

Merriwa ESC News....

It has been an amazing couple of weeks with many opportunities to celebrate. Last week was particularly wonderful to have staff nominated and acknowledged for the great work they do. It is a testament to our great school to have won awards in recognition for the hard work and dedication of our staff for the benefit of our kids. I feel very proud and honoured to represent our school and thank the many parents and other community members for their support and congratulations. This recognition, on top of our IPS status, has boosted our school with enthusiasm for what can be done into the future. It is all very exciting

While so many of the ESC staff were out celebrating at the Education Support Awards night, many of our students attended the school disco with their families. I am so pleased that the disco was a success and that our kids had a wonderful time.

It was also lovely to see so many ES families at the star gazing evening this week. It was a cold night and the clouds obscured the stars at times, but this did not faze the large group who attended.

I have been out of the school for 5 days of workshops which are necessary to prepare for our IPS status. There is still much work to be done as we transition to this new governance but Mrs Waterhouse and I intend to move steadily to ensure great outcomes for our kids and the wider community.

Upcoming dates to consider:

Tuesday 15th November – Behaviour Reward activity

Friday 18th November – ESC assembly followed by morning tea

Week 6 to week 9 - Yr 5/6 Dance lessons

Friday 9th December - Book Awards assembly

Tuesday 13th December – Yr 6 Graduation Day

Thursday 15th December – School Christmas Concert

We have an ongoing problem with parking in the disabled bays around the school and with parents using the front car park to drop off children in the morning. Please be considerate of the rules which are in place for student safety. There are some families who require the delegated parking bays for children with disability and should be considered as a priority for these bays. Please assist in these matters as a common courtesy.

Warm Regards, Karen Macri—Principal



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Diesel Tilbrook	2	12	Jack Allen, Alicia Cooper
PP	2	Karicia Batista, Tye Barwick-Price	2	13	Jasmine Bradshaw, Ashton Carter
1	6	Max Tanner, Lily Cooper	4/5	15	Annekia Tanner, Royce Crawford
1	7	Ryan Allen, Nephran Whittaker	5/6	17	Lili Kemp, Shaun Hammond
1	9	Tesloach Thichiot, Sanjna Pawar	5/6	19	Jacqueline Tribunali, Tia Cox
3	10	Rosha Sim Sabahi, Ali Amiri	3	21	Thida Chau, Abbie Reynolds
2	11	Evie Vorpapel	3/4	22	James Dickson
Kind kid		Peta Fielding, Dana Khoh, Marcus Harp, Charlie Williams, Korbin Mynard, Kyle Farstad, Ruhulla Akbari, Carols Batista, Godfrey Niyibhigira, Encok Mbafumoja, IYona Chavez		ESC	Mikenzee Poole, Shaun Marcial, Isabelle Rothwell



AMBULANCE COVER

There will be occasions where someone at school might have to call an ambulance for your sick or injured child. An ambulance will only be called if we are unable to contact you and your child requires urgent medical assistance. The person who is responsible for payment of this service is the patient. As a government school we do not have any medical coverage for staff or students. The cost of this service can be up to \$932 for a life threatening or urgent situation. The only way you can be covered for this ambulance service is to take out ambulance cover through one of the private health companies for around \$100 per year for a family.

Please keep your emergency contacts up to date.

GIRL'S FOOTBALL

Here is the chance for girls in Years 4 to 6 to play Australia's only national football game Aussie Rules. Up until now girls had to play in a combined team. But now with the inaugural National Women's competition commencing in 2017 more and more interest is being shown in the sport by young girls. As the sport is in its infancy, it is the perfect time for girls to join in, as in most cases, the majority of players will be new comers all learning and growing in confidence as the sport also grows. If any young female members of your family or any of their friends who will be in Years 4, 5 or 6 in 2017 and would be interested in playing AFL next year, please contact Heidi Halliday – Registrar on 0412 396 402 or via email at registrar@quinnsbulls.com.



