

# Merimbula Public School

## Newsletter – Term 4, Week 5

November 10, 2023



## SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,  
What a fun and busy week we have had at Merimbula Public School!

We have commenced Support Class High School Transitions, had a visit from the Variety Children's Charity, took part in Talent Quest auditions, had Taronga Zoo visit with their Zoo Mobile full of creatures, and finally got to open our Before and After School Hours Care facility.

We also had a second visit from our 2024 Kindergarten Class, with students taking part in a range of Smooth Start activities. We look forward to welcoming our kindy kids back next week for some more fun at 'big school'.

I hope that you enjoy reading about our fun and educational week, in this week's newsletter.

Regards,  
Michelle Huddleston  
Principal

**Aspire OSHC Vacation Care:** Aspire Out of School Hours Care is now taking bookings for the Christmas holiday vacation. A Vacation Care calendar of events will be sent home with next week's newsletter.

For more information contact our team today! EMAIL: [hannah@aspire-oshc.com.au](mailto:hannah@aspire-oshc.com.au) MOBILE: 0408 386 830

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner:** It's time to celebrate our graduating class of 2023! Consent and payment for our upcoming Year 6 graduation dinner is DUE by Sunday 3rd of December. The Graduation is to be held on the 12th of December, at Oaklands Event and Function Centre, Pambula. Information has been provided, and payments can be made, through Compass (Payments Centre/Events).

Please note, due to the limited seating only parents/guardians can attend (step parents can attend in addition to parents). If you require assistance in purchasing tickets, please contact the administration office.

**2024 High School Transition Days:** Eden Marine High School looks forward to welcoming our Year 6 students for a full day of Year 7 transition activities! An information flyer has been emailed to Year 6 parents of attending students and has been included with this newsletter. If you require more information regarding the orientation day, please contact Eden Marine HS directly on 6496 0000.

**Drink Bottle Reminder – Crunch & Sip News:** With the warmer weather coming, please ensure that your child brings a drink bottle to school. Drink bottles containing water can stay in rooms/on desks. They can be refilled at our chilled/filtered water stations.

## COMING EVENTS

### Week 6:

**Monday, November 13:** SRC EOI's Culled / Speech givers notified;

**Tuesday, November 14:** Year 6 Camp;

**Wednesday, November 15:** Year 6 Camp; Stage 2 Camp; K-2 Assembly KS hosting; Final 2024 Kindergarten Orientation 9.30-12.00pm;

**Thursday, November 16:** Year 6 Camp; Stage 2 Camp return; Year 1 Bournda EEC Excursion;

**Friday, November 17:** Year 6 Camp return;

**Kindy 2024!!** Kindy Orientation has been so much fun! We are so grateful to have such a lovely kindergarten cohort of 61 students (so far) for 2024. Thank you to all of our staff for organising our Smooth Start for 2024, and to the families, parents and caregivers who have partnered with us for another successful transition program.

Our final orientation visit will take place next Wednesday, November 15 - between 9.30am and 12 noon. 2024 Kindy students should bring a water bottle, hat, lunch and a fruit break snack with them on the day.



*Why is it so important that children drink water?* Water is good for us - our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather. Adequate fluid intake is essential to good health. Not drinking enough fluid causes dehydration. Any level of dehydration can cause physical symptoms such as poor concentration in class, headaches and irritability

Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink unless reminded. Crunch&Sip® provides an opportunity to drink water and helps to prevent dehydration.

#### *How much water does my child need?*

The recommended daily amounts of fluid for children and adolescents are: 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 - 8 year olds; 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 - 13 year olds; and 8-10 glasses (2 litres) for 14+ years (\* a glass is 250 ml). More water is needed if children are exercising or sweating due to heat.

**School Camps:** We wish our Year 3, 4 and 6 students and staff all the best as they head off to camp next week. We also wish Year 5 well at their Camp in Week 7. Year 3 and 4 students are looking forward to taking part in team building and environmental education activities at Kianinny Cabins, Tathra. Year 6 will be heading off to Sydney, visiting Taronga Zoo and a range of other attractions. The Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre has developed a fun leadership camp program for our Year 5 students.

In 2024, Year 6 students will be heading on a 3 night / 4 day camp to Sydney; Year 5 will again head to Jindabyne Sport and Recreation

Camp; Year 4 will visit Canberra and Year 3 will attend Kianinny Camp.

#### **2024 Year 6 Camp Survey Results:**

Thank you to the parents and caregivers of Year 5 students who completed the 2024 Year 6 Camp Survey on Compass last week. It was great to ascertain your excursion cost preferences while we are planning the 2024 camp.

