



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Anticipated student numbers have now been submitted to the Department of Education for 2025. Our school has received its staffing allocation and will soon receive indication of our 2025 budget/funding amounts. If you know of any families who intend to enrol their child at our school for the coming year, please ensure that they contact us as soon as possible, to support us in ensuring that we have adequate staffing and resources for the coming year.

More information about 2025 classes, initiatives, programs and special events will be shared early Term 4 via the newsletter.

The last day of Term 3 is September 27. There is no Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day at the start of Term 4. Students will return on the same day as staff, Monday, October 14.

Please keep up to date with exciting news and upcoming events via our newsletter and the Compass Portal (for permission and payment). We look forward to some great activities in the coming weeks, including our Mini-Fete, led by our Stage 3 students.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal

Engaging NDIS Support and External Therapists: There are 4 key steps for parents and carers who want an NDIS-funded service delivered in school: 1. Ask the school in writing; 2. Meet with school staff to discuss details; 3. The principal considers your request, taking into account the needs of your child, other students and the operations of the school; and 4. The principal lets you know whether or not the provider can deliver their services at the school. Please see the attached information brochure for more information.

Should an external assessment need to be completed for your child, and a related questionnaire/survey is required to be completed by your child's class teacher for their therapist/NDIS team, please email our school requesting: 1. That the assessment be completed; 2. The name of the assessment; 3. Who is required to complete the assessment; and 4. Provide the school with a copy of the questionnaire/survey/online link via email. Currently we are receiving many work/questionnaire requests from external providers and we are not at liberty to answer them, for confidentiality reasons, without parental permission via a written request.

COMING EVENTS

Term 3

Week 9:

Wednesday 18th September: Support Class Life Skills program; K-2 Assembly hosted by 1M Jackson Hall 2pm;

Thursday 19th September: Stage 2 & 3 Elective Sports; PSSA AFL Training 3.00-4.30pm @ Berrambool Oval;

Friday 20th September: Final Payment due for Year 3 and Year 6 Camp.

Week 10:

Monday 23rd September: PSSA AFL State Final @ Sydney;

Tuesday 24th September:
Wednesday 25th September: Term 3 Party/PJ Day; and Disco; Support Class Life Skills program; Term 3 Superhero Lunch 10.30am;

Friday 27th September: **Last Day Term 3;** Mini Fete 12.00-2.00pm, Mufti Day!



Musical Tickets: We are so excited to be showcasing Annie Jr. the musical, to our school community in Term 4! This is an exciting whole school musical performance, with all students and staff collaborating to share our arts programs and give opportunities for development in the arts.

All students are taking part in the musical. We have amazingly talented students from Years 1-6 in lead roles, with each class/grade performing as our chorus at different times throughout the musical.

Tickets for both the matinee and evening performances may be purchased online via CompassTix <https://compasstix.com/e/7s1ry3fmtc> until 5pm Sunday, October 20.

Sessions:

- Matinee Performance 1 - 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Matinee Performance 2 - 10am-11am
- Evening Performance - 6.30pm-7.30pm

Toddlers without tickets will need to sit on a parent/carer's lap due to limited seating. Toddlers with tickets are welcome to bring a cushion to sit on.

Seating is not allocated therefore, aside of the reserved seats in the front row, those arriving earliest will get first selection of seats. Visitors with accessibility needs are encouraged to indicate such at the time of purchasing your tickets, so that appropriate seating/space can be allocated.



Mini Fete: Please see the attached activity list. Students have worked extremely hard at planning each stall, we hope this will be the most successful mini fete yet! Students may wear Sun Smart mufti on this day.

If you have not already done so, please review the Mini Fete event on Compass and provide consent for your child to participate on the day.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner:

SAVE THE DATE! December 9th, 2024. We are in the final stages of planning and will soon send out graduation dinner information and ticket sales through Compass Events.

Presentation / Graduation Days:

Dates and times are now confirmed for the 2024 Presentation and Graduation Days. Parents, Caregivers and families are invited to join us in celebrating student's achievements.

- **Kindergarten** - Monday 16th December 2.00pm
- **Years 1 and 2** - Tuesday 10th December 2-2.55pm
- **Years 3 and 4** - Friday 13th December 1.30-2.55pm
- **Year 5** - Wednesday 11th December 11.45am-1.15pm
- **Year 6** - Thursday 12th December 11.45am-1.15pm



Taco Wednesday 25th September, 2024

Canteen News - Taco Wednesday: We are now taking orders for Taco Wednesday! Our wonderful canteen staff and volunteers will be making some yummy tacos during the last week of Term 3 (on Wednesday, September 25). Tacos must be pre-ordered and paid for by next Friday.

Consent/Payment Reminders:

- General Permission for Pump Track and Consumption of food/drink – Due now
- PSSA AFL State Finals – Consent due September 11th
- MPS Mini Fete – Consent due today, September 13th
- 2024 Camp Medical & Dietary (Yrs 3-6) - Due September 15th
- 2025 Year 6 Polo and Hoodie orders – Due October 14th
- Years 3-6 Camp - Medical and Dietary Information – Responses due September 15th
- Year 5 Jindabyne Camp – Office of Sport Medical - Information due (via portal) September 15th
- Year 3 and Year 6 Camp – Final Payment – Due September 20th
- Year 6 Graduation Memento – Due October 18th
- Year 6 UOW Discovery Day – Consent due October 20th



1M Assembly: The next K-2 Assembly will be hosted by 1M. It will take place in the Jackson Hall on Wednesday, September 18 (Week 9). Parents, carers and guests are welcome and should sign in at the office on arrival.



