



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Thank you to our entire school community, parents, carers, students and visitors for putting in such a fabulous effort to making our Book Week Parade and celebrations so fantastic last week! A huge thank you to our Librarian, Book Week Coordinator and our biggest lover of books, Mrs Erin Feneck (and her lovely assistant Ms Manda Hensman)! Your efforts and dedication to ensuring a shared love of literature and literacy across Merimbula PS is always a pleasure to witness. What a fun and colourful afternoon we all had on Friday. Thank you also to News Xtra for again hosting a wonderful Book Fair with Mrs Feneck also.

This week has been another amazing week of student achievements! Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Team on another amazing game this week, and congratulations on how far you progressed through the PSSA Knockout. It was a shame for the team to miss out on the win in the **final** seconds. Thank you to Mr Ben Kirk for your outstanding coaching this year, and to the volunteers, parents and carers who assisted with travel and umpiring throughout the year.

Congratulations to our Ski/Snowsports Team and to Mr Craig Morris on such an amazing result at the State Snowsports Championships this week! What an effort for our school to have been crowned 6th best school in the State (Public, Independent and Catholic) at the State Carnival. Thank you to Mr Morris for your outstanding coordination for our school this year, and to the parents and carers who assisted with travel and volunteering throughout the season.

A massive congratulations to our AFL Team! The boys are now in the top 8 teams in the state in both the 14 and 18-a-side competitions. A marvellous achievement! Good luck to the boys next week, as they head to Sydney Olympic Park (GWS Home Ground) for the State Paul Kelly Cup Finals! We have not had any goals scored against us in the PSSA Knockout (Tony Lockett Shield) to date! Our South Coast Final against Milton PS will take place in the coming weeks in Berrambool. Thank you to the dedicated AFL parents and carers who took the 10 hour round trip to transport our AFL Team and cheer us on in Kiama yesterday. We are one more game away from another State Final!!!

COMING EVENTS

Term 3

Week 6: **SASS Recognition Week**

Monday 26th August: 5H Class Party;

Tuesday 27th August: State Soccer Championships;

Wednesday 28th August: P&C Father's Day stall; State Soccer Championships; Support Class Life Skills program;

Thursday 29th August: Stage 2 & 3 Elective Sports; Paul Kelly Cup State Final; State Touch Football Championships;

Week 7:

Tuesday 3rd September: Support Class Special Transition 9.30-10.30am;

Wednesday 4th September: Support Class Life Skills program;

Thursday 5th September: Stage 2 & 3 Elective Sports;

Friday 6th September: Musical Tickets go on sale via Compasstix; Regional Athletics Carnival @ Canberra for qualifying students.



This week we had the pleasure of hosting over 30 Department of Education Directors, Executive Directors and Principal School Leadership Team members, whilst they took part in meetings and professional learning in our library. Thank you to our students and staff for accommodating these guests. Feedback about our wonderful school, students and staff was positive, as were the comments about our fantastic, well cared for facilities, and superb canteen catering.

Enjoy reading more about our fantastic school and its achievements in this newsletter.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal (and proud AFL Team Coach!)

MPS Breakfast Club: A huge shout out to Backstreet Bakehouse and Tura Beach Bakery for donating bread to our Breakfast Club.

Every morning, all students at Merimbula Public School have access to freshly cooked toast and freshly cut up fruit and vegetables. Playing a vital role in creating a positive and engaging start to our school days.

Without these generous donations we struggle to have enough for all students. We are truly grateful for your commitment to our community and for helping make our Breakfast Club a success!



Mini Fete Book Stall:

During the Mini Fete, students will also be hosting a book stall. To make this stall a success, we are requesting donations of good condition children's preloved books of all genres. If you have any books that you no longer need or are looking to pass on, we would be grateful to receive them.



