Notes from the Principal

Congratulations EMHS Students:
Congratulations to Kiah, Dharcie, Grace and Kelsi on a wonderful work experience last week. The four girls, all of whom are previous Merimbula PS students, did a wonderful job at handing out assembly awards, assisting at the Athletics Carnival and working with teachers in classrooms to support students. We wish you all the best in your future careers. You will all make great teachers!

Raffle Tickets Sent Home Today: Raffle Tickets have been sent home with today’s Newsletter. Tickets are on sale for $2 each or 3 for $5. The prize has generously been donated by North Eden Timber, the suppliers of our flash new outdoor furniture. The prize is a spotted gum outdoor setting, just like the ones in the 3-6 covered outdoor learning area playground. It is valued at $990. The winner will be drawn at the P&C Trivia Night on June 20. Please make sure that all tickets and monies are returned to school by Wednesday, June 17 so that they can be included in the draw on the night. Parents and caregivers, please support your child in staying safe by helping them to sell tickets to family, friends, known neighbours and work colleagues.

School News

P&C Trivia Night: Tickets are beginning to sell fast for our June 20 Trivia Night Fundraiser. This 18 years and over event is set to be a fun, friendly night that will raise funds for new school resources. For $15 per ticket, those in attendance will have fun, receive nibbles to eat and will have access to great auction prizes that will raise money for our school. 7 tables have already been sold, so get in and secure your seat or book for a team of 8 if you want to sit with your friends. Those who cannot get a team together are welcome to join one of the part-tables already booked. You can purchase tickets from Club Sapphire or ring Club Sapphire to purchase tickets over the phone, using your credit card, on: 64951306.

Current auction prizes already include - A Nolan’s V8 Car Kit valued at $95; a Wharf Restaurant $50 voucher; a $150 CCC Jumping Castle Hire; a voucher for 2 large Grapewine Pizza pizzas; a $100 voucher at Vicolo restaurant; a wallet from Hello World valued at over $120; a voucher for a $350 window replacement; a $220 spider control service from Bega Valley Pest Control; a whale watching trip; a $150 Harris Scarfe Voucher; a $500 South Coast Blinds and Shade Voucher; an iB Yoga voucher; 4 new tyres from Squizzy’s Tyres and More valued at $660; a $100 voucher at Merimbula Body and Skin; a getaway at the Porepunkah Pub; a $50 Infuse voucher; a voucher from EyeQ as well as gifts from Merimbula Jewellers and the Lakeview Hotel.

Other prizes on the night also include: 5x $15.00 Cellarbrations vouchers; Splash and dash car wash vouchers 10 x $10.00 vouchers; a Priceline Bega hamper valued at $150.00 (lucky door); Picture Showman 10x free tickets; Merimbula Boardwalk Ice Creamy ice cream vouchers; and a Shell service station $20.00 fuel voucher.

If you know of anyone else who would like to sponsor this event by donating an auction prize, please tell them to get in touch with the school on 6495 1266 so that we can forward their details to the P&C.

Thank you to all of our valued sponsors who are already supporting this event.

News from the Farm: We would like to welcome our newest enrolment to Merimbula Public School, Vanilla the chook. Thank you to Kirsty Wood and Rachael Davidson, for generously donating her to our school chook house. We are looking for a companion for Vanilla, so if anyone has a hen that is no longer laying and would like to donate her to the school, Vanilla would very much appreciate the company.

LOT: Kairavi from 1Y has misplaced her school jacket. It has her name in it. If you find this jacket or you have mistakenly picked it up please take it to the office so it can be returned to Kairavi. Thank you

School Banking News

Colour In to Win !

Colour in to win a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites Prize Pack.

The competition is open to all students, not only those who do banking. Entry forms are available from the office. Prize packs will be awarded to the top 3 entries in each of K-2 and 3-6. Return your entries to the school office by the end of term 2.

K-2 News

Assembly: Our next assembly will be hosted by 1/2V on Monday 1st June, Week 9 at 1:55pm in the Jackson Hall. All are very welcome to come along.

Watch It Grow: Most of our mealworms have changed into pupas. We are now waiting patiently to see what they change into next. Our peas are starting sprout and grow at an amazing rate.

Talking and Listening: Another reminder about this terms Talking and Listening task. It is to be an information report on a living thing of student’s choice. They need to prepare a 1-2 minute speech covering the living things appearance, habitat, diet, reproduction and any other special or interesting facts. Students may choose to show a life cycle to support their speech. The speech is due to be presented in week 9 on the students’ usual news day. A note has earlier been sent home with the information above.

K-2 Sports Carnival: We had a fantastic day with all children jumping, running, throwing and skipping. Congratulations to the following students who received a ribbon in the final of their year race.

