Notes from the Principal

The next couple of weeks are turning out to be a very busy time for staff at Merimbula Public School. We have fantastic events coming up, such as the Stage 3 Mini Fete, our Athletics Carnival and our next International Food Day. I look forward to seeing lots of fun participation and smiling faces.

MINI FETE NEWS!!! Tomorrow, Stage 3 students are hosting our Annual Mini Fete. It is a mufti day therefore children do not need to wear school uniform (just sleeved shirts/dresses and a hat). Children are encouraged to bring a change of clothes if they intend to take part in the water-based games. Activities and food stall items are from 50c. Money raised supports the Stage 3 students in getting to their excursions this year. Please ensure wallets contain change and not large notes (this helps the younger children develop their maths and counting skills as well as them not having to wait for change). All mufti clothes and spare changes of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Parents are welcome to come to the Mini Fete with toddlers - please sign in at the office first.

Facebook: Our school’s Facebook page has reached over 400 likes. Join our site today if you haven’t already so that you can keep informed about upcoming events.

School News

Athletics Carnival: Next Wednesday, June 3rd, is our school’s Annual Athletics Carnival - Track Events. Years 3-6 and competitive 8 Year Olds (Year 2) will walk to and from Berrambool Oval during the school day to compete in all running events, relays and the novelty ball games; including Captain Ball and Tunnel Ball. Permission notes will be sent home today and are due back next Monday, June 1. Students who do not return their notes will walk to the grounds however will not participate. All students who participate will get points for their house. Children should wear their sport uniform.

K-2 children will remain at school and participate in their carnival from 12-1.25pm. No note is required as all children will participate as part of their regular PE program. They should wear their sports shirts on the day.

Presentations for K-2 Carnival winners will take place at the end of each event. Years 3-6 & 8-Year Champions will be presented ribbons and/or Age Champion Trophies at the 3-6 Assembly at 1.55pm on Monday, June 15.

Field events for Years 3-6 and competitive 8 year olds in Year 2 (such as those who take part in Little Athletics) will take place on Friday June 12, followed by events on Friday June 26 and during sport/PE lessons in between should events take longer than planned. Come along and support your child!

PBS Awards: This week’s award winners are Kellie Pickup, Mason Hayes, Rory Smith, Jayden Reyneke and Jazz Johnstone. Congratulations.

Food Allergy Week: Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week web site has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school? Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Library News

New Books: We are lucky to have many new books and resources for the library. We are looking for some parents who may have a spare hour or two who may be able to cover into the library and cover our new books. If you are interested, please contact me through the school office.

Overdue Books: Children borrow books for 2 weeks. Sometimes this is not long enough to read the whole book. They are able to bring the book back and renew it for another 2 weeks. If your child receives an overdue notice, we would appreciate you searching for the book and returning it as soon as possible. Sometimes the book has been returned but isn’t showing up in the system as such. If this is the case, please write a note on the notice and return it to the library so that we can check for the book on the shelves.

Thank you Vanessa Bain

K-2 News

Assemblies: We look forward to KU’s assembly Monday 1st June, Week 7, 1:55pm in the Jackson Hall.

Athletics Carnival: Next Wednesday from 12-1.25pm K-2 will be having their athletics carnival.

Students will run in their age races and may dress in their house colours. We welcome all parents and carers to attend this event. Some 8 year old students who are competitive runners may be invited to attend the primary athletics event held on the same day at Berambool oval from 9.15am. Buses will pick up from school as per usual and canteen orders will also be available on the day.

Welcome back: Welcome back to Mrs Smith. We hope your trip was exciting. Thank you to K/1S for being a terrific class for me. You are all very special. Mrs Green

Watch it Grow: We had a very exciting few days with our first chick hatching on Friday and three more over the weekend. We have done a wonderful job as mothers and now have to continue looking after them by making sure they are fed, watered and warm.

