

Merimbula Public School

Newsletter – Term 3, Week 10

September 26, 2025



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

With Term 3 coming to an end, I would like to thank all our parents, caregivers, P&C and community members who have volunteered at school, or assisted school groups or activities outside of the school, for working collaboratively with us to support our students, your children.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for the enthusiasm they put into each and everything they do. The work they put into educating your children, and upholding the values of public education, is clear for everyone to see, and it is much appreciated. The additional quality opportunities they continue to provide for your children in all areas of education is also commendable. What a team we have!

Congratulations to our PSSA AFL Team who travelled to Sydney to play in the Paul Kelly Cup State Final on Monday. After a very close loss by 1 point in their first game, and after a great win in their second game, Merimbula Public School came 3rd overall in NSW in the PSSA Tony Lockett Shield State Knockout. You can read more about the team's success within this newsletter.

We have had so much sporting success in Term 3. Our sports, arts and many more high potential and gifted education opportunities will continue in Term 4.

In addition, our Jackson Cup Soccer and Netball competitions also commence in Term 4, our Years 5 and 6 students will be attending overnight excursions, and our Year 6 students will be attending a number of transition days to their chosen high school. Presentation Days, SRC Speeches, Year 6 Farewell events and MORE will also be taking place.

Please keep up to date with reading our school newsletters for the most important information and updates each week.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal

School Holiday Support: Should you need support over the school holiday period, the following help lines are available:

- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636
- Emergency: 000
- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800
- Confidential Helpline: 1800 737 732
- Mensline: 1300 789 978

COMING EVENTS

Term 4:

Week 1:

Monday, October 13: Staff Development Day, no students attend;
Tuesday, October 14: **First Day Term 4 - all students return;**
Wednesday, October 15: PSSA Girls Cricket @ Berrambool;
Thursday, October 16: Sport and Academic representative photos;
Friday, October 17: No SRE; Mini Fete 12-2.00pm.

P&C News:

The Merimbula Public School P&C is a group of parents and carers working together to support our school through fundraising, events, and community initiatives. We're always looking for new faces and fresh ideas—everyone is welcome to get involved!

Upcoming Events:

- Monday 27 October - General Meeting

Our email address is merimbulapandc@gmail.com and we'd love to hear from you with any ideas or suggestions you have!



School News:

AFL Success: Merimbula PS AFL 3rd in the State!

🏆 Congratulations to our amazing AFL boys and girls on your awesome effort at today's PSSA Tony Lockett Shield, State AFL Finals! What an achievement to make the finals for a second year running! 💙💚💙

Our first game saw a tough competition! The first quarter saw Merimbula leading 2-1-13 to Griffith South 0-1-1. Mitch kicked two goals. Heath also got a behind. 🏈🏈🏈

In the second quarter we were still ahead, with Bailey kicking a goal and Makai a behind. We were 3-2-20 to 2-2-14 at half time. Zali was epic in both her attack and defense! 💙

The third quarter was a tough one, but with Mitch kicking another goal, Mitch and Charlie a behind, and another behind being awarded, we were 4-4-28 to 3-5-23 coming into the final quarter.

Unfortunately, Griffith South showed great speed and attack in the final quarter, and with a penalty received in front of goals two minutes before the final siren, the game ended at 4-7-31 for Merimbula to 4-8-32 Griffith South.

Merimbula PS came back with determination in the 3rd vs 4th playoff. After a close first quarter against Sawtell PS, we were behind 0-1-1 to 0-2-2. Sam made some great tackles to keep the game close! 🏈🏈🏈

The second quarter was more promising, with Mitch kicking two goals and Heath one. Parker also took some epic marks! It was 4-1-25 to 0-2-2 our way at half time. 💙

In the third quarter, Mitch kicked another 3 goals!! We kept Sawtell at 0-2-2 and were 7-1-43 with one quarter to go. 💚

The final quarter saw Flynn kick a goal, and Merimbula winning the game 9-3-57 to 2-3-15, placing 3rd overall in NSW. 💙💚💙

Thank you to all students/players for your amazing efforts throughout the season, and for bringing your A-Game to the finals! Thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents for your transport, cheering and support throughout the season. 👍👍👍

Thank you to Mr McBain and Mr Doyle for being great runners and for your coaching/training support this season, to Mrs Beauzeville for all of your support behind the scenes throughout the year and at every home game.

Thank you also to our 2025 Team Manager, Mrs Mason, and Co-Coach Mrs Doyle. Mrs Huddleston: Proud Coach who has had the privilege to take this amazing team to 4 State Finals in 2 years (in both the Paul Kelly Cup and Tony Lockett Shield). What a team! What a school! 💙💚💙



Australian Football

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS
KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

Congratulations to our champions!



New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association

Kindergarten Bournda Highlights:





Performing Arts Success Celebrated:

Bella, has had an incredible week of performances. She recently played recorder at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House with our Recorder Ensemble, and on Wednesday 17 September she also took the stage with the Far South Coast Primary Dance Ensemble at the State Dance Festival. What an amazing way to share her talent in both music and dance!



Sports and Academic Representative photos: Our school will again be offering students and families the opportunity to purchase commemorative photos for academic, sporting and leadership representatives. This includes: School Leaders, Monitors, House Captains, Academic Representatives (Spelling Bee, Multicultural Speaking Festival, SCLC Performing Arts Festival and Arts Group students), Creative and Performing Arts Reps, District/Regional/State/National Sports Representatives and school sporting team representatives.

The School Photographer will be at school to take the photos on Thursday, October 16 (Week 1 next term). Orders can be made online after photo day. All payments are to be made directly (online) to The School Photographer. Ordering details will be shared next term when available.

New students to Merimbula Public School will have an opportunity to have their individual photograph taken, which will then be available for purchase.

Smart Watches and Other Devices:

Please be reminded that Smart Watches, and all other Smart Devices (phones, tablets etc) are not permitted in NSW Public Schools. Devices must be handed into the office on arrival and collected at the day's end. Devices seen in a students' possession, being used, will result in a Formal Caution to Suspend on the first instance.



2025 Year 6 Graduation Dinner: This special event has been confirmed for parents/caregivers and graduating students, and will take place on December 16th, at Oaklands Event Centre.

Further information has been sent via Compass Events, Parents and Caregivers may purchase tickets through Compass. Please ensure you read the information included in the event prior to purchasing/consenting.

Medication and Asthma Action Plan

Reminder: If your child has an Asthma Action Plan and/or medication at school that is due for review, you would have now received a reminder letter. Where required, please update your child's action plan/replace expired medication as soon as possible. These plans are required on the school site, as well as, by representative event coaches and overnight excursion coordinators – in the interest of each child's health and safety. If students do not have up to date plans, they will not be able to attend off site activities.

If your child/ren no longer require an asthma/allergy plan or medication at school. A letter from your Dr, must be supplied stating this.

