Notes from the Principal

Presentation Day Reminder: This year’s Presentation Day will be held next week, 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.

On Safari DVD Order Form: Please remember that order forms are due in by the END OF THIS WEEK if you would like a copy of the school musical DVDs. The commemorative DVD Pack includes two discs, one of each evening performance. The total cost per DVD pack is $10.

P&C Meeting Thanks: Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended last night’s P&C Meeting. It was a productive meeting, discussing ideas for 2016.

Helpers Needed: Can you spare an hour or two this Saturday? The P&C need support to sell raffle tickets outside the newsagency. 25 books of tickets were sold last time. This could be a good way for you to further assist our school as well as get some extra entries into the book seller’s draw.

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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, a Rover Brushcutter courtesy of Mitre 10 Merimbula and a $150 Zanzibar Café voucher are other prizes. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Day Ceremony. Did you know that there are a range of book seller’s prizes???? Prizes include: Top Fun Vouchers, A Family Pass to Magic Mountain, A Family Pass to On The Perch, a Family Pass to the Merimbula Aquarium, one to Potoroo Palace and MORE!

Please write your/your child’s name on the raffle book cover when you return it to school.

PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO SCHOOL BY NEXT TUESDAY.

Talent Quest: Auditions are well underway in our MGT talent quest. We have seen some excellent acts so far with hopefully plenty more to come over the week. If you missed your audition for any reason, please see Mr Hughes so we can fit you in at another time during the week. Acts who are successful in the audition process and will be performing in the Talent Quest on Monday December 14 will be published in next week’s newsletter.

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.

Assemblies: Well done to all of our students who have done such a fantastic job of hosting our assemblies during the year. A big thank you to our families and friends who have come along and supported each of the children as they have developed their confidence and leadership skills through our fortnightly assemblies. This week’s assembly was the last Stage Assembly for 2015.

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

Please return your child’s permission note along with money to the school office by Tuesday December 8.

Empty OMO Laundry pod tubs: If your family has empty OMO Laundry pod tubs at home we would love to use the empty containers for storage of our Stage Readers. If you have any of the containers at home please send them to Mrs Smith’s K/15 class.

Kindergarten Graduation: We are very excited about our upcoming Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony on Friday 11 December 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 2 News

Stage 2 End of Year Party Day: Stage 2 will be having their end of year party on Wednesday, 16th December 2015.

Please return your child’s permission note along with money to the school office by Tuesday December 8.

We will commence the day with games and lunch at Spencer Park. After the Spencer Park activities the students will walk up to the Merimbula Picture Show Man Cinema to watch “Good Dinosaur”. Students will walk back to school after the movie in time to farewell our Year 6 students.

If you have any queries about the day please feel free to contact your child’s class teacher.

PBS: This week three students achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix.

Awardees were: Sam Hsiao and Emily Judd for ‘Care’ and Jaimee Connell for ‘Responsibility’

Wrist Bands: Angus Kew and Dylan Watkins received wrist bands for completing their ‘Fairness’ Matrix four times. Darcy Newman received a wrist band for completing his ‘Care’ Matrix four times.

P&C Christmas Raffle: We hope Stage 2 parents/caregivers continue making a big effort to support the P&C’s Christmas Raffle. There are a lot of terrific prizes and all money raised will go towards providing valuable resources for our school. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Day Ceremony on Friday 11 December.

Assemblies: Parents are always welcome to attend our school assemblies. Our next Year 3-6 Assembly will be held in the school hall at 2:00pm on Monday, December 7.

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 as we need to confirm numbers with Oaklands this week. 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.

EMHS and BHS Orientation: Orientation Day for Bega and Eden Marine High School are tomorrow. Students should have organised themselves to find out where their closest bus stop is and need to wear their full school uniform.

Students attending BHS are required to pack their own lunch and water bottle. Students attending EMHS will have lunch provided. They may take some money to buy something from the school canteen. Have fun, Year 6!

Stage 3 Class Party Day and leaving tunnel: The Stage 3 class day will be on the last Wednesday of school, December 16 at Magic Mountain. Students should have received their permission note and need to pay their $22 to the school office. If your child has a Magic Mountain pass, they will need to bring this on the day and will be required to pay $4 for the bus there and back. On Stage 3’s return, we will be holding the leaving school tunnel. This will begin at approximately 2.40pm. Parents and carers are welcomed to attend the tunnel.

Stage 3 Fantasy Movie: Students should also have returned their permission notes for the Stage 3 Fantasy Movie day. We will be watching another G rated Studio Ghibli movie to finish off our transition unit on the elements of the Fantasy genre.

Library News

It has been a big year in the library. I wish to thank all of the parents for their support. Our new system is up and running and hopefully most of the bugs have been ironed out. We apologise for books showing up as overdue, even though some parents have explained these. Hopefully all information has now been transferred over and we thank you for your patience.

Monday and Tuesday were the last borrowing days for the year. We are asking for all library books to be returned as soon as possible. There is a box outside the library door where these books can be placed.

Library lessons will continue as normal but children will not be permitted to borrow.

Community Announcements

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.

MERIMBULA & BEGA SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP: Sapphire Coast Tennis are running tennis camps at the Merimbula & Bega Tennis Clubs for beginners to advanced players aged 5-16 years over the school holidays. MERIMBULA - The camp runs for 3 days: MON 18th TUE 19th WED 20th January from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. The 3 day camp will cost $65 per child. There is a $5 discount per child if fees paid before the 19th December.

BEGA - The camp runs for two days. THURSDAY and FRIDAY 21st, 22nd January from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. The 2 day camp will cost $45 per child. There is a $5 discount per child if fees paid before the 19th December.

To register Call James on 0409 315542 or email sapphirecoasttennis@gmail.com