Surveys: Final Chance to Complete Survey Feedback: Over the last two months, families have had the opportunity to complete three surveys. Thank you to those who have responded. Your responses will help us with our planning for 2016. If you have not already completed a survey, please do so by accessing the links below. Each link is also a separate post on our Facebook page and the surveys can be completed using a smart phone or iPad.

The surveys will close this Friday Homework and School Connections Survey: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm?sessionid=elKvVjFV6jxhkXzBrw4worker5
Creativity and Extra Curricular Activities Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Merimbula_PS_Creativity_Survey

The Cyber-safety Lady: Thanks to a generous grant from the IMB Children’s Foundation, and hard work from our P&C, on Monday night around 50 community members and educators attended an information evening on cyber-safety at Club Sapphire. Children in Stage 2 and 3 have also been involved at workshops at school to improve their awareness of cyber-safety strategies. Thank you to the P&C for supporting this initiative and for your work in successfully receiving the grant so that it could take place. The feedback has been extremely positive.

P&C Meeting: Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended last week’s P&C Meeting. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday November, 10 at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Newcomers are welcome. Have a voice in driving future school directions and initiatives.

SRC: Students have met this week to find out about School Representative Council leadership opportunities for 2016. They have also worked on ‘expressions of interest’ in class to outline what would make them a good leader. Next week’s newsletter will contain information about which students will be presenting speeches to run for School Leader positions. Good luck students! Completed expressions of interest are due in next Monday.

Congratulations Mrs Lawson: Congratulations to Mrs Lawson who this week has been appointed as a permanent full-time teacher at Merimbula Public School. Mrs Lawson has been an asset to our school for just over two years now. It is wonderful that she has secured a permanent position. Thank you to the P&C and local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group for providing representatives for our selection panel.

Upcoming Important Event Dates: Many important dates are regularly shared as invites on our Facebook page. Don’t forget to keep checking into our Facebook page to ensure you are up to date with the latest school events and activities.

School News

Scholastic Book club: Order forms for Term 4 book club have been sent home today. Orders must be placed by Wednesday 4th of November. No late orders can be accepted. A reminder that cash should not be sent in to school. All orders are to be placed in clearly marked envelope in the front office.

Spelling Bee: A huge congratulations to Emma Brough, Tianna Webb, Thomas Gee and Margot Chabrier who proudly represented our school at the regional spelling bee finals. With the regions’ top spellers from schools encompassing Braidwood to Batemans Bay and with words such as ‘capitulate’, ‘bauxite’ and ‘serpentine’ our best placed student was Tianna Webb who came in the top 11 of 39 students. Congratulations once again to you all.

K-2 News

Assemblies: On Monday, November 2nd, we are very excited to have our assembly hosted by KW. Our assembly will commence at 2:00pm in the Jackson Hall. Parents, families and friends are most welcome to join us as KW host the assembly and share an item. Thank you 2H and Mrs Hodsdon for the marvellous job you did this week convening our first stage assembly for the term.

2016 Kindergarten Transition: This week our 2016 Kindergarten transition program will continue on Thursday from 9:30 – 11:35. We would like all of our incoming 2016 Kindergarten children to bring their lunch with them this week and join us for their first lunch in the playground. It was fantastic to see so many parents and children attend our first session last week.

Thank you very much to Miss Wilson for coordinating our very successful information session last week and to all staff and parents who assisted.

Day for Daniel: Our school is participating, for the first time; in the Day for Daniel program next Thursday 29th October. We invite all of our students to wear red clothing next Thursday as we engage in activities that promote personal safety for children.

Soft Drink Bottles: Years 1 and 2 would love donations of clean and rinsed, clear 1.5L soft drink bottle containers to be used for science. If you have these left over please send into your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Warm Weather: A reminder, as the weather becomes warmer to ensure that all children bring a drink bottle with water in it to school. Drink bottles with water may be taken into the classroom for ease of access to ensure our children are well hydrated. Please remember to also ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat at school each day.

Stage 2 News

Cyber Safety Presentation: Stage 2 students and teachers would like to thank the School P&C for organising the Cyber Safety Lady’s visit to our school this week. The Stage 2 and Stage 3 Cyber Safety...
Presentations helped our students on their way to becoming safe amazing digital citizens. This initiative was funded by an IMB Grant that the P&C successfully applied for.

PBS: This week two students achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. Awardees were: Jared Cleverley and Riccardo Albanese for Care and Lilly Binns received a wrist band for completing her Responsibility Matrix four times.

3ST: It was with much sadness we heard of the leaving of Darren Vong from our School. Darren was one of our class SRC representatives and did a very good job too. We would like to welcome Walter Blewitt into the position of SRC representative for 3ST along with Rosy Ryan. We all know that they will continue to do an excellent job representing our class.

Kianinny Camp:

Last week’s Year 5 Kianinny Camp was fantastic. All the students displayed the values and developed the skills required to work as a team and become next year’s school leaders. The students had a fantastic time on the ‘Sugar Glider’, canoeing, on the archery field and rescuing injured teammates. The students showed exemplary behaviour throughout the entire camp and can be proud of their efforts, achievements and attitudes. We would like to thank the staff at Kianinny for accommodating us as well as Mr. Byrnes and Mrs. Samuels-Connell for their help and support during the stay. A more detailed report will come soon.

Canberra Camp Report: This years’ Year 6 camp was a wonderful success. The children were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children enjoyed all the places we visited including The War Memorial, The Mint and The AIS. A highlight for all the students was Questacon with many of them bravely attempting the freefall slide. The teachers would like to congratulate all the students for their behaviour and we all had just as much fun as the kids.

Kianinny Camp:

Congratulations: Well done to Jake Hansen, Louise Campbell and Liliana Watters for being selected to participate in the SCLC Band. You guys rock our world.

EMHS Transition Days: On Monday October 26th, Years 5 and 6 will be lucky enough to take part in Drama transition activities provided by students and staff of Eden Marine High School. All Stage 3 will get to take part of these activities in the Hall.

Next Wednesday, students from Years 5 and 6 will be provided a Technology session provided by staff and students from Eden Marine High School. The learning will happen in the year 6 classrooms and all students in Stage 3 will take part. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity.

Cricket Star: Good luck to our very own, Jem Ryan who will be heading off to Barooga this weekend as part of the South Coast Cricket Team. If Jem can manage to throw down some of those lethal fast balls, he will be in good stead to make the NSW team. Good luck, Jem!!!!

Sports/Special Group Photos: The sports groups/special photos are now displayed in the front office 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. Orders and payments are to be into the school by Tuesday 3rd November.

Canteen News

Helpers required: The canteen is always looking for new volunteers to help out. This is a great way to get to meet our student, other parents and get to know our school. If you would like to help out and 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 look forward to your help.

Tathra MTB Race Committee:

The Tathra Mountain Bike Club: is expanding its mountain bike calendar to include 11 races over an 11 month period. There are 8 races planned for Tathra, 2 for Mandeni/Manna Park near Tura Beach and 1 at the South Coast Anglican College. Our series runs from September to July. We had our 1st round on the 27th of September and one of the success stories of the day was the children’s participation ride. Due to this interest and success we are looking to expand the participation ride for the kids with 3 different participation categories. The age categories are under 8 year olds, 8 to 12 year olds and 12 to 15 year olds. For the ages of 15 years and above we have a sport race category.

For further information please contact Phil Smith, Tathra MTB Race Committee Member, 0428 485 346

School Banking

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

Community Announcements

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