



Merimbula Public School Newsletter

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Classes/Staffing: On the last day of 2017, we had enough students to be allocated seventeen mainstream classes/teachers, and 3 support classes. Hence the student classes were sent out on the last day. Historically we have always received an additional 6-20 enrolments on Day 1 of the new year as well. Classes/student numbers appeared stable and unlikely to change.

Over the first three weeks of Term 1, we were given some late notification that some students had enrolled at new schools due to moving house/out of area. We were not notified of many of these moves until we contacted parents/carers a few days into Term 1 (if we could) or until new schools notified us.

Some students also left our mainstream classes as they sought additional support in support classes, which was formally approved by a regional panel. These changes have been beyond the school's control.

As a result, in mid-February when the student number census went in, we had less student enrolments in the mainstream than predicted, and around 10 students had left with only 2 enrolling in the initial weeks. This has resulted in us not being allocated a second

demountable for the 17th class, and us having one teacher/class too many. We are now going to be readjusting some classes for some students. A number of considerations and models were discussed, and shared at last night's P&C Meeting. The model that appeared most beneficial for the most students, and least disruptive due to fewer teacher changes and better teacher consistency has been chosen. From next week our **2K Class will no longer be a class**, and the following changes will also occur from Monday:

- 5 of 2K's students will join 2B
- 17 of 2K's students will join 1/2M, with 1/2M becoming a straight year 2
- Of the eleven 1/2M students, two will join 1H, three will join 1S and 6 will join KV
- KV will become K/1V
- 1/2M will become 2M
- Two KV students will join KBC

With the 2K Classroom not being occupied by 2K, Mr Kirk will move into the room with his Year 6 class. With all of Year 6 currently working collaboratively, select students will be moving across with Mr Kirk, from across the three Year 6 classes, so that the students best suited to being in an independent class will be away from their peers.

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Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our school swimming team on an amazing effort at the Zone Swimming Carnival in Candelo last Tuesday.

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Welcome BBQ & Services Expo

We had a great turn out for our 2018 Welcome BBQ and local services expo on Friday, February 23. The feedback has also been very positive!

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The reason we have chosen to redistribute the 2K class is because we have found out on Friday, and Monday respectively, that Mrs Kellaway will not be returning to Merimbula PS until at least mid-May and that Mrs Pearce will be needing to take leave for some time also. Changing the class for these students early in the year, whilst not ideal, will allow greater consistency of teachers in the long run.

Further information about the changes to classes, and how students have been selected, will be shared on **Thursday evening this week, between 5.30-6pm** in the school library. If your child is changing classes, you will receive notification in the coming days.

If you have any questions or concerns about the changes, or the impact such may have on your child, or if you cannot attend on Thursday evening, please contact me via phone on (02) 64951266. Children in affected classes have been told today that some changes will take place, and individual students will be told if they are changing classes tomorrow. Thank you to the P&C for their understanding and support in this matter and thank you in advance to all affected families for working with us to support the needs of our students.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis Update:

Regulations regarding Anaphylaxis and Allergy Action Plans require all children with mild and severe allergies to have a plan completed and submitted to the school. If you have not informed the school that your child has an allergy/anaphylactic reactions, or your child's information needs updating, please contact the office on 64951266 and request an Action Plan Form to be sent home. Action Plans are required to be updated each year and must be signed off by a doctor.

Emergency Contacts Information Update:

We are no longer sending out Emergency Information Update Forms. Instead we ask that you either call the office whenever changes occur (**changes to your work, home, mobile numbers & addresses**) or come in to the office and fill in a change of information form. It is very important that we have up to date information in the event of an emergency, accident or if staff need to discuss your child's needs with you. Please also ensure that other emergency contacts (ie grandparents, friends who can pick your child up) are also kept up to date.

Discipline Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy:

Each year we send home the Anti-Bullying Plan and Discipline Policy for parents to be aware of our rules and procedures in align with Department Policy. We also send home the linked Behaviour Code For Students. The Discipline Policy and Behaviour Code have been sent home with today's Newsletter. The Anti-Bullying Plan will be sent home later in the week once P&C feedback has been received. Please read through them with your child.

