



## Merimbula's Marine Environment's Excursion

Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our support classes (FH, FL, FD and FM) have been given the wonderful opportunity to work collaboratively with Bournda Environmental Education Centre (BEEC) and Merimbula's Aquarium and Wharf staff next Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> for an excursion about our local marine environment. Merimbula has a number of magical marine and coastal environments to explore. This program is based at both Spencer Park and the Merimbula Wharf rockpools, where the students will undertake a biodiversity survey in which they document and photograph local intertidal species using iNaturalist. Students will film (using ipads) the variety of life they find in the underwater world. This program also includes a guided tour of the Merimbula Aquarium. Students will learn about the ecology of their marine environment and meet some fascinating creatures along the way!

This program is supported by the Wharf to Wharf Community Project funded by the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund through joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding arrangements and the Lions Clubs of Pambula-Merimbula and Tathra.

Students will walk to and from Spencer Park and the Wharf. We will depart Merimbula Public School at approximately 9.15am and return at 2.45pm (in time for buses).

The Merimbula Wharf Restaurant has kindly offered to cater for our lunch. Students can order fish and chips with a juice at a cost of \$12.50. Alternatively, students pack their own lunch for the day.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Manda Hensman

Excursion Coordinator

**PERMISSION NOTE: Merimbula's Marine Environment's Excursion**

**(please return to the school office by Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2022)**

Dear Ms Hensman,

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the excursion which will take place at Spencer Park and Merimbula Aquarium and Wharf on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Medical needs that teachers need to know about my child:

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I would like to order the fish and chips (with a juice) for my child and have enclosed \$12.50 to cover the cost of their lunch (please circle):                      Yes   /   No

Payment to be made via school website: <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Payment via school website (click on Make a Payment at the top) fill in all green asterisks and select 'Sales to Students' under Payment Option. Use the payment description 'Merimbula's Marine Environment's Excursion' and return this form to the office. My receipt number is: \_\_\_\_\_

*I give permission for my child to be photographed for promotional material regarding the program, such as: web sites, newsletter, Facebook sites, newspaper articles and other promotional materials of our school, Bournda EEC and Merimbula Aquarium and Wharf. I understand that my child may be filmed/photographed for promotional materials also (including for use in brochures, banners and other materials).*

I acknowledge that this activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating in this activity. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness and/or if directed to isolate under NSW Health orders.

Parent/carer name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_