thursday afternoon.

**Parents and friends are welcome to join their children on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September for both the Book parade and to purchase books from the library. We hope to see many members of our school community having fun while we celebrate reading!**

**SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am (30 min)					
9.00am (60 min)	Kindy PE (35 min)	Kindy PE (35 min)	Year 2 Sport	Kindy PE (35 min)	3-6 Maths
10.00am (60 min)			Year 1 Sport		3-6 Maths
11.00am	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
11.40am (45 min)	3-6 Maths St 1 PE	3-6 Maths	3-6 Maths K Sport	3-6 Maths St 1 PE	Scripture K-6
12.25pm (60 min)	K-2 Maths	K-2 Maths	K-2 Maths	St2 Sport K-2 Maths	Assembly K-2 (W5/W8) K-2 Maths St3 Sport
1.25pm (30 min)	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1.55pm (60 min)		3-6 PE (30)/PDH (30)		St 2 Sport	Stage 3 Sport

**Class Timetables Term 3**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Library</b> (Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week except Kindy and Support Classes)	1S 1H 5B 5P	2B 2M 3T 3S	KS KBC FL	4D 4F 6P 6H 6K	FV FM
<b>Art</b> (Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week except Kindy and Support Classes)	1S 1H 5B 5P	2B 2M 3T 3S	KS KBC FL FM	4D 4F 6P 6H 6K	FV K/1V
<b>Japanese</b> (Every 3 weeks, or 2 of 3 weeks in open classes)	<b>Tuesday:</b> 5P, 5B, 1S, 1H, KBC, KS, K/1V, 2B		<b>Wednesday:</b> 4F, 4D, 2M, 3S, 3T, FV, FL, FM, 6H, 6P, 6K		

# Stage 3 News

by Ms Manda Brewer

**Athletics Carnival:** The field events carnival will take place on Wednesday, August 1 2018 from 9.30am to approximately 1.25pm. Students (and their parents/carers) that have made it through to the finals have been notified. Students who placed in the top four of any final will receive their ribbons, trophies and/or medals for both the track and field events at the upcoming 'Education Week' Assembly that will be held on Monday, August 6 2018. Students that made it through to the Zone Carnival will also be notified at the conclusion of this assembly. The Zone Carnival is set to run on Friday, August 17 2018 in Bega.

**Homework:** Stage 3 students will be set a homework task in the next few weeks. The task will be related to our Science or Geography unit of work. We are encouraging all students to set time aside each day (at home) to complete their project. If you or your child has any questions or concerns it is important that you see their class teacher.

**High School Information:** Eden Marine and Bega High Schools will be holding a number of activities to assist with the smooth transition of Year 6 students into Year 7 throughout Term 3.

#### EDEN MARINE HIGH SCHOOL:

- Year Advisor visits Stage 3 classes (Wednesday, August 15)
- Eden Marine High School Taster Lessons (Wednesday, August 22. Permission note will go home soon).

These days/sessions are designed as a small introduction to high school for Year 6 students in our local primary schools. They are to give students a familiarity with staff, subject faculties, students, as well as school policies and procedures.

**Maths:** iMaths – Year 5 Access Code: check977 and Year 6 Access Code: bear871

**This is what we will be learning in Term 3:**  
**Year 5** – place value to thousandths, expanded notation, decimal addition to tenths, decimal addition to hundredths, dot plots, decimal subtraction to tenths, discrete data, decimal subtraction to hundredths, column graphs, percentages, financial plans, line graphs, perimeter and area of rectangles, and the culminating investigation project 'iFlakes'.

**Year 6** – decimal division, multiplication of decimals, renaming percents as fractions,

discount, operations with money, timetables, time zones, order of operations, latitude and longitude, pie charts, bar charts, and the culminating investigation project 'Fantasy Flight'.

**English:** We are continuing to use 'English Stars' for our English focus as well as Sound Waves for spelling (Year 5 Access Code: sit171 and Year 6 Access Code: flag350). The text type focus for our English Stars unit is Exposition (Year 5) and Informative (Year 6). Students are also learning about visual literacy (such as line, colour, shape, symbols, space etc) so that they can create a movie (class or group based) to enter into our schools FilmBy competition at the end of Term 3. Our novel study for Semester 2 is 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio.

**Geography:** Stage 3 students will be studying 'A diverse and connected world: Engaging with Asia'. They will investigate how places, people and cultures differ across the world as well as how people's connections to places affect their perception of them.

**Science:** Students will be studying 'Chemical Science: Reversible and Irreversible Changes'. They will identify reversible changes such as melting and freezing and irreversible changes such as whisking, cutting and burning that are encountered in everyday life. The unit will conclude with students completing a STEM project 'A crystal castle'.

