



## SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

With our school continuing to grow, and more visitors/parents/carers coming to the school (including to drop off and pick up children), increasing road, bus and pedestrian safety continues to be a high priority.

To support students in keeping safe, we address road and pedestrian safety during teaching and learning programs at school, and at additional times, when reminders are needed. We encourage all parents/carers to revisit road, bus and pedestrian safety in the coming weeks also, and as required - especially when travel routes and organisation changes.

We continue to have staff supervise bus lines each afternoon, supervise the Randolph Street crossing and back gate in the mornings and afternoons, and a staff member take the “walking line” across both pedestrian crossings in the afternoon.

If your child is ever walking home from school, if they are getting picked up from Beach Street, or in front of the school on Randolph Street (opposite the bus bay), please remind them to line up at the walking line. It is located at the ‘blue spot’ opposite the 6G Classroom. This will support us in keeping all students safe in the afternoons when the bus bay and

pick up/parking areas are extremely congested.

To support pick up and drop off safety at our school, Bega Valley Shire Council have also made some changes to the parking areas around our school. More changes will continue to be made in the coming months also. Please read on to find out more.

### Parking Updates in Place Now:

- Additional 5 minute parking spaces are now located on Randolph Street (two spaces closest to Main Street, opposite the Bus Bay). This is to provide more ‘drop off’ spaces, as opposed to all day parking.

### Parking Changes Coming:

- Henwood Street (school fence side) will become a ‘Kiss and Drop’. The curb and guttering for this change will commence on July 3 and continue until the end of Term 2 (at least). As a result, the back gate will not be used/opened before or after school during the last week of Term 2. The last day staff will open the back gate/supervise the back gate will be Friday, June 28. Parents and carers will be advised on July 22, as to access arrangements for Term 3. We will then advise of access availability and ‘kiss and

## COMING EVENTS

### Term 2

#### Week 8:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Bega High School Work Experience;

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** K-2 Athletics Carnival @ MPS 11.30am-2.55pm; 2025 Kindy Parent/Carer Information Night 5.30-6.30pm in the Jackson Hall;

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** 3-6 Athletics Carnival @ Berrambool Oval;

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Classic Shield Rugby League Knockout @ Tathra Country Club.

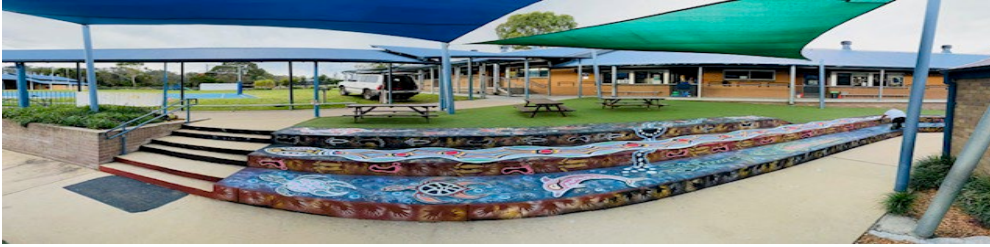
#### Week 9:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** PSSA AFL vs Pambula PS @ Berrambool Oval (game start 10am);

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** **Canteen Closed;** Kindy Excursion to Bournda EEC;

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** **Canteen Closed;** Combined Recorder Festival Performance @ Sydney Opera House; AFL Paul Kelly Cup @ Ulladulla;

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** **Canteen Closed;** 3-6 Athletics Carnival Back-up date; Regional Multicultural Speaking Festival Finals @ Moruya.



drop' arrangements.

- Additional 'No Parking' and '5 Minute Parking' spaces will soon be located on Henwood Street.

If you have any questions about road, parking and/or pedestrian safety at school, please call to discuss these on (02)64951266. Suggestions for safety improvements can also be emailed to the school.

Local parking and road changes should be directed to Bega Valley Shire Council on (02) 64992222 or via email at: [council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for supporting the safety of our students, staff, families and visitors.

Regards,  
Michelle Huddleston  
Principal

**Kindy Information Night – Class of 2025:** Our Kindergarten 2025 Information Night will be taking place this coming Tuesday, June 18, 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the Kindy Classrooms.

