School Leader and House Captain Elections: Congratulations to all of the students who gave speeches this week for School Leader and House Captain Elections. The speeches were of a high quality and demonstrated the efforts students made in demonstrating how they follow our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Care and Fairness. Successful students, as well as those being appointed to Technology, Library, Bus and other Monitor Positions will be announced at our Presentation Day on Friday, December 11 (9.30-11am).

Presentation Day: This year’s Presentation Day will be held on Friday, December 11 between 9.30 and 11am. The Presentation Day Ceremony will be followed by a Parent Helper’s Morning Tea at 11.15-11.55. Our Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will then be held from 12.30-1.30pm. For reminders of these and other important dates, please like the events on our school Facebook Page.

Students receiving awards and those being appointed to 2016 Leadership Positions will be announced in a Roll Of Honour that will go home with the Week 7 (November 18) School Newsletter.

Librarian Position: Our school will be advertising for a new Teacher Librarian this week. We hope to have our new librarian commence from the beginning of 2016. Ms Bain has done a wonderful job teaching in the library whilst sharing the Principal role in 2015. She has been invaluable in setting up our new OLIVER Library System so that borrowing can again take place using new and improved software that allows students to reserve books from home. Ms Bain will be returning to her Stage 3 Assistant Principal and Classroom Teacher positions in the new-year.

Staffing 2016: In 2016 we look forward to Mrs Tina Lawson and Mrs Kate Shook starting in their Permanent Classroom Teacher Positions. I, Michelle Hulme, also look forward to returning to the Principal Position on a full-time basis following my time supporting the Department of Education and Communities in the part-time Principal School Leadership position in 2014 and 2015. This will allow improved consistency with the Assistant Principals being able to remain on class full-time.

With an increasing number of enrolments we have already planned for having 17 classes in 2016, compared to 16 this year. We are very close to having 18 classes, therefore if you know of any new families or incoming Kindergarten students who have not yet enrolled, please remind them to do so as we would like to have 2016 classes finalised in the coming weeks.

P&C News

P&C Fundraisers: Thank you once again to our P&C for organising the 2015 Christmas Shopping Spree Fundraiser. Thank you also to the Waterfront Café, Coast Country, Camping Plus, Seaside Trader, Bird in a Tree, Sportspower, Play, Brief Affairs, Merimbula Newsagency and Gifts, Merimbula Surf Shop, Georgie’s Fine Jewellery and Enhance U for supporting this event. The Shopping Spree will take place from 6-8.30pm on Thursday, November 19 and there will be many bargains for individuals and teams who participate.

Tickets are available from the front office for $15. Those interested can call Catherine Kennedy on 0428 460 640 or Bec Smith on 0421 517 681. The spree will be followed by lucky door prizes and more fun at the Waterfront Café. Refreshments will be provided at participating stores.

The P&C have also organised another fantastic Christmas Raffle, with a first prize of a $2000 holiday voucher from Helloworld Travel Merimbula. A nights accommodation at Merimbula Beach Cabins is the great second prize. A Rover Brushcutter courtesy of Mitre 10 Merimbula and a $150 Zanzibar Café voucher are also up for grabs. Raffle Tickets will be sent home with a coming newsletter. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Day Ceremony. Terms and conditions will soon be available on our school web site.

Survey Responses: Thank you to the parents and caregivers who completed our Leadership, Creativity and Teaching and Learning Surveys in the past few weeks. We are excited to hear all of your positive thoughts about our learning programs, art and music initiatives and academic opportunities. We also liked reading your suggestions about how we can further improve our school for your children. With over 93% of parents/carers surveyed indicating that they would like another language taught at Merimbula Public School, we are further looking into how we can provide this opportunity for students. Almost 70% of the parents/caregivers surveyed suggested that they would like to see Japanese taught at our school. More information about how we plan to implement a Japanese Language and Culture Program, following your responses, will be shared in coming newsletters and P&C Meetings.

Other survey results and academic achievements will be published in our 2015 Annual School Report that will be available on our web site in the coming months.

The School Patch: Congratulations Jayda Cleverley of 2/3BR for guessing closest to our amount of waste collected in Week 3. Jayda guessed 215 litres of food waste and our amount of waste collected in Week 3. Jayda guessed 215 litres of food waste and we collected 209 litres. Well done Jayda, come and see Mr Morris for your prize. We will now know how many worm farms we need to process all that waste. Thanks to

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everyone who took part.

