

# Merimbula Public School

## Newsletter – Term 3, Week 6

August 29, 2025



## SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

Thank you to our entire school community, parents, carers, students and visitors for putting in such a fabulous effort to making our Book Week Parade and celebrations so fantastic last week!

A huge thank you to our Librarians Mr Wes Unicomb and Ms Chelsea Argument, together with Ms Manda Hensman, for being awesome 2025 Book Week Fair and Parade Coordinators.! Your efforts and dedication to ensuring a shared love of literature and literacy across Merimbula PS was a pleasure to witness. What a fun and colourful afternoon we all had on Friday. Thank you also to News Xtra for again hosting a wonderful Book Fair with Mr Unicomb.

Regards,  
Michelle Huddleston  
Principal

### **School News:**

**Staffing Changes:** Mrs Caitlin Seabrook will be taking maternity leave from Monday, September 1 (next week), for the remainder of 2025. As a result of Mrs Seabrook taking leave Mrs Loretta Chapple, will be teaching 4S full-time

from next Monday.

Mrs Chapple knows the students well and is looking forward to teaching the class. Mrs Chapple and Mrs Seabrook have also collaboratively planned a successful transition for the students, with data and other important information being shared to support your child's learning and a smooth hand-over.

As a result of Mrs Chapple teaching 4S from next week, Mrs Anne Richardson will be teaching FB with Mrs Erica Bell for the remainder of Term 3.

Mrs Richardson has taught FB as a casual teacher, and has taught our family classes regularly in 2025. Mrs Richardson has also completed relevant professional learning and planning with our support team, including completing a hand-over with Mrs Bell to ensure she is aware and supportive of the personalised learning plans of each FB child. Confirmation about FB team-teaching arrangements for Term 4 will be shared with families as soon as possible.

**2026 Enrolments:** We are now taking many 2026 enrolments, for Kindy and ALL GRADES. Enrolments need to live in the local catchment area, as we are above our enrolment cap for out-of-area students. If you know of any new

## COMING EVENTS

### **Term 3:**

#### **Week 7:**

Monday, September 1: FSC Dance Festival; PSSA South Coast Final @ Fishpen;  
Tuesday, September 2: Eden Marine HS Information night; P&C Father's Day Stall; Interschools Snowsport Championship – Australian Titles;  
Wednesday, September 3: Interschools Snowsport Championship – Australian Titles;  
Thursday, September 4: Gymnastics Session 1 Family Classes; Stage 2 & 3 Elective Sports; Interschools Snowsport Championship – Australian Titles;  
Friday, September 5: **Canteen Closed**; Regional Athletics Carnival @ Wollongong; Interschools Snowsport Championship – Australian Titles;



enrolments coming to Merimbula PS in 2026, please let us know ASAP so that we can ensure we have adequate staffing, as a result of our school continuing to grow.



Use this QR Code to enrol now!

## High Potential and Gifted Education News:

### Learning in the Arts:

**2025 Sapphire Coast Learning Community Music Camp:** Congratulations to Henry, Bella, Pierre, Ollie, and Jack for their outstanding efforts at last week's Music Camp and their exceptional performances at the final concert on Thursday night. Their incredible talent truly impressed us all!

**Gymnastics Fun!** Years 2 to 6 students have been having a great time exploring gymnastics as part of this term's Sporting Schools program. Thank you to Sporting Schools Australia for the funding grants, and Eden Area Gym, for this opportunity. Thank you Mrs Friede for coordinating the program timetable and MPS staff/students.



## SCLC Music Camp Performance:







**Dance News:** Good luck to Bella in Year 5, who is representing the school next Monday at the South Coast Regional Dance Festival at the Bay Pavillions in Batemans Bay. We hope that you have an amazing time, dancing away with the Regional Dance Ensemble.

**Year 5 and 6 Camps:** Year 5 Camp final payments are due next Friday. Year 6 Camp final payments are due today.

There will be no Year 3 Camp or Year 4 Camp in 2025, or 2026. Families of Aurora students are to keep up to date with Aurora Camp news via email and the Aurora website.

### ***Transition and Integration Meeting News:***

**Years 6 to Year 7 Transition:** Last week, our Year 6 FH students had their very first transition visit to Eden Marine High School. They had so much fun and even shared that the visit was 'too short!' Oliver, Coby, and Austin enjoyed touring the school grounds and meeting their teachers for next year. They even saw some familiar faces with students they knew.



### ***Social Emotional Learning:***

**School Leader Survey:** Our proactive School Leaders have been working collaboratively to develop a survey for K-6 students, to find out ideas for school improvement. We look forward to hearing the results in an upcoming newsletter.

### ***Sport and Physical Activity:***

**Snow Sports:** Good luck to Millie who has received an invitation to the Australian titles for Ski Cross. Millie will be competing in Mount Bulla, Victoria, next week - representing Merimbula PS!

**Paul Kelly Cup:** Congratulations again to our Paul Kelly Cup State Finalists. Here is the team photo taken on the day. (Absent: Mitch and Heath).



**PSSA Boys Basketball News:** On Monday, our boy's basketball team hosted Nowra PS in what turned out to be a very tight, back and forth match. MPS battled back from 10 points down to take the lead with 30 seconds remaining. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be our day, with Nowra scoring a miraculous basket with seconds remaining to take the 27-26 victory.

The team should be very proud of their efforts in making the semi-final stage of the competition and we will aim to go one step further in 2026.

Thank you Mr Kirk for coaching the team throughout the season and continued support of our students.

### ***Learning and Support News:***

#### **Learning Support Groups:**

**Learning Support Group Communication:** Communication regarding which students are receiving learning intervention/support in literacy, numeracy, English, or social skills, has been sent home to relevant



### ***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
- Tuesday 2 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>



families via Compass in the last two weeks. If your child is not receiving specialised support, in addition to classroom support and differentiation, you would not have received any communication.

If you would like to know more about our Learning Support Groups, check out our Parent Portal <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/merimbula-public-school/intervention-programs> or contact your child's classroom teacher.

If you would like to talk about your child's learning, goals and support needs, you are welcome to contact your child's class teacher via the office (02 64951266) to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet, at any time through the year.

#### Canteen News:



**What is happening at the Canteen?** Our Canteen will be closed next Friday, September 5. We apologise for any inconvenience. There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS and NO OVER THE COUNTER SALES at any time during the day.

**Uniform Shop News:** Please note that starting Monday of Week 7 (next week), the uniform shop will operate with new opening hours from 8:25 am to 8:50 am. Families will access the uniform shop via the admin gate entry. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**P&C News - Fathers Day Stall:** This year, our Parents and Citizens Association volunteers will again be hosting the Fathers Day Stall. The stall will be taking place on Tuesday, September 2, from 9.30am. Our P&C would love volunteers to assist on the day. Students will have time to attend the stall with their class and teacher as below.

Children are encouraged to bring small change with them, in a wallet, purse or envelope labelled with their name and class, as well as a reusable shopping bag.

Time	Class 1	Class 2
9.30am	FB	FM
9.45am	FL	FH
10.00am	1M	1B
10.20am	1/2D	KM
10.40am	KS	KV
11.00am	Siblings can attend at break time	
11.30am	2T	2F
11.45am	4P	4S
12.00pm	3D	3F
12.15pm	3/4H	5/6M
12.30pm	5H	5A
12.45pm	6K	6D

#### 2025 Book Parade Highlights:



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