DANCING LESSONS

YEAR 5 Rooms 15, 16, 17, 18

Humphrey's Dance

Studio

24th November, 25th November

28th November, 1st December

2nd December, 5th December

6th December, 7th December

8th December, 9th December

Parents are invited to a social dance at the last lesson. 11.50-12.50



***Date: Tuesday 13th
December, 2016***

Time: 10.00—2.00pm

***Venue: The Church of Latter Day Saints
Hughie Edwards Drive Merriwa***

cost \$50.00

Includes

10 Dancing Lessons

Graduation Cake

Light Lunch for students and guests

Bus to graduation

Social dance at graduation

PE NEWS

With Ms Leonard currently on Long Service Leave exploring Australia with her family, I have had the pleasure of taking over physical education for Term 4. We have been having a great time exploring basic gymnastic moves like rolls, cartwheels, and handstands as a whole class. The children have made their own gymnastic routines in groups and performed them for their classmates. We have some very talented gymnasts in the school! We have now moved onto developing our ball handling and basketball skills through a series of fun activities and short basketball games which everyone is enjoying. A group of Years 5 and 6s were fortunate to be invited to take part in an interschool cricket tournament recently at Butler College, and although we didn't come away with the trophy, the students who took part displayed excellent behaviour and great sportsmanship throughout the day. Next week all students will be undergoing the "Beep Test" which is a measure that we apply throughout the year to assess their physical fitness. The last few weeks of the school year will see the children engaging in some fun group activities aimed to work on their team building.

Mrs Duffill, PE Teacher



RE: SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017 – NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Education coordinates a range of student scholarships, grants and prizes to meet some of the costs of secondary schooling. Nine scholarships are now open for applications through the Department's website. Scholarships in this release are available for studies in all years of secondary school, with most open to students currently completing Year 10 who intend to go on to complete the WACE. However, the two scholarships below target a broader range of applicants and aspirations, and I encourage you to consider whether students completing Year 6, 7, 8 or 9 this year at your school would be eligible:

James and Rose Coombe Scholarships for regional and remote students. Several of these scholarships are available each year and successful applicants can reapply in subsequent years. The funding amount starts at \$1 000.

Maud Zervos Education Grants for students with a parent/caregiver who has a disability. A 'rollover clause' in this scholarship makes funding available for each year of secondary study, subject to satisfactory attendance and progress. The funding amount starts at \$750 in lower secondary and rises to \$1 000 for upper secondary studies.

Applications close for both of these scholarships at **5.30pm on Monday, 12 December 2016**. (Note that the closing dates vary for some of the other published scholarships)

Scholarship eligibility criteria and information on how to apply can be found on the Department's [scholarships webpage](#). Please promote the scholarships to eligible students and their families, and direct them to the webpage.

For further information, contact:

Ms Cassie Bussell, Principal Consultant, Teaching and Learning on 9402 6304 or email

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ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

The Department of Education offers specialist program for identified Gifted and Talented students to enter into one of the offered programs through the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective entrance Programs.

Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 6 February 2017.

A full information brochure has been sent home with this newsletter.

KINDY ENROLMENTS 2017

If your child is born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013, registrations are now open. Please see the front office for application forms, with copies of Birth Certificate, Immunisation records, proof of address and \$40 Voluntary Contributions.

PLACES ARE FILLING FAST

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Our school has a second hand uniform closet for families in need of assistance and to provide change of clothing for students while at school. If you have any uniforms that you no longer require and would like to donate to the school, please bring them to the office. Thank you



SCHOOL PARKING ALERT!

We are sending a flyer out with the newsletter regarding parking at the school. The shire has received a number of complaints regarding parents not complying with parking when picking up and dropping off children at the school. Please read the flyer carefully and adhere to the parking regulations for the safety of your children.



CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2017

If your child is **NOT** returning to Merriwa Primary in 2017, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2017. If you have a class request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs Waterhouse, marked confidential. As usual we cannot guarantee placements, but will always consider your request.

Child's Name: _____

Year/Room No.: _____

New School: _____