

MERRIWA NEWS

**KINDY
FIRST**



**DAY
2020**

Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



Friday
14th February
ROOM 18

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new year at Merriwa!

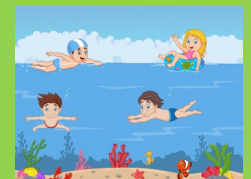
We are grateful to you for sending your children so well prepared for the first day.... we know how much it takes to organise all the new school bags, lunchboxes, pencils, shoes and uniforms. Thank you !

Here are classes for 2020

Year Level	Teachers	Location
Kindergarten	Mrs Liddelow – Mrs Allan	Room 3
Pre-Primary/Kindy	Mrs Thompson – Miss Ortlepp	Room 1
Pre-Primary	Mrs Hollie – Mrs Dorney	Room 2
Year 1	Mrs Duffill	Room 6
Year 1	Mrs Rogers	Room 10
Year 1/2	Miss Purcell	Room 7
Year 2	Ms Galbraith	Room 11
Year 2	Mrs Morgan – Mrs Allan	Room 13
Year 3	Mrs Barr	Room 12
Year 3	Mrs Avins – Mrs Hogan	Room 9
Year 3	Mrs Rock – Mr Sanders	Room 21
Year 4	Mrs Zainudin – Mrs Hogan	Room 19
Year 4	Ms Hay	Room 22
Year 5	Mr Collins	Room 16
Year 5	Mrs McKenzie	Room 17
Year 6	Mrs Radich – Mrs Perkins	Room 15
Year 6	Mrs Ebert – Mrs Zoccali	Room 18
Science	Ms Leonard	Room 14
Music	Mrs Prior	Music Rm
Phys Ed	Mr Allan	
Italian	Mrs Zoccali	Room 20
Computing	Mr Bownes	Computer Lab

Kind regards
Sue Waterhouse Principal

Year 6
Swimming
Yanchep Beach
Lagoon during
Week 5 & 6



Year 6 Camp
Week 6
10th 11th & 12th
March



Public Holiday
Labour Day

Monday 2nd
March

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www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
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Merriwa ESC

Term 1 Week 1

What a wonderful start to the school year. Thank you to our families for your efforts in preparing your child and using the social stories over the break. Our classes are running smoothly and students have settled quickly into the rhythm and routines of the day. It is wonderful to see happy faces and proud students as I walk through the Centre.

*Our focus continues to be on the development of emergent literacy and numeracy, effective communication and to support our students with self-management while developing independence. This year we will also have a focus on STEM (Science, Technology and Engineering, and Maths)
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.*

You will be given an opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher early this term 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.

Our Year 6 students have delivered their speech to peers in the hope of being elected to join the primary school student councillors for 2020. Our ESC student leaders will be announced at next week's assembly. Congratulations to Beau and Holly who took the time to prepare their speech.

I urge parents and carers to adhere to the parking rules around the school. Unless you have an ACROD parking permit, the staff car park is not to be used for drop off and pick up. Please consider the safety of all students.

Karen Macri
Principal, ESC

PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Please read the application flier for year 7 secondary enrolments in 2021 that have gone home today.

Places are open at various schools across the state for selected students.

*Please note applications close on **Sunday 9 February 2020.***

NAPLAN Public Demonstration site

Parents of children in years 3 and 5 can access the public demonstration site. This site contains general information as well as some practice tests you can look at.

The site can be found at:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

The Online Naplan tests are from 12 – 22 May. Further information will be sent home later in the term.

Picking Students Up Early

If you wish to collect your child early, please send a note to your child's teacher, so we can arrange for them to come to the office.

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 1 Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

Our Board is a valued part of our school and has been operational for 3 years. We sincerely thank the following parents and staff: John Ward, Miki Saegusa, Erika Hanekom, Christina Maunick-Sallie, Charon Thompson, Allison Ebert, Melissa Ahlquist and Jessie Bakenga, for their valued contribution over the past 3 years.

The Board positions are held for a 3 year term and are now due for renewal. All positions will be vacant after the end of Term 1.

We ask you to nominate yourself if you are interested in being part of our Board. The main aim of the Board will always be to make a positive difference for all our students.

The functions of the Board are as follows:

Take part in establishing and reviewing the schools' objectives, priorities and general policy;

Take part in planning and financial arrangements necessary to fund this;

Take part in evaluating the schools' performance;

Take part in formulating the codes of conduct of students;

Determine, in consultation with the students, staff and parents, a dress code for students;

To promote our schools in the community;

To approve charges and costs for students for stationery, incursions and excursions;

To approve any advertising or sponsorship agreements;

To provide advice to the Principals about religious education.

The Board cannot intervene in the control or management of the school, intervene in the educational instruction of the students; exercise authority over any school staff, nor intervene in the management or operations of school finances.

We need 5 parents in total, from the Primary School and Education Support Centre to join us. Meetings will be at least once per term, and there will be training provided at the beginning of the year. If there are more than 5 nominations, we will put it to the parent vote.

We are happy to discuss this with you if you would like more information. If you would like to be considered for the Board please fill out the slip below and return to Sue Waterhouse, marked confidential by Friday 21st February, 2020.

I _____ (NAME) parent of _____ (NAME OF CHILD/
CHILDREN) would like to nominate for the Primary School and Education Support Centre Board.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____



Term One Parent Planner 2020

MTH	W K	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JAN/ FEB		27 Australia Day	28	29	30 School Development Day	31 School Development Day
	1	3	4	5	6 Newsletter	7 Briefing Councillor Elections
	2	10	11	12	13	14 Assembly Rm 18
	3	17	18 P & C Meeting 1.30pm	19 Staff Meeting	20 Newsletter	21 Briefing
	4	24	25	26	27	28 Assembly Rm 12
MAR	5	2 Labour Day	3 Year 6 Swimming	4 Year 6 Swimming	5 Year 6 Swimming Newsletter	6 Briefing Year 6 Swimming
	6	9 Year 6 Swimming School Photos	10 Year 6 Swimming School Photos Yr 6 Excursion to Yanchep National Park	11 Year 6 Swimming School Photos Yr 6 Exc to Ice Skating Staff Meeting	12 Year 6 Swimming Yr 6 Excursion to Latitude	13 School Councillor Training Assembly Rm 22 Year 6 Swimming
	7	16	17 P & C Meeting AGM 1.30pm	18	19 Newsletter	20 Briefing Cricket—Butler C
	8	23	24	25 PBS	26	27 Assembly Summer Carnival
	9	30	31	1 Staff Meeting	2 Newsletter	3 Briefing
APR	10	6	7 ANZAC Day Service	8 Parent Interviews Early Close TBA	9	10 Good Friday