



Merimbula Public School Newsletter

Term 4 – Weeks 6-10
2017

Principal's Messages:

Welcome New Students and Families: Over the last two weeks Mrs Hodsdon and I have been busy showing new families around the school. We have already enrolled 14 new students, in addition to our 52 Kindy students, for 2018! Some have also commenced this week. Welcome new families!

We are very close to requiring an additional teacher and classroom. If you know of any students who are leaving the school, or moving to the area/school, could you please let us know so that we can put plans in place. We are currently forming classes and would love for them to be accurate and ready for the new year.

Kinder Orientation Visit Success: Thank you to all of the families who have supported our Kindergarten Orientation Program. We have enjoyed meeting new families and getting to know so many lovely new children. Thank you to the staff who supported this smooth start.

The formal orientation program has now ended, however we are still lucky to be having visits from some of our students who have been invited to additional sessions. These sessions are taking place over the next four Thursdays from 9.15-11am.

Staffing 2018: We have begun to make arrangements for classes and staffing in 2018. Our 2018 Kindergarten teachers are: KB – Miss Kirra Boulton; KS – Mrs Beth Smith; and K/1V – Ms Jodi Vaughan. Our Support Classes will continue to be taught by: FB – Mr Brenton Mace and Ms Varley-Mitchell; FM – Mr Craig Morris; and FL – Mrs Tina Lawson.

Ms Vanessa Bain (Assistant Principal) is due to return to our school and will be leading our K-2 Team, which at this stage includes: Mrs Jenni Smith, Mrs Megan Young, and Ms Bain; as well as the Kindy staff.

Miss Tahlia Stafford (Assistant Principal) will be leading the Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) team, as well as teaching on Stage 2 with: Mrs Anna Charlton, Miss Natasha Sconfienza and Mrs Amanda Fowler.

Mrs Manda Brewer will continue to lead Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) and teach one of the classes. Mr Adam Hughes, Miss Tammy Pauline, Mrs Lisa Kellaway and Miss Caitlin Patterson will also be teaching Stage 3.

As shared, we are getting a lot of new enrolments. We anticipate that the teachers will stay on the teams outlined above but we will not share which classes/grades they are teaching until numbers and amount of classes are confirmed.

School Photos: School photos have been sent home with students today. No late orders are being taken and all queries and concerns should be raised directly with The School Photographer on (02)9674 9824.

Earn and Learn Success! Thank you to all of the families who sent in stickers from Woolworths' Earn and Learn Promotion! We were very fortunate to receive 49,000 sticker points! This has enabled our school to order: Maths Resources – large dice, maths kits for K-6; Art Resources – paint brushes and watercolour paint kits for K-2; and Sports Resources for the student borrowing shed: 4 x soft basketballs, 4 x soft netballs, 4 x soft soccer balls, some velcro grip ball sets, some scoop and tennis ball sets.

Enjoy the rest of Term 4! We look forward to celebrating the year with you all at our Presentation Day in a few weeks.

Regards,
Ms Michelle Hulme

School News:

Selective High School Applications Reminder (Year 7 of 2019): Applications for selective high school placement for students in Year 7 in 2019 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>. See the last Newsletter for more details.

Merimbula's Got Talent – Talent Quest: It is time for our 2017 'Merimbula's Got Talent' quest. This will be held on Tuesday, 12 December. Students from ES1, Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3 who would like to participate, need to fill in the 'Merimbula's Got Talent' entry form and return it to Mrs Brewer by Friday, November 17 (Week 6). Students will be notified of their audition day by Friday, November 24 2017. These auditions will take place at lunch time and/or recess during Week 8 (Monday – Friday) in the Hall. Groups that require music must have this available on a thumb drive or CD prior to their audition day (music needs to have been checked by parent/carer to ensure no bad language is present). All finalists will be announced on the School Website and Facebook in **Week 9** (Wednesday, December 6).

Scripture/SRE/Ethics Program: Our final Special Religious Education (SRE) and Scripture classes will take place in Week 6 (next Friday) on November 17. The following week there will be a combined Christmas Presentation. The presentation will take place in the Jackson Hall. Students from non-scripture groups are welcome to attend. If you would like for your child to attend, even if they do not normally attend scripture, please complete the permission slip that was sent home today.

The Combined Christmas Concert will take place from 12.55pm on Friday, November 24 (for 30 min). Ethics classes will end on November 24.

SRC Speeches: Nine Year 4 and 5 students will be presenting 3-4 minute speeches in the Jackson Hall next Tuesday, November 14, in an attempt to persuade their peers to vote for them to become SRC Leaders in 2018.

The students that have made it through to the final round, and therefore will give speeches, include: Hollie Staight, Jayda Hulme, Emily Judd, Matthew Burge, Dylan Gill, Elouise Hicks, Lex Haigh, Jackson Lane and Jazmin Cooper.

Good luck to these students. Parents/carers are welcome to come and watch.

