

# Merimbula Public School

## Newsletter – Term 4, Week 1

October 17, 2025



## SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

Our busy Term 4 has commenced. Please keep up to date with the exciting activities and opportunities by reading our weekly newsletter, Facebook and Compass Parent/Caregiver Portal posts.

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of some important upcoming Term 4 dates and activities (as follows). More information about these events will be shared in upcoming newsletters/information posts.

Regards,  
Michelle Huddleston  
Principal

### **School News:** **Sport Days and Times** **Term 4:**

The following days and times are when each stage has Sport this term:

Kindy: 9am Tuesdays

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): 10am Tuesdays

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): 12.15-1.15pm and 1.55-2.55pm Thursdays

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): 12.15-1.15pm and 1.55-2.55pm Fridays



### **Physical Education (PE) Days Term 4:**

Monday - 1M, 1B, 2F, 2T, 6K, 6D, 3/4H

Tuesday - 5H, 5A, FL, FH

Wednesday - 3D, 5/6M

Thursday - KS, KV, 1/2D,

Friday - 3F, 4P, 4S, FM, FB

### **Library Days Term 4:**

Monday - 1B, 6D, 6K, 3/4H, 5/6M

Tuesday - 5A, 5H, FH, FB

Wednesday - KV, KS, KM, FL, FM

Thursday - 1M, 3D, 3F, 2T

Friday - 1/2D, 4P, 4S, 2F, FB

### **Save The Date - Term 4:**

#### **Week 2 Term 4:**

Tuesday, October 21: Support Class Transition to high school day.

Wednesday, October 23: Evacuation Drill.

Friday, October 24: Grandparents' and Elders' Day (Classroom visits 11.30am-12.30pm, 12.30-1.15pm Picnic).

#### **Week 3 Term 4:**

Monday October 23 to Friday, October 31. Aurora College Camp for selected Year 5 students.

Monday, October 27: P&C Meeting 6.00pm in the Staffroom;

## COMING EVENTS

### **Term 4:**

#### **Week 2:**

Monday, October 20: Students with medication for camp due to office; Stage 2 & 3 Party Day - Season pass holders survey response due;

Tuesday, October 21: FH (Yr 6 students) Transition to Eden Marine HS;

Wednesday, October 22: Support Class Life skills Program;

Thursday, October 23:  
Friday, October 24: Year 6 UOW Discovery Day consent due; Grandparents Day.

#### **Week 3:**

Monday, October 27: Aurora Camp;

Tuesday, October 28: Aurora Camp; FH (Yr 6 students) Transition to Eden Marine HS;

Wednesday, October 29: Aurora Camp; Support Class Life skills Program;

Thursday, October 30: Aurora Camp; Bandanna Day;

Friday, October 31: Aurora Camp; Day for Daniel.



Thursday, October 30: Talent Quest EOIs DUE; SRC Meeting at Lunch in FB Classroom; Bandanna Day.

Friday, October 31: Day for Daniel (Students wear red to school/ gold coin donation).

#### **Week 4 Term 4:**

Monday, November 3: In 2 Uni visit for Stage 3 (University of Wollongong, Bega).

Tuesday, November 4 to Friday November 7 - Year 6 Sydney Camp.

Thursday, November 6 - 2026 SRC Leader EOIs Due.

#### **Week 5 Term 4:**

Monday, November 10 - Talent Quest Auditions Commence (taking place daily this week).

Tuesday, November 11: Support Class High School Transition Visits; Remembrance Day.

Wednesday, November 12 to Friday, November 14 - Year 5 Jindabyne Camp.

#### **Week 6 Term 4:**

Tuesday, November 18: Support Class High School Transition Visits; Remembrance Day.

Wednesday, November 19 - Hot Dog Day (Canteen).

Thursday, November 20 - SRC Leader Speeches Due; Kindy 2026 Transition Visit #1 9.30-10.30am; SRC Meeting Lunchtime.

Friday, November 21: Updated Anaphylaxis/Asthma/Health Care Plans for 2026 due to the office.

#### **Week 7 Term 4:**

Monday, November 24: SRC Speeches in Jackson Hall 11.30am; Semester 2 School Reports sent home.

Tuesday, November 25: Support Class High School Transition Visit; Stage 3 League Tag Gala Day.

Wednesday, November 26 - Visiting Performance "Rap, Rhyme and Rocking Poetry" (10am 3-6; 11.30am K-2).

Thursday, November 27 - Kindy 2026 Transition Visit #2 9.30-11.00am; Support Class High School Transition Visit.