Medical Reminder: Parents and Caregivers have received notification of expired and/or expiring Action Plans/Ventolin/Medication these last 2 weeks. It's imperative that we have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan and ventolin for your child. If your child no longer requires ventolin/medication to be administered at school, please inform us via the school email merimbula-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Communication Protocols, Communication Procedures A-Z and Decision Making Protocols: Merimbula Public School has a range of procedures and protocols supporting implementation of the Department's policies. These documents can be found on our website as: <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>

In response to the Department's new communications and digital communications policy and expectations, our school updated our *Communication Protocols*, our *Communication Procedures A-Z*, and our *Decision Making Protocols and related documents* earlier this year (as shared in newsletters earlier this year). These updates and school policy/procedure documents can be found on our website.

Consent/Payment

Reminders:

- General Permission for Pump Track and consumption of food/drink – Due now
- PSSA AFL Round 5 – Consent due August 20th
- MPS Mini Fete – Consent due September 13th
- 2025 Year 6 Polo and Hoodie orders – Due October 14th



P&C News: Father's Day stall: This year, our Parents and Citizens Association volunteers will be working with our School Leaders to host the Father's Day Stall. The stall will be taking place on Wednesday, August 28.

Students will have time to attend the stall with their class and teacher, during class time, as well as attend the stall during lunch time with their sibling should they wish to do so.

Children are encouraged to bring small change with them, in a wallet, purse or envelope labelled with their name and class, as well as a reusable shopping bag to place their purchase/s in.



Representative

Sports News: Last week, Ivy Porter-Watson, our year 6 touch football star, travelled to Wollongong to participate in the Open Girls Touch



Football NSW State Carnival. Ivy's team played 11 games over the 4 days with 4 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses. This was an amazing effort by the team with Ivy helping out and scoring several tries over the week. Well done, Ivy!

Interschool Snowsports News: This week Merimbula PS had 5 students competing in the Interschools Snowsports State Championships at Perisher Resort. Over 2 days we competed in two divisions: Snowboard GS and Snowboard Cross.

In Division 5, Oli K gave his all, putting together 2 clean runs and placing 36th out of more than 50 other competitors. Oli still has another 2 years ahead competing in the same division.

In Division 4, both our boys' and girls' teams finished in the top 10 in the state, with Ivy and Isla placing 7th and Tai and Jack placing 10th.

On Wednesday our teams really excelled in the Snowboard Cross. Jack and Tai finished with a 5th place while Ivy and Isla came 4th. A brilliant effort for our kids competing against private and public schools from all over New South Wales. Our team/school was ranked 6th overall in NSW!!! Was an amazing effort!!!

Ivy, Isla, Tai and Jack have been invited to the National/Australian titles in the coming weeks!!! What a great achievement!!!

Once again, I'd like to thank the parents for giving up their time to give these kids the opportunity to represent our school at a state level.

Mr Morris



Canteen Birthday Bundles

We're excited to introduce a delightful way to make your child's birthday extra special at school! 🎂 🎉

Our canteen is now offering Birthday Bundles that can be sent directly to your child's classroom to celebrate their special day. The canteen will cater to dietary and allergy requirements.

Currently, we have two bundle options available.

Frozen Bundle - \$20

- Birthday badge for the special birthday boy/girl
- One frozen cup for each child in the class to enjoy.

Cupcake Bundle - \$30

- Birthday badge for the special birthday boy/girl
- One iced cupcake for each child in the class to enjoy.

Parents and caregivers can order a bundle directly through the canteen or visiting the administration office at least 1 week prior.

Payment must be made at the time of ordering.



AFL News: 🏈 🏈 🏈 Our AFL team came away with another amazing win yesterday, 15-8-98 to Minnamurra PS (0-0-0).

Captain Reece led the team into a great first quarter, demonstrating the solid defence we have in our back line. His strong kicking, him getting everywhere to the ball quickly, coupled with great ground coverage by Harry, awesome kicks from Rowan and great tackling hits from Bailey, allowed us to keep the ball up our end for the start of the game. This allowed Darcy and Mitch to get a goal, and Harry two. We were 4-0-24 after 14 minutes.

