



Merimbula Public School Newsletter

Term 4 – Weeks 1-5
2017

Principal's Messages:

Welcome New Students and Families: We have had 10 new enrolments this week. Welcome students, parents and families. We hope that you enjoy being part of our wonderful school community. It is great to have you at Merimbula Public School.

Kinder Orientation Visits: It was a wonderful week of picnic visits for our incoming Kindergarten class of 2018. We have 52 kindergarten enrolments already, which means that we will be having two kindy classes and a K/1 class at this stage. Mrs Beth Smith, Ms Jodi Vaughan and Miss Kirra Boulton are very excited to be teaching Kindergarten in 2018 and have loved meeting all of the children at the picnics. Thank you to Mrs Jane Richmond, Learning Assistance and Support Teacher, for your support at the visits, and to Miss Tahlia Stafford for your coordination.

Next Thursday, from 9.30am, our kindy for 2018 will be visiting classrooms and meeting their 'buddies'. This year's Year 3 students will be buddying up with a 2018 kindy student as part of our new buddy program. Parents/carers will be attending an information session in the hall during the classroom visits.



Here are some of our lovely new kindy kids for 2018!

Staff Professional Learning: The Term 4 Staff Development Days (SDDs) are usually held on the last two days of Term 4. Merimbula Public School staff have varied their SDDs, completing additional hours of professional learning after school hours throughout the year. As a result, our staff will be finishing the year on the same day of the students – December 15.

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Staffing Changes/Leave: In Term 4 the following staffing changes will be taking place: Mr Laurie Campbell will be teaching 5B each Tuesday and 5K each Wednesday (Weeks 1-4) and Ms Erica Bell will be teaching 5B on Tuesdays and 5K on Wednesdays (Weeks 5-10). I would like to welcome these two new casual teachers to our school. It is great to have more dedicated staff on our team.

Miss Stafford will be on leave from next Wednesday, October 18 until Thursday October 26. Mrs Anne Richardson will be teaching 2S during that time.

Important Dates for Term 4: Term 4 is going to be another busy term! Please look at the Term 4 Calendar in this Newsletter and keep it handy. Updates will be shared via Facebook and School Stream. All calendar dates will be updated on the web site calendar and School Stream by the end of next week.

Selective High School Applications Open for Current Year 5 Students (Year 7 of 2019):

Applications for selective high school placement for students in Year 7 in 2019 opened this week (on **October 10, 2017** as shared on our Facebook site). They close on **November 13, 2017**. Applications can be made at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The process only takes around 10 minutes.

Students wishing to attend a selective high school will need to sit a placement test to see if they are eligible. The Selective High School Placement Test is on **March 15, 2018**. Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Some selective high schools have vacancies in Years 8 to 12. Applications open in late June for placement the following year. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/years-8-to-12>.

Whilst we do not have a selective high school in our area, students are able to attend Aurora College from their local public high school. Aurora College is a virtual selective high school setting for rural or remote students. Students must enrol in a rural and remote NSW public high school for Year 7 to be eligible for entry to Aurora College. This includes Eden Marine and Bega High Schools. Applicants must state the rural or remote high school they intend to enrol in at the time of applying.

Students cannot access the Aurora College option while they are enrolled in a rural high school that has a selective class (partially selective). Students enrolled at Aurora College study English, mathematics and science through a virtual learning environment using computer technology to interact with teachers and classmates. Residential schools are also held twice a year. Students attend other subjects at their local rural high school, meaning they can access a challenging academic program without leaving their community to do so.

For more information, check out our Facebook page for links to the application site. One of the links also shares more information on this wonderful opportunity for our talented students via an Inside Story article and links to the Aurora College Facebook site). The entry/placement test consists of a 20 minute writing test and three 40 minute multiple-choice tests in: reading (45 questions); mathematics (40 questions); and general ability (60 questions). No marks are taken off for incorrect answers in the multiple-choice tests. Students are given a stimulus for the writing test – an image, statement, heading or question. Two pages are provided for the writing test. Assessment for the writing test is based on: whether the writing is about the stimulus topic. No marks will be awarded if the writing is not based on the topic; quality of thinking about a topic; organisation of ideas; and use of language. The writing must be the student's own work and must not be very similar to the work of other students. More information, including sample tests, are available via the link to the site.