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews:

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already returned their booking slip to secure a 3-Way conference during Weeks 6 and 7. If you haven't already sent your slip in, please do so ASAP. Teachers will be sharing information about your child's transition to their new class, progress so far this year as well as working with you and your child to set learning goals for 2018. At the meetings, Kindergarten

parents will also be given information about their child's Best Start Assessment results. If you are unable to attend or have a phone interview on your child's designated day, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time to meet. Toddlers/siblings are welcome to attend the interviews if you do not have childcare arrangements, however must stay with their parent/carer at all times. In the past we have had to talk to children running around outside, disturbing before/after school care or for playing on unsupervised equipment.

Walking Permission Note:

In previous years we have sent home a Walking Permission Note to cover: all walking excursions, shopping activities, Spencer Park visits, Berrambool Visits and other walking activities to some events or locations. Whilst this has been beneficial in saving time for parents, we are no longer able to have one 'blanket note'. Separate notes will be required for all events, activities and times where students are off site. Please support us in getting notes in early for events and excursions. Notes must be in by the due date to ensure a child's participation as we need to legally comply with getting rolls, risk assessments and other organisation in place and communicated to all participating staff prior to an event.

Absences: Thank you to everyone for being so prompt in contacting the school in regard to your child's absences. Phone calls on the day of absences are much appreciated (6495 1266), or notes sent in the following day make for less admin follow-up. Blank absence notes have been sent home with this Newsletter. You can also inform the school of your child's absence by completing the "Absentee Form" in the 'Forms' section on our School Stream App. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all absences are explained. If you have planned absences ie family holidays in school time, please contact the school **prior** to your departure to apply for an exemption.

School News

by Ms Michelle Hulme

New Look Newsletter and Communications:

We are currently working on updating our School Stream app and web site for 2018. This week's newsletter also shows our new format. From next week we will again be posting "What's On This Week" messages on Facebook each Monday, as well as informing parents of notes that get sent home through the week on a "Notes" post each Friday. Other updates, pictures and communication will be sent home in our Week 2 and Week 6 Newsletters each term. Updates and changes will be posted on Facebook and important alerts/changes will be shared via the School Stream app.

School Stream: Our school uses the 'free' School Stream app to communicate events, share some whole school/stage notes electronically (which can be signed on a smart device/phone) and send important alerts. How to get the app on your mobile device:

1. Go to the **App Store** (iPhone/iPad) or **Play Store** (Android)
2. Search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
3. Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
4. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type **Merimbula Public School** in to the search engine and select our school (or multiple schools if you have children at other schools)
5. For more detailed support/instructions, go to: schoolstream.com.au/download

To choose what notifications you receive:

1. Open the app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu go to settings
3. Under Edits/Alerts select My Schools and select your school to open the notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on/off according to the ones you want (PLEASE KEEP THE ALERTS AS NOTIFICATIONS AS THIS WILL BE USED IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATIONS/EMERGENCIES and important last minute reminders etc)
5. Jump between your child's schools by touching the school logo in the top blue bar.

Clean Up Australia Day: Thank you to all students at Merimbula Public School who participated in the 28th Clean Up Australia Day event last Friday at school. We have participated in this community event for many years. Students were proud to support the local area, cleaning up Spencer Park, Berrambool Oval, Munn and Randolph Street and the school grounds. Thank you to the parents/carers who sent in non-disposable garden gloves for their child to use, and to all for talking to their child about safety prior to the event.

Voluntary School Contributions:

Thank you to the eager families who have already contacted us about paying 'school fees'. Whilst our school, as with other public primary schools in NSW, does not have fees, parents/carers are invited to pay a 'voluntary school contribution'. We have kept our contribution down to \$45 for the school year per child once again. Invoices have been sent home as a reminder of the contribution costs. If you would like to support us in purchasing additional resources for classrooms and the playground, please forward payment by the end of Term 1 via the payment box in the office or via the 'Make A Payment' tab on our web site.

Bus and Bus Stop Safety:

Unfortunately it has been brought to our attention by community members that a number of students have been seen crossing roads unsafely, usually when getting out of their parents' car, at bus stops. Some students have also been seen to cross roads and play too closely to them at/around bus stops. Please talk to your child about bus stop and travel safety to support the school in reminding your child about safe travel practices.

Anti-Racism Contact Officer: Our school's Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) is Mrs Janelle Hodsdon. If you are aware of any issues regarding racism, please inform Mrs Hodsdon so that she can follow-up with education and support for all involved.