In 2023 we have 52 Year 5 students. 18 families responded to the survey. Whilst 5 families were happy to pay up to \$1000 for their child's Year 6 camp, only 10 supported the camp costing \$900. 16 families supported the camp costing \$800. 13 families supported the camp costing \$700. As a result, we have decided to cap the 2024 Year 6 camp at \$800, subsidising the camp with fundraising monies if required.

We are pleased to announce that we have again booked a Year 6 Camp in Sydney for Term 4, 2024. We will confirm dates in the coming weeks.



#### **Variety Club Postie Dash:**

Merimbula Public School was full of excitement on Wednesday morning, when 146 postie bike riders and their support team attended the school as part of the Variety Children's Charity 2023 Postie Bike Dash.

Staff got to school from 6am to cook up a delicious big breakfast for the charity members, prior to the students, families and community members arriving. Our guests enjoyed showing their bikes to the children, watching the

#### **Taronga Zoomobile Fun!**







Dance Ensemble, Choir and Recorder Ensemble perform, and telling all of their travels!



Jack Cannons from the Variety Children's Charity then presented our school with a \$5,000 cheque so that we could purchase additional hands-on Mathematics resources. One of the riders, Bryan Meadows (Bike 21), also generously donated a large kit bag of new basketballs, soccer balls, netballs, footballs and more sports equipment to the school.

This is the second time the charity has visited Merimbula Public School. The Variety Dash cars, with singer John Paul Young, visited the school for breakfast, and a great sing along, in 2014. Postman Pat, and his black and white cat Jess, were the main attraction for the kids this time. All students wrote Christmas Cards or letters to give Postman Pat, which will soon be delivered to Ronald McDonald House and the Newcastle Children's Hospital - giving messages of hope and friendship to sick children.

Thank you to all of the student performers, staff helpers and generous Variety Club patrons who made Wednesday so special at Merimbula Public School!



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## YEAR 7 TRANSITION

### Orientation Day – 28 November 2023

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 students to Eden Marine High School for a full day of Year 7 transition activities. Starting high school is an exciting step for Year 6 students and the Orientation Day provides an opportunity for students to meet their Year Adviser and other students. They will also meet their teachers and become familiar with the learning spaces in our school.

### Orientation Day – travel arrangements

Students can travel by bus, or with parents and carers to and from Eden Marine High School. The bus travel is free, and the bus companies are aware of the change to the usual travel arrangements of Year 6 students. Students will be at Eden Marine High School for the full school day. Students travelling by bus will arrive at school at various times prior to 9:00am. Students travelling with parents and carers should be at school by 9:00am. Students will be met and welcomed to our school at the front gate.

### Orientation Day – uniform

Students should attend the Orientation Day wearing their Year 6 uniform.

### Orientation Day Activities

9:05am – 10:05am	Activities in the Hall
10:05am – 10:5am	Learning activities
10:55am – 11:20am	Recess
11:20am – 12:10pm	Learning activities
12:10pm – 1:00pm	Learning activities
1:00pm – 1:40 pm	Lunch
1:40pm – 2:30pm	Activities on the Oval
2:30pm – 3:20pm	Activities in the Hall

Learning activities will occur in a variety of specialised rooms, and include Science, Art, Food Technology, Drama and Music. Students should bring lunch and a water bottle. The Canteen will be open during recess and lunch.

### Starting High School – 1 February 2024

- Year 7 students will start their high school learning journey on Tuesday 31 January.
- Students are expected to be at school by 9:00am and will meet their Year Adviser and teachers in the Quad when the first bell rings at 9:05am.

### Starting High School – school uniform

- ❖ School uniform can be purchased from the Daylight Schoolwear Uniform Shop located within Eden Marine High School.
- ❖ Special opening hours will be available in the weeks before school starts.

9:00am – 2:00pm	Friday 19 January
12:00pm – 4:00pm	Monday 22 January
9:00am – 2:00pm	Tuesday 23 January
9:00am – 2:00pm	Wednesday 24 January
9:00am – 2:00pm	Thursday 25 January
12:00pm – 4:00pm	Friday 26 January
9:00am – 2:00pm	Monday 29 January
- ❖ To assist with COVID safe practices, only one family (1 adult and 1 student) can access the shop at a time. Please maintain a safe distance if waiting to enter the uniform shop and please re-schedule your visit if you are unwell.
- ❖ Uniform can also be purchased online via [daylightsportswear.com/edenmarine](https://daylightsportswear.com/edenmarine)
- ❖ For all uniform enquiries, please contact the Uniform Shop on 0418 674 477.

### More information

Eden Marine High School can assist you with enrolment queries throughout the year. If you would like more information about enrolment, the Orientation Day or would like to discuss any special circumstances before your child starts high school, please contact the school on 6496 0000.