

# What's On in 2012



*Stage 2 will be located in K Block during 2012. Classroom locations will include (from the oval end of the building):*

3C Mr Claxton;  
3H Mrs Hodsdon;  
4N Mrs Nawiesniak  
4U Mr Unicomb.

## Special Dates for Term 1:

- Jan 30 – Students return
- Feb 3 – Swimming Carnival
- Feb 6 – SRC / Leader Induction Assembly
- Feb 8 – Parent Information Evening
- Feb 13 – Elective Creative & Performing Arts Program Begins
- Feb 13-16 – Personal Learning Plan Teacher Interviews
- Feb 24 – Elective Sports Program Begins
- Feb 27 – Elective Creative & Performing Arts Program Begins
- Apr 2-5 – Multicultural Speaking Festival – Stage Presentations
- Apr 3 – Cross Country Carnival
- Apr 4 – Celebration Disco

**“Merimbula Public School offers choices to engage students in their learning and develop their talents!”**



## Happy holidays from Stage 2, 2012!

As communicated in last week's '2012 Staffing' letter, Stage 2 teachers for 2012 are Mrs Vanessa Nawiesniak (Stage Leader), Mr Wes Unicomb, Mrs Janelle Hodsdon and Mr Peter Claxton. All Stage 2 teachers are looking forward to working together and teaching the Stage 2 students in 2012.

As in previous years, Stage 2 Mathematics groups will be graded. The *Enrichment* class will be the highest class, followed by the *Late*, *Development* then *Early* class.

By grouping students according to their ability level, we will be supporting them in achieving their learning goals through structured programs and lesson activities.

Once again we will be participating in *Mathletics* activities (funded by the school).

Year 4 students will all be participating in the *Fast ForWord* reading improvement and extension programs throughout Term 1. These are the programs that have seen our school receive recognition throughout the region and beyond. As a result, class arrangements for Year 4 will be slightly different for 2012. Students will be grouped in a class according to their reading needs, so that additional support can be allocated where necessary. An increase in learning support will be provided for Stage 2 students.

## Exciting new programs and engaging electives!

Stage 2 students will be working with their *Home Class Teacher* as well as other support teachers.

Stage 2 students will attend the library each week, borrowing books and participating in a library skills program. This will be taught by Mrs Francine Dessaix.

Mrs Lorraine Dykes will be taking each Stage 2 class for a weekly writing lesson, focusing on writing conventions, grammar and text structure.

The Years 3-6 Elective Sport program will continue, allowing students to participate in 5-week programs within the school and at local facilities, for example: Flipper Ball, Learn To Swim, Lap Swimming, Zumba, Tennis, Cricket, Soccer, Netball, Basketball, AFL & more!

Students will also be able to participate in 1 to 2 Term Creative & Performing Arts Electives in: Dance, Djembe Drumming, Recorder, Band, Wood Crafts, Robotics, Vocals and Digital Photography.