Notes from the Principal

SLIC Art Show Congratulations:
Congratulations to all of the Merimbula PS students who had exemplary art works displayed at the Sapphire Coast Learning Community Art Show. The show was held at Twyford Hall over the weekend. It was amazing, colourful and very creative. Thank you to Mrs Tuckwell for helping to set up and organise the show and to Mrs Feneck for assisting the team of teachers in setting up the displays in Twyford Hall. We have such amazing art teachers!

Student Assistance: Student Assistance for school uniforms and excursion cost supplementation can be applied for by families in need. If you would like more information about the Student Assistance Scheme or would like to access an application form, please contact our Administration Office on 62951266.

Sports Captain and SRC Speeches 2016:
Sports Captain Speeches for those interested in positions for 2016 will take place on Friday, October 30 from 12.30-1.30pm in House Group Meetings. SRC Election Speeches will take place in the Jackson Hall on Monday, November 2 from 12.00-1.30pm.

In Week 3 Mr Hughes will be hosting a 2016 Stage 3 Meeting with the current Year 4 and Year 5 students. At the start of the meeting they will also be joined by Year 3 students who will be finding out about the opportunity to be Junior House Captains. Students will get an Expression of Interest page to complete in class, where they can outline what would make them a good School Leader and how they already demonstrate the school values of Respect, Responsibility, Care and Fairness. Students will have to nominate, via a preference of 1 being 1st choice to 8 (or 1 to 3 if not all are of interest) for what position they may like to hold out of:
- School Leader (Year 5 only)
- House Captain/Vice Captain/Jr Vice Captain (Year 4 only)
- Library, Technology, Flag or Bus Monitor (regular bus users only)

- School PBL Mascot
Please talk to your child about this wonderful leadership and skill building opportunity. Students selected to give speeches will be announced in the Week 4 Newsletter.

Timetable Changes: Next week some Library, Art and Music times will change due to other timetabling changes. We apologise for the inconvenience. New days will be shared in next week’s newsletter.

AECG Meeting: An AECG gathering (meeting) is being held for all interested Aboriginal community members, parents and guardians of Aboriginal students who would like to be involved in and become members of the Eden Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). If you would like inclusion on the agenda please call President MEAGHAN HOLT on 0401 211 646 or 6496 0000; Where: JIGAMY CULTURAL CENTRE; When: Friday 16TH OCTOBER 2015; Time: 1:30PM

Sport News

Congratulations Jem! A huge congratulations to Jem Ryan who has been selected to be the bowler for the South Coast Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Cricket team this year. In Week 4 Jem will be travelling to Barooga, in the Riverina Region of NSW, to represent our Region in the State Cricket Championships.

K-2 News

2H Assembly: Next Monday, October 19th, we are looking forward to our fortnightly assembly being hosted by 2H. Our assembly will commence at 2:00pm in the Jackson Hall. Parents, families and friends are most welcome to join us as 2H host the assembly and share an item.

NRL Program: This month, our stages are participating in a program facilitated by Damien Kennedy from Country NRL. The program, which is linked to the PD/H/PE syllabus, will focus on conflict resolution, team work, fair play, unity and fundamental ball skills. Children are asked to ensure that they wear suitable footwear for this program being implemented on Tuesday, 13th and 20th October.

Stage One Talking and Listening: A reminder that the Year 1 and Year 2 Talking and Listening Task is due on your child’s normal news day in Week 9 of this term. Please work with your child throughout the term to ensure that they are prepared and confident to present their task in Week 9.

Mrs Pearce Teaching 1/2V: We extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Pearce who is teaching 1/2V during Weeks 1-3 whilst Ms Vaughan is on leave. Mrs Pearce brings a wealth of experience, a deep understanding of current Stage One programs at Merimbula Public School and an engaging and supportive approach to her teaching. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Pearce regularly support our school while teachers are on leave.

2016 Kindergarten Transition: This week our 2016 Kindergarten transition program will continue on Thursday from 9:30 – 11:00. Parents will be attending an information session and morning tea in the Jackson Hall while our new Kindergarten children visit our Kindergarten rooms and become more familiar with our school, its learning programs and routines.

