



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Congratulations to all of the students who were voted by their peers to become this semester's Student Representative Council (SRC) classroom leaders. It was so lovely to see you all acknowledged and celebrated by our school and your family and guests at Monday's special induction assembly.

Congratulations to our new students, including students who have recently moved to Australia, on a successful start to school, and your education at Merimbula Public School (and for some, Australia). It was great to see your achievements celebrated at our assembly.

Great work footy players! Well done to the nine students selected to take part in the FSC District AFL Team this week! Our school is sure to have a competitive school team in 2024! Perhaps we will win the State PSSA Carnival again, like your peers in 2014 did! School AFL Team trials will take place next Friday at recess, on the oval. No boots are required.

We are so lucky to have so many High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) opportunities on offer to the students at Merimbula Public School.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support when keeping your children at home if they are unwell, as they have flu-like symptoms. Whilst people who test positive to COVID-19 no longer have to isolate, anyone displaying flu-like symptoms should not be at school. Please read on in this newsletter for additional attendance requirements.

Check out our Parent Information website, for activities and ideas you can implement at home for your child if they are unwell, or would like to have some extra learning fun.

Information about our website is included later in this newsletter. Thank you to our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, and Early Stage 1 (Kindy) AP for keeping this site up to date and full of great resources.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal



< Semester 1 SRC Representatives

COMING EVENTS

Week 5:

Monday, February 26: Years 3 to 6 Assembly/Swimming Carnival Presentation (2pm Jackson Hall);

Friday, March 1: Years K-6 Clean up Australia Day (*consent due February 26*); Active After School AFL.

Week 6:

Monday, March 4: Parent/Student/Teacher conferences;

Tuesday, March 5: Parent/Student/Teacher conferences; Waste Warrior Excursion to the Merimbula FOGO and Waste Facilities (*consent due February 25*);

Wednesday, March 6: Year 6 into Year 7 2025 EOIs open;

Thursday, March 7: Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale.



Staffing Changes: Congratulations to Ms Jessica Boyne. Ms Boyne, 1J teacher, has been successful in gaining a 1-day per week position at Wyndham Public School as their Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. Ms Boyne will be heading to Wyndham every Tuesday, from next week, to support their team with some of the great initiatives she has been leading at our school.

Mrs Natasha Marriott, who teaches 1J each Friday, will also be teaching them every Tuesday from next week.

With Mrs Marriott teaching 1J on Tuesdays, Mrs Kate Daniel (who teaches English to students of Additional Language /Dialect backgrounds, and 3K each Thursday) will now be teaching 1B every Tuesday. We are so fortunate to have such a flexible and talented staff team.

With the number of K-2 classes having grown this year, Mrs Corinna Mace will now be the Assistant Principal contact for Kindergarten. Kindy families, you would have met her in 2023 when you completed your Kindy child's enrolment tour. Ms Bain will continue to supervise and lead Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2).



P&C News - Reminder: Our first P&C AGM will be taking place in the staffroom on Monday, March 11 at 6.00pm. The AGM will be followed by the March Meeting at 6.30pm and will end at 8pm (approximately). We would love to see some new faces at our meetings!

Literacy and Numeracy News: Did you know that we have a dedicated parent and caregiver website? Our website contains great links about school programs and how to further support your child/ren at home and can be found at

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/merimbulapublicschool>

Here are some of the great links!

Suggested Books for Numeracy and Literacy:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/merimbulapublicschool/suggested-books-for-numeracy-and-literacy>

Intervention Programs at Merimbula PS: MultiLit, Reinforced Reading, MiniLit, InitialLit, Reading With Your Child.

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/merimbulapublicschool/intervention-programs>

Far South Coast District AFL Representatives: Congratulations to the nine Merimbula Public School students (8 pictured below) selected to be part of the FSC District AFL Team for 2024. Congratulations to all students on your successful trial at Berrambool this week!



School Photos Online Orders:

With the short turnaround for school photo orders, the School Photographer has shared that photos can still be ordered/paid for by contacting the company directly on: 02 9674 9824.

<https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/>





School Swimming Carnival Presentation - Reminder:

Students receiving ribbons and/or age champion recognition will be acknowledged at a special Years 3 to 6 assembly next Monday, February 26 (2pm - 2.55pm in the Jackson Hall). Parents, caregivers and guests are welcome to attend.

Event Consent Reminders:

- General Permission for the Consumption of food/drink: Due now;
- General permission for Pump Track: Due now;
- Waste Warriors Excursion (selected students): Due 25th February;
- Snow Sports camp EOI: Due 25th February;
- Clean Up Australia Day: Due 26th February;
- Merimbula Old School Museum Excursion;
 - Year 1 Due 10th March;
 - Year 2: Due 17th March.

