

From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...

It has been a fantastic start to the year. Our classes are running smoothly and students have settled into the rhythm and routines of the day. It is wonderful to see happy faces and proud students as I walk through the Centre.

Staff and students have had their school photo taken this week. I look forward to seeing the outcome of our ESC group photo and thank the staff for ensuring that our students were able to participate.

This week saw the start of our Direct Instruction Spelling Mastery program in which students from Year 3 to 6 across the campus are engaged in short, sharp lessons in small groups. ESC staff are utilised to ensure this program can be a success and I thank them for their cooperation. We will also create small ability groups to explicitly teach the Language for Learning program and Phonemic Awareness program to ensure our students have these foundations for learning.

Our focus continues to be on the development of emergent literacy and numeracy, and to support our students with self management while developing independence. Staff have designed programs and learning activities to foster these areas and I look forward to seeing the results over the course of the year.

Over these next two weeks you will be given an opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss your goals for your child and to have an input into their education plan. Please take advantage of this opportunity so that we can continue to work closely with you.

The ESC has elected student leaders from our Year 6 student group who will join the primary school student councillors. Congratulations to Tyron and Marshall on their leadership role.

Thank you for using the communication book for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly.

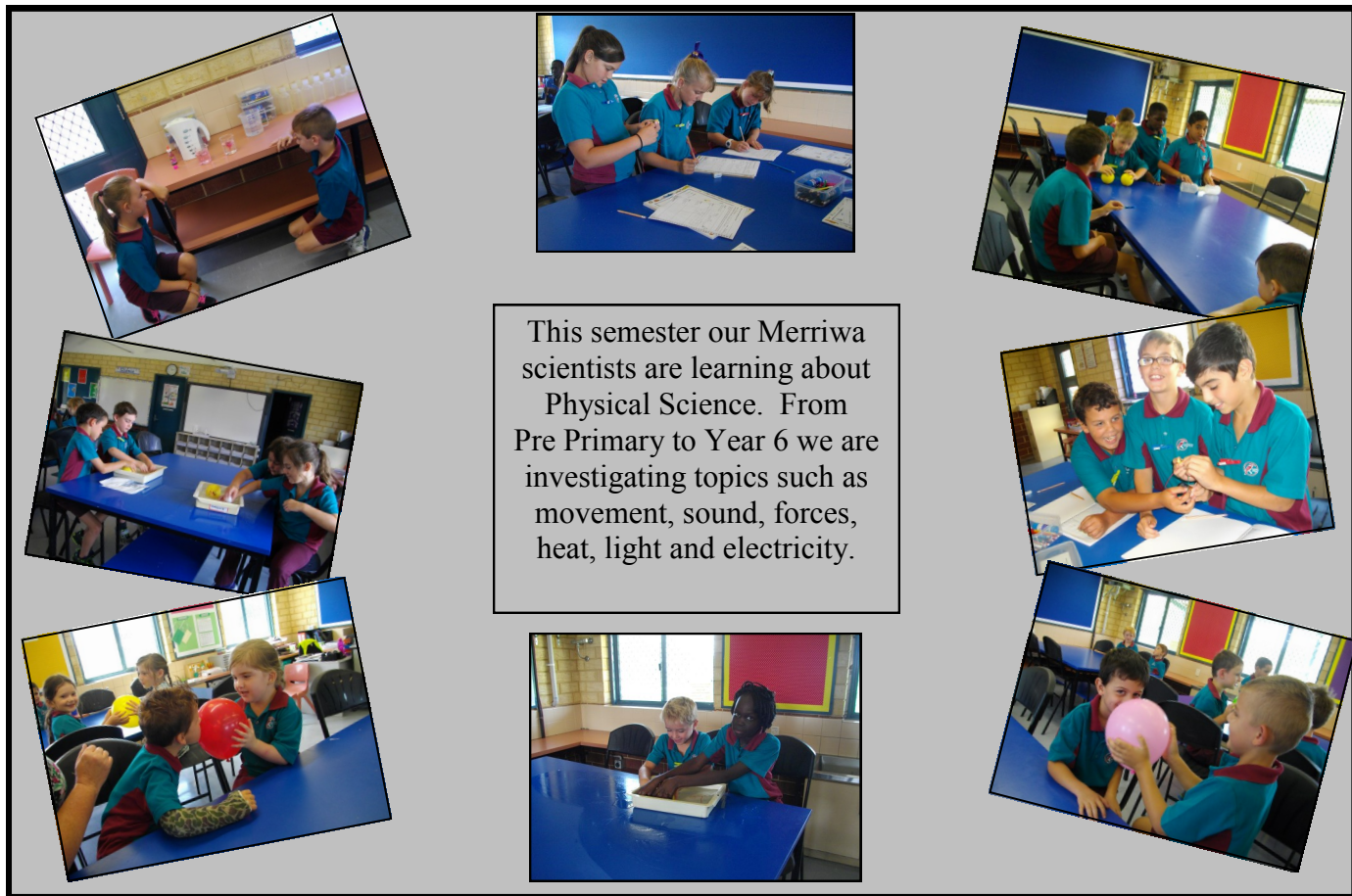
It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. I appreciate that children get sick and will need to stay at home until they are no longer contagious. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school.

