Anzac Day March and Ceremony:
Congratulations to the 96 students who represented our school at the Anzac Day march and ceremony on Saturday. You all looked great in your school uniforms, whilst demonstrating respect and responsibility!

Well done to the SRC Leaders who spoke at the Pambula and Merimbula services and to those who lay wreaths for our school. Well done to our superb choir and thank you to the 8 staff who attended, supporting our students on the day. You have all made our school and community very proud.

Thank you to the RSL and RSL Sub-Branch for organising a lovely ceremony and to the parents and caregivers who supported their children in getting to the service. It was a wonderful tribute to our Anzacs - Lest we forget. See our Facebook page to look at some photos taken on the day.

School Banking Starts Next Wednesday!

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program has arrived!
The School Banking program provides students with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office. Please note that all new accounts need to be opened directly with the Commonwealth Bank, either online, in branch or over the phone. Our school does not offer the account opening facility at this time.

The School Banking Program is starting next Wednesday. Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver (Dollarmites) deposit books, containing your weekly deposit and a completed deposit slip need to be placed in the money drop box in the school office by 9.00am.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

Voluntary Contributions: It’s not too late!
We now have $5132.00 towards our estimated goal of $16,000.00 to spend on much needed resources for the education of our students.

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary contributions.

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2015 SCLC Music Camp
The following students have been successful in gaining a position at the 2015 SCLC Music Camp being held at Kianinny Cabins from Sunday May 17th to Wednesday May 20th:
Lilliana Watters, Arabella Tarpey, Jake yelds and Margot Chabier.
Permission notes were sent home yesterday. Please complete the acceptance/permission note and return it to the office as soon as possible. Unsuccessful Stage 3 students are welcome to try out again next year.

Annual Mother’s Day High Tea:
Sunday May 3 at 2.30pm. Grab some girlfriends, your mum, grandma or aunty and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with delicious high tea treats, tea & coffee, bubbles, goodie bags and lucky door prizes, $40 per person. Please book and pay by April 24. Tickets are available from the school office or Brief Affairs.

ANZAC Ceremony
Well done everyone for making this year’s ANZAC ceremony a special event. Congratulations to our Stage representatives who did a good job.
- Vita Arens
- David Campbell Jones
- Luka Cowles
- Mackenzie Morse

Assemblies
Our next K-2 assembly will be in Week 3. It will be held in the Jackson Hall at 2pm and will be hosted by K/1S. We look forward to seeing you there. KW will host in Week 5.

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Canteen
Canteen Helpers and Term 2 Menu: The Term 2 Canteen Menu was sent home last week with a Canteen Helper’s Note attached on the bottom. If you didn’t get your copy, one can be picked up from the office or canteen. Please check our healthy and delicious new winter menu options. If you have any time to spare, even just an hour, when you can assist in the canteen, please complete the Helper’s Note and return it to school. Children love seeing Mum, Dad, Nan and/or family in the canteen!

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Watch it Grow-Shh it’s a secret!
Stage 1 are excited to be observing meal worms over this term. We will be tracking the changes they go through. We would really like the children to explore their life cycle. If parents could help us out by not telling them what they turn into it would be much appreciated. We love to learn through scientific experiments and investigations.

Child Protection
This term K-2 will be delivering the compulsory unit of work on child protection. This helps us to give children important information to keep them safe.
Visual Arts: In Visual Arts this term, we will be building up our drawing skills by investigating both living things such as sea creatures and objects such as cars and aeroplanes. We will be combining these ideas to create nautical cars made of clay! These expressive creations will be on display in our Art Exhibition to be held in Term 3. Prepare to be amazed!

Descriptive Writing: In 3ST this week we have been having fun practising our describing skills as seen in this description by Rosy Ryan of the old Puck Wudgie Monster that visited our classroom last Wednesday.

“The Puck Wudgie has a torn, grey top covered in bits of hair, thick fluff and old stains. Her black torn jeans squeeze her as she is so big and fat. She has hard, bony ears and she smells like an old, rotten, road pizza.” By Rosy Ryan 3ST.

Recorder: Stage 2 classes will all be learning recorder this term. Recorder is a fantastic instrument for this age group because it is easy, durable and fun. Students can develop practical and music reading skills that can be transferred to other instruments later on. Students will also be learning African themed songs, dances and instrumental pieces that will be incorporated into our whole school production later in the year.

Welcome back: We are happy to have Mr Jamieson back with us this week, stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks regarding sport for Term 2 and our Science Day.

New Segment: Stage 2 will be adding in a new segment each newsletter called ‘Conversations’. There will be some questions or a topic each week for your child to talk with you about relating to topics they are discussing/learning about in class. This isn’t homework, but a fun way to involve yourself in your child’s education. Talking is so important! Conversations can happen in the car, on the couch or at the computer where they might want to show you their research skills using google to find information.

Conversations: What does ANZAC stand for? Why is a sprig of Rosemary and the Red Poppy a symbol of ANZAC and Remembrance Day?

Anzac Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped make Anzac Ceremony a moving and beautiful service. Thanks especially to Mr Beaumont, the President of the Sub Branch RSL, and Mr Rawlins, Miss Wilson’s impeccable organisation of her team of students, Mr Morris’s Technology Team, and Mrs Kellaway’s melodious school choir all combined to make a ceremony that will stay in many memories for years to come.

Cross Country Re-run: We held a re-run of the 10 year old girls’ cross country on Friday afternoon. Congratulations to all the girls who showed persistence and resilience in running hard after a demanding Anzac Day Ceremony. Winners will be announced at an upcoming school assembly.

Stage 3 Mini Fete: Our mini fete organisation is underway with lots of excitement about the different stall ideas. Although we are very excited please do not begin to buy anything for your child’s stall at this stage. We are endeavouring to keep costs to a minimum and are looking to source items cheaply before we spend all our profits at this early stage.

Important Reminder: Thanks to parents/caregivers who have ensured that their child has returned to school well equipped for learning in Term 2. Unfortunately there are many students who come to class without the basic supplies expected in Stage 3. These basics include a red and a blue pen, an HB pencil, an eraser and sharpener, and a ruler. Classrooms in Stage 3 do not provide extras of any of these basic elements to students, so it is very important to ensure your child is equipped to write, and rule a straight line.

Spectrum Theatre: Come see Merimbula Public School students Jayden Rafferty from 5H and Aria Little from 5/6L in Cinderella the Pantomime by Ben Crocker. There are three matinee shows available and all tickets are now being sold online. Get in quick for the best seats. Book online at www.spectrumtheatregroup.com.au

Photo Competition: Do you love Merimbula? Merimbula Tourism is getting ready for its next Visitor Guide to represent our beautiful area. They need some new photos of our area and need your help. The Top 20 entries will be selected by a judging panel, and will be shown in a gallery on the Merimbula Tourism website from the 10th of May. If you are interested in submitting a photo, Entry information forms can be collected from the school office or the Merimbula Tourist Visitor Centre.

Karate Club: Karate Club will resume tomorrow, Thursday, after eating time at lunch.

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