Welcome back for Term 3.

AEDC Census for Kindergarten Students: Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information (including children's names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. Information about the census has been sent home with today's newsletter.

Staff Development Day Success: On Monday our teaching, executive, administration and support staff all took part in a Staff Development Day Conference, investigating more ways we can continue to help our children improve their educational outcomes and well-being. The day began with a keynote address from renowned speaker and opera singer Geoff Knight. Staff then participated in two workshops each, after choosing from a selection of 40. Staff learnt how to use iPads in an outdoor classroom environment, how to teach multilinguals, how to improve student maths outcomes in align with the new continuum, how students can learn to learn and be engaged in their learning, how to coach students in their learning, how to support children who have autism, what new library and technology systems are being introduced and more.

It was a great day, with staff being motivated to engage students and improve their outcomes. Thank you to Jenny Smith (Administration Manager), Kim Peters, Julie Baker, Megan Young and Fiona Beasley for all presenting workshops to staff from our school and 17 other schools. Your efforts were impressive!

Woolworths Earn & Learn: This year, thanks to our fabulous P & C and SRC, we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From today, Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet or drop them into our office and our SRC will stick them on the sheets for you. We have a collection box in our front office as well as one at both local Woollies....so get collecting and help us purchase some great resources for our students!

Naidoc Celebrations: The theme for the 2015 NAIDOC celebrations is “We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate”. This highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. This Thursday we will be holding our NAIDOC celebrations. We will begin with a smoking ceremony at approximately 9:30am and our assembly will begin at 10:15am in the Jackson hall. We will have special guests attending our assembly and we welcome families and friends to attend. Following the assembly there will be a free sausage sizzle for students and staff. Stage 3 will be participating in boomerang throwing in the middle session on the school oval.

Welcome back to School Banking. A Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings. Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win great prizes.


If you have collected 8, 9 or 10 tokens you can preorder your reward now. Please select your choice from the rewards card and include it with your next deposit. Your reward will be distributed when you have collected 10 tokens and handed them in with your banking.

Come to our ART SHOW!!

Thursday 30th July, every student in the school will have an artwork on display in our huge Kindy to Year 6 Art Exhibition. Our students have been busy creating beautiful artworks such as nautical car sculptures, botanical drawings, landscapes, self-portraits, animal and insect studies just to name a few.

The show can be seen both before and after school on the Thursday. So drop in and soak up the atmosphere and visual delights. You can vote for your favourite artwork!

Supplies: Thank you to those students who arrived back with all their supplies ready for class. We really need glue sticks, whiteboard markers, tissues and plenty of sharp lead pencils and pencil case supplies.

Assemblies: Our first assembly will take place in Week 3 and will be hosted by 2/3BR at 1.55pm in the Jackson Hall, we look forward to seeing you there.

School Banking Term 3

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Welcome back to all our students and we hope you had a lovely break with your family. We welcome also the new students to our school this term.

We welcome all our Stage 2 students back from their well-deserved holiday and look forward to an enjoyable and productive Term 3.

Stage 2 News

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Supplies: Stage 2 students must have their basic learning supplies renewed for Term 3. These basics include whiteboard markers and glue sticks. Quality HB pencils, an eraser, sharpener and ruler are also essential. Please
New Students: Stage 2 teachers and students extend a big welcome to two new students, Emelia Rigoni-Smith in 2/3B and Daniel Piccione in 4C. We hope you enjoy your new school and make lots of new friendships.

Stage 3 News

Welcome back to Term 3. This year has flown by thus far and I’m sure this term will be the same. We hope everyone had a great break and is well rested. We welcome back Mrs Brewer onto 4/5D for two days a week. She is excited to be back on board and can wait to get stuck into the action this term.

Year 5 Kianinny Camp: Expressions of Interest and the initial $50 deposit for the Term 4 Week 2 Kianinny camp should be in this Friday. Numbers will be confirmed shortly and we would hate for anyone to miss out. Please contact the front office or your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Stage 3 Spelling Bee: The school trials for the Stage 3 Spelling Bee will be held in the Jackson Hall next Wednesday (22nd July) at 12.30pm. This will be conducted by Mrs Smith (K/15) in the official format as used in the zone trials that will be held later in the term. Please feel free to come along for this awesome event.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The next installment of $50 for the Canberra excursion is now due. Payments may be made at any time at the office.

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Sport News

School 2015 Athletics Championship: The students competed in the High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus Field Events for our Athletic Championships during the last weeks of Term 2. Last year we started school records for Track and Field Events and this year 13 School Records were broken in the Field Events. Congratulations to the following students who now have their name in the Records Book.

