



....Merriwa ESC News....

Routines and timetables are now established which is having a positive affect on student progress. It is wonderful to note how well the students have settled and are applying themselves to tasks. I extend my thanks to the wonderful staff who have ensured a great start to the year.

Several events are planned in the coming weeks and include:

- Reward Activity—water play on Tuesday 8th March
- Early close for parent meetings—Wednesday 16th March
- Special Olympics—Thursday 17th March
- ESC Zoo excursion—Dinosaur themed Thursday 24th March
- Swimming - 30th March to 8th April

Thank you to all our parents/carers who are prompt with returning permission slips and costs towards various activities. Fees and Charges can be paid at the office at any time. Your support is much appreciated.

School Council and P&C members are needed. If you are interested in being involved in these committee groups, please contact the office for more information.

Congratulations to the merit certificate winners from last week's assembly.

*Mrs Karen Macri,
Principal ESC*

New Joondalup Autism Mum's Group Coffee Morning

Following the success of the Northern Suburbs Autism Mum's Group, Developmental Disability WA are supporting a new group that has started in the Joondalup area.

Clarkson Library
27 Ocean Keys Boulevard, Clarkson



Please join us for an informal coffee morning and meet other mums/carers who understand how challenging life with Autism can be.....

Tuesday 8th March 10.00am – 12.00pm
(You can come later or leave earlier if you need to)

Coffee and Tea provided

For more information about the group and dates contact one of the group Coordinators
Helen on 0413 123 615 holistichealthau@gmail.com.
Gill on 0401 257 093 infohldes@gmail.com

Available at lunchtime

Thursday 10th March

Icy poles 50c



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Charlie Lloyd, Quinn McIntosh	4/5	15	Peta Fielding, Beatrice Arjon
PP	2	Maddison Dyson, Matilda Delaine	5/6	16	Makayla Liddiard, Caden Phillips
1	6	Dexter Davis, Josua Heta	5/6	18	Dara Yim, Jubilee Castle-Nepia
1	7	Isobelle Taylor, Scarlett Harris	4	19	Room 19
1	9	Narteisha Winmar, Sanjna Pawar	3	21	Tayla Hyam, Cooper Davidson
3	10	Jacob Good, Baoyi Wang	3/4	22	Hayden Jackson, Ella Hawley
2	13	Anyang Manyang, Jeremiah Pickett	ESC		Michael Marsh, Thomas Gleeson, Danika Buckland, David Pasca

Expressions of interest are being taken for those who would like to join an established Netball Club, competing in Saturday Competition at Kingsway Netball Courts, Kingsway.

We are looking for both boys and girls to train here at Merriwa each Wednesday after school with a fully qualified Netball Coach.

Titans Netball Club is an all-inclusive club providing opportunities to all who wish to participate within a sport that promotes discipline, fair play and sportsmanship.

Titans are a Kid Sport registered club with the following age groups available:

U7/8 (2009/2008)	U11 (2005)
U8/9 (2008/20007)	U12 (2004)
10 (2006)	U13 (2003)

A Net Set Go program for U5/6 will also be run at the school (2010/11) and they participate in games and drills to help develop motor skills and the basic rules of the game.

Contact Rachel Williams on treasurer@titansnetball.com or 0420 974533 for further information.



2016 NAPLAN Testing Program

For Parents/Carers of students in Years 3 and 5
An information brochure outlining the procedures has been attached to this Newsletter. Please read the information carefully and if you have any concerns make a time to discuss this with your child's teacher. Please note the information around test and Exemptions and Withdrawals. These need to be signed by Mrs Waterhouse, our school principal and need to be lodged by 4th March. Again if you have any concerns with either of these or the other conditions to support children with a specific disability please discuss this with your child's teacher.

Jeff Hoskins

Butler Fire Fighters Visit

On Tuesday 23rd February, the Year 3's had a visit from Butler Fire Fighters. We learnt a lot about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. We even had a tour of the fire engines and got to use the hoses.