Book Club: Book club orders closed today. Thank you to those families who purchased books. 20% of the total purchase price comes back to the school to allow us to purchase new books for our library. Delivery will be in the next few weeks. Jenni Smith

ON SAFARI: A 2 disc video of the MPS Musical 'On Safari' is available for purchase. If you would like one, please obtain an order form from the office and return it ASAP with $10 cash to the school office.

Stage 2 News

Assemblies: Thank you KW for your wonderful performance and the fantastic job you did leading our last assembly. You have shown us just how ready you are for Year One in 2016. Our next assembly will be held on Monday November 16 and will be hosted by 1Y.

School Swimming Scheme: A reminder that eligible students in Year 2 are able to participate in the NSW Department of Education Swimming Scheme. It is being held from Monday November 30 to Friday December 11. Please ensure that notes and money for this program are returned to the school office by Thursday November 26.

Welcome Miss Northfield: We are delighted to welcome Miss Northfield, a pre-service teacher who is currently studying through Curtin University, to our school. Miss Northfield will be working with 1Y and Mrs Young whilst at Merimbula Public School.

NRL Program: A big thank you to Country Rugby League and Mr Kennedy for the fantastic program we have benefited from over the last few weeks. Also, a big thank you for the rugby league balls that have been given to each of our students for their participation in the program.

Library: Please check the Library News section of the newsletter to keep up to date with library times and changes. This term KU have Library on Monday, K/15 on Tuesday and KW on Friday.

Stage 3 News

General News: Things have been moving along steadily for Stage 3. We are learning about the role of the World’s Reef Systems with a focus on the Great Barrier Reef in HSIE. In Science our focus is how animals adapt and change to survive in their environment.

Our unit on Fantasy is beginning to take shape. This is a transition unit and will be continued in Year 7 for those students attending Eden Marine High School. Our maths focus for the next few weeks will be Multiplication and Division.

Remember that children should be reading every night and are not too old to be read to. Pick a classic story that they may not have been exposed to and enjoy it together. Remember to question them every few paragraphs to check their comprehension. A good conversation to have with your Stage 3 student at this time of year could be about making smart choices and how their actions result in a reaction that may affect more people than they realise.

SRC Speeches: Well done to all the students who prepared and completed speeches for the house captain and SRC leader roles. You did an outstanding job. Students will be made aware of who was successful at the presentation day.

Jackson Cup: Notes for Stage 2 and 3’s Jackson Cup tournament went home today. Please have these returned to your class teacher by Friday November 13. This will give you permission to compete in either netball or soccer. If you have any questions please contact Mr Hughes via the school office.

Year 6 2016 School Polo Shirts: Orders have been sent home today for Year 5 students going into Year 6 next year. Please fill in order form and return orders & money to school by Nov 27.

Library News

We have had a few changes to our library this term, including a new operating system and a new timetable.

Over the next 2 weeks children will be receiving an information note that tells them how they can access the library from home. Please take the time to look at this with your child.

The Week 6 (beginning Monday November 9) library timetable is as follows:
- **Monday**: 1/V, 2/3BR, KU and 4C; **Tuesday**: K/15, 2H and 3J; **Wednesday**: 4/5HD; **Thursday**: 5/6BL and 3ST; **Friday**: KW, 5H and FB.

Please encourage your child to bring their library bags and books to school on these days.

Canteen News

Reminder: International Food Day Tuesday November 10.

Remember to get your orders in by Friday Nov 6.
- Fettuccine Carbonara: $4.00
- Bolognaisse: $4.00
- Lasagne: $4.00
- Farfalle Boscaiola: $4.00

Extra order forms available from the office or canteen.

Community Announcements

Merimbula Imlay Historical Society
Twilight Craft & Produce Market – Old School Museum, Main St Merimbula Saturday Nov 21 from 4-7pm. Stalls include Cakes, Preserves, Handmade candles, Christmas tablemats, Wood turning, Jewellery, Soaps. Enquiries Liz 64957034 or Brigitte 64953034.

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TWILIGHT CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21 - 4:00 TO 7:00
ENTRY - GOLD DONATION - INCLUDES MUSEUM ACCESS

There will be stalls selling
- Cakes
- Pies
- Handmade Ceramics
- Christmas Tableware
- Recipe Books
- Sausage Rolls
- Wood Turning
- Dried & Cut Herbs
- Jewellery
- Children's Toys
- Museum Stuff
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