Some primary schools offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Year 5/6. Whilst there are no opportunity classes for Year 5 and 6 in our area, if you are moving to a metropolitan area you may like to check out more information at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

SRC 2018 News: Expression of Interest notes have been sent home with Year 4 and 5 students for 2018 leader positions (School Leader, House Captain and Monitors). These EOIs are due back by Friday October 27 (Week 3). Check out our Handouts section to read the note if you want more information about the roles, responsibilities and timeline.

We look forward to another educational term! Remember to check in on our school Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening each week.

Regards,
Ms Michelle Hulme

School News:

Book Club: Book Club order forms and catalogues will be sent home next Friday. Orders will be due back to the front office by **Wednesday 8th of November**. Please check the order form and information slip for payment options. Thank you to Mrs Jenni Smith for coordinating Book Club.

Little and Early Learning Labs Program: The University of Wollongong would like to invite our students to the Little and Early Learning Labs, an academic and enrichment holiday program. High achieving students from Years 1 to 6 are being targeted. Dates for the learning labs are:

Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2) – Jan 3-4, 2018;

Little Mini Labs (Years 1 and 2) – Jan 5, 2018;

Early Learning Labs (Years 3-6) – Jan 9-10, 2018; *and*

Early Mini Labs (Years 3-6) – Jan 11, 2018.

Teachers at our school have to nominate students for the places. With places being limited, and the activities being held during the school holidays, please contact Mrs Brewer (3-6) or Miss Stafford (Year 1 and 2) via the office (64951266) if you would like your child to be considered for nomination. Nominations are due on November 7.

Ethics Classes at Merimbula Public School: Could you be an Ethics Teacher for Merimbula Public School? Or do you know somebody who would be interested? In 2016, thanks to a wonderful group of volunteer Ethics Teachers, ethics classes were offered to all four stages, including Kindy, at Merimbula Public School. Our school was the only school in our region that had the privilege to do so.

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Merimbula Public School
2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Kinder Welcome Picnics on Wednesday
October 11 (12:15 - 1:15pm) and
Thursday October 12 (9:30 - 10:30am);

Parent/Carer Information Session in the Jackson
Hall, Thursday October 19 (9:30 - 11:00am); and

Classroom Visits For Children
Thursday October 19 (9:30 - 11:00am);
Thursday October 26 (9:30 - 11:00am); and
Thursday November 2 (9:30am - 12:15pm).

The poster features three images: a group of children in blue uniforms on a playground, a colorful play structure, and a yellow toy tractor. At the bottom, there are logos for SCLC and a rainbow logo with the text 'Community Connections' and 'Building Relationships'.

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In 2017, however, we have only been able to offer ethics to one stage due to lack of available teachers. We would love to offer ethics to all four stages in 2018 and we are now seeking new volunteer teachers so that we can make that happen. Ethics Teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, which consists of a two-day workshop held on November 25 and 26, and short online modules. Curriculum and access to teaching resources is provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and in developing their critical thinking skills and must be available to teach for 40 minutes on Friday afternoons during the school terms.

In ethics classes, teaching is done through dialogue and discussion - a tradition of philosophical inquiry that goes right back to Socrates. This approach has significant personal and social benefits. By learning to think about ethical matters together and through the give-and-take of reasoned argument, students learn to consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements. Children discuss topics such as: Imagining how others feel; How do we treat living things?; How do we disagree in a respectful way?; Fairness, forgiveness, sharing, pride, courage, friendship.

If ethics teaching is of interest to you, or you know somebody else who might be interested, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au for more information (and/or) contact Elisabeth Larsen, Ethics Coordinator at Merimbula Public School, e.larsen@bigpond.com, 0448235577, 64950165.

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Christian Special Religious Education: Christian SRE commonly known as “scripture” provides a safe learning space for students to question, explore and discover matters of belief, in a way that supports the school and community values of respect, responsibility and resilience.

The Christian SRE program that is running at Merimbula Public School is an approved curriculum that is non-denominational and designed to promote the specific core values of Merimbula Public School (respect, responsibility and resilience). The teachers are parents in the school and well supported by all the local churches. The lessons are age appropriate and there are classes available to every age group. We are certainly very fortunate to have such a valuable program available to all of our students and their families.

Christian SRE at Merimbula Public School is available to all students and families regardless of their belief, faith, religion, or denomination. Children or parents do not need to be “christened” or “confirmed” or perform any other type of religious ritual. All that is required for your child to attend Christian SRE is an opt-in note from you for your child to be able to participate in the program. If you would like more information regarding this program please contact Jeremy Fernando on 03419123840.