If your child is turning 5 before August 1, 2024, and you would like to learn more about our awesome school, the current enrolment tours taking place, and our awesome orientation program, please come along! We cannot wait to meet you, tell you about our innovative programs, modern resources, outstanding extra-curricular opportunities, dedicated staff and effective wellbeing programs, that ensure our students are known, valued and cared for.

Our public school is fee free for all, with amazing opportunities, achievements and world class facilities. Enrolment interviews/tours have already begun. [BOOK NOW](#) if you have not done so already.

### Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition:

Last Wednesday we held our finals for the Stage 2 and 3 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. We had two representatives from each class and each student did an amazing job in delivering their prepared speech about multiculturalism and an impromptu speech, where they are only allotted 5 minutes to construct their speech.

Thank you to our amazing judges who did a fantastic job and had the tough decision to select our two school finalists from each stage to progress to the local final.

Our representatives for the local final will be Bella and Daisy from Stage 2 and Ollie and Shelby from Stage 3. The local finals will be held at Moruya Public School on Thursday 27 June, with Stage 2 competing from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Stage 3 from 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM.

Well done to all students who wrote speeches, presented at the school final and our four students progressing to the local final.



### Consent and Payment Reminders:

- General Permission for Pump Track and consumption of food/drink – Due now
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Consent Overdue
- Classic Shield Rugby League Knockout – Consent due June 16<sup>th</sup>
- PSSA AFL vs Pambula PS – Consent due June 19<sup>th</sup>
- AFL Paul Kelly Cup – Consent due June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Rescheduled Kindergarten to Bournda EEC – New consent and/or payment due June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Book Club orders due – June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Years 3 & 6 Camp - Second Payment Due June 28<sup>th</sup>
- PSSA Boys & Girls Basketball rescheduled date – Consent due June 28<sup>th</sup>

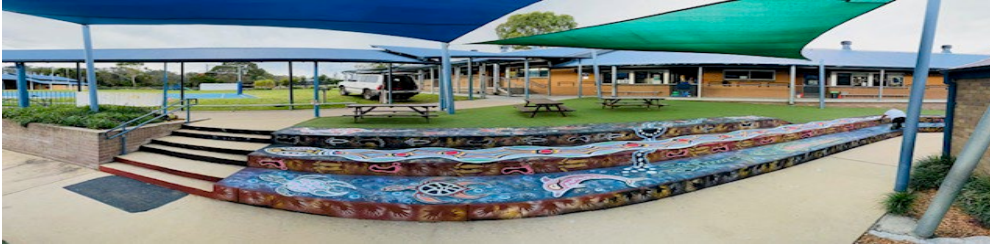
### Canteen News:

Please be advised that our Canteen will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday - June 25;
- Wednesday - June 26; and
- Thursday June 27.







## Athletics Carnivals:

Our Athletics Carnivals are coming up soon! Here is some more information for parents/caregivers.



- K-2 Carnival: Our K-2 Athletics Carnival will be taking place next Tuesday, June 18 onsite at Merimbula Public School. Parents/carers are welcome to watch the events taking place (between 11.30am-1.15pm and between 1.55-2.55pm).

*\*Please note that visitors will need to sign in/out at the Administration Office, including signing out during recess time at 1.15pm. Visitors should not come on site with any flu-like symptoms).*

- 3-6 Carnival: The 3-6 Athletics Carnival is taking place next Thursday, June 20 at Berrambool Sporting Complex. Consent has been sought via Compass Events. Students without permission will be split across K-2 to complete alternate work. Students in FD and FM without permission/not attending, will be taught in the FM classroom by Mrs Chapple and supported by Mrs Rootsey (non-attending FB students will remain in FB).

**Compass Music Festival - Far South Coast:** Merimbula Public School students participated in the NSW Department of Education combined public schools performance at Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre on Thursday 6th June.

The concert featured a combined secondary and primary choir, string ensemble and combined recorder ensemble. Twenty MPS students performed in the combined choir and

seven MPS students played in the recorder ensemble.