**PDHPE:** We will be studying 'Growth and Development: Getting It Together'. Students will cover topics such as personal identity, the body, human sexuality (puberty and reproductive process), changes and values. For Physical Education we will learn about hip hop dance and choreograph a small routine.



Above: Walter representing the Far South Coast AFL Team (photos courtesy of SCAFL web site).

Top Right: Beau Bennet and Walter Blewitt represent the South Coast in AFL.



**SCLC Performing Arts:** Our school will perform on the evening of Wednesday, August 8 2018. Our items include: Hip Hop Dance, Combined Choir and Recorder groups. All children need to arrive at Bega Civic Centre, Zingel Place Bega, at 6.30pm and meet Mrs Brewer in the main foyer. The festival will begin at 7pm. Tickets for the performance are available online [www.trybooking.com/WSNA](http://www.trybooking.com/WSNA) at a cost of \$15.00 per ticket. No tickets will be available from our school. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE.**



Merimbula PS - School Choir

**Year 6 Top Secret Project:** A big thank you to all the families that have already supplied the top secret note/memory and photographs. This is just a friendly reminder if you have not yet supplied these items. Can you please send in the required information to Ms Brewer ASAP so that she can get started on the project as it is time consuming. Thank you!

**Camp Instalments:** A friendly reminder that the final camp instalment for both Year 5 and 6 camps is due by Monday, August 13 2018 (unless other arrangements have been made).

**Home Readers:** Year 5 and 6 teachers would greatly appreciate any assistance with parent/carer helpers putting contact covers on our new readers.

## Stage 2 News

by Miss Tahlia Stafford

**English:** In English this term, Stage 2 students will be learning about Visual Literacy and exploring a number of visual and multimodal texts, including animation. Students will then use their knowledge of visual literacy skills and techniques to plan and produce a short film in preparation for the *Film By the Sapphire Coast* festival which will be held in Term 4.

**Maths:** In Maths this term, Year 3 students will be learning about Multiplication, Division, Area, Time, Volume, Fractions, 2D Space and Chance. Year 4 students will be learning about Division, Time, Length, Patterns, Angles, Position, Fractions and 2D Space. Following this, students will begin their second Maths investigation for the year, integrating and applying their knowledge of Mathematical concepts and skills.

**5 Minute Frenzy:** This term, students will be developing their speed and accuracy of addition/subtraction and multiplication facts with 5 minute daily numeracy activities. Students will be aiming to beat their time and accuracy each week. You may like to assist your child with multiplication facts at home.

**Spelling Bee:** The Premier's Spelling Bee will be held this term. Preparation will begin in the coming weeks for students to practise in class and at home. Class finals will be held during Weeks 4 & 5 and the finals will be held on Thursday in Week 5. Further information will be sent home when it becomes available.

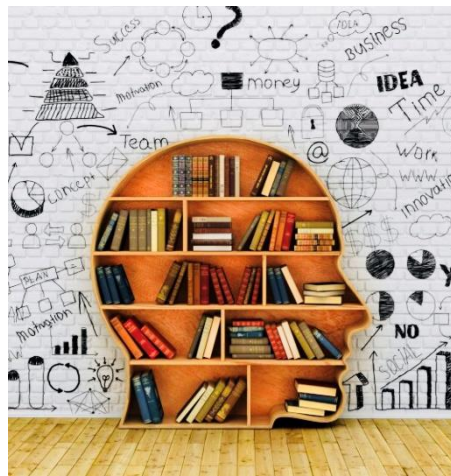


**Supplies:** The start of each term is a great time to check that your child has all of the supplies that they need for school, including lead and coloured pencils, rubber, sharpener, scissors and glue. Please ensure supplies and

pencil cases are labelled with your child's name.

**Google Communities:** Many parents have signed up for Google Communities and are receiving information and photos from the classroom. If you haven't already done so and you would like to be involved, please provide your child's teacher with your email address so you can access Google Communities and begin to see photos and information from the classroom.

**Conceptual Inquiry Learning:** Our Conceptual Inquiry Unit this term is *Culture and Significance*. Students will be exploring how our community has changed over time and the significance of these changes. Students will learn about the importance of the contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made to our local community, including Aboriginal languages and their relationship to country and place. Students will also acknowledge the different cultures that make up our local community and how diversity has changed over time. They will learn about how fishing and whaling has changed over time, particularly from whaling to tourism. Students will understand why local significant and heritage sites are protected and the stories behind them. They will also research how different countries or cultures celebrate and commemorate significant events.



**Home Project:** As part of the Conceptual Inquiry Unit, students will be completing a project in class and at home. The project will involve researching and presenting a celebration or commemoration from another country or culture around the world. Students will be learning research skills during class time and will be required to prepare their project at home. Students will present their projects to the class during Week 10. More information about the project will be sent home in the coming weeks.