Tell Them From Me Survey: In Term 1 our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey (for Years 4 to 6 students). The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life and how engaged they are with the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey is completed online by an independent research company. More information about the survey has been sent home with Years 4-6 students today. If you do not want your child to participate in the survey, please return the appropriate 'opt out' note.

Important Dates & Events

- ➔ Friday 2.3.18 – **Catch Up Cuppa** in Staffroom 11.40am-12.20pm
- ➔ Friday 2.3.18 – **KB Host the K-2 Assembly** 12.25-1.25pm
- ➔ Friday 2.3.18 - **Cricket Knockout** Pambula 10am
- ➔ Friday 9.3.18 – **Scripture and Special Religious Education Commence (all grades)** 11.40am-12.20pm
- ➔ Tuesday 13.3.18 (not 16.3.18) – Stage 3 **Ice Cream Fundraiser** (Stage 3 sell ice cream for \$2 - Year 5 and 6 camp fundraiser)
- ➔ Wednesday 14.3.18 – **Regional Swimming Carnival @ Dapto**
- ➔ Friday 16.3.18 – **Stage 3 League /AusTag Gala Day @ Pambula**
- ➔ Friday 23.3.18 – **Scripture and Special Religious Education Commence (No Ethics)** 11.40am-12.20pm (all participating students K-6)
- ➔ Friday 23.3.18 – **1S Assembly @ Jackson Hall** 12.25-1.25pm
- ➔ Monday 26.3.18 – **Stage 2 Bournda Environmental Education Centre Excursion**
- ➔ Thursday 29.3.18 – **Combined SRE Easter Service** 10.30-11am Jackson Hall
- ➔ Thursday 29.3.18 – 11-11.40am **Easter Picnic, all welcome**
- ➔ Thursday 29.3.18 – **Easter Hat and Hair Parade @ Jackson Hall** 12-1.25pm
- ➔ Thursday 29.3.18 - **Hot Cross Bun Day** in the Sandy Beach Café/Canteen
- ➔ Friday 6.4.18 – **Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal @ Candelo PS**
- ➔ Friday 4.5.18 **Week 1 Term 2 – Stage 3 Mini Fete (NOT 6.4.18)**



Combined Special Religious Education (SRE) and Catholic Scripture:

SRE and Catholic Scripture will take place for all participating students at the one time in 2018, 11.40am-12.20pm. Lessons commence this week. A combined Easter Service will be held on Thursday 29.3.18. All students who attend SRE/Catholic Scripture will attend. All other students have received an invite today via a note to the youngest in each family.

Ethics Classes: Ethics classes will not be taking place at Merimbula PS until further notice as no teachers are available. If you selected for your child to attend Ethics class, they will be attending the non-scripture group. Alternately, if you would like your child to be placed in Catholic Scripture or combined SRE, please complete the permission note sent home today to students who were going to attend Ethics classes.

School Dance Troupe: Ms Manda Brewer is volunteering her time to choreograph and coordinate a Dance Troupe in 2018 for students in Years 3-6. Students who expressed an interest have received permission notes for the audition. Selected students must be committed to attending rehearsals in break times and possible after school rehearsals closer to performances. We anticipate that this group will be performing in Education Week at the Sapphire Coast Learning Community (SCLC) Performing Arts Festival as well as on our Education Week Open Day (August 10) both at school and the RSL for the Day View Club.

Recorder Ensemble: Mrs Amanda Fowler has already begun to teach interested recorder players songs that will be performed at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House on Monday June 18. Permission notes were sent home recently with interested students. Selected students will be notified of their place in the school Recorder Ensemble/Excursion in the coming week. Selected students must be able to commit to lunch time rehearsals each Tuesday and Thursday,

a full day rehearsal at Candelo PS on April 6 as well as the June 18 Opera House performance. All transport and accommodation will be the responsibility of participating students' parents and caregivers.

Beginner Recorder Group: Students interested in learning how to play recorder are welcome to attend the Beginner Recorder Group with Ms Bain each Wednesday lunchtime from 11.10-11.40am in the 2B Classroom. No lessons will be on next week (Week 7), however they will resume in Week 8.

