



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

Student achievement will soon be celebrated at our upcoming Graduation Ceremonies. As in past years, our highest achievers are recognised at these ceremonies. These high achieving students may be the most improved in an area or the highest overall achiever in each class or grade. Classroom teachers have had the opportunity to select one award recipient for every 5 students in their class. Therefore, some classes have more awards than others.

Students who have been recognised for their leadership, and who are taking on the role of a School Leader, House Captain or Monitor in 2026, will also be inducted into their position at their grade's ceremony. Student Representative Council class voted representatives have not yet been selected. Students will vote on who their class representative will be, at the start of Term 1.

Congratulations to the following students who were successfully voted in by their peers to be a School Leader in 2026: Callum A, Isabella B, Anna F, Shelbie M and Ryder S.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal

School News:

Kindy 2026!! Kindy Orientation has been so much fun! Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers for supporting our Smooth Start to 2026, by bringing your children to our Orientation Program. Our final Orientation Program Visit is next Thursday, December 4 between 9am and 12pm. Please remember to pack your child's hat, drink bottle, a fruit break snack and their lunch.

Semester 2 Reports and 3-Way-Conferences & Important Compass Downloads Information: As shared last week, Semester 2 student reports were published on Monday via Compass. Please read your child's report with them, ask them about this and celebrate their achievements. Reports also include areas for your child to focus on in English and Mathematics, for your child to make further improvements moving forward.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already booked a meeting time via Compass with your child's class teacher, if you have any questions or feedback about your child's report, wanted more information about how your child's results compared to the results of other children within their

COMING EVENTS

Term 4:

Week 8:

Monday, December 1: Term 4 SRC Celebration Disco;

Tuesday, December 2: Yr 7 2026 EMHS Orientation Day including Support Classes;

Wednesday, December 3: Incursion – Rap & Rhyme Poetry Performance; Support Class Life Skills Program;

Thursday, December 4: 2026 Kindergarten Orientation – 9.30am-12pm; Stage 2 Jackson Cup Final;

Friday, December 5: Stage 3 Jackson Cup Final.

Week 9:

Monday, December 8:

Tuesday, December 9: Kindergarten Graduation Assembly 2-2.55pm; 2026 Yr 7, EMHS Support Class transition visit;

Wednesday, December 10: Year 6 Graduation/Presentation Assembly 1.30-2.55pm; Support Class Life Skills Program;

Thursday, December 11: Stage K-2 Party Day; Stage 2 Presentation Assembly 2-2.55pm;

Friday, December 12:



As we are moving to a new communication platform in 2026, SchoolBytes, please download your child's Semester 2, 2025 School Report, and any other reports you wish to keep a copy of. Once the platform changes, and is no longer subscribed to by the school, you will no longer be able to access previous reports. The new platform being used in 2026 will not retain information you can currently access. More information will be shared about SchoolBytes in the coming weeks.



2026 Bus Travel Applications: Applications for student travel in 2026 are open now. Students who need a travel pass for 2026 can apply now at <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>. A new application will need to be submitted if you are applying for your child for the first time (Kindergarten 2026), or if your child is requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or who have received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement, should renew or update their details before the end of Term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2026 school year.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. Year 2 to Year 3), the system automatically

cohort, or wanted more information about your child's assessment results. updates their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, Transport NSW will send an expiry notification via email. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire, will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Drink Bottle Reminder – Crunch & Sip News: With the warmer weather here, please ensure that your child brings a drink bottle to school. Drink bottles containing water can stay in rooms/on desks. They can be refilled at our chilled/filtered water stations.

Why is it so important that children drink water? Water is good for us - our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather. Adequate fluid intake is essential to good health. Not drinking enough fluid causes dehydration. Any level of dehydration can cause physical symptoms such as poor concentration in class, headaches and irritability.

Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink unless reminded. Crunch&Sip® provides an opportunity to drink water and helps to prevent dehydration.

Externally Funded Health, Disability and Wellbeing Services - School-Based Visits End, Friday December 5 (Next Week): Externally funded health, disability and wellbeing service providers may seek to provide their services to students at the school during school hours in 2026.