It was an amazing opportunity for our students to be part of a professional production. A fun day was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Friede, Mr Unicomb and Mrs Fowler for their efforts in supporting students to perform at this event.



**School Uniform Reminder (as per the Merimbula School Uniform Protocol on our website at: <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/m/merimbula-p/2024/Uniform Protocol MPS 12.06.24.pdf>)**

### Daily Uniform Requirements / Options (from Uniform Shop):

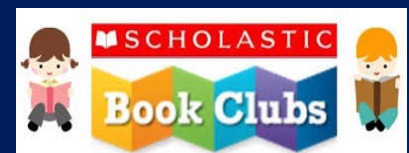
- Sports trousers;
- Sports shorts;
- Drill/cargo material pants;
- Fleecy jacket;
- Microfibre jacket;
- Polo shirt;
- Long sleeve polo shirt;
- Skort;
- School bucket hat (All year round during break times and sport/physical education sessions & carnivals);
- School beanie (Optional - Term 2/3 before school and when permitted during class times).

### Daily Uniform Requirements (from elsewhere):

- 150th MPS Birthday hoodie (*limited edition, no longer on sale*);



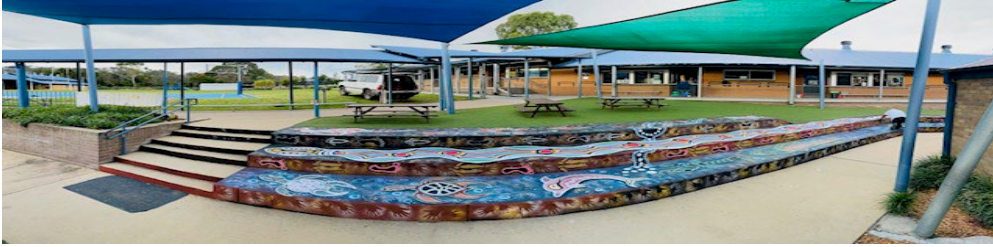
**Empty Paper Towel Rolls Needed** – Year 4 are busy preparing for the upcoming Koori Market and require empty paper towel rolls to begin their trade items. If you have any paper towel rolls we would love to have them! Please note we cannot accept toilet rolls.



### Book club - Book Club, Orders and LOOP:

Book Club 'newspapers' were sent home in Week 5. A PDF version is also available to view online via <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Payments for orders are to be made online using the Book Club LOOP system via the above link. Payments are not processed by our school. Orders are due by June 25, 2024.



- Blue tights/stockings (under MPS shorts/skorts) \* *Please note that these must be navy, not black or otherwise and only worn under a skort/shorts, not on their own;*
- Blue or black socks (white if unavailable);
- Raincoats/other coloured hats on route to/from school;
- Year 6 Shirts/Hoodies (Year 6 students only).

### Sports Day Uniform Requirements (Uniform Shop):

- House coloured shirt on sports and carnival days (Pelicans: Blue, Kookaburras: Green; Bellbirds: Red, Swans: Yellow); *Sports Days in Term 2 and 3 are: K-2: Tuesdays, Stage 2: Fridays and Stage 3: Thursdays;*
- Team uniforms (Provided for competition days).

### Mufti Day Expectations and Requirements (Other):

- Safe enclosed/sport friendly shoes are required;
- No singlet tops or midriff/crop shirts permitted on mufti days.

### Requirements – Other Apparel:

- No variations to the school beanie, hat or other items should be worn at school (an explanatory note from a parent/caregiver could outline the use of an alternate 'like item' should other items not be in stock/available);
- Socks are to cover the ankle and not have logos;
- Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) hoodies (obtained when representing the District Team at Zone Sport) may be worn at school to recognise student achievement, for one week after the jumper was received/worn at a representative level and on full carnival days/at sports assemblies and other events representing the District at Regional Level;

- School bags and library bags are available but not compulsory;
- Students must not wear makeup, unless approval is given by the Principal (ie: school performances, medical/wellbeing reasons);
- No earrings/jewellery is to be worn for sport/representative sport as per PSSA Sport Guidelines;
- Studs and small earrings should be worn for safety reasons, should a student wear earrings;
- For safety, it is recommended that necklaces, chains, wrist bands and bangles are not worn by students. If students wear them they may be required to remove them during some activities. Watches are acceptable, but again may need to be removed during certain activities for safety (ie: due to PSSA Sport policy) or during assessment activities (ie smart watches).