Important 2018 Dates:

2018 Term Dates:

- Term 1 – Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April 2018– **SDD Monday Jan 29, Kids return Jan 30, Kindy Start Mon 5;**
- Term 2 – Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July 2018 – **SDD April 30, Kids return May 1;**
- Term 3 – Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September 2018;
- Term 4 – Monday 15 October to Friday 21 December 2018.

Special Dates:

- Good Friday – **Fri March 30** (Not in the holidays);
- Easter Monday – **Monday April 2** (Long Weekend in Term 1);
- NAPLAN Dates (Year 3 and 5) – **May 15-17;**
- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – **Monday June 11.**

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Notes and Handouts: There are a lot of notes/handouts being sent home with today’s newsletter. Please check your child’s bag or get in touch with their class teacher if you do not receive them all. Alternately, all notes have been uploaded onto our school web site.

Today’s notes include:

- Newsletter (Youngest in the family);
- Student Representative Council Expression of Interest for School Leader, House Captain and Monitor Positions 2018 (Year 4 and 5 students);
- Scripture, SRE and Ethics information notes and EOI for 2018 (Youngest in the family);
- Jackson Cup Sport Day (Year 3-6 students);
- Stage 2 Homework (Year 3 and 4);
- 2018 Year 6 T-Shirt/Hoodie Order Form (Year 5 students);
- Graduation Dinner Ticket Order Form (Year 6 students);
- Cricket Knockout Information Note (Cricket Team, **a permission note will also come home this week once the time is confirmed*);
- Maths Day at Bega HS Permission (Selected students attending BHS in 2018);
- Year 6-7 Transition Information Notes (Year 6);
- Superstan DVD Order Form (Youngest in family).

Day For Daniel: Our school will be having a Fundraiser and educational awareness day to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. 'Day for Daniel' is a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. It is being held on October 27. Our SRC will be helping to collect funds.

On this day all students, staff and visitors are encouraged to wear red and bring in a gold coin donation. Information lessons will also take place.

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Bandanna Day: National Bandanna Day is CanTeen's largest fundraiser. The fundraiser aims to raise \$1.3 million this year to support young people living with cancer. Every year, another 23,000 young people (63 a day) have to deal with the challenge of cancer.

Our Year 6 students will be supporting Bandanna Day by selling Bandannas on Friday November 10. Students/staff will be wearing them at school. More information and prices will be shared on Facebook in the coming weeks.

Uniform Shop News: The uniform shop will be open from 8.15-9.15 each Monday and Thursday as well as 2.15-3.15pm on Thursdays this term.

Our Uniform Shop will also be open in the last week of the Summer School Holidays as follows:

- Monday Jan 22, 9am-2pm;
- Tuesday Jan 23, 9am-2pm; and
- Wednesday Jan 24, 9am-2pm.

The Uniform Shop will then continue to operate during its normal hours from Monday, Jan 29.

Performing Arts News:

School Musical DVD Orders: Superstar DVDs can be ordered over the next two weeks. A DVD pack (containing a recording of each of the three performances) is only \$10, thanks to Ross Mannell our P&C Secretary who recorded the performances.

Music Groups and Band: Please see the weekly events section of this newsletter for band/tutorial times this term.

Sports News:

Elective Sports Years 3-6: Years 3-6 students commence their Elective Sports program from next week. For 5 weeks, students will be taking part in school sports, zumba, walking, tennis, lawn bowls, ten-pin bowling, mini golf and much more. Students on behaviour monitoring or who have been/get suspended are unable to attend off-site activities.

Thank you to Mrs Brewer for coordinating this amazing opportunity and to the local clubs and sporting organisations for allowing us to access your facilities.

School Sports Awards Presentation Assembly: SAVE THE DATE!!! On Monday, November 27 we will be holding our annual Sports Presentation Assembly. Students who have represented the school at the highest level (ie in a State Team or at State) as well as those who competed in a PSSA team at/beyond Round 4 of the competition will be recognised by being awarded school medallions. Our 2018 House Captains will also be inducted at this assembly.

Library News:

Library Open Times: This term our library will be open every lunch and recess break for borrowing.

Reading Café After School: Parents and carers are welcome to come and visit the Reading Café in the library, which is held each Wednesday after school (3-4.30pm).