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Raising Kids in a Digital World

Last Tuesday evening, we welcomed the expert team from Inform & Empower for a valuable session on supporting our children in the online world.

Feedback has been incredibly positive, with parents and carers saying they gained practical tips and greater confidence in navigating digital challenges and cyber safety with their kids.

A big thank you to everyone who attended. Your support helps us continue offering important events like this for our school community.

For those who missed it, the team at Inform & Empower have kindly provided a link to the replay, along with additional resource materials. Please note this link is available for 30 days and should not be posted on any public page.

www.informandempower.com.au/schools-webinars/merimbula-community

Annual Christmas Raffle on again!

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, we will once again be running our Christmas Raffle, we've already got some great prizes lined up, however more are always welcome - if you have anything you'd like to donate please reach out to us via our Facebook page, or email us at merimbulapandc@gmail.com

We'll have more details of the raffle in the coming weeks.



Parents/Caregivers may also request for NDIS/Allied Health Service providers to work with their child at school, during school hours. Whilst the The NSW Department of Education and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) recommend that therapy services funded through a child's NDIS support plan are best delivered outside of school time, to allow the school to focus on teaching the child with additional needs, all other students, and to ensure every child does not miss out on important learning time; we do understand that some students may not be able to access this support outside of school hours and can apply to the principal for consideration of onsite delivery during school times.

With the end of the school year approaching, and due to excursions and events taking place; all externally funded health, disability and wellbeing services currently provided within school hours will cease to take place on Friday, December 5. Parents and caregivers who have arranged for their child to access support/NDIS services during school hours, or external health providers who have arranged this on behalf of families, need to advise their provider/family that no support or therapy will be provided onsite for 2025 after December 5.

PSSA Cricket Trials: Good luck to Layla and Parker at their upcoming trials for the South Coast representative Cricket team for 2026.

Stage 3 NRL League/Tag Gala Day: On Tuesday, our Stage 3 students had an amazing time at the mixed Raiders League Tag Gala Day played at Pambula! This inclusive, non-competitive 7-a-side event gave students of all abilities the chance to play and have fun.

Our students played with great enthusiasm throughout the day, showcasing fantastic sportsmanship on and off the field.

A big thank you to the NRL for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students to participate and enjoy the game! Thanks to everyone who joined in and made the day so memorable!



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MERIMBULA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Merimbula's Got Talent

Rommi - Lyrical Dance 'Cry'

Isla & Pip - Dance 'You're The Reason'

Millie - Singing 'I Choose You'

Rommi & Bella - Lyrical Dance 'Ocean Eyes'

Callum - Rap

Audrey, Liesl & Harliah - Dancing 'Golden'

Sasha - Piano 'Rondo alla Turca'

Henry - Piano Valse Op.64 No.2

Bella - Singing 'Beat You There'

When: Thursday, December 18th 2025

Where: Jackson Hall

Time: 1.30pm - 2.55pm



**STUDENTS
WILL BE
MET AT
GATE,
DIRECTED
TO HALL**

EMHS ORIENTATION DAY

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH
PROVIDED**

**WELCOME TO
EMHS**



**2
DEC
2025**

**PARENTS &
CARERS
WELCOME FOR
TEA & COFFEE**

**ARRIVE
FROM
8:30AM
FOR A
9AM
START**

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The Little Pharmacist Experience

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SATURDAY 17th JANUARY 2026 ONLY

SPOTS ARE LIMITED! BOOK NOW BEFORE SPOTS ARE GONE!

ABOUT

Come join us at Direct Chemist Outlet Tura Beach for our exciting FREE event, Little Pharmacist Experience! * This hands-on experience is perfect for kids who are curious about the world of pharmacy. They'll learn about medications, health, and even get to play pharmacist for a day. It's a fun and educational event that your little ones won't want to miss. See you there!

DATES

Saturday 17 January 2026 (UTC+11)

LOCATION

Direct Chemist Outlet Tura Beach
Shops 9 & 10 Tura Beach Shopping Centre, Cnr Tura Beach Drive & Sapphire CD,
Tura Beach New South Wales 2548

Please contact store for expression of interest Ph: 02 64950510