Friday, November 28 - Final SRE session for 2025 - Special presentation in the Jackson Hall.

#### **Week 8 Term 4:**

Monday, December 1: 3-Way Conferences (discussing Semester 2 Reports) 3.10-5pm;

Tuesday, December 2: Support Class High School Transition Visit; ALL Year 6 students transition to Eden Marine HS and Bega HS day.

Wednesday, December 3: Semester 2 SRC Celebration Disco (K-2 at lunch / 3-6 at Recess).

Thursday, December 4: Stage 2 Jackson Cup Final; Kindy 2026 Transition Visit #3 9.30-12.00pm.



### **Stage 2 and 3 End of Year Party – Magic Mountain Season Pass Holders.**

As we prepare for the end of year Stage 2 & 3 Magic Mountain Party Day, we ask that families please inform us if their child holds a valid 2025 Magic Mountain season pass. This will be confirmed with Magic Mountain, and the applicable participation fee discount will be applied.

Please provide your response by Monday, 20th October 2025.

You can complete the new Compass Insight survey via the 'Insights' tab in the Compass App or by clicking the link: <https://merimbulaps-nsw.compass.education/Records/User.aspx?displayInsightsCycleId=12>

The Compass event will be updated with the adjusted pricing for students attending and will be published in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.



Friday, December 5: Stage 3 Jackson Cup Final.

#### **Week 9 Term 4:**

Monday, December 8: 3-Way Conferences (discussing Semester 2 Reports) 3.10-5pm);

Tuesday, December 9: Support Class High School Transition Visit; Kindergarten Graduation 1.55-2.55pm.

Wednesday, December 10: Year 6 Graduation 1.30-2.55pm.

Thursday, December 11: Year 3 and 4 Graduation 1.30-2.55pm; Aurora College Presentation Day (Year 5 Presentations 11.30-12.30 online); K-2 Party Day (Movies and Spencer Park Excursion).

Friday, December 12: Eden Marine High School Presentation Day.

#### **Week 10 Term 4:**

Monday, December 15: 3-Way Conferences (discussing Semester 2 Reports) 3.10-5pm).

Tuesday, December 16: Year 1 and 2 Graduation 1.55-2.55pm; Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Oaklands.

Wednesday, December 17: Year 5 Graduation 1.30-2.55pm.

Thursday, December 18: Superheroes Lunch 10.30am; Talent Quest 1.30-2.55pm; Aurora College Reports Sent Home (Selected Students).

Friday, December 19: Last day of Term 4; Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3 to 6) Party Day; Year 6 Leaving Arch 2.40pm.

**Staffing News:** Our school would like to welcome Ms Rachael Gibson to our school. Ms Gibson has recently moved to the area and has commenced working at our school this week. She will be further supporting students who speak English as an Additional Language/Dialect, as well as will be casual teaching across our school. We are lucky to have Ms Gibson and her expertise at our school.

Congratulations to Mrs Adele Mackey! Mrs Mackey has recently received a permanent teaching placement within our Support Unit for 2026. Mrs Mackey looks forward to using her many years of special education expertise within our school family classes, and is continuing to complete professional learning throughout this term to be able to support all students and specific needs when commencing in her new role next year. Mrs Mackey will be filling Mr Doherty's permanent position, as Mr Doherty transitions to casual teaching in the years to come.

Congratulations to Mrs Erica Bell! Mrs Bell has been successful in receiving a permanent mainstream Assistant Principal position at our school, commencing 2026. Mrs Bell's hard work, support and experience in leading our Support

Class unit for three years has been an asset to our school, students and families. Mrs Bell will not be replacing any mainstream executive staff. Her new position has been made as a result of the growing student numbers at our school.

As a result of Mrs Bell's position move, a new Assistant Principal Support will be leading our team in 2026. Information regarding who the new



#### **P&C News:**

Welcome back to Term 4 - we hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday 27th October at 6:00pm, we'd love to see you there!

On Tuesday 18th November we will be running a parent and carer seminar in conjunction with Inform & Empower which will be jam packed with information about how to raise kids in a digital world - please see our Facebook page for more information or scan the QR code below.



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





staff member is will be shared once they are appointed.

### Reporting Absences - Reminder:

Students may be absent from school if they are sick (symptomatic, mental health rest day), or with permission forms from the principal for holiday/family leave (in accord with NSW law). Birthdays and wet weather are not reasons for students to take leave. Road closures, flooding and natural disaster leave is permitted with explanation (Please talk to our office for details in this regard).