Incoming 2018 Kinder students and their families are also encouraged to attend to support our new students in getting more familiar with the school and excited about reading. The Reading Café will resume in Week 3 and will run to Week 8.

P&C News:

Our Next Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held at Club Sapphire on Monday, October 16 from 6.30-8pm. New families and faces are welcome. Child minding takes place in the club for those who need it.

Our Canteen Supervisor Ms Sandra Bunce will be attending the meeting to answer questions about our new Canteen Menu and other items sold at the canteen.

Japanese Exhibition: The Spiral Gallery in Bega is having a Japanese exhibition 'Sakura', from October 13 to 25. On the opening night, from 5 pm Friday 13, Japanese nibbles and live music will be presented. Japanese Taiko drumming, Bamboo flute shinobue will be accompanied with Celtic flute and cello. Entry is free. This will be a good opportunity for students and the community to experience Japanese culture.



Japanese Exhibition Sakura
 13th - 25th October 2017
 2 weeks Only Cash & Carry
 Opening: Friday 13th October at 5pm
 Japanese Food & Live Music
 Bamboo Flute Shinobue, Cello
 Stonewave Taiko Drummers

Angasi Shell Painting By Susi Kleber
 Spiral Gallery 47 church St Bega Tel (02) 6492 5322 www.spiralgallery.org.au

Kimono, Clothes, Textile, Jewellery, Ceramic, Painting, Wood & Glass Work
 Artist Book, Ukiyoe, Small Furniture, Antiques & Collectables

Reiko Healy, Nancy Brunton, Mia Karlsson, Neil Campbell
 Pam Eyles, Mark Lem, Susi Kleber, David Harris, Peter Read

Spiral Gallery Open: Mon - Fri 10 - 4 pm Sat 10 - 1 pm
 Open at other times by arrangement ph 0474 065 667

Bega Fun Run: The Bega Fun Run will be held on Sunday the 29th of October 2017. As with last year, they will be holding a 2.5km Kids Dash to get our kids up and moving. This event is open to all primary school age children. Each child will receive a voucher for an Ice cream at the Bega Heritage Centre for after the race as well as prizes for place getters. In addition to the 2.5km Kids Dash there is also the 5km Run/Walk and 10km Run on the day. There is an early bird offer on the prices which finishes on August 31, 2017. Please see their website for more information about the Bega Fun Run:

www.sapphirecoastrunners.com.au/begafunrun



Bega Fun Run
Kids Dash
 9:45AM
 Sunday 29 Oct 2017
 Bega Recreation Ground
 Entry Fees Apply
 Earlybird pricing to 31 August

www.begafunrun.com.au

If you love swimming – read on! Pambula Community Swimming Club News: The Pambula Community Swimming Club welcomes new and existing members to the start of the 2017/18 Club season. We have facilities as good as anywhere in Australia right here on our doorstep so come and find out what all the fuss is about! All ages are welcome with a weekly programme of events offering plenty of race experience and lots of fun for the whole family.

FIRST NIGHT: Tuesday 17 October 5.50pm at Sapphire Aquatic Centre Pambula. A short information session about club night will be held in our BBQ area prior to races commencing. A FREE sausage BBQ will also be provided.

New members can swim for free before joining so why not give it a go? **NEW! 7/U – are Free - Junior Dolphins membership!** See you there!

Enquiries to: pambulaswimclub@gmail.com or Violette on 0475 430 650



Before School, After School and Vacation Care: Enrolments are still open for Before and After School Care, and Vacation Care with Holiday Care Australia (HCA). Before School Care is open 6am – 9am Monday to Friday by appointment. After School Care opens at 2:55pm until 6pm Monday to Friday during Term. HCA is only closed on Public Holidays.





Bega Valley Athletics Club Join now for 2017/2018 Season!

The 2017/18 Little Athletics season, which runs from October to March, will begin next term. Little Athletics is all about fun, fitness and achieving your personal best. Athletes develop running, jumping and throwing skills by participating in training sessions and are eligible to compete in Little Athletics ACT carnivals.

Children who are in the U7 – U17 age group are welcome to join the Bega Valley Athletics Club. As athletics requires a number of coaches, recorders, and people to time and measure, a parent/supervising adult must come with their child to training afternoons. If your child would like to try, they can come along to our first training afternoon on Thursday 19th October before registering.

Season Starts: 19 October 2017, 5 - 6.30pm

Venue: Bega Athletics Field, Bega St.