2018 Dates:

TERM 1:

- Term 1 – Monday January 29 to Friday April 13, 2018– **SDD Monday Jan 29, Kids return Jan 30, Kindy Start Mon Feb 5;**
- Wednesday Feb 7 – Swimming Carnival (Competitive Year 2-6 students only);
- Friday Feb 9 – Whole school assembly, SRC Induction;
- March 15 – Selective HS Exam;
- March 21 - Harmony Day performance;
- Good Friday – **Fri March 30** (Not in the holidays);
- Easter Monday – **Monday April 2** (Long Weekend in Term 1);
- April 4 – Cross Country Carnival;
- April 13 – ANZAC Day School Ceremony;

TERM 2:

- Term 2 – Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July 2018 – **SDD April 30, Kids return May 1;**
- May 5 – Stage 3 Mini Fete;
- NAPLAN Dates (Year 3 and 5) – **May 15-17;**
- May 20, 21 or June 17 or 18 – Festival of Instrumental Music;
- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – **Monday June 11;**
- June 26 – Athletics Carnival K-2/3-6.

TERM 3:

- Term 3 – Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September 2018;
- August 10 - Education Week Assembly;
- August 23 – Book Fair/Parade;

TERM 4:

- Term 4 – Monday 15 October to Friday 21 December 2018;
- October 19 – Jackson Cup;
- October 17, 24, 31 and November 7 – Kindy Orientations for 2019;
- October 16-19 – Year 6 Sydney Excursion;
- October 25 – Grandparent's Day;
- November 21-23 – Year 5 Jindabyne Camp.



Merimbula Public School's Uniform Shop is open each Monday and Thursday morning from 8.15 - 9.15am and each Thursday afternoon from 2.15 - 3.15pm. Effpos facilities available.

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Uniform Shop REMINDER: The uniform shop will be open at the usual times this term (see above).

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.

Sports News:

Jackson Cup: Congratulations to all students for taking part in the Jackson Cup with such enthusiasm. Thank you to the family members and friends who came to watch as well as the high school helpers!

School Sports Awards Presentation Assembly - REMINDER: SAVE THE DATE!!! Monday, November 27. A Roll Of Honour will come out in the next two weeks to let you know who will be receiving medals and/or special recognition.

Cricket Congratulations: After five rounds in the PSSA Knockout, our school cricket team's season came to an end. On Monday October 23 the team played in 30-degree-plus temperatures at Gerringong.

The team achieved a respectable total of 119 in their 25 overs, with all batsman contributing. In their innings, Gerringong batted brilliantly to reach 120 in 20 overs. Our boys demonstrated sportsmanship and encouragement right until the end, and should be proud of their efforts in making it through so many rounds of competition to be the last remaining Far South Coast team.

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We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and supporters for their assistance with transport, cakes and for being on the sidelines cheering us on.

Performing Arts News:

Christmas Carols/School Choir: The local Christmas Carols will take place at Magic Mountain again this year, on Friday December 8. Students are welcome to join the Christmas Choir next Thursday at lunchtime, to rehearse with Mrs McVeity and Miss George ready for the performance. A permission note will come home about the event soon.

Library News:

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

Reading Café After School: The Library Café will not be open after school for the remainder of 2017. Thank you to Mrs Feneck for offering the opportunity. Those who attended valued the time in the library with their family.

P&C News:

Our Next Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held at Club Sapphire on Monday, November 13 from 6.30-8pm. New families and faces are welcome. Child minding takes place in the club for those who need it.

P&C Christmas Raffle: Thanks to the P&C some lucky people will be grooving away in 2018! Our P&C are selling Christmas Raffle tickets enabling someone to win:

- 1st Prize: 2 tickets to the Pink Concert in Melbourne as well as overnight accommodation at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park;
- 2nd Prize: 2 tickets to Ed Sheeran in Sydney and accommodation and the Hyde Park Inn;
- 3rd Prize: 2 tickets to Jimmy Barnes in the ACT and accommodation at the Avenue Hotel Canberra.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Ticket booklets have been sent home today. Thank you to the P&C for organising another great Christmas Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on December 8 at the Presentation Day Ceremony.

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Before and After School Care/Vacation Care News: Before & After School Care, and Vacation Care with Holiday Care Australia, provides a fun and safe environment for your child/ren. Before School Care is open 6am – 9am Mon-Fri by appointment. After School Care opens at 2:30pm until 6pm Mon-Fri during Term. We are open for the upcoming school holidays. HCA is only closed on Public Holidays. Enrol now online at www.holidaycareaustralia.com or come and see our lovely educators Bridie or Jess between 2:30–6pm Mon-Fri. Throughout Term 4 we will be cooking, playing cricket, creating art and craft including Christmas Decorations. Come along and join in the fun! Our Summer Holiday Program of Activities will be coming home to you in a few weeks 😊

Canteen News:

Term 4 Menu and Volunteers: Thank you to the parents/carers who have already returned their Canteen Volunteer note. We still need more helpers if you are able to lend a hand!

