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MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Families,

Book Week—Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Book week this year was a huge success ! Thank you to all the parents and families who helped your children to dress up, and for coming along on the day. We had lots of fun, and we are grateful that we could hold this COVID –19 safe event on the oval. A big thank you to Mrs Avins, Mrs Duffill, Mrs Ebert and all the staff for making it possible.

World Teacher's Day

It is such a privilege to work with our wonderful staff at Merriwa Primary School. At Merriwa you see:

- Happy and safe children
- Committed teachers who make the most of every minute
- Research based programmes; and
- The power of the group working together

Today we celebrated World Teacher's Day by acknowledging our teachers and thanking them. Thank you Merriwa teachers!

Merriwa Display at Clarkson Library

Our Talk for Writing programme is having amazing results. Pop into the Clarkson Library next time you are at Ocean Keys, and see some of our wonderful work on display.

Icy Pole Fundraising

The Year 6 are selling icy poles every Friday in the canteen for \$1 to help fundraise for graduation and reduce costs. Please support them!

Humphreys Dance Studio Lessons –Years 5 and 6.

The Year 5 and 6 students will start their dancing lessons soon—hip hop, the salsa, the jive, are just a few of the dances they learn as part of our PE programme. The cost is \$40 for ten hours of lessons, during school time. Notes will be sent home soon.

Kind Regards, Mrs Sue Waterhouse Principal

Clarkson Online Canteen Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

> Interschool Carnival Friday 30th October East Butler Primary School

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Registrations Are now open If your child is born between 1st July 2016 and 30th June, 2017 See website below for application forms

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VISIT www.<u>merriwaps.</u> <u>wa.edu.au</u> <u>To see our</u> <u>Website</u>

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is great to see our children taking part in community access visits more regularly this term, the weather has been fabulous for getting our students outside for their *learning experiences.*

Our cricket clinic and movement skills sessions have been a wonderful addition to our week. All the children look so happy and engaged in the various activities.

The staff continue to be grateful to our parents for showing courtesy with the difficult traffic situation, particularly during the rush at after school pick-up. Your co-operation and patience is appreciated.

I encourage parents to continue to ensure sick children remain at home to recover so that we can provide a healthy classroom environment for all students and staff.

The students and staff are busy rehearsing for our assembly on Friday 20 November, I hope to see many of our parents and carers in the audience. Please save the date in your diary.

Warm regards

Karen Macri Principal











Regular Attendance Draw

Each term we draw book prizes from children who had regular attendance, above 90%, for the term. Congratulations to the following winners:

Maisy Hopkins, Neha Reddy, Deborah Mbafumoja, Norah-Jane Tottman, Connor Robertson, Kyron-James Marks, Elena-Jayne Walsh, Pearl Elliot, Remy Ghergori and Bonny Phillips.

Setting positive attendance habits in early years of schooling is very important, as children with poor attendance during their primary school years find it more difficult maintaining regular attendance when they move into secondary school. Our target for semester 2 is 93%.



Semester Reports

The school will be introducing the electronic delivery of semester reports, commencing term 4. Parents and guardians will be able to access their child/ren's reports from the Connect app. The advantages of this include:

- Timely delivery of reports to all parents and guardians.
- The cost saving to the school of printing and collation of reports.
- Parents and guardians will be able to either print or send electronically children's reports to other family members.
- Parents will be able to retain a digital copy of your child/ren's achievement.

To prepare for this parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves in using the Connect app. Parents will be able to request a paper copy of their child/ren's report. Request slips will be attached to later newsletters.

Notice to Parents of year 5 students Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs

Students in Year 5 can apply for selective secondary schools commencing in 2022. The programs run across a number of secondary schools and cater for children who show talent in different curriculum areas.

A brochure has been attached and further information can be found at: <u>gtsu@education.wa.edu.au</u> or by telephoning 9264 4307.

Application can be made online at education.wa.edu/giftedandtalented

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2021

If your child is **NOT** returning to Merriwa Primary in 2021, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2021. If you have a special 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:_____



Congratulations to Merriwa Primary Schools' Winners 2020

ROOM	NAME	ROOM	NAME
1	Levi	13	Zac
2	Amity-Lux	15	Rocco
3	Steven and Zion	16	Муа
6	Renesmee	17	Shaylee
7	Pearl	18	Sharnnah
9	Krystal	19	Isabella
10	Hernry	21	Preston
11	Eliana	22	Diesel
12	Anameja	29	Namen

CONGRATULATONS

Congratulations to Sophie Year 6,winner of the School Sport and WA Track Field Championships.



Fantastic Effort !!!

LEGO DONATIONS

Lego donations would be greatly appreciated for our *Science and Technology classes.*

Please send them in with your child to the classroom teacher.

Thank you

Ms Leonard Science Teacher