**Uniform Review:** We are currently reviewing additions to our school uniform protocol. Information will be shared with parents/carers soon.

### Student Representative Council (SRC)

**Term 2 Celebration Disco:** A free end of term reward/celebration disco will take place in the last week of Term 2 - on Wednesday, July 3. The disco will take place in the hall at lunchtime for students in Kindergarten - Year 2, and at Recess for students in Year 3 - 6.

The theme for both discos is "Sport". Students are welcome to wear their favourite sports team uniform, jersey, dress up as a sports person, wear their team colours, or wear mufti on the day. No food will be provided. Students are to bring their own lunch/recess on the day, and they will be provided time in class/at eating time to eat before the disco. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation on the day, to support SRC fundraising initiatives.



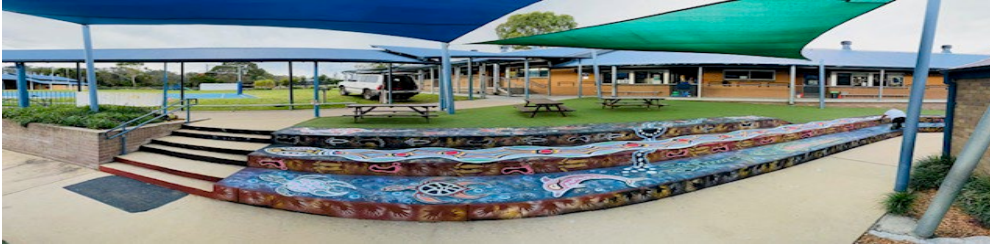
**Staying Connected:** Please be sure to keep up to date with published events via Compass. In particular, ensure you are providing consent and/or payments before the due date for each event. Due to external providers/venues/transport timelines and costs, we are not always able to offer an extension of time to pay or to provide consent.

Reminders for upcoming events and consent/payment due dates are sent out intermittently via Compass and are published each week via the weekly Newsletter, official Merimbula Public School Facebook page and on the Compass calendar. A PDF version of the Newsletter is available to download via;

- Merimbula Public School Website;
- Compass News Feed and;
- Compass School Documents.

If you have had difficulty in viewing event permission, receiving notifications, or creating a Compass parent account, please call the administration office on 64951266 so we are able to help you with troubleshooting.





**PSSA AFL News:** Congratulations to our PSSA AFL Knockout Team who defeated Bermagui PS today, 7-11-53 to 0-0-0.

Captain Harry led the team today, and was all over the field, setting up some great plays, and setting up a goal in the first quarter. Mitch also had a great start to the game, and scored a goal and a behind, with Heath getting a behind also.

We started the second quarter well. Mitch had an even more amazing second quarter, scoring two goals and 3 behinds. Harry also got another goal and a behind. Our team were up by 32 at half time.

Whilst it was a convincing first half for our side, the Bermagui team were very challenging at times, especially in the third quarter, where their defence and tackling was outstanding. Despite this, Mitch was still able to secure one goal, and Harry a behind. We finished the third quarter with 40 points.

The final quarter saw Captain Harry kick another goal, and Darcy a behind, contributing to our 53 - 0 win. Well done to the whole team on a great game!

Thank you to Mr McBain, Ms Keighran, our volunteer umpires, and spectators for coming out in the rain to support us. We look forward to playing Pambula PS in Round 3 on Monday, June 24.

**Girl's Touch Football Gala Day:** Friday last week saw the MPS Girl's Touch Football Team participate in the first stage of the PSSA competition. In the gala day format, the team played the first 3 rounds on one day. The first match was against Pambula PS. This was a great game to watch with Merimbula running out winners 7-0.

In Round 2, Merimbula came up against Eden PS. The team continued with their amazing team work to win 8-0. This put them into Round 3 against Tathra PS. By this time the girls were exhausted from a long day of tough competition with no byes. Tathra was a tough game but MPS ran out winners 6-2.