K/15 Parent Helpers: Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who have assisted K/15 with programs this year. In Term 4, K/15 learning programs will not require the assistance of our parent and community helpers. Thanks again for your great help throughout the year.

Stage 2 News

NRL Gala Day: Congratulations to all the Stage 2 students who participated in the NRL Gala Day last Friday at the Pambula Sport Complex. A lot of children had their first ever go at tackle rugby league and league tag. It was pleasing to see a high level of enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship from all the MPS players. Mr
Jamieson was especially impressed with the outstanding behaviour of all our students while away representing our school. The children and staff would like to thank Danny Hayes for all his help and support on the day. We’d also like to thank the NRL Development Officers for organising the Gala Day.

PBS: This week three students achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. Awardees were:
- Jayda Hulme for Responsibility
- Kaylah Smith for Care
- Hugh Campbell-Jones for Respect

Elouis Hicks received a wrist band for completing her Responsibility Matrix four times.

Synthetic Phonics Reading and Spelling Program: Stage 2 teachers are really pleased with the progress children have been making in the Synthetic Phonics Reading and Spelling Program. A lot of children have now finished Multilit Extension and this has advanced their ability to independently edit and publish their written work.

Mr Jamieson will be going with the Year 6 students on their Canberra excursion on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Ms Alicia McDowell will be taking 3J while he is away.

Stage 3 News

Excursions: By the time this goes to print, Year 5 and 6 will be settling into their Kianinny and Canberra Excursions. Year 5 students are due back at school on Friday afternoon, in time for the afternoon buses. Year 6 students are scheduled to arrive back at school at 5:30pm. Any changes to this time will be advertised on the school’s Facebook page. In case of emergencies, please contact the school at the office during business hours, 8:30 – 3:30 or after hours via private Facebook message to the school Facebook page. Students not attending the excursions should be attending school as usual. They have been assigned work to complete and may be asked to provide some mentoring for our younger infant students. See you Friday!

Welcome: We would like to welcome two new students this term Malachi Mills-Hindle has joined SH and Mary-Jane Rushby has become the newest member of 5/6BL. It is fantastic to have them both at our school. Welcome!

Supplies: Many student supplies are critically low. Please ensure all students have access to a blue/black and red pen, scissors, cm/mm ruler and a glue stick. It makes it very hard when students do not have these important supplies accessible every day.

Library News

Welcome back to Term 4. We have been very busy in the library changing our operating system. Our new system will be web based, interactive and available on any digital device that has Wi-Fi access. The children will be taught all about this from next week. Borrowing will recommence on Monday 19th October. Unfortunately, borrowing hasn’t been able to happen so far this term.

We also have a new smart board in our library thanks to our wonderful P&C! Thanks to Mr Morris for assembling it. This will allow us to use our new system much more effectively.

If you have any bean bags or large cushions that you no longer need and would like to donate them to the library, they will be gratefully accepted.

School Banking

Welcome Back to Term 4: There have been a number of changes to the rewards for this term due to the withdrawal of items and other items now being out of stock. The rewards that are available this term (subject to stock availability) are: Galaxy Glider, Outer Space Savers Money Box, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rocket, ET DVD, and from 2014 reward items Shark Key Ring, Scented Pencils, and Swimming Bag.

If you have collected 8, 9 or 10 tokens you can pre-order your reward now. Please select your choice and include a note with your next deposit. Remember to hand in your 10 tokens in exchange for your reward.

Don’t forget deposit books need to be in the office by 9.00am Wednesday.

School Photos

School Photos: School Photos have returned to school. They have been sent home with this week’s newsletter. Please check your child’s bag. If you have any concerns or feedback about the photos, please let us know on 62951266.

The sports groups/special photos are now displayed in the school foyer for parents and students to view. Order envelopes for these photos are available from the office. Please note, the preferred method of payment is online direct to The School Photographer. If paying by cash, correct money will need to be placed in the envelopes as no change is available from the school office.

Canteen News

Our new Canteen menu went out last week. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out, so if you have a few hours to spare at any time, please fill in the volunteer slip at the bottom of the canteen menu and send it in so you can be added to the roster. We appreciate any help you can offer.

Reminders

URGENT 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 which has been sent home again today. Please send order forms and money to school by October 16. Thank you for your support, The Visual Arts Team.

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