Notes from the Principal

Presentation Day Reminder: 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.

School News

Office Hours: Our school Administration and Support Staff are employed between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm. Our school can be contacted by phone during these times. Please be reminded that the office switchboard is not attended outside of these hours.

DVD Orders: The commemorative DVD Pack includes two discs, one of each evening performance. The total cost per DVD pack is $10. Please complete all orders and send them in with payment by December 4 to be able to get your copy this year.

Giving Tree: Once again Merimbula Public School Administration Staff are coordinating a “Giving Tree”. While many of us are surrounded by family or friends and an abundance of gifts, for many people Christmas is one of the loneliest times of the year. Through our “Giving Tree” we can bring some joy to those less fortunate at this special time of year. Donations of gifts will be given to local charities to distribute where necessary.

We are asking for NEW gifts suitable for children 0 - 12 years of age. If you could wrap your gift and place a tag on with e.g. “girl aged 5” it would be much appreciated. Gifts can be left under our “Giving Tree” in the office foyer.

We are also taking donations of packet and canned foods to distribute to families over the festive season.

P & C News

Christmas Raffle Reminder: Thank you to the families who have already been selling and returning tickets and money. Don’t forget our Christmas Raffle has a first prize of a $2000 holiday voucher from Helloworld Travel Merimbula. 4 nights accommodation at Merimbula Beach Cabins valued at $560, a Rover Brushcutter courtesy of Mitre 10 Pambula valued at $320 and a $150 Zanzibar Café voucher are other prizes. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Day Ceremony.

Shopping Spree: Thank you to the wonderful P & C Committee who did such a great job in organising another fun ‘Shopping Spree’ night. I’m sure all the local shops were pleased to see so many locals spending money in our town.

End of Year Activities: Please remember to return all notes and payment for our end of year activities. Kindergarten are visiting Potoroo Palace and Year 1 and 2 are going to the cinema.

Jackson Cup: Well done to all of our students for the wonderful way they participated in the Jackson Cup last Wednesday. Thank you to our parents who came along and supported the children as they rotated through each of their sporting activities.

Kindergarten Graduation: We are very excited about our upcoming Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony on Friday December 11 at 12:30pm. This is a very special day for our Kindergarten students and we warmly invite all of our Kindergarten families to join us as we acknowledge the success of each of our Kindergarten children.

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Presentation Day
Year 1 to 6 Presentation Day is also held on Friday December 11, commencing at 9:30am. Parents, families and friends of Year 1 and 2 students are welcome to attend as we recognise the outstanding achievements of Stage 1 students.

Stage 2 News

Jackson Cup: It was wonderful to see all the Stage 2 students participating enthusiastically in last week’s Jackson Cup. The Jackson Cup was first contested in 1973 and the tradition has continued to this day. Percy Jackson, a community member with a high level of interest in children’s sport, helped to initiate the competition and was always closely involved in its implementation. The emphasis of the Jackson Cup has changed a little over the years, from being highly competitive to one of “everyone have a go, and have fun”, although House rivalry is still strong. The strong focus of good sportsmanship and participation has remained for over forty years. To this day...
it is a very important part of the school’s culture and sport program.

**PBS:** This week four students achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. 
Awarded were: Jayda Hulme for ‘Care’ Indiana Raec for ‘Respect’ Riccardo Albanese and Taylor Auld for ‘Responsibility’

**Wrist Bands:** Jared Cleverley and Lara Kellalea received wrist bands for completing their ‘Fairness’ Matrix four times. Angus Kew received a wrist band for completing his ‘Care’ Matrix four times. Hugh Campbell-Jones received a wrist band for completing his ‘Responsibility’ Matrix four times.

**Principal’s Award:** Taylor Auld received a Principal’s Award for her 5 Merit Awards.

**End of year party day:** Stage 2 will be going to Spencer Park for games followed by a viewing of a movie at the Picture Show Man. Note to follow.