**Home Reading:** We have been extremely fortunate to have our wonderful P&C donate funds to our Stage 2 Home Reading Program. We would like to say a very big thanks to the wonderful parent helpers who covered the books for the home reading program. Students who are on the program will be sent home a letter for permission to participate. If you wish for your child to be part of the program, please sign and return the note at your earliest convenience so the program can commence.

While this program is not compulsory, it is a great opportunity for students to practise their reading skills at home and 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. 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:** Earlier this year, 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 bought in an old pillowcase that is no longer being used (in good condition with no wear holes).

We have begun the cutting, ironing, sewing and stitching phase of making our own bags. If you haven't you provided a pillowcase, please do so ASAP!



# Stage 1 & Kindy News

by Ms Vanessa Bain

Welcome back to Term 3. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the 3-way interviews. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss your child's progress at school.



This term we will be completing the following units in **Kindergarten:** **English** - Informative/Imaginative Texts; **Maths** - Whole Number, 2D Space, Addition & Subtraction, 3D Space, Multiplication & Division, Volume & Capacity, Fractions & Decimals and Length.

The **Geography** unit is "People Live in Places" and in **Science**, they will be learning about the natural environment.

In **Stage 1** we will be doing these units: **English** - "Not so far, far away" which is a persuasive writing unit; **Maths** - number, 3D space, operations, length and area, fractions and decimals, patterns and algebra, and chance; **Geography** - Features of Places; **Science** - Water Works.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher through the front office. If you require further assistance, please contact Ms Bain or Mrs Mace. We look forward to another busy and exciting term.

**2B Teacher Change:** Ms Bain is taking Long Service Leave from 20 August until 28 September. During this time, Mrs Mace will be taking 2B on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Shook will continue with her regular days, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Robson will teach 2M full time. Mrs Mace will also relieve as Assistant Principal for K-2 students.

**Supplies:** Could you please assist us by ensuring your children (if they are in Year 1 or Year 2) have the correct equipment for school. We lose valuable learning time when children are searching for their pencils etc.

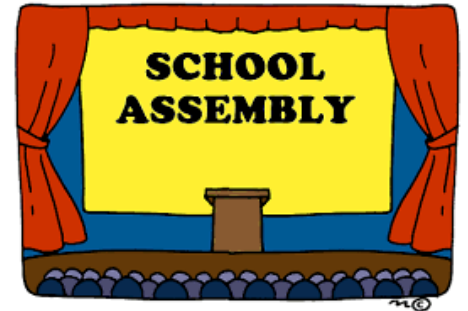
Students should have two lead pencils, an eraser, a glue stick and a whiteboard marker at a minimum. It would be great if they could also have coloured pencils, textas and headphones.

**Science Week Excursion:** Children in Years 1 and 2 will be attending an excursion in Bega during Science week, Thursday 16 August. We will be taking part in science activities provided by Questacon. A note will be coming home shortly providing further details.

**Sport:** During Term 3 K-2 sport will remain on Wednesday mornings at the same time as Term 2. We will be completing 3 sessions of NRL, provided by a qualified coach and then completing a Dance unit. Children should continue to wear their sports uniforms on Wednesdays.

**Book Covering:** Last term we received a grant to buy new decodable readers for our K-2 children. This grant was generously increased by our P&C, for which we are very grateful. The books have now arrived and require covering so that we can use them as soon as possible. If you are able to assist with this task, could you please contact the school office and we will arrange to get the books to you. Thank you.

**Assemblies:** Our first K-2 assembly for Term 3 will be held on Friday 24 August and will be hosted by K/1V. Family and friends of children in K/1V are invited to attend the Jackson Hall at 12.30pm. KS will be hosting our second assembly on Friday 14 September.



**SoundWaves and iMaths Passwords:** Many parents have requested these again. **Soundwaves:** Students enter this code at [www.soundwaveskids.com.au](http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au) Year 1 password - tail467; Year 2 password - sail1532 **iMaths:** Students enter this code at [www.imathskids.com.au](http://www.imathskids.com.au) Year 1 password - tooth663; Year 2 password - quiz213

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# Special Education News

by Mr Brenton Mace

**Jigamy:** During NAIDOC week Year 6 travelled down to Jigamy to learn and experience different aspects of Aboriginal culture. The day was filled with lots of activities including bush walks, traditional tribal dances and learning how to throw boomerangs.

The support students were able to rotate through the different activities with their friends in Year 6 and have a great day outdoors. FM and FL had a great time making artwork in class to celebrate the week as well.