With 3 wins, the MPS team have moved into Round 4 of the competition against either Narooma or Batemans Bay. More information about the next game will be shared soon.

Thank you to all the teams who attended on the day and Mrs Bolton from Pambula PS who helped organise and run the day.

Tries scores on the day were: Ivy-5, Xanthe-3, Makia-2, Dakota-1 and Isla C-9.

**Boys Touch Football Gala Day:** On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, the Stage 3 boys participated in the NSW PSSA Touch Knockout.

This year the day was organised as a gala day with winning teams progressing through to meet one another throughout the day. The team were given the bye in the first round and came up against Bombala Public School in Round 2. Both teams played with great sportsmanship and the team was successful in winning the game 8-0.

Progressing to the third round where the team faced Pambula PS who had successfully beaten Eden. It was a hard-fought contest that went back and forth the game finished in regular time 3 all. With extra time needed a player from each side dropping off, it was Pambula who came out on top 4-3.

A big thank you Mr Hughes and Mrs Bolton from Pambula PS for organising the day and making sure each game had referees and the day ran smoothly.

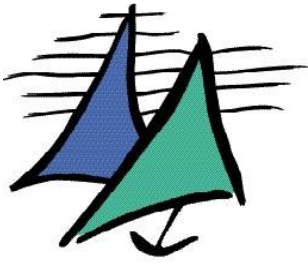


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# Merimbula Public School

Excellence Opportunity Success

2025 Kindergarten Orientation—Special Transitions

## DOES YOUR CHILD NEED EXTRA SUPPORT?

At Merimbula Public School we believe that every student should be empowered to achieve at their highest capability. We provide specialised support for students with additional needs & disabilities, both in a mainstream setting and within our four support classes. These classes provide a tailored environment to optimise student learning, wellbeing and social, emotional and physical development.

Our life skills and gross motor programs set our students up for a bright future!

We provide an environment where achieving one's best is inevitable.

**CALL US FOR MORE DETAILS (02) 6495 1266**

**BOOK A SUPPORT CLASS & MAINSTREAM SETTING  
TOUR TO DECIDE ON YOUR CHILD'S  
BEST LEARNING PATHWAY!  
Enrolment tours have commenced!**

Book your support meeting now, to ensure your preferred time, so that we can start catering for your child's needs, create Support Plans, Individual Education Plans and/or Health and Toileting Plans.



## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Come and visit our Kindergarten Classrooms

Tuesday, June 18 5.30pm-6.30pm

Learn about our Orientation Program,  
preparing your child for school &  
our 2024 & 2025 Kindergarten Program

*Childcare is free on the night!*

## SMALL GROUP TRANSITION VISITS

FOR STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

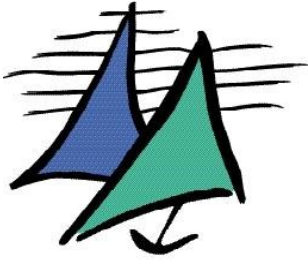
Tuesday, August 6 - 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday, August 20 - 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday, September 3 - 9.30am-10.30am







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2025 Kindergarten Orientation

## Welcome

At Merimbula Public School we believe that every student should be empowered to achieve at their highest capability. We believe every student should be challenged to learn and should continually improve through engagement in dynamic teaching and learning programs, high expectations and a supportive environment via access to an extensive and inclusive curriculum that addresses individual need.

We provide an environment where achieving one's best is inevitable.

Join our friendly MPS family! Its as easy as 1, 2, 3!

## BOOK A TOUR!

Enrolment tours have commence  
for Kindergarten 2025!

Get in quick to ensure your preferred time and so that



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## ORIENTATION VISITS

Tuesday, November 5 - 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday, November 12 - 9.30am-11.00am

Tuesday, November 19 - 9.30am-12.00pm





# MERIMBULA PUBLIC SCHOOL

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Merimbula Public School. We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the “My Time, Our Place” National Framework for school aged children.

ASPIRE OSHC provide Before and After school care programs and Vacation Care. These programs develop and nurture children’s minds.