Room 6

Room 6 are having fun investigating the measurement of length. We have measured how far we can frog jump, the length of our bodies using pop-sticks and how long our names are.



IMPORTANT DATES

School Development day Friday 4th March Students do not attend school.

Public holiday Monday 7th March Labor Day students do not attend.

Mrs Dorney is on sick leave and Mrs Hanratty will be stepping into her teacher role.

Swimming Lessons at Arena

Mr Hoskins has arranged extra places. Please send your money in the money envelope or direct debit to the school as soon as possible.

Year 6 Camp 17th May to 19th May

The year 6 camp has returned to an earlier time in the year. The camp will involve three days of full activities and is always a fantastic experience.

Early close for reporting Wednesday 16th March

The school will close at 11.30am on Wednesday 16th March. Please ring the front office to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Appointments will be available from 12.00 to 5.00pm.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal



Belridge SC Approved Specialist Cricket Program

Cricket Skills Testing Day

Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to apply for our 2017 Approved Specialist Program in Cricket

CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL TIME SUBJECT

Closing date for applications
Friday 1 April 2016

Testing Venue WACA 9:30am
Monday 4 April 2016

For more information or to request an application form and trial pack email Scott Ogilvie (Cricket Coordinator) at

scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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Swimming Lessons

A reminder that the school swimming lessons for years PP to 6 are commencing on Wednesday 30 March through to the end of term 1, Friday 8 April. The cost for the 8 lessons is \$40.00 being the pool entry fee and the bus hire. This provides an excellent chance for your child to develop lifelong skills in swimming and water safety. Money needs to be returned to school as soon as possible.



Whole School Mega Reward Activities

Pre-Primary - Water play
Jarrah Block - Bubbles
Tingle Block - Waterslide
Banksia Block - Movie & Popcorn

Kurlangas Aboriginal Playgroup

This term at playgroup we will be learning about the colours **red, green, blue and yellow**. To help the children learn and recognise these colours we will be doing a variety of fun activities and art and craft experiences such as red cellophane windows, green caterpillars, blue toy car painting, and yellow sand gluing, coloured play dough, just to name a few!

For our babies, there will be tummy time (to strengthen their back and neck muscles), push and pull toys, some wonderful books to look at and songs to sing. Playgroup is **FREE**, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School in room 5, during term times between 10.00-12.00am for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers. Between 12 and 1pm, there will be an adult art table set up, where the adults can do painting and craft work.

A morning tea of fresh fruit is provided for the children, and tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. You do not need to have a child attending this school to attend.

Hope to see you there!

ABORIGINAL EARLY YEARS TEAM.

Skipping School

Children who regularly miss a day or so of school have severe impact placed onto their educational outcomes. The following data shows how a day here and there adds to significant amounts of time.

- If a child misses **five** days each term, they miss out on **one year** of school.
- If a child misses **one** day a week, they will miss almost **two years** of school.
- If a child misses **1.5** days a week, they will miss almost **three years** of school.
- If a child misses **two** days a week, they will miss almost **four years** of school.
- If a child misses **three** days a week, they will miss almost **six years** of school.
- If a child miss **five** weeks a term, they miss almost **five years** of school.

Your child's best progress is if they attend school regularly. If your child is sick for an extended period, more than 3 days, or cannot attend school for a specific reason discuss this with his/her teacher. Where parents must take a holiday during the school term, make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Waterhouse.



Dear Parents/Carers

The school will close at 11.30am on Wednesday 16th March and Go Bananas will be providing care from 11.30am onwards. Any new parents that wish to use the After School Care, please contact them direct on 9301 5133 to enrol.

Keep driveway clear
NO PARKING

Parents & Caregivers,

Please do not park in residents' driveways when dropping and picking up children. City Of Wanneroo will be monitoring and issuing infringements.