Rosy Ryan: Junior Girl High Jump (1.07m)
Bailey Cooper: Junior Boy High Jump (1.10m)
Charlotte Purcell: 11 Yr Girl High Jump (1.20m), Long Jump (3.20m), Discus (17.1m)
Blake Suter: 11 Yr Boy High Jump (1.17m)
Will Roberts: 11 Yr Boy Long Jump (3.52m), Shot Put (8.20m)
Jem Ryan: 11 Yr Boy Discus (22.85m)

Charlee Wooley-Blain: Junior Girl Shot Put (5.05m)
Maka Ofati: Junior Boy Shot Put (7.50m)
Calissa Badullovich: 11 Yr Girl Shot Put (6.88m)
Paul Hazelgrove: Senior Boy Shot Put (9.20m)

The following children gained places in their events.

11 Year Girl Shot Put: 1st Calissa Badullovich, 2nd Charlotte Purcell, 3rd Madison Ayling,
Senior Girl Shot Put: 1st Jessica Crane, 2nd Charlotte Miller, 3rd Chloe Strauss.
Senior Boy Shot Put: 1st Paul Hazelgrove, 2nd Blake Suter, 3rd Jake Yelds.
Junior Boy Discus: 1st Maka Ofati, 2nd Beau Bennett, 3rd Roy Buckingham.
11 Year Girl Discus: 1st Charlotte Purcell, 2nd Calissa Badullovich, 3rd Emily Watkins.
Senior Girl Discus: 1st Jessica Crane, 2nd Charlotte Miller, 3rd Aria Little.
Senior Boy Discus: 1st Anekin Bond, 2nd Ryan Farrar-Sleep, 3rd Blake Suter.
11 Year Girl Long Jump: 1st Charlotte Purcell, 2nd Calissa Badullovich, 3rd Marlee Ahmet.
11 Year Girl High Jump: 1st Charlotte Purcell, 2nd Calissa Badullovich, 3rd Emily Watkins.
Senior Girl High Jump: 1st Jessica Crane, 2nd Arabella Tarpey, 3rd Charlotte Miller.
Senior Boy High Jump: 1st Blade Raek, 2nd Jacob Overend, 3rd Cooper Noack.

2015 Track and Field Age Champions

Junior Girl: 1st Alicia Ambrose, 2nd Hollie Staight, 3rd Rosy Ryan.
Junior Boy: 1st Maka Ofati, 2nd Beau Bennett, 3rd Walter Blewitt.

11 Yr Girl: 1st Charlotte Purcell, 2nd Calissa Badullovich, 3rd Marlee Ahmat & Emily Watkins.
12/13 Yr Girl: 1st Jessica Crane, 2nd Charlotte Miller, 3rd Holly Wassink.
12/13 Yr Boy: 1st Charlie Buckingham, 2nd Sam Wood & Jacob Overend.

The Athletics Age Champions and Track and Field placegetters will be presented with their trophies and ribbons at the Athletics Presentation Assembly on this Friday, July 17 in the Jackson Hall at 2.00 p.m.

Merimbula Public School 2015 Athletics Champions

Junior Girl: Alicia Ambrose
Junior Boy: Maka Ofati
11 Year Girl: Charlotte Purcell
11 Year Boy: Will Roberts
12/13 Yrs Girl: Jessica Crane
12/13 Yrs Boy: Charlie Buckingham

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.

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WEEK 1
Thursday July 16th – NAIDOC Assembly 10:15 – 11:15.
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Friday July 17th – Musical Theatre Dress Rehearsal (9.00 – 13.00pm) Jackson Hall 2.00pm Athletics Carnival Presentation Assembly

WEEK 2
Monday July 20th – SCLC Dress Rehearsal EMHS 9.00 – 13.00pm
Wednesday July 22nd – SCLC Dress Rehearsal EMHS 9.00 – 13.00pm
St 2 12:30 – 1:25
Thursday July 23rd – EMHS Design & Tech. Workshop at MPS – St 2 Cyber Safety Workshop

WEEK 3
Monday July 27th – K-2 Assembly 2.00 pm Jackson Hall
Tuesday July 28th – MPS Musical Theatre, Combined Choir and Band performance at SCLC Performing Arts Festival, 7.00pm, EMHS
Thursday July 30th – MPS Art show – Jackson Hall
Friday July 31st – Zone Athletics, Bega
Friday July 31st – SCLC Awards Ceremony

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