**Stage 3 News**

**Year 6 Leaving Dinner:** A reminder to those parents and carers who are planning on attending the Year 6 Leaving Dinner. Please book your table as soon as possible to assist with our planning. There are still a few tickets left to be purchased. This is a very important night for our students and a very proud moment for their parents and carers. Please don’t miss out!

**Year 6 Shirts – 2016:** Please send orders and payment to office ASAP. We now have the sample shirts in the office if you are undecided about sizes.

**Talent Quest:** Just a reminder that all students wishing to participate in the annual ‘Merimbula Public School’s Got Talent’ need to have their application to Mr Hughes by the end of business, Friday. Auditions will begin at lunch on Wednesday of Week 9. Students must have indicated: The name and brief summary of their act, the names of all participants, and any props required (including music). Students must have access to any music they need, on a thumb drive, on the day of their audition. The talent quest will be held on Monday of Week 11 at 12pm in the Jackson Hall.

**Jackson Cup:** The annual Jackson Cup Tournament was again a raging success. The weather gods cooperated and we were welcomed with a magnificent day. All the students who took part (the most we have ever seen) should be congratulated on their effort, sportsmanship, skills and teamwork. It was a pleasure to watch. A huge thank you must go out to the students from Eden Marine High School who refereed all the games. Also to Mat Lawson and Laura Naweinsnai who helped out on the day. Also thank you to Dave Gilbert who helped enormously to prepare the fields and arrange the use of the soccer nets. The Bellbirds dominated the day winning 3 out of 4 competitions. The Pelicans won the Junior Netball competition.

**EMHS and BHS Transition Day:** All students should have received their permission and information notes regarding the high school transition days for both Eden and Bega High School on December 3rd. Please ensure these are returned to your class teacher this week.

**EMHS Transition Day Report:** We enjoyed our time at EMHS. We built screw drivers and candle holders and the teachers were helpful. The Year 10 students were nice and played a game with us. The teachers were Mrs Wall and Mr Jackson, they showed us the school and couple of the classes e.g: tie dye, the labs and the Ag farm. Written by Taj Baldwick and Patrick Thompson

**Koori Camp:** At the Bournda camp we stayed in A-frames and met new friends we also walked a lot and swam a lot but we had fun. Written by Jake.

I had a great experience and encourage Koori kids of the future to come along and learn about their culture, local bush tucker and learn about our local area. We also listened to true stories that were told to us. Written by Maximus.

**Magic Mountain Party Day:** Permission notes were sent home yesterday. Please send notes & payment in by December 4.

**Library News**

**Library News:** The following classes will be attending the library in Week 9, beginning Monday, November 30:
- Monday - 6K, 1Y, KU, 4C; Tuesday - K/1S, 2H, 3J; Wednesday - 4/5HD; Thursday - 5/6BL, 3ST; Friday - KW, 5H, FM.

Week 9 will be the last week that children will be able to borrow for the year. All books will be due back in week 10.

**Student Banking**

We have some very dedicated Dollarmites who bank almost every week, which is great to see. Watch this space to see who have been the top 5 consistent school banking students for 2015.

This is the last week to order rewards for this year. Any tokens that you have left will be carried over to 2016. Details on a new range of reward items will be available early in Term 1 next year.

Reminder there will be NO banking on Wednesday December 16.

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

**Canteen News**

Thank you to Sandra and all her wonderful helpers who made sure all the kids had lots of lovely ‘red’ goodies to eat yesterday.

**Community Announcements**

**Careys by Candlelight**

**Friday Dec 11 from 6pm at Magic Mountain.** Featuring performances from Kitty Kat & the Band of Thieves, The Figments, Lochie Marson, Kylie Grey, Ricky Bloomfield, Budd’s Irish Dancers, Sapphire Coast Band, SCLC Stage Band, Wobbles Ukelele Band, Lumen Christi Catholic College Boys Choir, Merimbula PS, Wolumla PS, Pambula PS. BYO chairs, picnic rugs. This is an alcohol free event.