School Surveys and Evaluations
Reminder: As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. The information will be used to develop programs and practices across our school. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary. Survey results will be shared as part of our school's Annual School Report.

Survey 1: Tell Them From Me Survey: The Tell Them From Me survey is being conducted to further inform our "Effective and Equitable Literacy and Numeracy Practices" planning. The survey is anonymous. It is conducted entirely online at home or may be completed at school using our library computers. Please see us before the end of term if you need to access a computer to complete the survey. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete.

Please complete the "Tell Them From Me" survey by clicking the link below. You can complete the survey once for each child you have attending our school.

Survey 2: Leadership Survey: The Leadership survey is being conducted to further inform our "Informed Leaders and Active Community Partnerships" planning. The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. Each parent/caregiver only needs to complete the survey once. Please contact the school if you would like to access the library computers to complete the survey.

The link to this survey is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPS_Parent_Leadership_Survey

School Musical: Congratulations to all students on your On Safari performances this week. The last performance will take place tomorrow night. There are still some tickets remaining that can be purchased at the office tomorrow (while tickets remain). Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers for your support in ensuring the musical was a great success. Thank you also to Michelle Pettigrove, Amber Little, and John McVeity for your coaching, support and behind the scenes work. Thank you to Mr Bootes, Mr Mannell, Mrs Kellaway, Mrs Tuckwell and Mrs McVeity for your coordination of the event, sets and props and to all the staff for your help in the production.

Art Program
Our popular ‘Calendar Art’ Fundraiser is on again to raise money to buy art supplies for our wonderful new art program. Your junior artist has been working on a Personalised Calendar Artwork that you can purchase in the form of a calendar, mobile phone cover, pillow case, greeting cards and more! They make great personalised gifts for Christmas!!

Each child requires their own order form. Please send order forms and money to school by October 16.
Thank you for your support, The Visual Arts Team

K-2 News
Night Musical Performances: K-2 children need to be at school at 5.50pm SHARP on Tuesday and Thursday night this week. They need enough time to change into costumes and be organised in classrooms ready to start. They will get dressed in their own classrooms on the night then go into a classroom to be supervised on the night. Year 1-2 will be in 3S and 2/3BR.

Associate Teacher: Thank you so much to Mr Doherty who has been working with K/1S. We have really enjoyed learning with you.

Thank You: Thank you to all our parents who have helped with class programs during the term. Also, a big thank you to all parents and grandparents who helped with our Kindergarten excursion last week.

Cobargo Farm Excursion: Years 1 and 2 are looking forward to ending the term with our fun visit to Cobargo Farm. Please remember to try and pack an environmentally friendly lunch and your hat and wear appropriate shoes. You may even like to wear gum boots if you have them.

Staff Leave: For the first three weeks of Term 4 Ms Vaughan will be on leave and 1/2V will have the lovely Mrs Pearce.

Classroom Supplies: Another reminder for Term 4, could all K-2 students please top up their class supplies.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. From the K-2 Staff.
productive Term 4. We are so proud of Stage 2 students! What a fantastic job they are doing in the school play. A big thank you to both the students and their parents for ensuring they have the correct outfits ready for the performances. It has been lovely to see students demonstrate their PBS values, Care and Responsibility throughout this week.

Japanese Culture: 4C have been writing Information Reports on Japanese animals. Students have enjoyed learning about the ‘Snow Monkey’, ‘Japanese Spider Crab’, ‘The Giant Salamander’ and ‘The Crane’. Mrs Fowler, our final year prac student, has also shown 4C students how to say their name and age in Japanese.

NRL Gala Day: This is a second reminder that the postponed Stage 2 NRL Gala Day has been rescheduled for Friday October 9 (Week 1 Term 4). Children wishing to participate have been given new permission notes which should be returned to school by this Friday September 18. Those who have already paid to attend the first scheduled Gala Day do not pay for bus travel again. Stage 2 teachers would like as many children to attend as possible because it is a great opportunity to participate in a team sport in a non-competitive fun environment. The games are played with modified numbers and under the Safe Play Code. Qualified referees and sports trainers will be present on the day.

HSIE Questionnaire: Please take the time to fill out and return the questionnaire that has been sent home with students in 3J and 4C. It is asking that has been sent home with students in 3J and 4C. It is asking parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends about how they shopped in the past. We look forward to learning about your experiences.

Holidays: Stage 2 teachers wish all our students a safe and well deserved holiday and look forward to a rewarding and productive Term 4.

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Stage 3 wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday and we are looking forward to a fantastic final term.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update: The Cosmic Light Beam Torch reward has been withdrawn due to a potential safety issue. A decision has also been made to withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Coming Events

CYBER SAFETY: MONDAY OCT 19
Presented by the Cyber Safety Lady at Club Sapphire Merimbula 6.30pm start (1.5hrs plus question time).

Free to all
Free Child minding at the Club
Not suitable for children to attend

Do you really know enough about Digital Technology to protect your child? Which apps are the worst for cyber bullying? What important steps should you take if your child has been bullied online? What is an effective way to get your children to switch off? What is a # hashtag and why do you need to know?

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EyeSpy Photography Competition will be open to kids attending school in the Sapphire Coast area. Kids are invited to enter a digital photo or 3 second video they have captured which fits the competition theme of “The Sapphire Coast: The Way I See it”. Entries will be judges in two age categories – primary and high school – and will be featured on our online categories. 1st prize in each age category will be a $100 Why Leave Town gift card.

The competition will be launched on Friday September 18 and details will be available via our practice at 5B Market St, our Facebook page - Bayd Rosenbaum Optometrist Merimbula EyeQ, email - merimbula@eyeq.com.au, or Instagram - @eyespymerimbula.

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