



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

What a busy week at MPS!

It was fantastic to meet many new Kindergarten families during tours this week for our 2026 Kindergarten students. We look forward to meeting many of you at our Kindergarten Information evening this coming Monday, August 18. We will have childcare available for those who cannot make alternative arrangements.

Remember, if you have a child you have not enrolled as yet for next year, or any friends that have not booked a tour yet, please let them know so we can organise students and classes.

Our Facebook feed has been abuzz with fantastic achievements across our school this week! Congratulations to our two students who competed in the regional Premier's Spelling Bee final with some tricky words and tough competition, we are very proud of your efforts.

Praise also goes to our Ten Pin Bowlers for taking part in our first Inclusive School Support Unit's competition against other schools across our South Coast Learning Community. So much fun was had and some great skill was shown.

To our students who engaged in PSSA Knockout games this week, including: Our girls basketball team playing in the semi finals against Googong Public School; Our boys soccer team who played Round 6 against St George's Basin; Our boys basketball team who travelled to Milton for Round 5 and finally, our AFL team who played today at Berrambool against Milton PS. All teams showed grit, determination and great sportsmanship, well done!

We thank our dedicated staff for coaching these teams and offering such a variety of opportunities to our students. A big thanks to all staff who have supported me whilst relieving as Principal last week and this week.

Remember to get those costumes ready for our Book Parade next Friday and come in to see the great books on offer at the Book Fair in our library!

Regards,
Janelle Hodsdon
Relieving 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.

Attendance Reminders: We would like to remind all parents and guardians

COMING EVENTS

Term 3:

Week 5: Book Week;

Monday, August 18: 2026

Kindergarten Information Session:

Tuesday, August 19: FH (Yr 6) Transition visit to EMHS;

Wednesday, August 20:

Thursday, August 21: PSSA Netball @ Fishpen;

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

Friday, August 22: Book Fair in the Library 8.30-8.55am and 1.15-1.55pm; Book Parade 12.15pm-1.15pm.

Week 6:

Monday, August 25: PSSA Boys Basketball @ Fishpen;

Tuesday, August 26:

Wednesday, August 27: Netball Regional Finals @ Nowra;

Thursday, August 28:

Gymnastics Session TBC;

Friday, August 29:



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.

Payment and consent are due September 7.

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 Tuesday the 19th of August. The uniform shop will be open Monday the 18th and Wednesday 20th (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.

that if your child arrives late, they must be accompanied to the office by an adult. This procedure helps us ensure the safety and well-being of all students as we account for their attendance.

Please remember to report any absences via Compass or to the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Home Time Arrangements: To ensure a smooth and stress-free end to the school day, we encourage families to discuss and confirm home time arrangements with their children each morning. Having a clear plan in place will ensure that both you and your child know what to expect when the school day ends, helping to avoid any last-minute confusion.

Please remember to notify the school of any changes to these arrangements before 2:30pm. Messages received after this time cannot be guaranteed to reach your child before the bell. Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring the safety and well-being of all students.

Years 3-6 Elective Sports: Invoices for the Top Fun and Tennis sessions for Years 3-6 have been issued through Compass. Parents and caregivers can make payments via the Compass Portal or at the administration office before September 21st.

Please note that your child's spot in these groups will only be confirmed once payment is received. If payment is not made by the due date, your child's place may be offered to another student on the waitlist.



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 - Father's Day Stall (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) <https://www.facebook.com/MerimbulaPandC>



High Potential and Gifted Education News:

PSSA Girls Basketball News: Congratulations to our PSSA Girls Basketball team who played in the South Coast semi-finals today, against Googong Public School. While we didn't come away with the win, our girls should be super proud of their determination, high level of skill and great sportsmanship.

Team captain Zahli H was a stand-out, scoring 11 baskets and playing the full 40 + minutes! Bella L, Abbey D, Millie C, Zali B and Abby D all displayed strong offensive and defensive skills. The girls worked extra hard in the fourth quarter, bringing the final score to 38 - 51. Congratulations to Googong PS on your win!

All players are to be commended for their impressive growth throughout our previous games against Tathra, Pambula and Jindabyne.

Thank you to Merimbula Basketball for assisting us with referees and court hire. A big thank you to Mrs Donald for coaching the team in their successes and to the parents and grandparents who have travelled and cheered on our team throughout the year.



PSSA Boys Basketball News: On Wednesday, our MPS Boy's Basketball team travelled to Milton to play in Round 5 of the NSW PSSA Knockout Tournament.

The match was close throughout the first three quarters with MPS pulling away in the 4th quarter to secure the 29-19 victory.

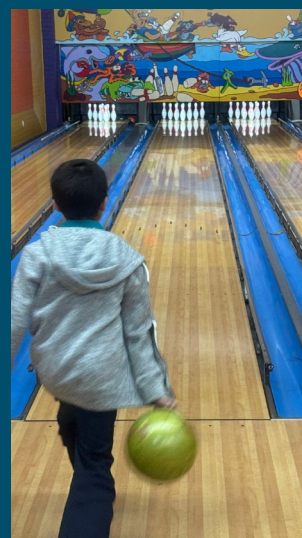
All team members played with determination, high-energy and excellent sportsmanship throughout the contest. Special mentions go to Sam and Parker, whose excellent leadership directed the team around the court. Mitch could have been mistaken for Steph Curry, hitting 7 out of 9 free throws as well as some important buckets in the 4th quarter.

Thank you to Milton PS for hosting, the match officials and of course parents who once again took time off work to transport students to the game.

MPS will now host Nowra PS in the South Coast semi-final at the Fishpen Basketball Courts on Monday the 25th of August.



Ten Pin Bowling Highlights:





PSSA Boys Soccer News: Yesterday, the PSSA Boys Soccer team played a challenging match against St Georges Basin Public School. Although the game ended in a 4-2 loss, we are incredibly proud of the determination, effort, and teamwork displayed by our players on the field. Their commitment and sportsmanship have been evident throughout the 2025 Knockout season.

A big thank you to Coach Mr Ashton for his dedication and guidance, your support has been invaluable to the team's development and success.

We also extend our gratitude to all the parents who have travelled with the team and cheered from the sidelines. Your encouragement and support mean a lot to the players and the entire team.



Ten Pin Bowling Competition: This week a team of students were selected to compete in the Inclusive School Support Unit's Ten Pin Bowling Competition. It was the first time MPS has taken part in the event and our students competed against students from 3 other Bega Valley schools.

Our team consisting of Quentin the "The Pocket Rocket", Jack "The Ice Man", Kailin "The Anchorman" and Ollie "The Hammer", competed against players from Bega Valley, Wolumla and Pambula Primary schools for the chance to move on to the next level against other winning schools from teams competing throughout NSW.

Our students displayed all the values expected of a Merimbula Public School student and competed with great sportsmanship and resilience.

After 20 gruelling frames and 40 lifts of a heavy bowling ball all our students improved their scores in the second 10 frames and put up some impressive totals. "The Anchorman" scored our highest total of 93 in his second round. Congratulations to eventual winners Pambula Public School, good luck in the next round and thanks to all the participating schools for a great day.

All our students should be very proud for the way they represented Merimbula Public School at this competition. Great effort team!



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