2024 School Swimming & Water Safety Program:

Children in Year 2 have the opportunity to participate in the Department of Education's School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence, providing students with:

- water safety and survival skills for those who have not reached a satisfactory standard, and are unable to swim 25m confidently, unaided, with correct technique in deep water;
- Students who can swim 25m, will continue to develop their skills and proficiency in other strokes through this program.

The program is conducted over ten days, and all students are eligible to participate. Lessons will take place daily, running for 45 minutes.

Further information, consent and payment through Compass Events has been sent to all Year 2 families.



Uniform Shop News: Beginning next week, Daylight Sportswear will be holding their annual 20% off sale between the 16th-27th September. Please see the attached flyer for more information and exclusions.

Online orders may be placed and delivered to your child or will be available for pickup from the office. LINK: <https://daylightschoolwear.au/merimbula/uniform-items?shop=54>

Our Uniform Shop is open each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (school days) between 7.45am and 8.15am, with access being via the gate near the canteen.

During such a busy time, we recommend making an appointment through the office on 64951266. Appointments are also available Monday to Friday outside of normal trading hours

Crunch and Sip News:

Please remember to get your child to pack a drink bottle of water in

their bag each day. As the weather gets warmer, students can refill their drink bottles at our filtered/chilled water stations, to be able to access their drink bottles quickly during class and sport times.



Canteen Birthday Bundles

Birthday Bundles may be sent directly to your child's classroom to celebrate their special day. The canteen will cater to dietary and allergy requirements. Parents may choose from:

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 pay/order a bundle directly through the canteen or by visiting the administration office at least 1 week prior.





Regional Athletics Championships:

Last Friday, 14 students represented our school in both individual and team events at the Australian Institute of Sport, as part of the Primary School Sports Association's Regional Athletics Championships! Well done to all our competitors on their achievements. *Pictured - Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Relay Teams.*



AFL Quarter Finals Success: On Monday, Merimbula Public School defeated Milton PS in the PSSA AFL State Knockout Quarter Finals, bringing us to the top 4 public primary school teams in NSW, in the 18-a-side full field competition. In two weeks we are off to Sydney again, for another State Final!! Whilst Milton were our toughest competitors to date in the PSSA Knockout, we have ended the rounds without a single point being scored against our school all year!!! What great defense we have!!!!

We started the first quarter strong, ending it with a 2-2-14 to nil score, thanks to Kai and Tai each kicking a

goal, and Harry two behinds. Kai and Harry were great with their attacking skills, as was Beau! Beau was all over the field, putting pressure on Milton at every play. Kade had an awesome quarter as ruck too!

In the second quarter, Beau, Hayden, Mitch, Harry and Tai were all performing wonders around the field! Mitch kicked two goals, Makai kicked one and Darcy got a behind. We were 5-3-33 to nil at half time.

Ryan and Beau had some great plays in the third quarter, with Rowan taking some outstanding marks! Darcy, again, was all over the ball, wherever it landed. Kai kicked a goal and Harry a behind. Beau got two behinds. We were 6-6-42 to nil at three quarter time.

The final quarter saw Reece kick a goal and Makai and Harry a behind. We ended the game 7-8-50 to Milton, 0-0-0. Overall, our team were strong throughout! They played as a team, shared the ball, spoke to each other on ground and couldn't have made us any prouder!!! Each and every player was a star!!! ★

Thank you to our family and friends for your great support and cheering, to the Stage 3 teachers and students who were a great cheer squad, Mrs Mason and Mr Knapman, from MPS, and the Merimbula Diggers' parents for helping with the BBQ we shared with Milton, Mrs Beauzeville for keeping the scoreboard up to date, Mrs Cochrane for some great pics, and to our umpires (Mr Brad Ingwersen and Mr Dale Cullen) and Assistant Coach Mr Brad McBain. Thank you also to the Dads and brothers who assisted as runners and goal umpires. What an amazing school community we have!!!

Thank you Captain Reece, for an amazing and well thought out motivational speech before the game! What a start to the day, after winning the toss!!!

Thank you to Mr Jackson, for upskilling the boys throughout their years at MPS, and for sharing great stories of how you had coached 10 of their Dads to success when they were in highschool, either in their school or State Teams!!!

Thank you to Milton PS for a great game! Good luck to Merimbula PS in their next match against Lake Albert Public School (Wagga) on Monday, September 23 (@9am). The winner of this game will play the PSSA AFL State Grand Final on the same day.





Taco Wednesday

25th September, 2024

Option 1: Taco Boat \$6

Beef Mince, Lettuce, Cheese & Salsa
(Sour Cream optional)

Option 2: Taco Boat \$6

Chicken, Lettuce, Cheese & Salsa
(Sour Cream optional)

Orders must be placed by
Friday 20th September, 2024

Place order in a lunch bag clearly labelled
With name, class and which option
including sour cream if required.