K-2 Children welcoming the new chicks

The newest members of the k-2 family

Growing and Changing: Stage 1 have been patiently watching and observing their mealworms looking for changes. We have now noticed that some have changed into pupas now! We look forward to observing their next change over the coming weeks. Please remember not to tell or show your child the changes on the internet, we like to investigate by seeing!

Our next scientific investigation is to see how plants grow and change from seeds. We have really enjoyed making predictions about how we think living things change.

Illness: We are now coming into the colder part of the year where we are starting to catch colds. Please help our staff and students stop the spread of these by keeping your child home if they are not well. A hanky in their pocket is also a great way to make sure they keep blowing their noses.

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**Stage 3 News**

**Mini Fete:** Wow, it’s week 6 already and that means Mini-Fete! The Stage 3 Mini-Fete is tomorrow. All students are now ready to set up their stall and begin with the fun. The day will begin at 12.30pm and run into recess. Remember that families are allowed to attend but need to sign in at the front office first. Students should bring a sensible amount of money that is kept safe in a labelled wallet. Please Note that some stalls will require kids to get wet or slimy so a change of clothes should be available. It is a Mufti Day for all students but need to sign in at the front office first.

In Class: 5H’s Practicum Teacher, Ms Rose, has had her students writing emails to Mr Hughes to persuade him to take on their ideas. There have been some awesome emails including this one from Jacob Shields.

*Dear Mr Hughes,*

*I believe that we (the students of Merimbula Public School) should be educated in the art of skydiving. Skydiving is extremely fun and great for thrill seekers. Just imagine, the plane takes off, you jump out, and suddenly the world is spinning beneath you, the air rushing past your face at an incredible speed, the experience would be amazing.*

*When skydiving you have to have some knowledge of what is going on around you, even if you are paired up with a skydiving instructor.*

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**Sport**

**Golf Trials:** The South Coast SSA Primary golf trials will be held at Nowra Golf Club on Monday 20th July commencing at 9am. All competitors should play in regular competition and must have an AGU handicap or Jack Newton Foundation handicap. If you are interested and qualify to play in this please see Mr Hughes this week.

**PSSA Soccer:** Round 2 of the Boys PSSA Soccer will be played on Monday June 1st at Berrambool Sporting Complex at 11am. We will host Pambula PS. The winner will then need to play either Queanbeyan or Cooma North. We hope to see some spectators there to cheer the boys on.

**Regional Cross Country:** Good luck to all the students competing in the Regional Cross Country Carnival in Nowra on Friday. Do your best and run like the wind! We are all very proud of you and your achievements.

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**P&C News**

**P&C Meeting Reminder:** Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday in the Staffroom from 6.30-8pm. We hope to see you there to talk about upcoming events and initiatives. Dan Bakker from the Brounda Environmental Education Centre will be coming along to talk about our school garden project and what we are wanting to build. Interested mums, dads and family members who would like to give a hand to develop our new hobby and vegetable garden or give feedback on the proposed plans are welcome to attend.

**Trivia Night:** The P & C are hosting a Trivia Night at Club Sapphire on Saturday 20th June, see attached flyer for more information.

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**Stage 2 News**

**SCLC Music Camp:** Well done to Margot, Lilliana, Charlotte, Arabella, Jake Y, Patrick and Jake H who attended the SCLC music camp for three days last week. We have recently received accolades from the teachers and tutors about how fantastic our Merimbula Music stars were. Their attitudes, commitment and desire to learn and improve were outstanding. The camp was again a fantastic event organised by Mr Claxton, Mrs Freedman and Mrs McVetty with a camp theme of ‘Hope’. The students participated in various workshops that culminated in a concert on Wednesday night at Tathra P.S. A super effort!

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** Jake H, Pat and Jake Y at the Music camp.**

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**Mini Fete**

The **Mini Fete** is a fun day hosted by KU Stage 3. It is a Mufti Day with all students encouraged to present a stall and attract customers. There are a variety of events throughout the day including the children’s choir and music. There will be a raffle and games throughout the day. The entire day will be held on Wednesday night at Tathra P.S. A super effort!

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