Year 2 Boys:
1st- Byron Kellalea
2nd- Roux Butler Woollard
3rd- Jackson Lane

Year 2 Girls:
1st- Addison Badewitz
2nd- Kelly Pickup
3rd- Lola Houston

Year 1 Boys:
1st- Harry Blewitt
2nd- Christian Palmer
3rd- Luka Cowell

Year 1 Girls:
1st- Shalyce Slade-Collins
2nd- Rali Badulovich
3rd- Matilda Doroch

Kindergarten Boys:
1st- Brody Kellalea
2nd- Liam Ricken
3rd- Corey Bennet

Kindergarten Girls:
1st- Elice Brodie
2nd- Emerson Morse
3rd- Ruby McBain
Thank you to all the students and teachers at writing. fractions decimals, percentages and narrative excitement and was so much fun for all involved. much more. the ANZACS, persuasive writing, division, and the 5H classroom. We have been learning about Ms Rose miss her. Ms Rose will now be qualified to teach awesome addition to our classroom and we w goodbye to Ms Rose this week. She has been an weekend. Only 3 more weeks until school We hope everyone has had a great long weekend. Only 3 more weeks until school holidays. Unfortunately SH will be saying goodbye to Ms Rose this week. She has been an awesome addition to our classroom and we will miss her. Ms Rose will now be qualified to teach and we hope to see her back in the classroom soon. Ms Rose: It has been a great few weeks here in the 5H classroom. We have been learning about the ANZACS, persuasive writing, division, and much more. The mini-fete brought lots of excitement and was so much fun for all involved. In the coming weeks we are delving into fractions decimals, percentages and narrative writing. Thank you to all the students and teachers at Merimbula Public School for making me feel most welcome in their school community. I hope to see you back in the classroom in the near future. Ms Sophie Rose

**Stage 2 News**

**PBS:** This week three students from Stage 2 have achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. Awardees were: Elouise Hicks for Responsibility. Darcy Newman and Hollie Staight for Care.

**Bounda Environmental Education Centre:** It was pleasing to receive an email from BEEC praising the Merimbula Public School students who attended the program “Our Place - a History and Creative Arts Day for Talented Students”. Congratulations Jaimee Connell, Angus Kew, Alana Bretherton and Sienna Schnabel for your high levels of engagement and success with the activities.

**NRL Skills Development:** Last Thursday the NRL Development Officer, Damian Kennedy, worked with Stage 2 students to improve their Fundamental Movement Skills of catching and passing. The session also provided opportunities for children to work on their communication and cooperation skills.

**Conversations:** For this week’s parent/caregiver conversation topic talk about the need for healthy food and physical activity. Stage 2 classes have been working on an Australian Olympic Committee project, “Eat Like a Champ” to gain an understanding of the need for healthy food and physical activity. Try making Emma Moffatt’s Carrot and Coconut Balls or Lourdy Wiggins’ Mango Chai Pudding. Stage 2 students have these recipes.

**Stage 3 News**

**Our fabulous Netball team**

Last Friday our school knockout netball team took part in a Knockout Netball Gala Day at Bega. Eight teams competed and the first three rounds of the competition were completed, with each team playing three 40 minute games. Our team came up against Tathra in the first round. This was the first time many of our girls had played a competition game of netball and the first time they had played as a team. They started strong and grew in confidence throughout the game. Unfortunately we went down by 3 goals. Our next game was against Pambula and there was a lot of friendly rivalry. Again we were unfortunate to lose by three goals but we really started to find our rhythm during this game. Our last game was against Moruya. We really showed what we were capable of during this game. There were some outstanding passages of play and we were rewarded with a win, this time by three goals. Unfortunately we are now out of the competition but the girls represented our school very strongly, especially with their sportsmanship. They should all be congratulated on the way they played and behaved. The team consisted of Alana Willis, Maddison Ayling, Charlotte Miller, Calissa Badulavich, Lilliana Watters, Christine Simms, Holly Wassink, Tara Skelton and Marlee Ahmat. Thank you to the girls in the training squad who allowed us to play games each week. A special thank you to Robyn Skelton and Jodie Ahmat, for transporting and supporting the girls on the day, and to Kate Warby for umpiring. Vanessa Bain, Coach.

**Sport**

**PBS Knockout Tennis:** Congratulations to our school knockout tennis team who played Bateman’s Bay last Tuesday. They came away convincing victors with a 7 sets to 1 win. They now progress to the next round playing against Milton today. Good luck team.

**Community Announcements**

**Sapphire Coat Tennis**

**Looking for activities for your children this school holidays?**

Sapphire Coast Tennis is running tennis camps at the Merimbula Tennis Club for beginners to advanced players aged 5-16 years over the school holidays. The camp runs for 3 days: Mon 29th June, Tue 30th June, Wed 1st July from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at a cost of $65 per child. Each day Children learn a different stroke or aspect of the game, related to the standard of the group. Structured practice follows, leading to lively games and competitions between groups. We also have snacks and fruit each day. To register your child please call us on 040 931 5542 or email: sapphirecoasttennis@gmail.com

**The Uniform shop is open on:**

- Mondays from 8.15 am-9.15 am,
- Thursdays from 8.15 am-9.15 am & 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm.

If you are unable to attend in these hours order forms are available from the school office. Please fill the order form out with payment options and leave in the post box in the foyer.

**Term 2 - 2015**

**WEEK 8**

- Friday June 12th – Paul Kelly Cup AFL – 3-6 Athletics Field Events

**WEEK 9**

- Monday June 15th - AFL Tony Lockett Shield Gala Day.
- Monday June 15th – Years 3-6 Assembly 2pm.
- 3-6 Track Event Ribbons Presentation.
- Commonwealth Bank Visit
- Tuesday June 16th – Combined Choir Rehearsal at Bega Valley Public School.
- Friday June 19th – Children’s Theatre Free Maths Performance (all classes)

**WEEK 10**

- Saturday June 20th – P & C Trivia Night – Club Sapphire
- Friday June 26th – 3-6 Athletics Field Events cont.