Music Lesson News from Ms George:

Our Music Tutorial Group participants have been notified of their place in a Tutorial Group, and free lessons have commenced on the following days at lunchtime (11-11.40am):

Monday: Ukelele & Glockenspiel
 Tuesday: Guitar
 Wednesday: African Djembe Drums
 Thursday: Singing
 Friday: School Band

We have guitars at the school but they have been gifted to the school and I am finding them to be too large for most students. If your child wants to learn guitar, the best option is if she or he can provide a child-size nylon-string guitar and then I can give the student a place. The guitars are generally around \$100 but there are plenty of second hand ones about. Please let me know if you have one to donate to the school or sell to another student.

Please remind your child about what music is on each day at the school (I have given places to all preferences on the music form). Thanks Miss George

Week 11 End Of Term Celebration

Discos: At the end of this term, students who are not on Behaviour Monitoring, and who have not been suspended, will be invited to attend the End Of Term Disco. The discos will be a little different than in the past. We are trialling having the discos at lunch time and reducing the cost (less cost and more family time for families). Students taking part will not require a permission note. They can

pay their \$2 entry fee (saving \$5 from last year's cost) on their way into the hall (saving families and our administration staff/teachers lots of time processing payments!). Kids can pay on the day, so there are no issues with having to pay earlier if your child has been away or has previously been on monitoring. Our SRC will run the disco, coordinate the music play list and your children will not get chip bags (supporting our new canteen policy) as the disco will take place after their usual eating time when they have finished their lunch. Disco days are [April 10 K-2 & April 12 Years 3-6](#).

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Celebrations:

On Thursday, March 29, the following Easter activities will take place:

10.30-11am Combined Easter Service for Catholic/SRE Scripture Groups and Interested Families in the Jackson Hall

110-11.40am Families are welcome to have a picnic with their child/join in playground games

11.50-1.15pm (approx.) Our Annual Easter Hat/Hair/Costume Parade: All students will parade their hat/hair/outfit to music with their classmates. Year 4 will also parade with their Kindergarten Buddies. Preschoolers are welcome to come and join in, and may do a lap with their sibling/s / family friend/s at the end of the parade. If your preschool child is parading on the day, please complete a permission to publish form on arrival so we can share some happy snaps on Facebook!

Students of faiths which do not celebrate Easter will be able to participate in alternate activities in the library during the parade.

Easter Raffle: Tickets for our 2018 Easter Raffle, together with a flyer about our Easter events, will be sent home later this week.



P&C and Community News

by Ms Michelle Hulme

P&C AGM and March News: Thank you to all of the parents, caregivers and community members who attended last night's P&C Meeting and AGM. It was a positive and productive meeting, sharing P&C initiatives and school updates.

Thank you, and congratulations, to the following volunteers who were voted into the P&C Executive for this year:

President/Publicity Officer

– Ross Mannell;

Vice President/ Secretary – Katrina Newlyn;

Treasurer – Bec Smith;

and **Fundraising Coordinator** – Karyn Denaro.

April Meeting Information:

Please come along to our April Meeting @ Club Sapphire in the Rock Pool Café from 6.30-8pm on April 9, the last week of Term 1.. We'd love to see you there! At the meeting the school's 2017 Annual School Report will be outlined, the 2018-2020 School Plan and initiatives will be shared and parents/carers will be able to give input into our Homework Policy update.

Call Out To Helpers! Our P&C are doing a fantastic job of fundraising! One of the big fundraisers is selling raffle tickets at Club Sapphire for the Monday evening raffle. Last year, hosting raffles raised the P&C around \$15,000. We need more helpers though!!! If you can volunteer a couple of hours, even if only for one Monday night this year, it would be a great help. Bring a friend to help you/hang out with! If every parent in the school volunteered only once, we would have enough helpers to run this raffle for years!



Stage 3 News

by Ms Manda Brewer

Homework: Stage 3 students have been set a homework task to help them prepare for High School. The task is related to multiplication facts. We are encouraging all students to set time aside each day (at home) to complete this task. If you or your child has any questions or concerns it is important that you see their class teacher.

Year 5 and 6 Camps: Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to go on a sports and recreation camp to Jindabyne during Term 4. This camp will take place from Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23 (Week 6). A detailed itinerary of the Jindabyne Camp will be sent home in the coming weeks. Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to go on an educational camp to Sydney during Term 4. This camp will take place from Monday, October 16 – Friday, October 19 (Week 1). A detailed itinerary of the Sydney Camp will be sent home in the coming weeks.