Uniform Shop News:

Daylight Schoolwear has recently updated their website. With these updates, the website links have now changed. The Uniform Shop website link is now:

<https://daylightschoolwear.au/merimbula/uniform-items?shop=54>




Uniform Shop

Hours

Monday 7:45am - 8:20am
Tuesday 7:45am - 8:20am
Wednesday 7:45am - 8:20am
Thursday - By Appointment
Friday - By Appointment

Shop Coordinator Emily

Shop Now

Scripture/SRE

Christian Special Religious Education commences tomorrow, for 2024. Classes will take place each Friday between

11.30am and 12.10pm. With no teachers or coordinators being available, Catholic Scripture will not be taking place.

If your child is enrolled in Catholic Scripture and you would like for them to attend SRE, please email the school via merimbula.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

District Swimming Carnival Success!!

Last Friday, 27 students represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival. It was a wonderful day with many students achieving personal best records, with several students moving forward to the Regional swim meet in Dapto on March 12th. Students are to be commended on their behaviour and representation of Merimbula Public School.

Parent/Carer/Student/Teacher 3-Way-Conference Bookings:

Parent/teacher/student 3-Way-Conferences are taking place on Monday, March 4 and Tuesday March 5, between 3-6pm (all grades). Bookings can now be made via the Compass portal until the 3rd of March. Please contact our administration office if you need to change your appointment time.

Please contact your child's class teacher should you need to book an alternate time, or a session that may take longer than 15 minutes.

School Drive Subsidy Scheme: Where there is no public transport available, or if you have to drive your children a fair way to their closest bus stop, you may be entitled for the School Drive Subsidy. This subsidy partly offsets the cost for driving students to school or to the nearest transport pick up point, by car, motorcycle or boat.

To find out how to apply, go to "School Drive Subsidy" > 'Apply for the School

Crunch and Sip News:

How much fruit and vegetables do children need? We are encouraged to go for 2 fruit and 5 vegetables every day. The amount children should eat depends on their, age, appetite and activity levels.

With the emphasis on 'Go for' it is valuable if children learn they should be aiming to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day. The emphasis in education should be on eating a variety of fruit and vegetables (including raw, cooked and different colours). This provides a wide range of nutrients.

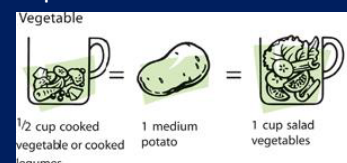
The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends that children and adolescents eat the following number of serves of fruit and vegetables per day.

Age of child (years)	Fruit (serves)	Vegetables (serves)
4-7	1-2	2-4
8-11	1-2	3-5
12-18	3-4	4-9

The recommendations: What is a serve? A serve of fruit is equal to an average sized piece of fruit.



A serve of vegetables is equal to one medium potato, ½ cup cooked vegetables or legumes or 1 cup salad.





Drive Subsidy for the first time' on the NSW Transport site:

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/apply-for-school-drive-subsidy>

2024 Snow Sports Expression of Interest - Yesterday via Compass, an Expression of Interest was sent to all families with students in Years 3-6. In Week 5, the school is required to confirm details for the snow sports camp for students in Years 3-6. Scheduled for the 16th to September to the 18th of September 2024.

In order to do so, we are requesting an expression of interest from families who are willing to commit to the overall cost of \$900 per student. We appreciate the present cost of living challenges for families and understand that this optional extra camp may not be possible.

Our annual snow sports camp is an optional additional camp, to the students stage camp (not in place of). Prices for the Stage camps are as follows

- Year 3 Kianinny Camp - \$250
- Year 4 Canberra Camp - \$500
- Year 5 Jindabyne Camp - \$500
- Year 6 Sydney Camp - \$800

Please indicate via reply/consent to this event by Sunday the 25th of February, so we are able to ascertain numbers and book the camp according to the deadline.

Years 3 to 6 Snow Sports Camp (Optional Excursion): Information about the optional Snow Sports (skiing/snowboarding) camp may be soon available on the Compass portal. This year there are 50 places available, based on the allocation of cabins/buses provided.

Places for the excursion will be filled on a first come basis, for those who pay the deposit and complete the online permission (by Thursday, May 2 - Week 1, Term 2).

The event with consent will be shared once we have confirmed our Snow Sports Excursion booking. This will take place next week if we have sufficient interest in the camp. Students will need to attend their grade-based camp (Years 3 to 6) as well as attending the Snow Sports Camp.

As shared, an expression of interest note has been sent home this week to ascertain interest in the Snow Sports Camp (before information is shared with students), due to current cost of living pressures. Please indicate via Compass your interest for this optional excursion being offered in 2024, and whether your child is likely to attend.



Compulsory School Attendance – Information for Parents and Reporting Absences:

Students may be absent from school if they are sick (symptomatic, mental health rest day), or with permission forms from the principal for holiday /family leave (in accord with NSW law). Birthdays and wet weather are not reasons for students to take leave.

Road closures, flooding and natural disaster leave is permitted with explanation (Please talk to our office for details in this regard).

An information brochure for multiple languages via the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/sc-hooling/translated-documents/compulsory-school-attendance-information-for-parents>

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