

Merimbula Public School

Parent, Carer and Staff 'Thank you' for 2022 & Staffing and Class Locations - 2023

Monday, November 21, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to thank you all for your support in 2022. We have had an amazing year at Merimbula Public School, offering so many wonderful opportunities in academic, gifted and talented education, learning support, sporting, arts, Japanese and extra-curricular ventures. We have even seen our school continue to offer opportunity classes that are run virtually by Aurora College for our gifted and talented Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students.

Once again the parent and caregiver support we have had this year, has enabled our school to be able to offer so much more for our students. Thank you to the helpers who have assisted in classrooms; at sporting, arts and academic events; on excursions; in the canteen; at special days and events; by attending parent/teacher interviews to give valued input; by being part of the P&C and/or other working committees in the school; to the parents and community members who have been on Merit Selection Panels when we have interviewed for permanent staff; and to those to have covered books for the library and/or given other support even though they may have young children or work full time and cannot get into the school; or who have been an audience/cheer squad member at our musical, a special assembly or sporting event. We have really loved having you back on our school grounds, collaborating with us to ensure that our school is the best that it can be. Every bit of support has been able to add value and opportunity to our school programs, in supporting children in being the best that they can be! For those who have assisted in any of these activities, please join our staff at the **Parent and Helper's Thank You Morning Tea, on Thursday, December 15 at 11.00am.**

I would like to thank the truly dedicated, inspiring and caring staff we have at Merimbula Public School. You continue to go above and beyond to offer a range of learning, extra-curricular and support opportunities for all of our students. Further to this, you are innovative, motivated and make school fun every day!

Our students will be celebrating their achievements at end-of-year celebration day excursions. Please see our next newsletter and next week's permission notes, for end-of-Term 4 special days, times and events. 3-6 students will receive their notes after Year 6 are back from camp. In the coming newsletters we will also include some dates for special 2023 events, for you to add to your calendar and consider when booking holidays/work leave etc in the new year. With so many days missed from face-to-face learning in 2020 and 2021, however, we do encourage families to try to minimise school term absences in 2023.

The last day of school for students in 2022 is Friday, December 16. All K-6 students return in 2023 on Tuesday, January 31.

2023 Information:

Classes in 2023:

In 2023 we will once again be funding an additional K-2 class, to ensure that our class sizes across the school are kept to a minimum. We will have three mainstream Kindergarten classes, three Year 2 classes and two classes in every other grade. Our family/support classes will be grade or stage based where possible.

Today your child has met with their grade/stage and found out who their teacher for 2023 is, and who is in their class. They have also met their 2023 teacher, where possible, and have visited their 2023 classroom.

Students have been told some other exciting news, such as:

- Their 2023 timetable (and Library and Sport days etc);
- That our extra-curricular lessons, when class teachers have planning time include the following in 2023:
Library – Mrs Erin Feneck and Mrs Sam Pickett;
Visual Arts (Terms 1 & 3) – Mrs Loretta Chapple (and Mr Julian Gonzalez – Family Classes);
Music (Terms 2 & 4) – Mrs Loretta Chapple (and Mr Julian Gonzalez – Family Classes);
Physical Education – Mrs Emma Doyle (Mon-Thurs).
- 2023 Release From Face-To-Face (RFF) lessons will not include Japanese. Japanese will instead be offered as an optional club/class during break times in 2023, whilst we introduce new Department syllabus lessons and programs.
- The full range of our other academic, sporting and arts clubs and groups, as well as the coordinating teachers, will be shared early in Term 1, 2023.
- The following pages share staffing information for 2023.



Bell Times – From Day 1:

8.55am: Bell rings to alert children to line up for class

- K-2 line up at their classrooms;
- Year 3 and 4 line up in the canteen covered outdoor learning area (but can place their bags at their classrooms on arrival);
- Year 5 and 6 line up outside their classrooms. Students visited their lining up area with their 2023 teacher today.

9.00am: Classes commence

11-11.30am: Lunch

11.30am: Classes resume

1.15-1.55pm: Recess

1.55-2.55pm: Afternoon classes

2.55pm: End of school bell

Room Locations:

Room locations have been included in this information handout, presented as a school map.












