Students are encouraged to attend both performances. There will be an item from each class performed at each show. Main actors/actresses will be performing within either an A or B cast so that we have ‘back-ups’. Main actors/actresses began auditioning today, following an information session that was held in the hall for students last Friday. We will bring you more information in the coming newsletters about the musical and ticket sales. Once again tickets will be on sale for $10 and all proceeds will go to our school music and performing arts programs.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016: Enrolment packs were taken around to preschools last week. Enrolment interviews are taking place this week and for the next 5 weeks for families interested in enrolling their children in our 2016 Kindergarten. As with last year, new procedures require all families to have an enrolment interview. Please share this information with families you know so that they can get in quick and choose their preferred interview time. We already have 72 students interested in joining the Merimbula Public School Kindergarten Family in 2016!

Semester 1 Reports: Semester 1 reports will be sent home this Thursday (tomorrow).

School News

SRC Induction: The induction of Semester 2’s SRC will take place next Monday, August 3. Parents, carers and friends of these children are invited to attend the Jackson Hall at 2pm for this event. Children should wear full school uniform.

Term 3 Disco: The School Representative Council (SRC) will be holding a disco on Tuesday September 1st in the Jackson Hall. Kindergarten to Year 2 disco will be held from 5:30pm till 6:25pm and the theme is “Your favourite sportsperson”. The Year 3 to 6 Disco will be held from 6:30pm till 8:00pm and the theme is “Your favourite fairytale character”. Permission notes will be handed out today.

Book Club News: Jenni Smith (K/1S) will now be organising Book Club. The latest catalogue has been sent home with today’s newsletter. Please ensure orders are returned to school NO LATER than Wednesday August 12th. These should be placed in the money box in the front office by your child. Please DO NOT send them to the classroom. Please remember we do not accept cash at school for Book Club orders. Order forms are to be returned with receipt numbers provided when you order over the phone or online. As this is my first time doing this I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Jenni Smith

Art News: ART SHOW 1 day only - Tomorrow Thursday (30th July) in Jackson Hall. Dear Family & Friends, You are invited to attend the Grand Opening of our Merimbula Public School Kindergarten to Year 6 Art Show.

Times: Before school 8-9am; Lunchtime 11.15-11.55am & Afternoon Break 1.25-1.55pm; After school 2.55-3.30pm. Every child has an artwork on display! People’s Choice vote for every Grade K-6. Entry Gold coin donation; fundraising for bigger and better art supplies

K-2 News

Assemblies: Thank you 2/3BR for a fantastic assembly. Congratulations to all those who received awards. Our next assembly will be hosted by 2H on the 10th August, Week 5 at 1:55pm in the Jackson Hall. All are very welcome to come along.

TEN: This week in TEN we will be playing magic 14 with cards. Ask your child to teach you.

Stage 1 Talking and Listening Task: This week students will be bringing home a talking and listening task for Term 3. They will be able to choose ONE task that they would like to deliver to the class. They will need to practice at home and give their speeches on their usual news day in Week 9 of this term.

Stage 2 News

Science Day Report: At one of the stations in our Science Day we studied Levers and how they can help us to make paper bricks. First Mrs Smith shredded and soaked a big tub of paper overnight. Then Mrs Tuckwell helped us in small groups make a paper brick.

The steps:
Put wet paper into the mesh box.
2. Make sure it is even and full.
3. Pull (force) the 2 levers down. This pushes the rods down (fulcrum).
4. The effort squashes the water out of the paper (load).
5. We all had a turn.
6. We pulled the handles up and flip it over and sit in the sun to dry.

When it is dry, you have a hard paper brick.

By Ebony Christie

PSSA Soccer: Well done to the Boys’ Soccer team who played Queanbeyan PS on Monday. It was a super effort. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport.

Musical Theatre and Band: Congratulations to all those involved in the outstanding performance on Friday at the Merimbula RSL for the View Club. It was both a rehearsal for the SCLC Concert on Tuesday 28 July, and a chance to contribute to the View Club’s fundraiser. We all had a lot of fun, especially Pumba, who gave us lots of ‘belly laughs’! The band sounded amazing, the singers improve with every performance, and all our dancers put a smile on everyone’s face. Thanks especially to Peter Yields for his help and his patience getting all the gear to and from the venue.

Astronomy Night:
Tonight is the Stage 3 Astronomy Night. We can’t wait to see you there. Make sure you all rug up and don’t forget your flash light and red filter. Arrival time in 6K and 5/6BL is from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. A sausage sizzle will be running on arrival.

PSSA Tennis: The Merimbula Tennis team won their game against Minnamurra last Tuesday and are now in the state quarter finals as the South Coast representatives. The scores were 7 sets to 1 and 45 games to 13. Logan, Maka, Aria and Charlotte will now be playing against Camden South for a place in the semi-finals. Good luck everyone.

Library Classes for Week 4: Next week the following classes will have library lessons. Could you please encourage your child to bring their library bag and books for return.
Monday: F, 4/5HD, 5/6BL and 1Y.
Tuesday: K/1S, KU, 3J, 5H and 2H.
Friday: 6K.

International Food Day: The Canteen will be holding another International Food Day this Term. This time the theme is A Mexican Fiesta and it will be held on Tuesday August 11th. A flyer with more information and order form will be sent home with this Newsletter.

To help out with the organisation of catering, it is important that your order forms and money are to be returned to the Canteen or Office money box by Friday August 7th. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

PSSA Soccer: Congratulations to the Boys Soccer Team who defeated Queanbeyan PS 3-1 at Eden on Monday. Terrible conditions awaited the team again but they used it to their advantage to take an early lead through Blake Suter’s boot. Blake then used his head for the next goal, with a beautiful header finding the corner. Early in the second half a tap in resulted in Blake’s third goal. The team can be extremely proud of their effort. Their ball control was exceptional and team work superb, which matched the spirit in which they played the game. Thank you to all the parents and carers who provided transport and helped out on the day. 3 points - Damon Kerr, 2 points - Blake Suter, 1 point – Will Roberts. Our next game will be against Moruya. At the moment we are unsure where or when this will be. However, it will be an away game.

Spelling Bee: Well done to Margot Chabrier and Thomas Gee who won the Stage 3 Spelling Bee held last Wednesday. They will now need to study hard for they have qualified to represent our school at the Zone competition in September. Well done to all the other students who participated.

Child Protection and Growth and Development: As part of our regular Personal Development and Health syllabus requirements, this Term Stage 3 will be teaching a unit on Growth and Development. The unit addresses puberty and the related changes in the body. If you would like more information, or suggestions on how to approach this topic at home, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

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Pie Drive: Following on from the success of last years’ Pie Drive, the P & C will be holding another one to coincide with the School disco on Tuesday 14th September. Orders and cash payment are to be handed into the office by Friday 14th August and the pies will be available for collection from the school canteen on the night of the disco. A flyer with more details and order form is attached to this newsletter.

After the last P&C meeting held on Tuesday 14th July, this is where it was decided to spend some of the $5,500 raised from the recent trivia night.
$495 for shirts and ties for the band
$1000 for new library books
$1500 for the garden project
$300 to support breakfast club this term
$828 for new K-2 toys.
We will also be purchasing musical instruments, rugby tops and soccer balls as well as putting money towards maintenance of the oval.

We ask you all to please like us on Facebook, Merimbula Public School Parents & Citizens to keep up to date with the latest news and events.