

....Merriwa ESC News....

Independent Public School Application

Please read the information in regards to the benefits of becoming an IPS school and consider attending an information session held at the school in the coming week. Members of your school council, Sue Waterhouse and I have attended training sessions in preparation for our application to become IPS from 2017. This is a very competitive application and we would like feedback from our school community to determine if this is right for Merriwa. Many of you will have been interviewed by classroom teachers, members of the council or administration staff for your views on how we can make improvements to our school to support your family. If you have not had the opportunity to have your say, please call the office or drop in for a chat.

Special Events

Coming up in the next few weeks are our NAIDOC celebrations. Students will participate in integrated activities with their PS peers on Friday 24th June and then on the following Tuesday 28th June the students from the ESC will visit Yanchep for more indigenous cultural experiences. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Student Reports

The semester reports will be ready in the final week of term. If you would like to speak with the classroom teacher about your child's progress, or if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment during the final week – before July 2nd.

Student Banking - Wednesday mornings in the library

The Merriwa school campus provides an opportunity for students to open a bank account to assist with teaching them to save pocket money, please drop in and see the ladies in the library on Wednesday mornings to participate.

Absences

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call to the office on 9305 9897 or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. With the onset of flu season it is important to keep children at home if they are contagious for the health and wellbeing of all students and staff.

Congratulations to the students who are awarded certificates at the assembly last week .

Karen Macri
Principal

Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Service at Kings Park

James, Violet, Shakira and Shania recently participated in the Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Service at Kings Park.

Our students accompanied many other students from schools around the metropolitan area and displayed a very respectful manner at this important service.

Thank you to Mr Sibosado and Mr Hoskins for organising the event.



What if I want to pick up my child early?

In the interest of student safety we ask that you come to the office to pick up an early release form.

The office ladies will then arrange for your child to meet you at the office.

We thank you for helping to keep our school safe.

Go Bananas

Hello Parents and Guardians

- Go Bananas have attached a program for the fast approaching school holidays.
- Go Bananas Merriwa will be going on some awesome excursions .
- Children are to be signed in at Merriwa PS in Tingle Block. They will then be bused to the excursion and brought back to Merriwa PS for collection.
- We look forward to your child joining us.
- Please text 0481 872 656 (Merriwa Mobile) or email admin@gobananas.net.au for more information or to book a place.
- Depending on your child care benefit and child care rebate entitlements daily costs can be from as low as \$20.

The Go Bananas Team Carol and Hannah

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have a joint school council with members from both the Primary School and Education Support Centre.

WHO IS ON OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL ?

Chair: Alison Tilbury

Principals: Sue Waterhouse and Karen Macri

Parent Representatives: Erika Hanekom and John Ward

Community Representative: James Eley

Teacher Representative: Andrea Hollie

Ex- Officio Officers: Maxine Russ and Tracey Bell.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The role of the council is to promote the schools in the community; to approve charges and contributions; to approve book lists and uniforms; to take part in establishing and reviewing the schools objectives , priorities and general policies, and to approve finances.



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Adior Jok, Tamati Mackey	2	13	Connor Morel, Ella-Joan Morgan
PP	2	Kiara Polmeartagami, Emma Ahlquist	4/5	15	Jane Paul, Kyle Farstad
1	6	Shontae Eades, Mary Wantee	5/6	17	Joshua Bidgood, Alexia Waring
1	7	Sydney Penstone, Ryley Tew	4	19	Jacquyn Butt, Toby Monaghan
1	9	Liam Kinnane, Mia Rothwellpet	3	21	Ajok Maker, Angel Drummond-Hay Taylor
3	10	Layla Mackie, Ciaralee Lingman	3/4	22	Olivia Williams, Roya Akbari
2	11	Kya Smith, Samuel Baraka		ESC	Paige Galbraith, Isabelle Rothwell Iyona Chavez, Michael Marsh
2	12	L-Jay Evans, Conan Fenn, Skye Polmeartagami		Kind Kids	Lily Connery, Danika Buckland

Room 7

The Year 1 students from Room 7 have been learning how to write a procedure. First the children created a sandwich with a choice of three toppings. We had a lot of fun pretending that one ingredient gave you a magical power such as invisibility or the ability to teleport. We had this great idea after reading the book *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox. Finally the class wrote the procedure of how to make a magic sandwich.



BUTLER COLLEGE TRANSITION PROGRAM

Prior to the transition day, a parent evening will be on Wednesday 29th June 2016 from 6pm - 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents to ask any questions that they may have about Butler College.

Incoming Year 7 students 2017 Transition Day

Term 3	Monday 1st August, 2016 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Term 4 2016	Monday 24th October, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

In the lead up to NAIDOC week, we are going to be doing Aboriginal arts and crafts in playgroup until the end of term. We will marble paint boomerangs, dot paint Australian animals, make flag hand prints, paper coil snakes and cardboard roll didgeridoos. Playgroup is **FREE**, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School during term times between 10.00-12.00pm, for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers.

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!