We will be having a number of fundraising events to help subsidise these camps. These will include: mufti days; ice-cream days; mini fete; 5c drive and stage-based discos.

Gala Day: Stage 3 students have been given the opportunity to take place in the Rugby League Gala Day at Pambula Beach Sporting Complex on Friday, March 16 2018. A training day will take place at Merimbula Public School prior to the Gala Day. Further details have been sent home to those students who expressed interest in playing in either Modified Tackle or Tag.

Mini Fete: Next Term, Stage 3 Students will be holding their annual Mini Fete. The aim of the day is for Stage 3 students to develop their mathematics and literacy skills, as well as their organisation and life skills. All students across the school love the day and learn a lot about budgeting and shopping. This year's Mini Fete will be raising money for our camps to Jindabyne and Sydney. The day is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 4 (Week 1, Term 2).

Sound waves and iMaths Login:

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

YEAR 5:

www.imathskids.com.au

password = check977

www.soundwaveskids.com.au

password = sit171

YEAR 6:

www.imathskids.com.au

password = bear871

www.soundwaveskids.com.au

password = flag350

Cross Country: Students have been developing and extending their running skills in the lead up to our annual Cross Country Carnival which is set to take place Wednesday, April 4 (with the backup date being the following Wednesday, April 11 2018). Students will walk the course at Berrambool Oval the week before the carnival to help alleviate any stress related to an unfamiliar setting. Permission notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Stage 2 News

by Miss Tahlia Stafford

In Stage 2 we have had a great start to the year and have been quickly and eagerly commencing our teaching and learning programs for Term 1.

English: Stage 2 have begun setting up Writing Workshops and exploring 'seeds' which act as a stimulus for writing. Many students have brought in a seed from home and have begun using this for their writing.

Students are also encouraged to bring in a book of their own choice to use during our Literacy time. Please assist your child in choosing a book that is suitable. Your child's class teacher will be able to support you in this should you have any questions.

We have also begun using the English Stars program which explores the language, literature and literacy components of the Australian Curriculum. Students have their own login and passwords and this program is used in class during literacy.

Soundwaves: Stage 2 students have been using the Sound Waves program for Spelling. This program uses a phonemic approach towards spelling and is being used across the school. Students can access this at home at www.soundwaveskids.com.au.

The access code for Year 3 is **bang336** and for Year 4 is **class428**.

iMaths: In Mathematics we have been using the iMaths program which integrates Maths Investigations. The iMaths program is accessible at home at www.imathskids.com.au.

The access code for Year 3 is **rich809** and Year 4 is **love795**.

AFL Gala Day: Stage 2 will be attending the Auskick Gala Day at Pambula on Thursday March 17. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their coordination, catching, throwing and kicking skills. We are excited for a fun day!

Excursion to Bournda: Stage 2 students will be participating in an excursion to Bournda Environmental Education Centre on Monday March 26. This complements our Science and Geography conceptual inquiry unit about Interrelationships and Sustainability. A note has been sent home separately.

Waste Free Wednesday: To complement our unit, every Wednesday students will aim to bring in a lunch that is free from waste (or as close as possible). This means that students and parents/carers should aim for no plastic wrap and packaging in lunches, instead using brown paper bags (as they are biodegradable) or place food in plastic containers that can be washed out at home and re-used again.

In addition, we have placed some additional bins in the playground to put in any food scraps which will be used for compost. Tubs have also been placed to collect used bottles and cartons which will be taken to collection points and 10c per bottle/carton redeemed. Money raised will be given back to the canteen.

Boomerang Bags Talk: To complement our Inquiry unit about Interrelationships and Sustainability, a representative from Boomerang Bags will be talking to Stage 2 students on Monday March 19. Boomerang Bags works 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. We will be inviting volunteers (who have a sewing machine), to come into our Stage 2 classrooms to assist us with making re-usable bags in the weeks following the talk. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to assist.

Home Reading: Home Reading has commenced for the year and students in Stage 2 are invited to participate. This is not compulsory, but 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.



These pictures show some of our students having fun at the Services Expo on Friday February 23.

