

Merimbula Public School

Newsletter – Term 3, Week 3

August 8, 2025



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

This week is Education Week! In 2025, we are celebrating what makes us proud to belong to public education in NSW. Public Education Week is when we celebrate and acknowledge all those who contribute to our children and young people's educational journey. School staff, parents and carers, community leaders and P&C associations all play an important role in our students education.

Public Education Week is also a great time to celebrate our achievements and success with our students, school staff and the wider community.

This year's theme is *Ignite Your Potential*. This is a time to come together and celebrate the strength, diversity and achievements of NSW public education, sharing our pride in being part of NSW public education and the achievements of our students and staff.

Well done to our dance and recorder ensembles on your amazing Education Week performances on Tuesday. Thank you again to the staff who coordinate these groups in their break times to offer additional opportunities for our high potential and gifted students.

Congratulations to the students who were inducted as Semester 2 Student Representative Council Class Representatives and to all students awarded and acknowledged at the assembly.

Thank you to Mrs Hodsdon for relieving in my partial absence during Week 3 and Week 4.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal

School News:

Year 2 Swimming Scheme: This year, 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.

COMING EVENTS

Term 3:

Week 4:

Monday, August 11:

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.10-4.30pm;

Tuesday, August 12: Inclusive School Sport Ten Pin Bowling Competition; PSSA

Girls Basketball @ Fishpen;

Wednesday, August 13: PSSA Boys Basketball @ Milton;

Thursday, August 14: Playgroup 9.30-11.30am;

PSSA Boys Soccer @ Berrrambool;

Friday, August 15: PSSA AFL @ Berrrambool.

Week 5: Book Week;

Monday, August 18:

Tuesday, August 19:

Wednesday, August 20:

Thursday, August 21: PSSA Netball @ Fishpen;

Gymnastics Session TBC; Payment due for Elective Sport (selected students);

Friday, August 22: Book Parade 12.15pm-1.15pm.



- 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.

Payment and consent is due September 7.

Mini Fete: Stage 3 students have been working hard and are excited to be hosting our next annual Mini Fete (weather permitting) on the first Friday of Term 4. This year's Mini Fete will be raising money for the Year 6 Graduation Dinner (DJ, photo booth and cake) as well as, going towards the purchase of Stage 3 resources.

The aim of the day is for Stage 3 students to develop their mathematics and literacy skills, as well as, their organisation and life skills. All students across the school love the day and learn a lot about budgeting and shopping.

To assist with the planning of this event we are asking parents and caregivers to review the event information and provide consent to participate. If consent is not provided before the due date (September 21), students cannot participate in any of the Mini Fete activities.

Jump Rope for Heart: We are excited to inform you that the prizes for the Jump Rope for Heart program have arrived! They will be distributed to students during Week 4. Thank you for supporting our students in this important event. Your encouragement helps promote both physical activity and awareness for heart health.



BOOK WEEK / PARADE: The annual MPS Book Parade and Fair is happening on Friday August 22, 12.15-1.15pm

Children will have a chance to browse the Book Fair during school hours and will create a wish list to bring home, to select books to purchase with their parents/carers. Please remind your children to show you their wish lists!

Parents can visit the Book Fair before school (8:30 am - 8:55 am), or from 1:15 pm - 1:55 pm.

Merimbula Newsagency staff will be at the Book Fair so that students/parents/carers can purchase or order books throughout the day. You may use cash and EFTPOS facilities will also be available. If you are unable to attend with your child, please have them bring their wish list.

Year 6 Graduation Memento: This year, students in Year 6 have the opportunity to purchase a high-quality graduation bear, puppy, koala, hat, football, soccer ball or basketball for family and friends to sign.

This is a great memento of their primary school years. The bear stands at forty centimetres tall with moveable arms and legs (there is a sample bear in Year 6 classrooms). Each memento comes with a BIC pen so the student's can obtain all their friends' signatures. The items cost \$20 each.



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 25 August - General Meeting
- Monday 1 September - Fathers Day Stall (more info to follow)
- Thursday 4 September - Colour Run BBQ (more info to follow)
- 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!

Did you know we have a Facebook page too? Stay up to date with P&C news and events [here:](https://www.facebook.com/MerimbulaPandC)
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If you would like to order any of these items, please complete payment via Compass or the administration office before Friday, September 19.

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Kindergarten Orientation and School

Tours: It's been great meeting all of our new families and students these past weeks. If you have not done so yet, or know someone who is yet to enrol for 2026, please submit your child's enrolment form via <https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=2526>

We encourage everyone to complete this process as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition for our incoming students. If you have any questions or need assistance with the enrolment process, please don't hesitate to reach out to our administration team.

