

Merimbula Public School

Newsletter – Term 3, Week 8

September 12, 2025



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

Anticipated student numbers have now been submitted to the Department of Education for 2026. Our school has received its staffing allocation and will soon receive indication of our 2026 budget/funding amounts. If you know of any families who intend to enrol their child at our school for the coming year, please ensure that they contact us as soon as possible, to support us in ensuring that we have adequate staffing and resources for the coming year.

The last day of Term 3 is September 26. There is one Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day at the start of Term 4 (Monday, October 13). Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 14.

Please keep up to date with exciting news and upcoming events via our newsletter and the Compass Portal (for permission and payment). We look forward to some great activities in the coming weeks.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal

School News:

Mini Fete – Week 1

Term 4: Our Mini Fete, led by Stage 3 students, is taking place on the first Friday back next term (12-2pm). Students are encouraged to bring a reusable shopping bag, labelled with their name and class, for carrying items they buy/win. Students should also have a wallet labelled with their name/class, containing coins/small change in case stalls do not have change. Check out the attached flyer for more details.



The Mini Fete day is also a Mufti Day. Students do not have to wear school uniform and are encouraged to bring a change of clothes should they be participating in water games/activities, such as the Slip and Slide.

Term 4 Staffing Changes: Family Classes:

As shared in recent correspondence, due to recent staffing changes, FB team-teaching arrangements have changed. In Term 4, Mrs Erica Bell will be teaching FB each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Shane Doherty will be teaching FB every Thursday and Friday.

Mr Doherty has been teaching Physical Education to all the family classes in

COMING EVENTS

Term 3:

Week 9:

Monday, September 15: Year 2 Swim Scheme Commences (Mon-Fri) 1pm-2.45pm; PSSA Boys Cricket Semi Final @ Ulladulla;
Tuesday, September 16: PSSA AFL Afternoon training session 3-4.30pm @ Berrambool;
Wednesday, September 17: Support Class Life Skills Program;
Thursday, September 18: Playgroup 9.30-11.30am; Stage 2 & 3 Elective Sports; Years 5 and 6 'Medical and Dietary camp requirements' response due;
Friday, September 19: Kindergarten Fairy Tale Ball; Year 6 Graduation Memento payment due.

Week 10:

Monday, September 22: Year 2 Swim Scheme continues (Mon-Fri) 1pm-2.45pm; PSSA AFL State Semi-Finals/Final @ Sydney;
Thursday, September 25: 2026 Kindy Special Transition 3/3; Gymnastics Session 1 4P & 3/4H, Gymnastics Session 2 3D & 3F; Kindergarten @ Bournda EEC;
Friday, September 26: Superhero lunch with the Principal; **Last Day Term 3.**



Term 3, and is a long-term member of our Support Unit team. Mr Doherty will not be teaching Physical Education (PE) release from face-to-face teaching lessons in Term 4. These lessons will be taught by Mrs Emma Doyle, who currently teaches PE to Year 4 to 6 classes. Mrs Doyle is a specialist PE teacher. PE days for family classes in Term 4 will be shared in the coming weeks.

Year 5 and 6 Camp Preparation: With final planning underway for the upcoming Year 5 and 6 Camps, we require parent responses to the 'Medical & Dietary Requirements' survey via the 'Insights' section in the Compass Parent Portal.

Please ensure your response is submitted by September 18 (Week 9), to assist us in making appropriate arrangements for all attending students.

Medications can only be given if 'Student Health Condition Support' is filled in and submitted to the school alongside an 'Authority to Administer' letter from your child's GP. All medications (Non-Prescribed and Prescribed) must include a pharmacy label detailing the student's name and dosage, be in the original sealed manufacturers packaging or dispensed by the pharmacy into a blister pack.

Up to date Action Plans, relevant forms and medications are to be provided to the office before 24th October.

Student reminders for action plans/medication: Letters have been sent home this week for students requiring Action Plan updates or expiring medications held at school.

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that your child must have a current up to date action plan to attend camp.

Learning in the Arts:

Festival of Instrumental Music:

Congratulations to our Recorder Ensemble who performed on Tuesday night in the Sydney Opera House with students from over 50 schools! You should be so proud of our efforts! Thank you to Mr Unicomb for your efforts in leading these amazing students and taking them to this performance opportunity!



Regional Dance Eisteddfod:

Congratulations to Bella for her performance this week at the Batemans Bay Pavilion in the junior division of the regional dance competition. Her dance ensemble was selected to progress to the state level to perform at Seymour Stadium in Sydney. Well done Bella!



Kindergarten Fairytale Ball:

This term, Kindergarten students have been reading and looking at fairytales. To finish off the unit and celebrate the end of the term, we are going to have a fairytale ball / dress up next Friday, September 19.

Students can come in their best 'fairytale ball' costume or alternatively, they are welcome to come out of uniform for the day.



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!



Sport and Physical Activity:

Regional Athletics Carnival: Thirteen students from Merimbula Public School proudly represented the Sapphire Coast team at the Regional Athletics Carnival held in Wollongong on Friday September 5th. The school fielded three relay teams that performed exceptionally well, alongside students competing in individual track and field events.

Special congratulations to Year 4 student Aila, who won the 10-year-old boys 100m race with an impressive time of 14.44 seconds and will now represent the South Coast team at the State Carnival next term. Well done to all our athletes for their dedication and achievements, and a big thank you to the parents for supporting and transporting the students to compete.



Learning and Support News:

Engaging NDIS Support and External Therapists: There are 4 key steps for parents and carers who want an NDIS-funded service delivered in school: 1. Ask the school in writing; 2. Meet with school staff to discuss details; 3. The principal considers your request, taking into account the needs of your child, other students and the operations of the school; and 4. The principal lets you know whether or not the provider can deliver their services at the school. Please see the attached information brochure for more information.

Should an external assessment need to be completed for your child, and a related questionnaire/survey is required to be completed by your child's class teacher for their therapist/NDIS team, please email our school requesting: 1. That the assessment be completed; 2. The name of the assessment; 3. Who is required to complete the assessment; and 4. Provide the school with a copy of the questionnaire/survey/online link via email. Currently we are receiving many work/questionnaire requests from external providers, and we are not at liberty to answer them, for confidentiality reasons, without parental permission via a written request.



Uniform Shop News: Please note, the uniform shop is now operating with new opening hours each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 8:25 am to 8:50 am. Families will access the uniform shop via the administration gate entry (not the Canteen gate). This change will commence from next Monday.

Second-Hand Sales: Thank you to our parents and carers for their ongoing donations of school uniforms. Thanks to your support, we have a wide selection of high-quality uniforms in various sizes now available for purchase.

Uniform Shop Sale: Enjoy 20% off all uniform purchases, available in-store and online. Offer valid from Monday, 15th September 2025 to Friday, 26th September 2025. Take advantage of this limited-time sale to get your school uniforms at a great price! Let your 2026 Kindy friends and new enrolments know!

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Merimbula Public School.*

UNIFORM SHOP

**Monday 15th September
to
Friday 26th September
2025**

**** 20% OFF** Sale applies to
IN STOCK ITEMS ONLY & ONLINE STORE

Items **EXCLUDED** from the sale include
Backpacks

NO Refunds or Exchanges
(Unless garment is faulty)

NO Rainchecks

**20%
OFF**

SHOP NOW 

<https://daylightschoolwear.au/merimbula>



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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