Congratulations also to the students who were awarded merit certificates at last week's assembly.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Ana Nour Tomic	6	16	Andiya Paul, Steven Hinaki
1	6	Ella-Joan Morgan	5	17	Zephanie McIvor, Neve Vanner
1	7	George Conley, Cristopher Vaz	4/5	18	Scott Morel, Violet Shea
1	9	Shanae Delavale, Tyler Verbakel	4	19	Shauntai Pickett, Kaileb Dooling
3	10	Marjorie Conley, August Seumanutafa	3	21	Aryelle Monaghan, Luke Denver
2	11	Olivia Williams, Tracy Beets	3/4	22	Zeyad Salama, Kase Monaghan
2	12	Timothy Dick, Grace Obede	ESC		Richie Gallon, Toby Roberts
2	13	Braham Kaur, Akuol Manyang	ESC		Danika Buckland
6	15	Kim Tiet, Jaiden Waind			



This semester our Merriwa scientists are learning about Physical Science. From Pre Primary to Year 6 we are investigating topics such as movement, sound, forces, heat, light and electricity.



Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Frozen Activity Sheets	Whiteboard Wars	Making pom poms	Nature Sculptures	Friendship Bracelets
After Care Activities	Making Fruit Kebabs - Backyard Cricket	Summer Mural - Trust Trains	3D Paper Rainbows - Basketball	Uno Tournament - Table Quiddich	Despicable Me Bookmarks - Disco Tiggy

Parent Information

OSHC program phone:
 Coordinator:
 Assistants:
 OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
 All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The P&C will be selling the Entertainment Book again this year. For just \$65 you receive hundreds of dollars in savings for meals, outings and services, with 20% of the sale of these coming to our school. We are taking pre-order bookings, with an extra incentive of six bonus vouchers for pre-sale books (including Trendi Café in Joondalup and Portofinos in Quinns Rocks). The books can be purchased as a hard copy with vouchers, or a digital membership which is stored on your smart phone. Please put your name down at the office if you wish to order your copy of this year's Entertainment Book or contact Sherryn on 0401 571 644.

QUINNS DISTRICT NETBALL CLUB

Registration for Ages 6 to U17/Opens

Saturday 21st February 2015

1pm to 4pm

GUMBLOSSOM COMMUNITY CENTRE
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CRICKETERS!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHOOSING CRICKET AS A FULL TIME SUBJECT
AT
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'SPECIALIST CRICKET PROGRAM' TRIAL DAY is being held on
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Full information is available on www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au Specialist
Cricket Program where you can download a trial pack and application form.

Applications close Monday 30 March 2015

Should you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact
Scott Ogilvie, Cricket Coordinator for Belridge
Secondary College
on 9408 8000 or email scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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PLAYGROUP MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

0 - 3 year olds

TERM 1
STARTING FRIDAY
20TH FEBRUARY
IN ROOM 5

8.45AM—11.00AM

Please register your interest at the
office.



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COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

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ABORIGINAL PLAYLEADERS

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MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL
BALTIMORE PARADE, MERRIWA
TUESDAY 10AM – 12.00

CONTACT: 9300 3759 (leave message)

OR ASK AT SCHOOL RECEPTION

PATRICIA GILES CENTRE

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parents not to park in the
school Kiss N Drive, as this
is a designated area for
drop off and pick up.
Please keep our children
safe.