A short note to parents/carers about the importance of their children attending school every day is available in multiple languages using the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/translated-documents/every-day-matters>

**Sun Safety Update Information for Parents and Caregivers:** For information about sun safety and our sun safe curriculum, policy and procedures, please check the policy section on our school website. You will be able to find information about:

- Sun Safe Clothing and Uniforms;
- Sun Safety Information for Parents and Caregivers;
- Sun Safety – Outdoor Activities;
- Sun safety – Shaded Areas;
- Sunscreen;
- Sun Safety and the Curriculum.

For best sun protection, the Cancer Council recommend a combination of sun protection measures:

- Slip on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30 (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- Slap on a hat – broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears. Seek shade. Slide on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Thank you to our P&C for continuing to provide free sunscreen for every child in the school. Every child will be provided sunscreen prior to sport and break times during the summer terms. Should your child have an allergy, please provide allergy information to the office in writing, from your medical practitioner.

### Hosted by Merimbula P&C:

### Raising Kids in a Digital World Seminar:

Join us for an engaging night of information and discussion about how to keep our kids safe in an increasingly digital landscape.

The team from Inform & Empower bring a mix of expertise and passion to help schools confidently navigate the online world.

This event is open to all Bega Valley parents, carers and educators of children up to Year 6, and due to the nature of the content being discussed, this is strictly an adults only event.

A donation on entry is appreciated, and will allow us to continue holding these important events for our community!

- 📅 Date: Tuesday 18th November 2025
- 📅 Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start - the presentation runs for approximately 90 minutes so the evening should be wrapped up by 8:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there and learning valuable information and strategies from the experts!



**School Positive Behaviour for Learning Rules - Reminder:** For information about other school rules and policies, check out our website at: <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>

**Camp medication due:** If you have indicated that your child will be taking prescribed or non-prescribed medication whilst on camp, please return the required paperwork and medication as outlined in the letter.

**Grandparents' and Elders' Day:** We are very excited to again be hosting our loved and well attended Grandparents' and Elders' Day at Merimbula Public School in 2025. This year's event will take place on Friday, October 24. This year's event will include a visit 'Back To The Classroom', with Grandparents and Elders welcome to visit classrooms and see what their grandchildren and students have been learning about. Grandparents are then welcome to join their grandchild/ren for a picnic on the oval.

#### **Bandanna Day:**

Our School Leaders will be selling bandannas throughout next week for \$7. Children/Staff interested in supporting this CanTeen fundraiser should bring \$7 to the office between 8.30am and 9am any day next week (while stocks last).




Our School Leaders will then visit classrooms to allow purchasers to choose their bandanna style. Bandannas can be worn any/every day next week. Our school will be celebrating/learning about Bandanna Day next Thursday, October 30.

#### **Day for Daniel - Wear Red Day:**

Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe. Our school will be participating in Day for Daniel on Friday, October 31.



 We ask all students on this very special day to "Wear Red, Educate and Donate" a gold coin where possible. Our school will be learning about child safety.

If your child does not have red clothing they can wear any out of uniform clothing they choose.

#### **Attendance Expectations:**

Student absences



should be reported to the school by 9.30am each morning. If your child is staying at home due to being unwell, please report their absence and reason. Absences can be reported at any time using the Compass Parent/Caregiver Portal. This is the quickest and preferred communication method. Alternatively, you can contact our school office on (02)64951266.

#### **Out of School Hours/Vacation Care Complaints and Feedback:**

Do you have a complaint or feedback about our Before and After School Care/Vacation Care Service? If so, you are welcome to address your concerns with the Principal who can address your concerns with the service (anonymously) on your behalf. Alternately, for feedback/complaints about the service, you can contact (anonymously if you like) the **Early Childhood EC Service Regulatory Authority on 1800 619 113.**



**Canteen News:** Term 4 Canteen days will continue to be every day, Monday to Friday.

Our Term 4 Canteen Menu is attached to this Newsletter and is also available via Compass, and on our website.



