Welcome Back: Welcome back to school! We look forward to another exciting term ahead. Welcome to our new families and enrolments. It is great to have you at Merimbula Public School. In the coming weeks we will see more new faces with around fifty 2016 Kindergarten students taking part in our Orientation Program.

If you know of anyone thinking of enrolling their child/ren at Merimbula Public School for the 2016 calendar year, please get them to do so as soon as possible. It looks as if we will be establishing an additional class soon as possible. It looks as if we will be able to accommodate these new families and enrolments. It is an exciting term ahead. Welcome to our new families and enrolments. It is great to have you at Merimbula Public School! We look forward to another great year, please get them to do so as soon as possible.

New Teacher Appointed: Congratulations to Mrs Kate Shook. Mrs Shook, who is currently teaching at Tathra PS, has been appointed a permanent full time position at Merimbula Public School. She will commence on Day 1 of Term, 2016. In the coming weeks we will also be interviewing teachers to fill another vacancy. These vacancies are being filled as a result of recent retirements.

P&C Meeting: Our next P&C Meeting is taking place next Tuesday, October 13. The meeting was changed to this date as the usual meeting would have taken place on the first day back at school. We hope to see you in the staffroom from 6.30-8pm.

Reminders

REMINDER: Christmas is not that far away! Our popular ‘Calendar Art’ Fundraiser is on again to raise money to buy art supplies for our wonderful new art program. Your junior artist has been working on a Personalised Calendar Artwork that you can purchase in the form of a calendar, mobile phone cover, pillow case, greeting cards and more! They make great personalised gifts for Christmas!! Each child requires their own order form. Please send order forms and money to school by October 16. Thank you for your support, The Visual Arts Team.

The Magical World of Crazy Science Show:

When: Wed October 21
K-2 (9.05am)
3-6 (10.15am)
Cost: $4 per child
Where: School Hall
Permission notes were sent home last term. If you have not received one please get your child to pick one up from the school office & return with money by tomorrow Thursday Oct 8. If you are unable to pay by tomorrow we will extend the cut off date for payment until next Wednesday Oct 14.

K-2 News

Welcome Back: I hope all students and their families have had a great break and are feeling refreshed and ready to learn in K-2. We look forward to seeing all families at Key Stage 1 on their usual news day.

Stage 1: Marvellous Mixtures and Talking and Listening Task.

This term we will be focusing on a Science unit of work called 'Marvellous Mixtures'. Students will learn what a mixture is by enjoying some scientific experiments and investigations. The talking and listening task for this term will go home with Year 1 and 2 students along with the newsletter. They will need to present a news item in Week 9 on their usual news day. The children have had plenty of experience now and have given some fantastic presentations so far, we look forward to this next one!

K-2 Assembly: The first K-2 assembly will take place in Week 3 at 1.55pm in the Jackson Hall. It will be hosted by 2H, we look forward to seeing you all there!
**Classroom Supplies:** Thank you to the students and families who have returned with replenished classroom supplies, we are very low on whiteboard markers so it would be great if you could make sure your child has some. They get used up quickly and need replacing often.

**Hot Weather:** Hats are a must at Merimbula Public School but even more important when the weather heats up. If your child has lost a hat please help by supplying a new one as we have a ‘No Hat, No Play’ rule to keep your kids safe in the sun. Extra water is always handy too and children are allowed to have their drink bottles in class as long as they do not contain any drinks with sugar.

**Stage 2 News**

We welcome all our Stage 2 students back from their well-deserved holiday and look forward to an enjoyable and productive Term 3. Stage 2 students must have their basic learning supplies renewed for Term 3. These basics include whiteboard markers and glue sticks, quality HB pencils, an eraser, sharpener and ruler are also essential. Please ensure your child is well equipped by supplying these items.

Stage 2 teachers and students extend a big welcome to two new students, Tamara Goff (2/3BR) and Johnathan Moss (4C). We hope you enjoy your new school and make lots of new friendships.

**NRL Gala Day:** The Stage 2 NRL Gala Day will be held this Friday October 9 at the Pambula Sport Complex. This will be a great opportunity for our students to participate in a team sport in a non-competitive fun environment. The games will be played with modified numbers and under the Safe Play Code. Qualified referees and sports trainers will be present on the day.

The children will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school by 2.30pm.

4C have had fun researching the Japanese term Chindogu. This is the Japanese art of inventing clever everyday devices which are actually quite useless! They make you think you need these products but you don’t really, for example, the all-day tissue dispenser, dust slippers for cats and the noodle-eaters ‘hair guard’ to stop noodles or food getting into their hair.

**Card Game: Fast Facts**

**Equipment:** Deck of cards

**Aim:** To have most cards at the end of the game.

**Instructions:** Play in pairs

Deal out half of the cards to each player. Both players lay out a card face up. The first to call the product (multiplication) picks up the two cards.

**Variations:** Add the two cards together or subtract the two numbers from 50.

Ties are settled by leaving the cards on the table. The winner of the next call picks up all the cards on the table. The winner is the player with the most cards when all the cards have been used.

**Stage 3 News**

**Welcome Back!** We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and ready to start the final term for 2015. I am sure it will go very fast and our brilliant Year 6 students will be leaving us for high school before we know it.

**On Safari:** A very big thank you to all those stage 3 students and their families that helped make our musical spectacular such a wonderful success. We really appreciate your help and the maturity you showed throughout the whole production.

**Camps:** Stage 3 will be going away to camp next week and are getting very excited. Year 5 will be going to Kianinny and Year 6 is going to Canberra. Both are leaving on Wednesday October 14 and will return on Friday October 16. We expect that all these children will demonstrate all our PBL values and be great ambassadors for our school.

This term we are focusing on “Fantasy” in our English unit. This is a transition unit written in conjunction with Eden Marine High School and will be carried through into year 7 next year. During this unit we will be studying “Ponyo” with a focus also on Japan. HSIE and Science syllabus components are also covered during this unit. We will also be studying “The Living World” in science where we will be looking at how plants and animals adapt to survive in their surroundings. This term will also include more transition activities with the high schools.

**Community News**

**Merimbula Knights Cricket Club Junior Registration Day.** (Under10s, Under 12s, Under 14s) will be held this Thursday 8/10/2015 at Berrambool Sporting Complex between 4pm and 5pm and Registration will be $30. For more information please check the Merimbula Knights Facebook page.