**From the Principal’s Desk…..**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

Thank you for your support for the Interim Report Meetings with your child’s teachers. We had over 253 appointments attend and it was a great opportunity for you to talk with the teachers one-on-one to see how your child is going so far this year.  

P & C: Your support for our P&C is much appreciated. The colourful ground markings in the Pre Primary and Kindy area, the junior playground shade sails, the Year 6 graduation and book awards at the end of the year are examples of their contribution to Merriwa. The main role of the P&C is to fundraise, and last year they raised over $15 000 which is amazing. We look forward to another busy and happy year.

At the recent AGM the following office bearers were voted in for 2016:

- **President:** Erika Hanekom
- **Treasurer:** Sherryn Reynolds
- **Secretary:** Danise Gluskie
- **Committee Members:** Tania Scott and Ashton Carter

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 1.30 p.m. in the staff room on Weeks 3 and 7 of every term. Come along and hear about the school and how you can help to improve the facilities for your children.

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### COMING EVENTS

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| **Friday 18th March** | Constable Care Protective Behaviours Puppet Show  
P&C Pizza Lunch  
Mega Reward Event  | All Years (free)  
All Years (orders now closed)  
Rooms 16, 17, 18 (free) |
| **Tuesday 22nd March** | Dental Screening  | PP, Year 3, Year 6 (free) |
| **Wednesday 23rd March** | Scitech excursion  | Years 5 and 6 ($4.00 – subsidised by ECU and Scitech) |
|                    | Council Meeting 1.30 p.m.  |  |
| **Thursday 24th March** | Summer Interschool Sports Carnival  
9.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.  
Basketball and Cricket at Merriwa Primary  
Speedball at Clarkson Primary  
T- Ball at Somerly Primary  | Senior Students ($2.50) |
| **Wednesday 30th March (Straight after Easter)** | Swimming Lessons at Joondalup Arena  | PP to Year 6 ($40.00 all inclusive of lessons, entry and bus) |
| **Sunday 3rd April** | Family Portraits for Mother’s Day - P&C Fundraiser  | All invited ($20.00) |
| **Thursday 7th April** | Principals’ Afternoon Tea  | By Invitation for Positive Behaviour (free) |
| **Friday 8th April** | ANZAC Ceremony  
Undercover Area 1.40 p.m.  
Defence Forces will attend.  | PP to Year 6 and families  
NO PHOTOS BY REQUEST OF DEFENCE FORCES PLEASE |

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**Kind Regards**  
Mrs Sue Waterhouse  
Principal
The term is going so quickly and the students have coped well with the many interruptions with school breaks, hot weather and excursions keeping us busy. Unfortunately we have also had some sick students who have missed days off school. I do appreciate that parents have kept students home when they are ill as there is often a risk to others becoming ill, including staff.

We are lucky to have the opportunity to mentor students from WCIT who have been placed in our classrooms for their practicum. We welcome them to our school over the coming weeks.

**Coming up:**
- Zoo excursion—dinosaur discovery
- Swimming for selected students in Rooms 23, 24 and 25. Please let your classroom teachers know whether your child will be attending and complete the permission notes as soon as possible.
- ANZAC service on the last day of term: April 8th at 1.30pm

Please be advised that Easter extends over 5 days. The children will return on Wednesday 30th March, the first day of swimming lessons.

We require your attendance at P&C fundraising meetings which are held on a Tuesday afternoon in weeks 3 and 7 each term. Please call the office for more information.

**Congratulations to last week’s merit certificate winners!**

*Mrs Karen Macri,*
Principal ESC

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Room 21 students thoroughly enjoyed last week’s Waterslides reward event. After their fun filled day they wrote to persuade others of the benefits of a Waterslide reward event.

I think that waterslides are extremely the best thing to do for a great reward activity. They are awesome and here are my reasons why. Firstly, I love getting wet by water. Secondly, it’s really, really fun and cools you off on a hot day. Thirdly, it’s super slippery and it makes me feel like I’m gliding down the hill like batman. As you can see, my reasons have made you want to go on a waterslide haven’t they?
By Ashley Marshall

In my opinion waterslides are an amazing reward activity. You have such fun. Here are my reasons why. Firstly, the waterslide is really fast. I got all wet. Secondly, it was really slippery. I felt like I was zooming off. Thirdly, it was really cold. When I got sprayed with water it felt like I was going to freeze into an ice cube. I certainly think that waterslides are terrific fun.
By Thida Chau
**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.**