Cost: \$90 for the season (training every Thursday)

Registration: <https://registration.resultsq.com.au>

For more information, email begavalleyathleticsclub@gmail.com



Canteen News:

Term 4 Menu and Volunteers: Please see the Canteen Menu that accompanies this newsletter for our Term 4 Menu and prices.

Attached is a note you can use to indicate if you can volunteer. We need helpers!

Crunch and Sip News:

Summer Fruits: Summer fruits are often the fruit children love the most. And with scrumptious stone fruits, mouth-watering melons and beautiful berries on offer, who can blame them!

A small container of: mixed berries, sliced peach or nectarine, or chopped melon, makes a delicious Crunch&Sip® (or any other time!) treat. These soft fruits are also kind on wiggly teeth. These fruits are extra sweet and juicy, so make sure you send along a paper napkin or sheet of paper towel for your child to wipe their hands!

Water is the best drink for kids: Students are able to keep a bottle of plain water on their desk to drink during the day (or in the wet area for younger students). When students don't drink enough water, they can become dehydrated, which causes headaches, irritability and restlessness in the classroom.

Plain tap water is the best thirst-quencher as it has no added sugars. Soft drinks, cordials, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters contain 6 teaspoons of sugar in every 250ml glass, which means they contain a large amount of energy. This can contribute to dental caries and decay and an excess energy intake (which can lead to overweight and obesity).

So make sure you encourage your child to drink plain tap water at school by sending a bottle in their school bag. Children often enjoy cold water, so why not freeze a bottle to send in the lunchbox?

Also, try making water readily available at home. Have a jug of cold water in the fridge and place a jug of water on the table at meal times. Or make jugs of water more appealing by adding a slice of lemon or ice cubes made in novelty shaped trays.

Sending water to school will help prevent dehydration and help your child work and play all day long.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) News:

Welcome back to another wonderful term at Merimbula Public School. We have a fun, busy and engaging term ahead.

English: Stage 1 students will explore informative texts and look at the way we can communicate information through writing procedures and explanations this term. Students will also think creatively and imaginatively when learning about and writing their own poetry. Early Stage 1 will also be exploring imaginative texts and looking at the narratives of the Aboriginal Dreamtime. Students will continue with reading in class which will continue to be supported by the Home Reading program.

Maths: In Mathematics we will be focusing on Whole number, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Decimals, Patterns and Algebra, Time, Data, Mass, Volume and Capacity, Position (Stage 1) and Area (Kindy).

Unit of Work – Science and Geography: In Stage 1, we will be learning about the material world and the way in which everyday materials can be physically changed by actions such as mixing, heating and cooling. Students will have opportunities to investigate, explore and compare materials through hands on experiences.

In Early Stage 1, students will be learning about changes in the environment and their own world. They will also learn about the physical world and how and why things move including factors such as size and shape. Through investigation, students observe and explore forces they can use to move objects such as sliding, bouncing and spinning.

Assembly: We invite all parents from K-2 to join us on Monday after recess from 2.10pm for assembly. See the below timetable for classes hosting assemblies this term.

Term 4 Assembly Roster	
Week	Class
3	KW
5	No assembly
7	K/1Y

Sport and Personal Development/Health: For Sport this term, students will be focusing on a number of Games and Sports including basketball and netball skills (throwing and catching), AFL and soccer skills (kicking), cricket and handball (hand-eye coordination). Sport is held on Wednesday afternoons for all students in K-2.

In PD/H, student will be learning about ways in which they can kept themselves healthy such as eating a healthy lunch and exercising regularly.

Swimming Scheme – Year 2: The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence. It provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme is conducted over 10 days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. The scheme focuses on Year 2 students but extra students across the school may be invited to attend. Instruction will be held at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre, Pambula. There will be no formal classes if students do not attend.

The scheme will take place for two weeks from **Monday 27th November to Friday 8th December**, there is no charge for these lessons aside from pool entry and bus travel to the venue. The cost for the 10 days will be **\$80 without a pool pass and \$50 with a pool pass**.

Please note if your child misses a day, a refund will not be possible. Students should wear school uniform and will need to bring a swimming costume, a towel, goggles and a plastic bag for wet swimwear. They should also bring their asthma puffer if required. Please ensure all items of uniform and swimwear are labelled.

NRL Gala Day: There will be an NRL Gala Day for K-2 in Week 7 on Wednesday 22nd November. This will be held at school on the oval from 11.40-1.40pm. Please note, this will be in place of normal sport lessons on that day.