ASPIRE OSHC promotes a healthy lifestyle through various activities for children to discover, learn and play. We create healthy habits by providing nutritional foods and a variety of opportunities to participate in active play.

## SESSION TIMES AND FEES

### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

7:00am - 9:00am

Casual: \$28

Permanent: \$25

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

2:55pm - 6:00pm

Casual: \$33

Permanent: \$30

### VACATION CARE

7:00am - 6:00pm

\$85



To enrol and make a booking please visit our website [aspire-oshc.com.au](http://aspire-oshc.com.au)

Have a question? or request a parent handbook, please contact Merimbula’s Service Manager:



0427 022 415



[merimbula@aspire-oshc.com.au](mailto:merimbula@aspire-oshc.com.au)





# Everyone deserves to feel safe at school



Please treat our staff  
and students with  
**kindness and respect**



Aggressive behaviour  
will **not be tolerated**



Together, we can  
create a **safe  
and harmonious  
environment** for our  
students and staff

## Holiday Programs

Our Holiday Programs are a perfect mix of Nature, Fun and Games led by skilled outdoor educators for children 8-14 years old.



**Full Day Adventure- Wednesday 10th of July**



**Bushwalk, Shelter building, hot campfire cooking, team challenge games**

**Book in for a half or full day of Fun:**

**Thursday 11th July**



**Team Challenge and Snorkeling Introduction (PBDP Indoor heated Pool)**

**Billy Carts - Build your own and race, Shelter building**



**Book in for a half or full day of Fun:**

**Friday 12th July**

**Team Challenge, Scavenger Hunt - Orienteering**

**Coastal Walk with Sand Sculpture Competition**



**BOOK NOW**

**HALF DAY \$50, FULL DAY \$85**

 **Pambula Beach**

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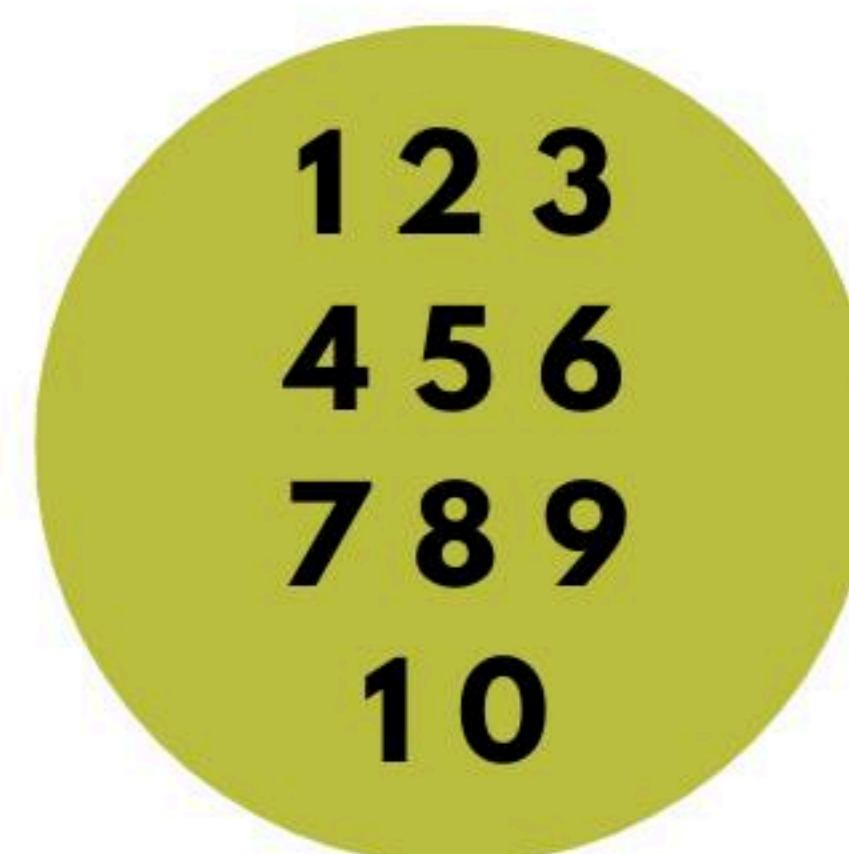
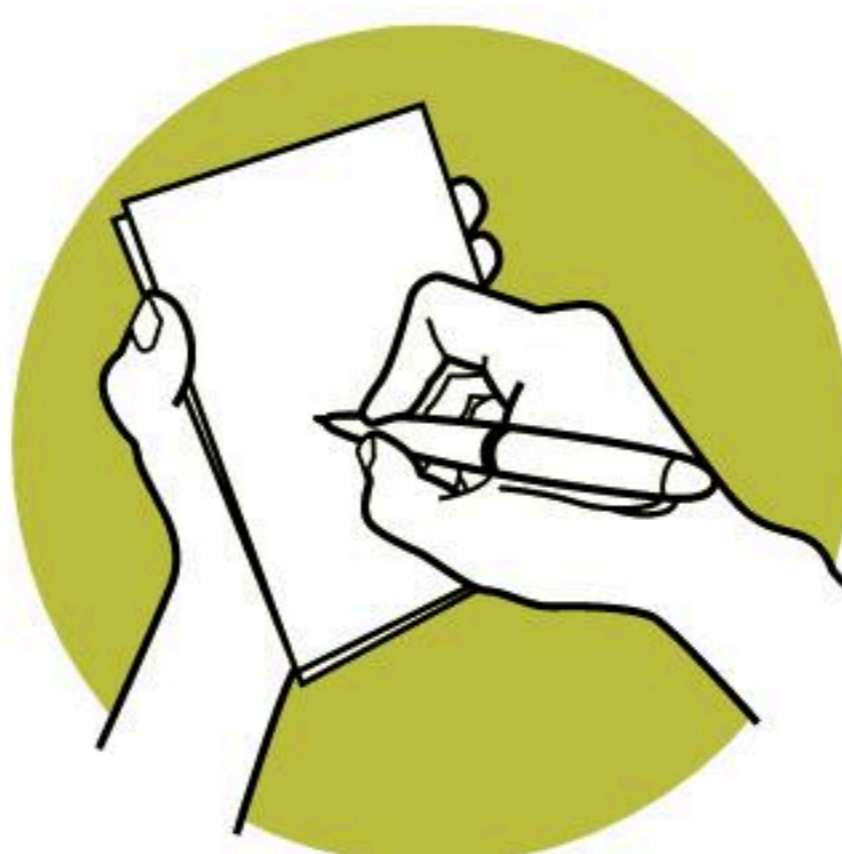