For more pictures, check out our Facebook page.



Stage 2 students had fun learning about AFL!



Some students, including Sunny, got a quick guitar lesson at the expo!

Stage 1 & Kindy News

by Ms Vanessa Bain

We are now half way through our first term and the children and classes are settling into school and class routines well. Thank you for your support in helping us to do this. As always, we are available to discuss any queries or concerns that you may have, however this isn't always possible if we are teaching at the time. Please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time for a chat.

Library: Thank you to the parents and carers who have provided their children with a library bag. These help to protect the books, making them last longer. Could you please ensure that you provide your child with a library bag if you haven't already done so. Library days and times will be posted on Facebook once the class changes are made.

Art: Stage 1 will be having an art lesson inspired by the book: [Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge, by Mem Fox](#), which they are studying as part of their literacy unit on 'Friends'. For this lesson, students need to bring a small item that has attached memories. They will be painting both the item and their memory. Can you please help them to find a treasured item and bring it to school?

The lesson day will vary, but we need it for Weeks 7 and 8 (that's the week, starting 12th March). They can leave the item in their classroom trays. Please remember to send in a paint shirt with your child if you haven't already done so.

Thank you, Miss George

Supplies: Thank you to everyone who has sent in their school supplies. It certainly makes life easier. We would really appreciate it if children in Stage 1 could have a pair of headphones to use when completing technology tasks. These will be stored in their trays. Some teachers may send books home to be covered in clear contact so that the book covers created by the children can be

protected. We would appreciate your assistance with this.

Home Reading: We have begun home reading with those children who have brought in their permission notes and plastic envelopes/folders. This is a valuable part of the process of your child learning to read. Thank you for supporting this program.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Thank you to those parents who have sent in a request form for a parent/teacher/student interview which will be held in Week 7 and 8. These interviews provide valuable information for everyone, allow us to set learning and social goals, and to get to know each other. It is not too late to book an appointment, just send a note in and we will attempt to accommodate you. If the times are not suitable, please contact your child's teacher through the front office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

History: As part of our History unit "Modern Families – Same or Different", we would like to interview some of our grandparents about what life was like when they were growing up. We would love you to join us in our classroom so that we could ask you our questions. If you are willing to participate in this process, you will need to have a free volunteer's Working With Children's Check and show 100 points of ID at the school office. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Assemblies: We held our first assembly last Friday. Thank you to 2B and Mrs Shook, who did a wonderful job in presenting it. Our next assembly will be held in Week 8, on Friday 23rd March. [This will be hosted by children in 1S](#). Parents and friends are invited to attend the Jackson Hall at 12.25pm on this day. Children in kindergarten will be joining our assemblies in Term 2.



KS Groups!



Year 2 Library!



Playground fun!



1/2M Maths Art!

Support Class News

by Ms Michelle Hulme

Garden Experts: Our Support Class students have continued to care for our school garden and chickens this term. In the coming weeks they are looking forward to sharing their knowledge of garden and life skills with other classes in the school, who will be taking over some of the roles as part of their science units of work.

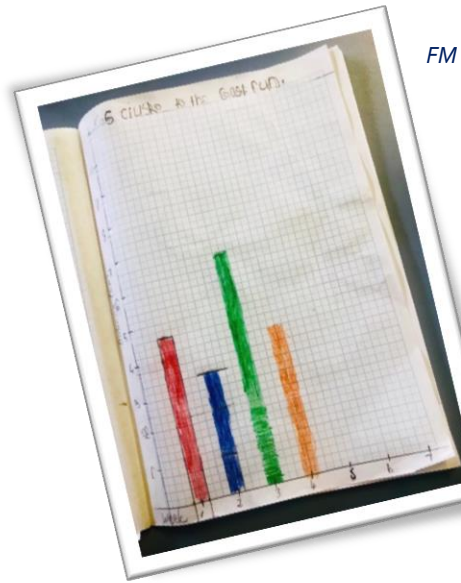
Cross Country Carnival Challenge! FM, Mr Morris' class, have been having a great time practicing for the Cross Country Carnival at the end of this term (April 4). Every day, for the last 3 weeks, FM students have been running laps of the oval and recording their distances both on individual graphs as well as on a Google Map. Their aim is to run from "Kosciuszko to the Coast!"

