Welcome Back! A big welcome back to Merimbula PS to some of our past students. Kiah Miller, Dharcie Austin, Kelsi Ryan and Grace Unicon are all here this week completing work experience within our Stage 1 classrooms. It is great to have such talent back in our schools and to see how well they have achieved at Eden Marine High School.

Congratulations: Well done to our Boys' Soccer Team who won Monday's game 5-0!

No School Next Monday: Due to the Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend, parents and caregivers are reminded that there is no school next Monday.

Vacation Care: Helping Hands is now taking bookings for its Vacation Care Program that will take place in the coming school holidays. Some of the activities on offer in the break include:
- Monday 29/6 - Design and make your own cup cake
- Tuesday 30/6 - Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday 1/7 - Excursion
- Thursday 2/7 - Excursion
- Friday 3/7 - Scooters, Rip Sticks and Skateboards Day at School (bring your helmet)
- Monday 6/7 - Balloon Animal Craft Day
- Tuesday 7/7 - Excursion
- Wednesday 8/7 - Technology Day: Bring Your Own Device
- Thursday 9/7 - Haunted House Fun Day
- Friday 10/7 - Princess and Pirate Dress Up Day

Excursions will be to Mandeni, the Picture Showman and Oaklands Barn. See or call Helping Hands on 0429 171 704 or come and get an enrolment/information flyer from our office if you would like for your child to take part in this program or part of it.

Candelo School and there are also two new cafes open for your enjoyment in town! I am so thrilled with the way the girls have been rehearsing this week as there is an enormous improvement in their playing. Thanks girls - you are doing a great job!

Mrs Beth Smith, Coordinator.

Bega High School Transition Afternoon for Year 5 and 6 Students: Next Tuesday (June 9) Bega High School staff will be providing guided tours of the school grounds for students and parents considering enrolling their child at Bega High School. While these tours are mainly aimed at students in Years 5 and 6, they welcome students of all ages who are interested in learning about Bega High. Anybody wishing to join in should meet in the Bega High School hall at 4pm. They anticipate finishing by 5pm, although some staff will remain afterwards to answer any questions. Please contact the school on 64929000 if you require further information.

PBS Awards: Congratulations to the following students for receiving PBS awards at this week’s assembly.
- Large PBS Award was awarded to Byron Kelalea.
- Principals’ Awards given to Darcy Charlton-Seaman and Rory Smith.

Wrist band awards went to Lachlan Burgess for Responsibility and Fairness and Logan Staight received one for Fairness and a Rainbow wrist band.

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New Student: Stage 2 teachers and pupils extend a big welcome to our new student Amelia Stanborough. Amelia is in 2/BR.

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Stage 2 News

PBS: This week two students from Stage 2 have achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. Awardees were:
- Elouise Hicks and Jayda Hulme for Respect.

BEEC: Last Friday four students from Stage 2, Jaimee Connell, Angus Kew, Alana Breherton and Sienna Schnabel participated in the Bournda Environmental Education Centre program “Our Place - a History and Creative Arts Day for Talented Students”. The students undertook fieldwork designed to enrich their understanding of the History and Creative Arts syllabus.

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Tennis: Well done to Logan, Maka, Aria and Charlotte who travelled to Bateman’s Bay on Tuesday with Mrs Dykes to play in Round 3 of the PSSA tennis. We can’t wait to hear a detailed report on how they went.

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