

## MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS **67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030**

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ASSEMBLY 11th March Room 12



School Development Day 4th March Students do not attend

> Labor Day Holiday Monday 7th March

Swimming 30th March to 8th **April** 

Year 6 Camp 17th—19th May More information to be sent home soon.

School Banking Starts Wednesday 2nd March

Merriwa Primary and **ESC** Website www.merriwaps.wa. edu.au

Early Close for Interim Reports Wednesday 16th March

### From the Principal's Desk......

The Department of Education is still upgrading our computer system, and while we are ensuring that your children are not affected, some communication systems are still not working to their full capacity. We thank you for your patience during this time.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

This Friday, 4th March, we will be holding a School Development Day. This means that students do not attend on this day.

### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY 7th MARCH**

Monday 7th March is a Labor Day Holiday, so students do not attend on that day too.

### MRS LONG RETURNS

Mrs Long returns from her Long Service Leave today, and we thank Mrs Radich and Mr Collins for fulfilling her role while she was away.

### MRS DORNEY ON LEAVE in ROOM 13

Mrs Dorney is on sick leave and we thank Mrs Hanratty for stepping into her teacher role at short notice during this time. Mrs Hill will continue to teach as usual from Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Hanratty will teach on Thursdays and Fridays.

### SWIMMING LESSONS AT ARENA

Mr Hoskins has arranged for extra places this year, so we can increase the number of children who can learn to swim. Please send your money in the money envelope or direct debit it to the school as soon as possible so we can book the buses.

### YEAR 6 CAMP 17th MAY TO 19th MAY 2016

The Year 6 Camp has returned to an earlier time in the year and will be held during Week 4 of Term 2, on 17th May to 19th May 2016. The camp will involve three days of full activities and is always a fantastic experience. More information will be sent home soon.

### **EARLY CLOSE FOR REPORTING WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH**

The school will close at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 16th March so that teachers can meet individually with you to discuss your child's progress. Please ring the front office to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Appointments will be available from 12.00 to 5.00 p.m. and we look forward to seeing you.

### **BUNNINGS SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

Take a look at the new Buddy Seat under the big tree in the Junior Playground. It was kindly donated by BUNNINGS and some senior students helped them to assemble and paint it. It is a friendly place where children can meet or can sit if they need to find

BUNNINGS also painted their talking pole in the vegetable garden—see if you can find their symbol! They also brought along several large bins

that Mrs Prior is going to use with our drumming group. We are grateful for their ongoing support.

Kind regards Mrs Sue Waterhouse **Principal** 



# ....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 Boulevarde, 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 infohldcs@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, Jubliee 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, Jeramiah 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 <u>treasurer@titansnetball.com</u> 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 signed by Mrs Waterhouse, our school principal and need to be lodged by 4th March.

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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**

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Mrs Sue Waterhouse Principal

as soon as possible.



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

### BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

An Independent Public School 17 Gwendoline Drive, Beldon www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au T: 9408 8000

Program endorsed by the

WACA



### **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



**Whole School Mega Reward Activities** 

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

### 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
- If a child misses two days a week, they will miss almost four years of
- 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 that 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

### **Kurlangas Aboriginal Playgroup**

This term at playgroup we will be learning about the colours red, green, blue and ellow. 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.



### Dear Parents/Carers

The school will close at 11.30am on Wednesday 16th March and Go Banana's 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.