# Here 2 Help

## Adult Literacy and Numeracy



### Free help for adults



### Just drop in

**Tura Marrang Library - Wednesday 3.30 - 5.00pm**

**Bega Library - Thursdays 2.30 - 5.00pm**

**in school terms**

**Ph: 0425 314 023**







# 2024

## Winter School Holiday Junior Fishing Competition



Come and join us for the **FREE** Merimbula Winter school holiday Fishing Competition & Workshop.

Fish caught must be photographed on a DPI brag mat, with an event token. They are then recorded on a fish record slip and submitted to one of the Merimbula tackle shops.

Workshop is free and held 10am till noon on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at MBGLAC Clubrooms, Spencer Park. Bookings essential through [juniorfishing.mbglac@gmail.com](mailto:juniorfishing.mbglac@gmail.com)

All rules and information can be found at [www.mbglac.com.au](http://www.mbglac.com.au)

An adult **MUST** be present

1. when registering at the Merimbula tackle shops to pick up a show bag,
2. when attending the workshops.
3. When attending presentation.

The competition is open to Small Fry (under 11yrs) & Junior (under 16yrs) as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. The competition runs from 6am Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July to 4pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The 5 eligible categories are:  
**Flathead, Trevally, Tailor, Australian Salmon & any other legal sized species**

## OVER \$5000 PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

Competitors are invited to a **FREE** sausage sizzle at the Presentation event at Noon Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at MBGLAC clubrooms. With prizes for those attending.

**Competitors do not need to be present to win as prizes will be forwarded.**

We'd love to see what you've caught so tag us @MBGLAC on Facebook or Instagram.