# Merimbula Public School - Canteen Menu

## Term 4 2025 - Monday to Friday

### Lunch Menu

<u>Salad Tubs</u>	
<b>Salad with Cheese</b>	\$6.00
(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber)	
<b>Chicken/Ham Salad</b>	\$6.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber)	
<u>Sandwich/Roll/Wrap</u>	
(all available Gluten Free, please specify on your order)	
<b>Ham/Chicken Salad</b>	\$6.00
<b>Salad</b> ●	\$5.50
<b>Cheese</b> ●	\$3.50
<b>Vegemite or Jam</b> ●	\$3.00
<b>Egg and Lettuce</b> ●	\$4.50
<u>Toasted Sandwich</u>	
<b>Cheese</b> ●	\$3.50
<b>Ham/Chicken and Cheese</b>	\$4.00
<b>Cheese, Tomato</b> ●	\$4.00
<u>Hot Food</u>	
<b>*Pasta Cup</b> ●	\$1.50
<b>*Pizza Muffin</b> ● Ham or Vegetarian	\$1.50
<b>*Garlic Bread</b> (Dinner Roll) ●	\$1.00
<b>Chicken Bundles</b>	\$3.00
<b>*Homemade Fried Rice</b> (Cup) ●	\$2.50
<b>Beef Pie or sausage roll w/sauce</b>	\$5.50
<b>Extra sauce</b> (tomato/BBQ)	50c
<b>Chicken Burger</b> (Lettuce, Cheese, Mayo)	\$6.00

### Over the Counter

<b>Vegemite or Pizza Scroll</b> ●	50c
<b>*Air Popped Popcorn</b>	50c
<b>*Pikelet</b> ●	50c ea
<b>Vegemite Crackers x3</b> ●	50c
<b>*Homemade Muffin x2</b> ●	50c
<b>*Nestle Mousse Cups - Choc / Strawberry / Vanilla</b>	\$1.00
<b>*Fruit Sticks and Hommus Dip</b> ●	\$2.00
<b>Corn on Cob</b> ●	\$1.00
<b>Seaweed</b> ●	\$1.00
<u>Drinks</u>	
<b>Big M Milk – Chocolate or Strawberry</b>	\$3.00
<b>99% Juice Popper – Tropical, Apple, Orange, Apple &amp; Blackcurrant</b>	\$2.50
<b>Bottle of water</b>	\$2.00
<u>Frozen Treats</u>	
<b>*Frozen Cups – Mango, Blackcurrant, Pineapple, Grape Orange, Chocolate, Caramel, Honeycomb, Strawberry</b> ●	50c
<b>*Fresh Yoghurt Cup - Vanilla</b>	\$1.00
<b>*Frozen Yoghurt - Mango &amp; Watermelon or Strawberry &amp; Vanilla</b>	\$2.00
<b>*Everest Ice-Cream</b> ●	\$1.50
<b>*Frozen Pineapple Ring x1</b> ●	50c

### DAILY LUNCH ORDER SPECIALS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mac and Cheese</b> ●	<b>Taco Tuesday!</b> Beef or Chicken	<b>* Pizza Day</b> • Ham & Cheese • Ham, Cheese & Pineapple • Simply Cheese ● • Garlic Pizza ●	<b>Curry + Rice</b>  (Chicken or Vegetarian)	<b>Beef Burger</b>  (Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato)
\$5.50	\$6.00	\$4.50	\$6.00	\$6.00

*\*Gluten Free (GF). These items can be made Gluten Free. Please specify on your order.*

*To order from the lunch menu - place correct money or small notes in a lunch order bag and clearly write the order / child's name / class.*

● Halal



 **MERIMBULA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C**

# GENERAL MEETING



**DATE**  
**MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



**TIME**  
**6:00PM**

**ALL WELCOME**

Where: MPS Staff Room -  
access via Randolph St gate



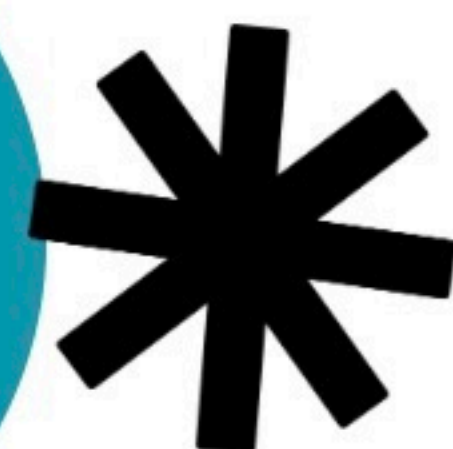




# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

## A SEMINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

**Tuesday 18th November 2025**  
**6:00pm–8:30pm**  
**Club Sapphire, Merimbula**



Join the experts from Inform & Empower to learn how to help your child safely navigate the online world, from gaming and social media, to screen time, privacy, and tricky online situations.



Who's it for?

Parents, carers and educators of children up to Year 6 in the Bega Valley and surrounding areas  
Due to the nature of the topics to be discussed, this is