"Chad has been running around two kilometres a day" shared Mr Morris, "I think he is at least a top 10 contender for the Cross Country Carnival". Chad may well be on his way to completing the distance if he keeps up his amazing efforts.

The distance from Mt Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mountain, to Merimbula is 188.2km! Good luck FM students in achieving your sporting goals!



FM working hard on their running



FV visual arts!



Sport News

by Ms Michelle Hulme

Zone AFL Trials: Well done to all of the Merimbula Public School students who took part in the Zone PSSA AFL Trials at Berrambool Oval last Wednesday afternoon! Such great sportsmanship was displayed throughout the skills sessions and games!

Thank you to Mr Mace, Ms Varley-Mitchell and Mr Jackson for organising the try-outs, and for the Merimbula Diggers players and officials and GWS players to be available as scouts and coaches on the day!

Congratulations to Beau Bennett, Otto Lowe, Sam Hsiao, Pierce Hayes, Indyana Raeck, Walter Blewitt and Koby Atkins-Moon for being selected in the team! You will do our school and the Far South Coast PSSA proud when you travel to Batemans Bay for the South Coast Trials and Carnival on Friday March 23. A reminder, training will be held at Berrambool Oval on Wednesday 7, 14 and 21 for all players in the Zone Team (3.45 to 5 pm). Take your water bottle/s and put on some sunscreen and your footy shirt.



Zone Cricket Trials: Congratulations to Walter Blewitt, Beau Bennett and Flynn Charlton-Seaman on their selection in the Far South Coast PSSA Cricket Team at the trials in Pambula on Friday. The boys will now represent the Far South Coast against Eurobodalla, at Dalmeny, later in March. Well done boys!



Zone Swimming Carnival: On Tuesday, February 27 I had the pleasure of accompanying the Zone Swimming Team to Candelo! It was a beautiful day but what was more amazing was the sportsmanship, respect and teamwork displayed by our school team! It was so lovely to see all of our students following their team-mates, from all grades, boys and girls, up and down the pool, cheering them on and encouraging them to do their best!

Our amazing team consisted of: Liam Duggan, Willow Purcell, Emelia Rigoni-Smith, Wyatt Pursell, Mason Hayes, Emmerson Morse, Mackenzie Morse, Kellie Pickup, Darby Rosenbaum, Campbell Lovatt, Ruby Lake, Hayden Stevens, Elise Brodie, Matilda Darroch, Dylan Gill, Hugh Campbell-Jones, David Campbell-Jones, Charlie Hughes, Kai Hughes, Hayden Gray-Thompson, Brianna Whalley, Dylan Whalley, Jackson Lane, Elouise Hicks, Hollie Staight and Emily Judd.

There were many amazing performances on the day, particularly from:

- Kai Hughes who was awarded 3rd Place Junior Boy Champion; Hugh Campbell-Jones, also awarded 3rd Place Senior Boys Champion; and
- Hayden Gray-Thompson, Kai Hughes, Mason Hayes, Campbell Lovatt, Hugh Campbell-Jones, Liam Duggan and Elise Brodie who have all made it to the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto on Wednesday, March 14. Good luck students!

ZONE SWIMMING LEGENDS



Relay Ready!

Cheering on their team, sitting in the shade and waiting for the relay event!



A Happy Team

Charlie, Willow, Hollie and Emily were amazing in their relay, coming 1st in their heat!




P&C Support

Thank you to the P&C for supporting our school and the Far South Coast PSSA and their families by coordinating the BBQ at the Zone Carnival.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE


Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
8.30am (30 min)							
9.00am (60 min)	Kindy PE (20)	Kindy PE (20)	Kindy PE (25)	Kindy PE (25)	3-6 Maths		
10.00am (60 min)							
11.00am	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
11.40am (45 min)	3-6 Maths	St 1 PE	3-6 Maths	3-6 Maths	St 1 PE	3-6 Maths	Scripture K-6
12.25pm (60 min)	K-2 Maths	K-2 Maths	K-2 Maths	3-6 Sport	K-2 Maths	Assembly K-2 (W5/W8)	K-2 Maths
1.25pm (30 min)	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1.55pm (60 min)		3-6 PE (30)/PDH (30)		3-6 Sport		K-2 Sport	