Classroom Supplies: We thank you for supplying your children with all the school supplies that they need within the classroom each day. The beginning of each term is a great time to check that your child has everything they need for the term as many supplies may be diminishing. Many students require new glue sticks, lead pencils and rubbers.

Class Dojos: Class Dojos are used in the classroom to encourage positive behaviour and to discourage negative behaviour. At this stage, this is used as a classroom tool and has not been extended to inviting parents.

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) News:

Homework: Stage 2 students will be set a homework task in the next week. The task will be related to our 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.

The Stage 3 homework task for Term 3 was extended to Week 1, Term 4. Due to the workload and business of Term 4, Stage 3 students will not be set another homework task, however if they choose may take class work home for completion.

High School Information: Both Eden Marine High School and Bega High School will be holding their Orientation Day on Tuesday, December 5.

Additional transition for Aboriginal students will be on Wednesday, November 29 (Eden Marine High School).

2017 Leaving Class Graduation Dinner: This fantastic celebration for our current Year 6 students will be held on Thursday, December 14 2017 and will be held at Oaklands Function Centre, Pambula. A ticket order form with more information has been sent home today.

Year 6 Shirts: Students of Year 6 2018 have selected their preferred t-shirt design for next year. The Polo Shirts will be teal with white printing. This year students also have the opportunity to order a navy hoodie with teal writing. Order forms have been sent home today.

Maths: Stage 2 - Students will be learning the following concepts. Whole Number, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Fractions & Decimals, Patterns & Algebra, Data, Time, Volume & Capacity, Mass and Position.

Stage 3 – Whole Number, Addition & Subtraction, Angles, Chance, Volume & Capacity and Mass.

English: We are extremely fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to trial 'English Stars' for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 for 2017. ENGLISH STARS provides a pedagogically-sound teaching sequence that uses the built-in quality resources, including texts, teaching slideshows, learning videos and modelled activities. Students can then practise their understanding of these concepts with a wide range of interactive and differentiated activities. English Stars is the first digital program to cover the language, literature and literacy strands of the Australian Curriculum. Students are continuing to learn spelling through phoneme and grapheme relationships using 'Sound waves'.

Geography: Stage 2 students will be studying 'Places are similar and different' and Stage 3 students are continuing to study 'Factors that shape places' with the focus this Term being 'Fire Mitigation'.

Science: Stage 2 students will be studying 'Heating Up' and Stage 3 students will be studying 'Living World'.

PDHPE: Stage 2 will be looking at the 'Child Protection' unit and Stage 3 students will be learning about 'Personal Health Choices' topics. Students in both Stage 2 and 3 will also be learning about 'Peer Pressure'.

Elective Sport: Our Elective Sport program commences on Thursday, October 19 2017, following our lunch break. Students are to be in their sports uniform and they need to be wearing appropriate footwear. They are responsible for carrying their own water bottles and asthma puffer (if required). Students are to wear their own sunscreen, bring it to school and use it responsibly should they require it.

News From Our Support Classes:

Brewda Coffee: Our coffee business has continued within the support classrooms and has been a great benefit to the confidence of the kids within the classroom.

Students have been working productively within teams to develop life skills and calculate the costing of items and the change that needs to be given. This term we will be expanding our business to incorporate cakes and we will be baking them within our class cooking program.

This will be incorporated into our English program where we will be looking at advertisements and persuasive skills that can be incorporated into our designs.

The money that is made within the program will go back into the cooking program and provide new opportunities for the three classes.

English: The support classes will be using our newly acquired Chromebooks within our literacy rotations to support each student with their writing.

These devices will allow for applications that will support students in reading texts, providing prescriptive text in their independent writing and voice to text functions to continue to support the level of detail that they can orally explain.

Oyster Excursion: This term we will be undertaking an excursion to a local oyster farm to coincide with the project work we have been completing within our classrooms. It will be a great opportunity to explore a local product and to look at the process of how they are grown. More information will be sent out once a date has been confirmed.

School Garden: The support classes have been growing their own produce and will soon be able to use these items within our cooking program and for the canteen. It will also allow for classes across the school to look after a section of the garden.

Review Meetings: Your child's classroom teacher will be in contact with you over the next few weeks to organise review meetings for your behaviour plans and IEP's. This will provide clear goals for the remainder of the year and leading into 2018.