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program will commence in Term 4.

♥ Thursday, November 20 (9.30am - 10.30am)

♥ Thursday, November 27 (9.30am - 11.00am) and

♥ Thursday, December 4 (9.30am - 12.00pm)

We will also be holding additional small group transition visits in Term 3, to support children with additional learning needs and/or disability, to assist them in having a smooth start to school.

Small Group Transition Visits will be taking place on:

♥ Thursday, August 28 (11.45am - 12.45pm)

♥ Thursday, September 11 (11.45am - 12.45pm) and

♥ Thursday, September 25 (11.45am - 12.45pm)

Attendance on these days must be confirmed by the Principal, following your child having already attended their enrolment interview.

2026 Kindergarten Information

Session: You're Invited to visit our Kindergarten Classrooms!

Join us on Monday, August 18, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM to explore our Kindergarten classrooms. Discover our Orientation Program and learn how to best prepare your child for their school journey.

We will provide free childcare during the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Uniform Shop Times - Reminder: Our Uniform Shop will be closed this coming Monday the 11th of August. The uniform shop will reopen each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (school days) between 7.45am and 8.15am, with access being via the gate near the canteen. Our shop is located on the oval side of the Jackson Hall.

The shop can also be accessed at other times via private booking. Please call our Administration Office during school times to make an appointment.

High Potential and Gifted Education News:

PSSA Boys Soccer: We are thrilled to share that our boys PSSA soccer team recently competed against Jindabyne Public School in Round 5 of the PSSA soccer knockouts! The game was held on August 1st in Jindabyne and ended with a close score of 1-0.

Despite the challenging oval conditions, our players demonstrated remarkable skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the match. The team worked hard to adapt to the ground, showing great determination and resilience.

We would like to extend thanks to Mr. Ashton for his outstanding coaching, and a huge thank you to all the parents who travelled to support our team. Your encouragement and presence make a tremendous difference.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that the team will now play St Georges Basin on August 13th in Merimbula. We encourage everyone to come out and support our players as they continue their journey in the PSSA knockouts.





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2026 Kindergarten Orientation

Welcome

At Merimbula Public School we believe that every student should be empowered to achieve at their highest capability. We believe every student should be challenged to learn and should continually improve through engagement in dynamic teaching and learning programs, high expectations and a supportive environment via access to an extensive and inclusive curriculum that addresses individual need.

We provide an environment where achieving one's best is inevitable.

Join our friendly MPS family! Its as easy as 1, 2, 3!

BOOK A TOUR!

Enrolment tours will available from May - August
for Kindergarten 2026!

Get in quick to ensure your preferred time and so that
we can start catering for your child's needs!



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Come and visit our Kindergarten Classrooms

Monday, August 18 5.30pm-6.30pm

Learn about our Orientation Program,
preparing your child for school &
our 2025 & 2026 Kindergarten Program

Childcare is free on the night!

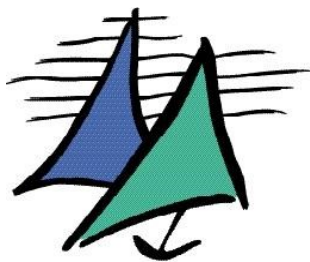
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2026 Kindergarten Orientation—Special Transitions

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED EXTRA SUPPORT?

At Merimbula Public School we believe that every student should be empowered to achieve at their highest capability. We provide specialised support for students with additional needs & disabilities, both in a mainstream setting and within our four support classes. These classes provide a tailored environment to optimise student learning, wellbeing and social, emotional and physical development.

Our life skills and gross motor programs set our students up for a bright future!

We provide an environment where achieving one's best is inevitable.

CALL US FOR MORE DETAILS (02) 6495 1266

**BOOK A SUPPORT CLASS & MAINSTREAM SETTING
TOUR TO DECIDE ON YOUR CHILD'S
BEST LEARNING PATHWAY!
Enrolment tours have commenced!**

Book your support meeting now, to ensure your preferred time,
so that we can start catering for your child's needs, create
Support Plans, Individual Education Plans
and/or Health and Toileting Plans.



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SMALL GROUP TRANSITION VISITS

FOR STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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SAVE THE DATE...

Merimbula Public School's Mini Fete



Friday, October 17 from 12 - 2pm (Week 1, Term 4)

47-55 Main Street, Merimbula



**JUMP
ROPE** *for*
HEART



Certificate of Appreciation

presented to

Merimbula Public School

**In recognition of your outstanding efforts
in Jump Rope for Heart.**

You raised \$ Over 3500 which will help fund life-saving
research that has the power to help save Aussie hearts.

Happy Heart

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Jump Rope for Heart Mascot
Heart Foundation