We hope that you find this information useful as you plan for the coming year. 2023 requirements lists will be sent home within Semester 2 Report envelopes in the coming weeks. If enrolments or staffing change in the coming month, classes may need to change, but we anticipate the following plans.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston – Principal

2023 Executive Leadership Team

			
<p>Mrs Michelle Huddleston Principal <i>Leadership, Learning, Finance and Work Health and Safety Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Mrs Janelle Hodsdon Assistant Principal <i>Student Welfare and Aboriginal Education Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Mrs Corinna Mace Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction <i>Coordinates Programs, Professional Learning and Transition</i></p>	<p>Ms Penny Crowley Business Manager <i>Administration Team Leader</i></p>
			
<p>Ms Vanessa Bain Assistant Principal <i>ES1/Stage 1 Leader and Wellbeing Programs Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Mr Brenton Mace Assistant Principal <i>Stage 2/3 Leader and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Mrs Erica Bell Assistant Principal <i>Family Class Coordinator (Monday to Wednesday) and Learning and Support Team Leader</i></p>	<p>Mrs Tina Lawson Family Class Coordinator (Thursday/Friday) and Inter-Agency Liaison</p>

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 Team

					
<p>Miss Caitlin Patterson Kindy Teacher – KP Room 18</p>	<p>Mrs Jenni Smith Kindy Teacher – KS Room 17</p>	<p>Ms Jodi Vaughan Kindy Teacher – KV Demountable Room</p>	<p>Mrs Tina Lawson K/1 Teacher – FL Room 4</p>	<p>Mrs Adele Mackey Year 1 Teacher – 1S Room 13 (Wed-Fri)</p>	<p>Miss Natasha Sconfienza Year 1 Teacher – 1S Room 13 (Mon/Tue)</p>
					
<p>Ms Vanessa Bain Year 1 Teacher – 1B Room 14</p>	<p>Mr Shane Doherty Stage 1/2 Teacher - FD Room 3</p>	<p>Mr Julian Gonzalez Stage 1/2 Teacher – FD Room 3 (Wednesdays)</p>	<p>Ms Anna Charlton Year 2 Teacher – 2C Special Programs Room (Upstairs)</p>	<p>Mrs Amanda Fowler Year 2 Teacher – 2F Room 15</p>	<p>Mr Adam Hughes Year 2 Teacher – 2H Room 16</p>

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)

					
Miss Talia Clough Year 3 Teacher – 3C Room 12	Mr Wesley Unicomb Year 3 Teacher – 3U Room 11	Mrs Natalie Donald Year 4 Teacher – 4D Room 10	Mrs Theresa Friede Year 4 Teacher – 4F Room 9	Mr Shane Doherty Stage 1/2 Teacher - FD Room 3	Mrs Erica Bell Stage 2/3 Teacher – FB (Mon-Wed) Room 1
					
Mrs Samantha Pickett Stage 2/3 Teacher – FB (Thu/Fri) Room 1	Mr Craig Morris Stage 3 Teacher – FM Room 2	Mr Neil Dmytryk Stage 3 Teacher – 5D Room 8	Ms Manda Hensman Stage 3 Teacher –5H Room 7	Mr Kyle Gasser Stage 3 Teacher – 6G Room 6	Mr Brenton Mace Stage 3 Teacher –6M Room 5

Family (Support) Classes

					
Mrs Tina Lawsom Kindy/Stage 1 Teacher – FL Room 4	Mr Shane Doherty Stage 1/2 Teacher – FD (Mon/Tue/ Thu/Fri) Room 3	Mr Julian Gonzalez Stage 1/2 Teacher – FD (Wednesdays) Room 3 / Support Creative and Performing Arts (Thursdays)	Mrs Erica Bell Stage 2/3 Teacher – FB (Mon-Wed) Room 1	Mrs Samantha Pickett Stage 2/3 Teacher – FB (Thu/Fri) Room 1 / Library (Wednesdays)	Mr Craig Morris Stage 3 Teacher – FM Room 2
					
Mrs Kelly McCormack School Learning Support Officer	Ms Helen Taylor School Learning Support Officer	Mrs Kirsty Byrne School Learning Support Officer	Ms Emily Barron School Learning Support Officer		