Weekly Events, Activities and Extra Curricular Classes

		Library	Music	Japanese
Monday	8.15-9.15am - Uniform Shop Open 11.10-11.40am – Library Open 11.10-11.40am – Garden Club (School Garden) with Miss Varley-Mitchell 1.50–2.10pm– Library Open 2.10-2.55pm - School Assembly (Even Weeks/ K-2 Odd Weeks– In Hall)	FM FL 5C 4S KV 5K	FM FL 4S 5C 5K KV	
Tuesday	11.10-11.40am – Beading Workshops (Library) Free with Mrs Kellaway 11.10-11.40am – Library Open 11.10-11.40am – School Choir (Hall) with Miss George and Ms Hulme 1.50–2.10pm– Library Open 1.50-2.10pm - Japanese Club (4F Room Upstairs) with Mrs Fowler 1.50-2.10pm – Oval Sports (Front half of oval) with Mr Hughes	KW 5B	FB	1S 1B 5K 6H 4F
Wednesday	9am – School Banking 11.10-11.40am – Library Open 1.40-2.10pm – Music Tutorial Groups Rehearsal (Hall) With Miss George 1.50–2.10pm– Library Open 2.10-2.55pm – Stage 1 and Kindergarten Sport 3.00-4.30pm – School Library Open (Parents and Toddlers Welcome!) with Mrs Feneck (Weeks 3 to 8 only)	K/1Y 4F 3/4P 6H	K/1Y 3/4P 4F 6H	
Thursday	8.15-9.15am and 2.15-3.15pm - Uniform Shop Open 11.10-11.40am – Library Open 11.40-1.40pm – Stage 2 and 3 Sport/Elective Sport (W2-6) 1.50–2.10pm– Library Open 1.50-2.10pm – School Band (Hall) with Miss George Time TBA – Chalk Drawing Activities (Playground) with Mrs Gaynor	3G 2M 1B 1S	2M 3G 1S 1B	
Friday	11.00-11.20am – SRC Meeting (5B Room – when advertised) with Ms Hulme 11.10-11.40am – Library Open 1.10pm – 3-6 Scripture/SRE/Ethics (from Week 2) 1.50–2.10pm– Library Open Time TBA – Drawing Club with Miss Boulton 2.10-2.40pm – K-2 Scripture/SRE/Ethics (from Week 2)	2S 2/3J	KW 5B 2S 2/3J	



Parents Count Too

Helping your child with – Measuring temperature and time

For children to make sense of measurement, we need to show how measurement is used in practical situations. We also should encourage the language associated with measurement, by talking about:


- things that we can measure
- things we can use to measure, and later
- the units we use to measure things, such as minutes and hours or degrees.

How do children learn to measure temperature and time?

Children need opportunities to compare two or more things to understand measurement. To understand temperature they need to compare two things to measure the “hotness” or “coldness” of a substance. They need to see and talk about how temperature can affect things as well as the ways we can measure temperature. Initially, children will learn about time through using language such as *yesterday, today* and *tomorrow* and through comparing the time it takes to complete activities. *I can clap my hands three times while you throw a ball in the air and catch it.* Later, children will read the time from both digital and analogue clocks.



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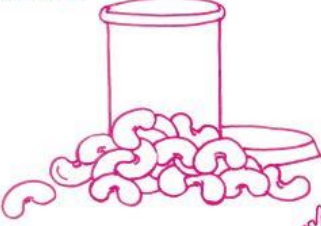
Helping your child with – Measuring volume and mass

Children’s early experiences with measurement will often be based on their observations of you as parents. Watching mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of play in following days.

How do children learn to measure volume and mass?

Children initially develop an understanding of measurement through comparing objects. They may hold up two toys and say one is heavier or lighter than the other or look at two glasses and say one has more water in it than the other. Soon after, they begin to compare more than two objects.

Children need to play with a variety of materials and containers for filling, packing and pouring before they can move to using *formal* units such as kilograms and grams. They need to understand how things can be packed together to fill a container and which materials are better for packing.



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Do you want to be able to support your child more at home with understanding their school work?

If you do, we have included the following Fact Sheets in the ‘Handouts’ section of our web site, with this week’s notes. If you cannot access the internet, or print them at home, please let the office know and we will send home a copy of the required Fact Sheet/s with your child:

- Reading With Your Child At Home – Ideas for Parents of Young Children;
- Helping Your Child With Mental Calculations;
- Helping Your Child With Arithmetic: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division;
- Helping Your Child With Patterns and Algebra;
- Helping Your Child With Representing Graphs and Tables;
- Helping Your Child With Measuring Temperature and Time;
- Helping Your Child With Measuring Volume and Mass;
- Helping Your Child With Measuring Length and Area;
- Helping Your Child With Shapes and Objects.

