School News

Sydney Recorder Group: Another success story for the School’s Recorder Ensemble! 10 children and their families travelled to Sydney last week to participate in the Festival of Instrumental Music Recorder Ensemble on Thursday night. After a gruelling rehearsal during the day, the girls all arrived bright eyed and bushy tailed ready for their BIG performance to a sold out crowd. 75 schools attended and played for the night, so there was over 1000 children performing for the finale. We enjoyed listening to High School students sing, play the piano, marimbas, strings and brass instruments. The talent of NSW school children is amazing. Merimbula girls played three different scores, in four different parts, sometimes accompanied by a 300 piece orchestra and percussion band. The girls were all very excited and played their socks off. I was so proud of their manners and behaviour during the day and night, as well as their attentive manner to the conductors. The concert is the culmination of six months of practice, rehearsals and persistence and the girls should be extremely proud of themselves. I would also like to thank the girls for their efforts and the parents for their unstinting support throughout the year to allow the girls to attend this amazing event. It is a privilege not many children have, to perform at the Opera House, and the girls did themselves, their parents and the school proud. Well done girls, you were fantastic! I am looking forward to taking an even bigger group next year as it is such a tremendous experience.

Beth Smith

Help us win a Kitchen Kart:
Thanks to a partnership with Get Kids Cooking, AIS and Nestlé Healthy Active Kids Program is giving you the opportunity to nominate your child’s school to win a Kitchen Kart valued at $25,000. The Kitchen Kart includes an oven, stovetop and kitchen sink, and comes complete with cooking tools, equipment, lesson plans linked to The Australian Curriculum, teacher training and online support to run simple, hands-on cooking classes for your whole school. The winning entrant will also personally receive a $1,000 VISA Load&Go Gift Card to go towards keeping your family healthy and active!

Five Runner-Up prizes of a $1,000 VISA Load&Go Gift card will be awarded to schools, with the intention the money be used to purchase cooking or sporting equipment to provide healthy educational opportunities for their students, (winners of a runner-up prize will personally receive a $100 VISA Load&Go Gift Card).

For your chance to win complete the entry form at the link below, including telling us in no more than 100 words, “Why is it important to get your kids cooking?”

Introducing Our New SRC

Congratulations to our new SRC who were inducted at last week’s assembly.

School Banking

Congratulations to those students who received their Bronze Achievement Certificates for banking 10 times this year. Keep up the great savings habits!

K-2 News

Assemblies: Thank you to K/1S for a great assembly well done. Congratulations to all those who received awards. Our next assembly will be Week 7 and hosted by 1Y at 1:55pm in the Jackson Hall. All are very welcome to attend.

Maths Matters: Last week Year 1 and 2 learned the game ‘Red or Black’. Ask your child to teach you the game. You will need a set of playing cards for this game.

Teacher Leave: Mrs Hodsdon will be on leave Monday 17th August.

Stage 2 News

PBS: This week two students from Stage 2 achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. Awardees were: Charlie Wheeler and Antonia Whitehead for Care, Willow Purcell and Antonia Whitehead for Respect and Jessie Wallace for Fairness.
PSSA Athletics Zone Carnival: 
Congratulations to all the Stage 2 students who participated in last Friday’s Zone Athletics carnival. The level of effort and sportsmanship was a credit to them all. The teachers also extend a big thank you to all the parents who provided transport and cheered on our athletes on the day.

Mexican Fiesta: Stage 2 students and teachers would like to thank Mrs Bunce and her helpers from the School Canteen for the awesome ‘Mexican Fiesta’ menu yesterday. Everyone who participated couldn’t get enough of the delicious tacos, enchiladas and nachos and look forward to more international themes from the Sandy Beach Canteen.

New Student: Stage 2 teachers and students welcome Solomon who started in 4C yesterday. We hope Solomon enjoys his time at Merimbula PS and makes lots of new friendships.

Stage 3 News

Kianinny: Thank you to all the parents who have paid another instalment for the camp or paid in full. Keep an eye out this week for an information package regarding the camp. Included will be a medical form that needs to be returned to your child’s teacher.

Year 5 & 6 Excursion Payments: As it is only 8 weeks until students head off on their excursions it would be appreciated if families could endeavour to have payments finalised by the end of week 8 this term (4th September).

Sport News

PSSA Soccer: Last Thursday our PSSA Soccer Team travelled to Pambula to battle Moruya PS in round 4 of the Soccer Knockout. A slow start from the Merimbula boys began to cost them as Moruya took control early. It was evident we were up against a quality side. A brilliant corner from Moruya was capitalised upon, seeing them race to an early lead. Soon after, another corner found the back of the net. Moruya 2-0. The boys were beginning to put themselves into the game when Moruya found the net again, 3-0 after 15 minutes. Half time was welcomed. To their credit, Merimbula played the second half with much greater enthusiasm and gusto. Several shot at goal were saved by their goalie. In the end, Moruya walked away winners 4-0. Despite the loss, the Merimbula Team can be proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship they displayed throughout the competition, even in the face of defeat. Well done to Moruya who will now battle for the title of South Coast Champs. I would like to thank all the parents who offered support during the teams’ 4 games, and provided transport to and from the games. Also thanks to our referees Mat Lawson, Ryan Sinclair and Zac and Zane Hodson. Also thank you to The Pambula Penguins who offered their ground and helped set up the fields twice during the competition as Berrambool was unable to be used.

PSSA Tennis: Good luck Logan, Maka, Aria and Charlotte who will be our school and South Coast representatives at the PSSA Tennis semi-finals, and hopefully the final, in Sydney on Monday, August 17th.

PSSA Zone Athletics: Congratulations to all the athletes who competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday in Bega. Congratulations to Tathra PS who took out the honours of Champion School for the Carnival. Individual results will be posted in next week’s newsletter.

CAPA NEWS

Art News: The feedback from the Merimbula Public School community in regards to the art show has been absolutely fantastic! It was wonderful to see the artworks of all students on display and listen to the positive comments as people explored our ‘gallery’ in Jackson Hall. We would like to thank parents and carers who visited, and also everyone who made a gold coin contribution on the day. We would also like to thank Merimbula Newsagency for kindly donating a prize for our People’s Choice Award. If you would like to make a prize contribution, it’s not too late! Another special thanks goes to Ross Cooper for all of his help, including, but not limited to, firing the students’ pottery over the school holidays, and to all staff who contributed their time and effort to ensure that the art show was a success. Most of all, a big thank you to the students who have worked with such enthusiasm to create the pieces showcased. You should all be proud of yourselves! The Creative Arts Team.

Library News

Library Classes - Week 6: (Week beginning Monday 17th August). The following classes will have library next week: Monday - FM, 4/SHD, 5/6BL and 1Y; Tuesday - K1/S, KU, 3J, 5H and 2H; Friday - 6K, 3SK. It would be great if children had their library bags and books to return/renew with them.

A library newsletter has been sent home this week containing information about this year’s Book Parade and Book Fair. Please take the time to read it. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Canteen News

Mexican Fiesta: A big thank you to Karen, Belen, Rene, Steph and Amy for assisting with the preparations for our Mexican food fiesta on Tuesday, it was a resounding success. Thank you to all our families and staff for your support of these International Food Days.

Lost Property

MISSING JUMPER: Jacob Shields from 5H has misplaced his Purple Regional Cross Country jumper. If anyone finds this jumper please return to the office or to Jacob. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will be closed on Monday 14th of September but will be open on Tuesday 15th September instead.