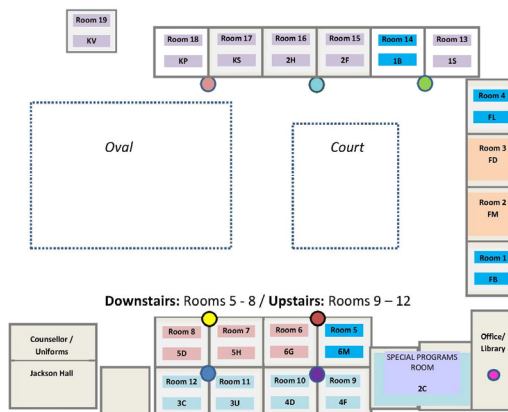
Support and Extra Curricular Program Teachers

					
Ms Jessica Boyne <i>Literacy and Numeracy Support and Digital Classroom Officer</i>	Ms Jessica Fry <i>Literacy and Numeracy Support</i>	Mrs Chloe Kirk <i>Literacy and Numeracy Support and English as a Second Language Teacher</i>	Mrs Corinna Mace <i>Learning Assistance and Support Teacher</i>	Mrs Catherine Kennedy <i>Learning Assistance and Support Teacher</i>	Mrs Emma Doyle <i>Physical Education Teacher (Monday to Thursday)</i>
					
Erin Feneck <i>Librarian (Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri)</i>	Mrs Samantha Pickett <i>Librarian (Wednesday)</i>	Mr Julian Gonzalez <i>Creative and Performing Arts / Library (Thursday)</i>	Mrs Loretta Chapple <i>Creative and Performing Arts</i>	Mrs Janelle Hodsdon <i>Learning and Support</i>	Mrs Kathryn Hedgecock <i>Psychologist</i>

Learning Support Officers / Administration Officers

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Mrs Jackie Roberts <i>Administration Officer</i>	Mrs Cheryl Frans <i>Administration Officer</i>	Mrs Kay Purcell <i>School Learning Support/Admin. Officer</i>		Mrs Kirsty Rootsey <i>Learning Support Officer</i>	Mrs Delvene Mason <i>Learning Support Officer</i>
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Ms Carol Ashworth <i>Learning Support Officer</i>	Mrs Deb Redman <i>Learning Support Officer</i>	Mrs Mel Sharpe <i>Learning Support Officer</i>	Mrs Angi High <i>Learning Support Officer</i>	Mr Tony Napoli <i>General Assistant</i>	Mrs Janifer Hutchinson <i>Canteen Supervisor</i>

 **Merimbula Public School –2023** Principal – Ms Michelle Huddleston
Assistant Principal (AP) Welfare/Support – Mrs Janelle Hodsdon



Room/Class & Teacher(s):

1. FB: Mrs Erica Bell (Mon-Wed) / AP Learning Support (Mon-Wed) / Mrs Sam Pickett (Thu/Fri)
2. FM: Mr Craig Morris
3. FD: Mr Shane Doherty / Mr Julian Gonzalez (Wednes.)
4. FL: Mrs Tina Lawson (AP Learning Support Thu/Fri)
5. 6M: Mr Brenton Mace (AP – Stage 2 and 3)
6. 6G: Mr Kyle Gasser
7. SH: Mrs Manda Hensman
8. SD: Mr Neil Dmytryk
9. 4F: Mrs Theresa Friede
10. 4D: Mrs Natalie Donald
11. 3C: Mrs Tally Clough
12. 3U: Mr Wes Unicomb
13. 1S: Ms Natasha Scionfienza (Mon/Tue) / Mrs Adele Mackey (Wed-Fri)
14. 1B: Ms Vanessa Bain (AP – Stage 1/RFF)
15. 2F: Mrs Amanda Fowler
16. 2H: Mr Adam Hughes
17. KS: Mrs Jenni Smith
18. KP: Miss Caitlin Patterson
19. KV: Ms Jodi Vaughan (Demountable)
20. 2C: Ms Anna Charlton (Special Programs Room)

K-2
Stage 2
Assistant Principals
Support Classes
Stage 3
● Jess Boyne (L&N Support)
● Erin Feneck/Sam Pickett (Library)
● Chloe Kirk
● Yr 6 SLSOs/Aurora
● Corinna Mace (AP C&I)
● Jessica Fry (L&N Support)
● Yr 4 SLSOs
● Catherine Kennedy (LAST)