From the Principal’s Desk…..

Heat Wave
We managed the heat wave very well at Merriwa, with the children being catered for in air-conditioned classes and with indoor activities planned for each lunchtime. Thank you for sending them to school with sunscreen, hats and water bottles.

Computer Upgrade
We are pleased to announce that a whole school computer upgrade will take place from Monday 15th February at Merriwa Primary School and ESC. This has been provided and financed by the Department of Education.

It is likely that it could take up to two weeks, and we will ensure that there is minimal disruption to student learning.

The SMS alert will not be working for the first few days at least, so you will not receive reminder SMS texts if your child is not at school without your phone call. Our phones will be working as usual, so please call us if you are keeping your child home for any reason.

Shade Sails
The shade sails and soft-fall patches are fantastic. The Primary School and ESC both thank the P and C who have made a contribution of $10 000 towards this project.

Merriwa’s Got Talent!
We are proud of the Subih Brothers, who recently were given a Gold Buzzer at Australia’s Got Talent and go straight into the semi finals. Many staff have contributed to this success, particularly Mrs Prior, who consistently sees the talent in our children and gives them the skills and confidence to follow their dreams. Good luck in the semi finals boys!

(Picture, Channel 9)

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal
The year has begun smoothly and staff have settled the students into routine. You will have received an invitation to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss individual education plans and classroom expectations. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

**Hydrotherapy** started last week for selected students and is successful due to the dedication and support of our Education Assistants who work with the students in the water. Last year many students achieved pleasing progress which has enabled them to now be included in the Interm Swimming Program. Notes have been sent home to provide details of the swimming lessons which begin on the Wednesday after the Easter long weekend. There are 8 lessons and the total cost for pool entry and bus hire is $40 per child. Payment plans are accepted.

**School Photo Day** -students in the ESC will have their school photo taken on Wednesday morning 17th Feb

Please remember to contact the school on 9305 9897 to inform us of student absences. This is a legal requirement. A note in the communication book is acceptable.

School Council and P&C members are wanted. If you are interested in being part of these committees and representing the parent community please make contact with the office.

*Congratulations to all students who earned merit certificates at assembly. Well done!*

*Mrs Karen Macri,  
Principal ESC*
Introducing Evie
My name is Evie and I have 4 annoying brothers and two cats and their names are called Batman and Robin and they're boys. I have two families and I go to school and learn. I have no sisters and I wish I did. I like to go to school and work. When we get jobs and we do them. Sometimes my cousins come over.

Introducing Connor
My name is Connor. I have two dogs. I have one brother. I have one sister. My dogs' names are Ted and Gils and my brothers' name is Logan and my sister's name is Pearle.

Introducing Samuel
My name is Samuel. I have one dog called Eldon and I always play with him even when I come back from school. He likes me, also my four sisters. Then I went to the park at night time. After I went home and went to bed. The end

Introducing Zuleika
My name is Zuleika and I am 6 years old. I have one sister and one brother and one rabbit. I like to play games with my friends. My favourite food is meat. I have brown eyes and I have long hair. I have lots of fish.

Thank you to the Subih brothers for performing at Merriwa Primary Schools Assembly on Friday. It was great to see them after their fantastic performance on Australia's Got Talent.
Swimming Lessons

The lessons commence on Wednesday 30th March and run until Friday 8th April 2016 (8 lessons)
Students are required to:

- Dress in school uniform but have bathers on under their uniform
- Wear suitable footwear, sandals or thongs are suitable to wear on the bus to and from the pool.
- A towel is essential.
- Children will be changing back at school. A cotton bag is best to carry your child’s towel and other required items.
- Goggles can be worn
Cost is $40.00 and forms and money need to be returned by Monday 21st March.

HOLIDAY DATES

Friday 4th March - Staff Development Day
Monday 7th March—Labor Day
Friday 25 March—Good Friday
Monday 28 March—Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 March—Easter Tuesday

Spiers Financial Counselling

If you need help with paying bills, sorting out your finances, or planning ahead for the year, there is help!
Just ring the number below and you can make an appointment at our school with a counsellor.
All appointments are strictly confidential.

2 Albatross Court Heathridge WA 6027
T: 08 9401 2699
F: 08 94024486

Go Bananas

Go Bananas Outside School Hours Care have commenced before and after school care at Merriwa Primary School.
Go Bananas also has a Vacation Care Program.
Please call 1300 226 262 or Email admin@gobananas.net.au

Playgroup

Merriwa Primary School
0 – 3 year olds

TERM 1
STARTING FRIDAY
12TH FEBRUARY
IN ROOM 5
8.45AM—11.00AM

Please register your interest at the office.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the parent who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office.

Merriwa Primary School
BSB Number—016 246
Account Number—340918248

Kindy—Year 6—$40
One Child—$40.00
Two Children $80.00
Three or more children—$120.00
Pay your Voluntary Contributions before the end of term and go into the draw for a $50.00 Lowes Voucher

Dental Screening

There will be a Dental Screening on Tuesday the 22nd March for Years PP, 3 and 6.