**Dinosaur Project:** At the end of Term 2 FV were very proud to show off their dinosaur presentations. The boys worked very hard on creating their presentations and then presenting them to their parents and grandparents. The process showed their research skills and ICT awareness through their ability to cast their work onto the Smartboard.



**Construction with Mr Cooper:** Some of the students within the support class have been working with Mr Cooper on different hands on projects. The students have been very engaged with the activities and are very thankful for spending time with Mr Cooper.

Their latest project has been working on weaving and creating baskets. We even had a few boys talk about trying to sell them at the markets.



**Spencer Park:** Our support classes went to Spencer Park at the end of Term 2 to reward the hard work they have been doing.

On the excursion the support classes enjoyed a BBQ, going fishing, making sand castles and playing on the equipment. Well done Family Classes for making this day fantastic for everyone who attended.



# SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 3, 2018

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

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
July	1	23 Staff Return for Staff Development Day	24	25 3-Way-Interviews Commence	26	27	28/29
July/Aug	2	30 P&C Meeting 6.30-8; ICAS English Test	31 AFL Paul Kelly Cup	1 <a href="#">Athletics Carnival Field Events</a> (see Facebook for times)	2 Last day of 3-Way Interviews; Netball KO vs Ulladulla @ Ulladulla 12 noon	3 Bird Call Olympics @ Bournda; Ski Excursion Full Payment DUE; Scripture/SRE Resumes	4/5
August	3	6 ICAS Tests catch up day; <a href="#">Education Week Assembly &amp; Open Day</a> ; Athletics/SRC Presentations	7 Kindy 2019 Interviews (final bookings/enrolments DUE by September); SCLC PAF Rehearsal @ Bega	8 Bournda EEC Stage 2 Ecologist GATS Excursion; 7-9pm SCLC <a href="#">Performing Arts Showcase in Bega</a> ; Dance Group @ CWA Birthday	9 Social Media Course in Tech Room	10 Far South Coast/Monaro Principal Network Meeting in Hall; Dance Group at Day View Club Performance	11/12
August	4	13 Science Week; Yr 5/6 Camps Full Payment DUE; BEEC Going Ape GATS Science St2	14 Paul Kelly Cup State Final SCG; ICAS Maths Test	15 Netball School Cup Regional Finals Goulburn; EMHS visit Stage 3 @MPS	16 <a href="#">Stage 1 Questacon</a> Excursion @ Bega; BEEC St2 GATS Science in the Lab Day	17 <a href="#">Zone Athletics Carnival</a> @ Bega	18/19
August	5	20 Book Week: Theme "Find Your Treasure"; Soup Day Orders DUE	21 School Evacuation Drill (see Facebook for details on the day)	22 <a href="#">EMHS Taster Lessons</a> for Year 6 @ EMHS; <a href="#">SOUP @ DAY Canteen</a> ; Author Visit 9am St 3, 10am St 2, 11.40 St 1, 12.35 Kindy	23 School <a href="#">Spelling Bee</a> Finals Stage 2 9.15am, Stage 3 10.00am, Stage 1 11.50am in Hall.	24 K-2 Assembly K/1V Host 12.25-1.25	25/26
August	6	27	28 Newsletter Sent Home	29	30 <a href="#">Father's Day Stall</a> : 9.30 Kindy; 10.00 Year 1, 10.30 Year 2, 10.50 Support Classes, 11.00 Years 3-6	31 International Food Day - Thai Food Orders Due	1/2 <b>Father's Day this Sunday</b>
September	7	3 <a href="#">P&amp;C Meeting Club Sapphire</a> 6.30-8pm; Book Fair on Display; NAPLAN Online Check Week	4 Book Fair Books on Display	5 Book Fair Books on Display; <a href="#">International Food Day "Thai Food"</a>	6 Book Fair Books on Display / <a href="#">Book Parade 11.45-1.25</a>	7	8/9
September	8	10 <a href="#">Ski/Snow Excursion – Stage 2/3</a>	11 Ski/Snow Excursion – Stage 2/3	12 Ski/Snow Excursion – Stage 2/3	13	14 <a href="#">Regional Finals Spelling Bee</a> – via VC; K-2 Assembly KS Host 12.25-1.25	15/16
September	9	17	18 <a href="#">School Photos – Class, Family, Portrait, SRC Photos</a>	19 <a href="#">School Photos – Sports, Arts, Year 6, Rep Photos</a>	20	21	22/23
September	10	24	25 K-2 Disco 1.35-2.55pm <a href="#">Country Dance Theme</a> (\$ to go to Farm Aid)	2 3-6 Disco 1.35-2.55pm <a href="#">Flanny Shirts &amp; Jeans</a> (\$ to go to Farm Aid)	27 6K Running <a href="#">Science Fair</a> for other students	28 <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	29/30 School Holidays