Sandy

Beach Café

Term 1, 2018



Sandwiches/Rolls and Wraps		Snacks		Drinks		Frozen Treats	
Salad (With: Ham, chicken or tuna)	\$5.00	Berry Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00	Iced Strawberry	\$2.50	Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00
Ham, Salad or Tuna	\$4.00	Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00	Iced Chocolate	\$2.50	Vanilla Ice Cream Tub	\$1.50
Salad Mini Wrap	\$4.00	Veggie Bag	\$1.00	Iced Honeycomb	\$2.50	Rainbow Paddle Pops	\$1.50
Cheese and Tomato (With: Ham or Chicken)	\$4.00	Pizza Muffin	\$1.00	Flavoured Milk	\$1.80	Icy Twists	\$1.00
Cheese and Tomato	\$3.00	Pasta Cups	\$1.00	(Choc, Strawberry, Banana)		Calippos	\$1.00
Egg and Lettuce	\$3.50	Garlic Bread	\$1.00	Milo	\$2.00	Mango Cup	50c
Cheese	\$2.50	Corn On The Cob	\$1.00	Up & Go	\$2.00	Milk cups	50c
Toasted Sandwiches:	\$4.50	Mousse Cups	\$1.00	Spring Water	\$2.00	(Choc, Strawberry)	
Ham/Chicken with Cheese and/or Tomato	\$4.00	Popcorn	50c	99% Juice Popper	\$2.00		
Ham or Chicken	\$3.50	Spinach & Cheese Puff	50c	(Tropical, Orange, Apple/Blackcurrant)			
Cheese and Tomato	\$3.00	Mini Muffins	40c				
Cheese	\$3.00	Pikelets	30c				
		Tomato Sauce sachet	30c				
		Vegemite Crackers	5c				
<i>Please add 50c for rolls/wraps, or extras: pineapple, cheese, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cucumber and/or lettuce.</i>				Gluten Free Items Ham/Cheese/Tomato Toastie \$5.50 Garlic Bread Roll \$2.00 Mini Muffin 50c		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">"International Food Day"</p> <p>February 28th – Korean (Orders DUE - Friday, Feb 23rd).</p> <p>March 29th – Hot Cross Bun Day (Orders DUE – Monday March 26th).</p> </div>	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lasagne \$5.00	Chicken & Salad Box \$4.50	Backstreet Bakery Pie and sauce \$5.00	Lasagne \$5.00	Ham, Cheese and Tomato Toastie \$4.50
Roast Chicken and Gravy Roll \$4.50	Chicken Burger (Cheese/Lettuce/Mayo) \$4.50	Roast Chicken and Gravy Roll \$4.50	Sandy Beach BLT Burger (Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato) \$4.50	Sweet Chilli Chick Wrap Lettuce, Mayo & Cheese \$4.00
Pasta Bowl \$4.00	Egg and Lettuce Sandwich \$3.50	Chicken & Salad Box \$4.50	Mini Salad Wrap \$4.00	Pasta Bowl \$4.00
Sweet Chilli Chick Wrap Lettuce, Mayo & Cheese \$4.00	Fried Rice (Vege opt, GF opt) \$3.50	Sandy Beach BLT (Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato) \$4.50	Hot Dog (with or without sauce) \$3.50	Ham and Pineapple Pizza \$3.50
Potato Pie \$3.50	Chicken Bundle \$2.50	Tuna, Lettuce, Cheese and Mayo Wrap \$4.00	Cheese and Tomato Toastie \$3.50	Potato Pie \$3.50
Cheese Toastie \$3.00	Corn on the Cob \$1.00	Ham and Pineapple Pizza \$3.50	Chicken Bundle \$2.50	Chicken Bundle \$2.50
Chicken Bundle \$2.50	Garlic Bread \$1.00	Corn on the Cob \$1.00	Spinach and Cheese Triangles (3 per serve) \$1.50	Garlic Bread \$1.00

\$6 Everyday Meal Deals! ▶

Pasta Bowl
Milk/Juice
Fruit

Ham and Pineapple Pizza
Milk/Juice
Fruit

Egg and Lettuce Sandwich
(Gluten Free Option)
Milk/Juice & Fruit

Ham and Cheese Toastie,
Milk/Juice
Fruit

Fried Rice (Gluten Free)
Milk/Juice
Fruit