



Special Events

Next week students who have met our expectations for positive behaviour will be given the opportunity to play on a Bouncy Castle with their class group. It is a special treat to reward our students for their commitment towards making Merriwa a positive school.

Our senior students are travelling to Warwick Bowl next week for a ten pin bowling tournament against other Education Support Facilities. I commend our staff for enabling our students to participate and to utilise public transport to reinforce their community access skills.

Student Banking - Tuesday mornings

Thank you, again to Leah Frankis and Ebony Muscara who coordinate the student banking initiative. If your child has not opened an account to assist with teaching them to save pocket money, please drop in and see Leah any Tuesday morning at the school.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rita Wilson and her family for gifting the ESC with equipment which will assist our students in their sensory program. The support from local community is always much appreciated.

Dance Program

It is really wonderful to see our students enjoying the Dance Program on Friday afternoons. Their enthusiasm is delightful and contagious, giving staff a positive energy to end the week. Thank you to Mrs Collins and Mrs MacFarlane for organising this activity.

Best Wishes

One of our supportive team members is leaving this week to prepare for the delivery of her baby. We offer Paris our best wishes and hope to see her back for a visit soon.

Absences

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.

Please be reminded that Monday 2nd of June is a public holiday to celebrate WA Day. Enjoy your long weekend.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Sophia Delaforce	4	19	Makanaka Mudzengi, Tawa Reedy
PP	2	Ashton Carter, Kato Mackie, Dylan Hesketh	4	22	Rowan O'Donnell, Liam Griffiths
1	6	Tristan Jackson, Chloe Dunne	5	24	Shonola Kennedy, Kyle Warr, Sunday Ater
1	7	Angel Taylor, Layton Williams	5	25	Milad Safari, Omeed Yezderi
1	9	Harry Hicks, Ada Trueland	ESC	26	Jasmine Fernando
3	10	Shade Castle-Nepia, Chloe Davis	ESC	23	Chelsie Downen, Pheobe Cregan
2	11	La Teisha Hodgkinson, Steven Rossiter	ART		ROOM 22, ROOM 7, ROOM 23
2	12	Kalena-Maree Waaka, McAuley Baragry	KIND	KIDS	Trinity Wright
2	13	ROOM 13	KIND	KIDS	ROOM 28 , YEAR 5
6/7	18	Tia Joyce, Dhayna Yarran, Zac Smith, Kan Kaewmalai			

Semester 1 Reports

Teachers are currently completing student reports. These will be sent home with your children on Wednesday, 2 July. This year your child will be assessed against the English, Mathematics, Science and History standards using the Australian Curriculum. As the Australian Curriculum standard is different to the previous one used your child's grade may be different from previous reports. Where your child is working significantly below the expected year standard and have been working on an individual education plan, the evaluation of this plan will also be included in their report folder, along with an E grade. Where this occurred last year the subject area grade was removed.

Only children who have an identified specific learning disability or are being assessed using the English as a Second Language or Dialect progress maps will have some E grade descriptors removed.

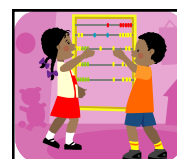
At Merriwa we use the A to E grade, for years 1 to 7. The pre-primary scale has been developed by our staff in accordance with departmental requirements. We hope that you are pleased with your child's progress and invite you to contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss this further.

Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2015 at Merriwa Primary School. If your child is born between **1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011** he/she is due to commence Kindy in 2015.

Please contact the office to complete an Application for Enrolment with copies of birth certificate, immunisation records and proof of address.



School Council Vacancies

Are you interested in joining and having a say in our schools?

We have two parent vacancies for our joint ESC and Primary School Council. We meet usually once per term.

The function of the council is to take part in

- ♦ Establishing and reviewing our objectives, priorities and policy directions;
- ♦ Planning the finances so that we can achieve this;
- ♦ Evaluating how well we do it; and
- ♦ Helping us to design codes of conduct for students at Merriwa.

If you would like to nominate yourself as a parent representative, please fill in the form below, with an endorsement from another parent, and send it to the office marked School Council Nomination:

Confidential. If there are more than two nominations, we will conduct a vote. Thank you for your support.

I _____ (Print name) nominate for the School Council.

I _____ (Print name and sign) Endorse this nomination.

_____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL STATUS

As part of raising our expectations and improving our delivery of a quality education at Merriwa the Primary School and ESC are applying for joint Independent School Status.

We will be presenting our case to the Department of Education on 6 June 2014.

Both the School Council and staff from the Education Support Centre and the Primary School are supporting this application.

We will keep you informed about the outcome.

Sue Waterhouse
Principal

ROOM 11 YEAR 2

Our class went on an excursion to Buckingham House. This house is in Wanneroo and was built during 1880-1890 by the Buckingham family. John and Emily Buckingham lived in the house with their 7 children. We all dressed up in pioneer costumes and had a fabulous morning going back in time to experience life without electricity and running water.

In the laundry we got to wash a tea towel on the washboards. We dried the clothes and you had to put the washing on the line. After that we looked at the ironing boards. It was fun. (Nevada)

In the lounge room we made our name with sewing. I used red and purple then the lady showed us a candle and salt container. Then she said, "When the kids wanted to read they had to go in the lounge to read." (Tia W.)

In the school house there are small chairs and big chairs. I had a blue chalk and there were chalkboards. Sometimes the boys would dip the girl's hair in the ink. (Blesha)

In the garden we milked a cow. There is a machinery bit where there are machines like hay cutters and ploughs. For recess we had the damper we made in the kitchen. (William)

In the kitchen there was a wooden stove and if you touched it, it would burn your fingers. There also was a fridge, you didn't use electricity you had to put ice in the fridge. Then we made damper and it tasted amazing. (Charlie)

In the garden we looked at the farm machines first the hay cutter and then the hoe. Then it was recess, we had damper for recess and then it was time to play. We played tug-of-war and noughts and crosses. I had lots of fun! (Beatrice)