Crunch and Sip News:

Help! My child Won't Eat Fruit or Veg! Children can often be fussy about eating fruit and vegetables. Did you know that children have to be offered a food up to 10 times before they will accept and eat it? Perseverance is the key!

Why not try sneaking fruit into a favourite dessert (for example canned peaches in jelly), or grate some vegetables into a meal (such as grated carrot and zucchini into Bolognese sauce)?

Or take your child to the supermarket to pick their own sweet, crisp and delicious fruit or vegetables. They are more likely to eat them if they are involved in selecting them.

Crunch&Sip® can help encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables. When children see their peers enjoying fruit and vegetables in class, they are more likely to eat them too.

Crunch&Sip® happens in our school each day. Make sure you send fruit or salad vegetables and water to school with your child for Crunch&Sip®.

Some fun activities in after school and vacation care!



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

What a busy and exciting term it has been already with lots of wonderful events and opportunities for our students. The year is coming to an end and students are excited about a number of fun and engaging activities we have planned for the remainder of the school year.

Sport: For Sport this term, students have been focusing on a number of Games and Sport skills 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 on the oval.

Assembly: The final assembly for K-2 this term will be held in Week 7 on 20th November with K/1Y hosting. Thank you to all of the parents that have attended throughout the year.

Swimming Scheme: The scheme will take place for two weeks from **Monday 27th November to Friday 8th December**. 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. Please ensure all items of uniform and swimwear are labelled with your child's name and school.

The Department of Education's 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. Instruction will be held at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre, Pambula for students who have paid and returned permission notes to attend. ***There will be no formal classes for students who are not attending from 12.30pm-3.00pm.***

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.*

End of Year Party Day: The End of Year Party Day has been organised for Thursday 14th December. Students will watch a G/PG rated movie at the Picture Show Man Cinema before taking part in a disco run by the SRC in the Jackson Hall. A note is being sent home today with this newsletter.

Thank You: The teachers from K-2 would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, carers and friends of all of our wonderful students for your involvement and support at Merimbula Public School. You are a valuable part of our school community and we thank you for your contributions to our wonderful K-2 teaching and learning environment.

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

Homework: Stage 2 students were set a homework task, which is due in Week 9. Stage 3 students were not 'set' a compulsory task, however are encouraged to work on their 'Factors that shape places' investigation (accessible via their Department of Education log in page).

High School Information: Both Eden Marine High School and Bega High School will be holding their Orientation Day on Tuesday, December 5. Eden Marine High School are also offering an additional transition day for selected students', which will be held on Wednesday, November 15 (note sent home to selected students).

The high schools are also running an Aboriginal Transition camp from Monday, November 20 – Wednesday, November 22 (selected students).

Year 6 Shirts: Orders for the Year 6 shirts/hoodies were due today, Friday, November 10. No late orders are being accepted – so that the order can be made and so the uniforms arrive for the new year.

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. The order form is due by Friday, December 1.

Elective Sport: Our Elective Sport program has commenced and will conclude on Thursday, November 23 (a session was cancelled due to poor weather). Students have been having a great time during their nominated sports session, which have included: Ten Pin Bowling, Lawn Bowls, Mini Golf, Tennis, Walking, Beach Games, Yoga, Zumba and School Sport. A big thank you to all students who have been displaying our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience!

Sports Presentation Assembly: Please join us at our special 'Sports Presentation Assembly' on Monday, November 27 in the Jackson Hall from 2.10pm where we will celebrate some outstanding achievements. A 'Roll of Honour' will be distributed in Week 6.

Stage Party Days: Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) students will have their party day on Thursday, December 14 and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will have their party day on Friday, December 15 followed by the traditional 'leaving arch' for Year 6 students (a note outlining these excursions will be sent home with the Newsletter).

News From Our Support Classes:

End of Year Party: Children in the support classes will be attending their 'End of Year Party' with their Stage. Please refer to the permission note that your child received today.

Day for Daniel: It was great to see everyone dressed in red to support the 'Day for Daniel'. It provided an excellent teaching point for classes and children looked at key themes of responding to their body clues and identifying their safety network. Thank you to the school community for contributing to the campaign and highlighting an important issue.



Oyster Farm Excursion: Our support classes had a great day on the Pambula Lake on Tuesday. The classes learnt about how farmers catch baby oysters, how they grow them bigger, how oyster farmers care for our lakes and rivers and how we can help make them clean.

They also saw some Indigenous shell middens, a family of wedge-tail eagles and were able to sample some of the oysters. Thanks to Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tours and all the staff that put in a hard day's work drifting around Broadwater and forcing themselves to eat oysters.



Mitre Ten: A big thank you to Owen Humphrey and the team at Mitre Ten, who have kindly donated the edging needed for the support classes to begin their sensory garden. We

value their support in the project and it has been very rewarding for a local business to support us. The classes look forward to beginning the garden and having a sense of ownership over what they create.



School Calendar – Term 4, 2017 *Changes and updates may be seen on Facebook*

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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