In the second quarter, Darcy, Mitch, Flynn and Kade all kicked goals; with Kade, Jack McB and Beau kicking behinds. 8-2-51 was a promising half time score. Reece had great vision and passing, Bailey's tackles were on point and Darcy took some awesome marks.

The boys stuck with their attacking game, allowing Dane to get a goal, and Harry another three in the third quarter. Ryan, Harry and Flynn also got a point each. We were 12-7-79 at three quarter time. Tai played an awesome quarter in the centre and Harry's goal kicking was phenomenal.

The heat and strong opposition tackles in Kiama did not deter us. The final quarter did not see the ball get to Kiama's forward line on many occasions. Reece, Harry and Beau all got goals, with Harry and Lucas getting points in the final minutes. Max was awesome in defence in the fourth quarter. 15-8-98 was our final score. We have not had any goals scored against us in the PSSA Knockout to date! Our South Coast Final against

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PSSA Basketball News

Congratulations MPS Boys on making the final 4 teams in the South Coast region of the PSSA State Knockout. This includes teams from North Wollongong to the Victorian border and as West as Canberra.

Unfortunately, the boys went down in a very close match today in the semi final against Pleasant Heights PS. The match was decided by a Pleasant Heights 3 pointer, with only a minute remaining on the clock.

The boys played amazingly well together and showed outstanding effort, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Thank you to the referees and parents who have assisted throughout the competition. Well done boys, you should be very proud of yourselves. Mr Kirk





2024 Book Week Parade Highlights:





BIRTHDAY BUNDLE NOW AVAILABLE

\$20 - FROZEN CUPS AND A BIRTHDAY BADGE

OR

\$30 - CUPCAKES AND A BIRTHDAY BADGE

**CONTACT THE CANTEEN 1 WEEK PRIOR
TO SECURE YOUR BUNDLE**

**NOTE: ALL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE CANTEEN**





Explore NSW National Parks this Spring!

Merimbula Boardwalk Adventure

Discover the many interesting plants and animals of Merimbula Lake. Explore with your guide and learn while playing a game of boardwalk bingo!

Oct 1st - 2pm

Traditional Weaving Workshop

Join an Aboriginal guide on a Traditional Weaving Workshop. Explore your creativity and learn how to weave baskets, carry bags and other daily use items.

Mystery Bay - Oct 1st and 11th

Hobart Beach - Oct 2nd

10am and 2pm

Seals and Whales Tour in Narooma

Guided wildlife watching with NPWS! Learn about the seal haul out zone at Narooma Bar and identifying migrating whales.

Oct 2nd, 4th and 9th

9:30am and 11:30am

Green Cape Tour and Whale Watching

Explore this historic lighthouse and surrounds with a NPWS guide. Take in the stunning views and enjoy guided shore-based whale watching!

Oct 3rd - 10am

Oct 8th - 10am

Historic Davidson Whaling Station Tour

Tour the historic Davidson Whaling Station and surrounds. Enjoy afternoon tea and learn stories of life at the station 200 years ago.

Oct 3rd - 1:30pm

Oct 8th - 1:30pm

Discovery Program on Location

Look out for our education trailer these holidays. Contact us to book the trailer for your private event!

Group and Private Tours Available

Email: discovery.scr@environment.nsw.gov.au



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A vibrant Halloween-themed illustration on a purple background. At the center is a jack-o'-lantern with a purple witch's hat. Surrounding it are various candies: a red and white swirl lollipop, a purple and yellow swirl lollipop, a striped candy cane, and a corn on the cob. There are also two black balloons with white skull patterns and several pieces of gold streamer. Two small grey spiders are positioned below the word 'PARTY'.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
3 SESSIONS

 **4:30PM - 5:30PM**  **5:45PM - 6:45PM**
 **7:00PM - 8:00PM**

TRICK-OR-TREAT STATIONS
DANCE PARTY
BEST DRESSED

\$10 PER CHILD

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