We have also uploaded the following Fact Sheets:

- Anti-Bullying – Parents and Carers Tips;
- Sun Safety – Information for Parents and Carers;
- Head Lice Treatment Options – Information for Parents and Carers;
- Completing Absentee Notes and Notices.

School Calendar – Term 4, 2017

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

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
October	1	9 Students and Staff Return for Term 4/ No Assembly	10	11 K-2 Sport / 2018 Kindy Picnic 12.15-1.15	12 3-6 Sport /2018 Kindy Picnic 9.30-10.30	13 SRE/Scripture /Ethics Re-starts/ Elective Sports Payments Due/SRC Meeting	14/15
October	2	16 3-6 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm /6.30-8pm P&C Meeting	17	18 K-2 Sport	19 2018 Kindy Orientation and Parent Pres. In Hall 9.30-11/3-6 Elective Sport	20 PSSA Cricket Knockout	21/22
October	3	23 K-2 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm	24	25 K-2 Sport	26 3-6 Elective Sport /2018 Kindy Orientation 9.30-11	27 Day for Daniel MUFTI/ SRC EOIs Due /International Teacher's Day	28/29
Oct/Nov	4	30 3-6 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm	31 Jackson Cup	1 K-2 Sport/ SRC 2018 Speech givers notified	2 3-6 Elective Sport/2018 Kindy Orientation 9.30-12.15/Music Count Us In K-6	3 SRC 2018 EOIs DUE/ Greek International Food Day orders DUE	4/5
November	5	6 K-2 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm	7 Jackson Cup Backup Day/ 2018 SRC Speech Students Notified/ Learning Lab nominations DUE	8 K-2 Sport/ International Food Day - Greek Food	9 3-6 Elective Sport	10 2018 Year 6 Shirt Money & In2Uni Excursion Note DUE/ Remembrance Day Assembly /Bandanna Day	11/12
November	6	13 3-6 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm/ Small Transition Group-High School /Selective HS App's Due	14 SRC 2018 Speeches 11.40-1.40pm Jackson Hall	15 K-2 Sport/ Support Class Transition EMHS	16 3-6 Elective Sport	17	18/19
November	7	20 K-2 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm / Stewart House Visit (W7&8)/ Talent Quest Auditions Start	21	22 No K-2 Sport/ K-2 NRL Gala Day for Sport/ In2Uni Stage 3 Excursion UOW at Bega	23 3-6 Sport with NRL Coaches/ P&C Xmas Shopping Spree Fundraiser	24	25/26
Nov/Dec	8	27 No Assembly / Sports Presentation Assembly 2.10-2.55pm/ Year 2 Swim Scheme	28 Year 2 Swimming Scheme Pambula	29 K-2 Sport/ Aboriginal Students Transition to High School/ Year 2 Swimming Scheme	30 3-6 Sport with NRL Coaches/ Year 2 Swimming Scheme Pambula	1 Year 6 Farewell Money DUE/ K-6 Party Day Money and Notes DUE/ Year 2 Swim Scheme	2/3
December	9	4 K-2 Assembly 2.10-2.55pm/ Year 2 Swimming Scheme Pambula	5 Year 2 Swimming Scheme Pambula / EMHS Yr 7 2018 Orientation Day	6 K-2 Sport/ Year 2 Swimming Scheme Pambula / Canteen Burger Bonanza Day	7 3-6 Sport with NRL Coaches/ Year 2 Swimming Scheme Pambula	8 Year 2 Swim / Presentation Day 9.30am & P&C Raffle/Helpers M'Tea/ Kindy Graduation/ Carols Magic Mtn	9/10
December	10	11 No Assembly	12 Talent Quest 11.40-1.40	13 Reports Sent Home	14 Kindy, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Party Days / Year 6 Farewell	15 LAST DAY OF TERM (Staff and Students) / Year 5 and 6 Party Day	16/17 School Holidays
December	11	18 Staff Development/ Pupil Free Day	19 Staff Development/ Pupil Free Day	20 School Holidays	21 School Holidays	22 School Holidays	23/24 School Holidays