

MERRIWA NEWS



Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



Alternating
Junior and
Senior

Girls Football
Interschool

Wednesday 28th
April
Merriwa PS

1.10pm—2.40pm

Public Holiday
Anzac Day

Monday 26th
April

ONLINE
CANTEEN
ORDERS

Monday
Tuesday &
Thursdays

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Merriwa. We hope you have enjoyed your break and we look forward to another busy and productive term.

WELCOME MR FENN

As you know, Mr Hoskins retired at the end of last term after 43 years of dedicated service to the Department of Education. This term, Mrs Ebert is stepping into his role, and we welcome Mr Fenn who is working for Mrs Long who is on long service leave for four weeks.

NAPLAN

During weeks four and five our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the NAPLAN tests. We have recently spent over \$20 000 on new Chrome Books so that our students have the best available technology to complete their tests.

It is an important time for our school, and it is important that every child comes to school during this week. Those children who are sick and need to take a day off, will be given the tests upon their return, so please don't worry that they will miss out.

SUMMER CARNIVAL

Last term Merriwa competed in the interschool summer carnival. We were very proud of all our students, particularly our Year 5/6 girls T-ball team who won the Championship Shield. They won every game convincingly and won the grand final 17-4.

Well done to all the students who represented Merriwa in Basketball, T-ball and Lacrosse. Your conduct and sportsmanship was amazing and you all tried your best in every game and learnt a lot over the two days. Thank you to Mr Allan, Mr Collins, Mrs Pledge and Mrs McKenzie for being outstanding coaches.

ANZAC CEREMONY and ASSEMBLY UPDATE

You are invited to attend our ANZAC ceremony on Friday 23 April at 8.45 a.m. Due to social distancing you are welcome to sit on the seating just outside the undercover area.

We have been advised by the Department of Education that we can invite parents to assemblies, as long as we follow the Phase 4 COVID guidelines. This means that for events that are both seated and standing, we need to continue to adhere to the maximum number of adults in the undercover area as calculated by the 2m square rule. This means that parents are welcome to sit just outside the undercover area.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher, we ask that you make an appointment so that you can talk in private and so that we adhere to the social distancing requirements. We will continue to provide the pick up and drop off service at the gates. We thank you for the overwhelming support we have received in managing these COVID times.

PD DAY for ESC The ESC is closed this Friday 23 April due to their staff attending a conference. The Primary School is open as usual. The PS PD day will be on Friday 4 June.

Have a great week, Kind regards Sue Waterhouse Principal

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we trust your Easter break was restful and that you managed to enjoy some quality family time. The students have settled in quickly and many have enthusiastically shared some of their holiday stories.

The ESC staff are off site on Friday 23rd for an Education Support Conference and therefore we have a pupil free day (students do not attend). Also be aware that Monday 26 April is the ANZAC Day public holiday, so we will see you back on Tuesday.

This will be a long term (11 weeks) and staff are busy planning activities to keep the students engaged. Many classes will begin their Community Access Program (CAP) in coming weeks and an excursion for Year1 to 6 is being planned for the end of term. As usual the teachers will keep you up to date using Dojo.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a message on Dojo 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, a medical certificate is required if children are absent for more than 2 days. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school.

Warm regards

Karen Macri
Principal



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Newsletter Raffle

I have read Newsletter 5

Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

Congratulations to last weeks winner - Skyla Bailey

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance data for the last fortnight, of term 1, was 90.6%. This is below our targeted 93% rate but it did include our early close day where our attendance was 80%.

Unfortunately, the number of children being absent and the school isn't being informed remains unacceptably high. For term 1 it was 38% of all absences. Parents and carers must inform the school when your child is absent. The easiest way is to reply to the text message sent daily.

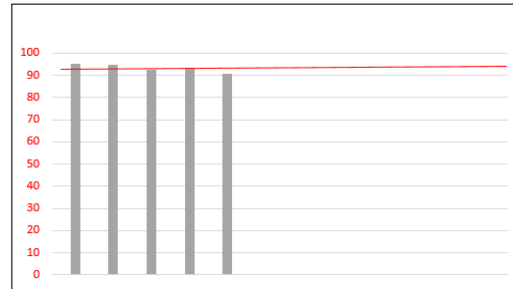
Remember: Every day counts. Mr Hoskins

Semester 1 Attendance Goals = 93%

Term 1

Fortnightly Attendance

Week 1	Week 3	Week 5	Week 7	Week 9
95.2	94.7	92.6	93.4	90.6



Year PP-2 HOME READING

**Junior Champion
Class Award**

**Pre-Primary
Room 2**



**Best participation in
HOME READING PROGRAM**

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

**Merriwa Primary
School**

9 236 496

Total Words Read

**Senior
Champion
Class Award**

**26 160
Year 5 Room 16**

**Rising Stars Class
Award**

Year 6 Room 15

SUMMER CARNIVAL

Our Summer Carnival was a great success with our T-ball team winning the Grand Final. The girls fast running between bases was a highlight with some very fast girls in the team along with some powerful hitting and great fielding. Shaylee Mitchell-Armitage and Lily Maitland formed an awesome combination as pitcher and first base fielders. Well done to all the girls on the team for a well-earned shield and also to Mrs McKenzie for her great coaching. A big thank you needs to go to Kirsty Mitchell and Loren Lloyd for scoring the entire day for both the girls and boys teams.

We invite you all to come and watch our girls football interschool match on Wednesday 28th April from 1.10 - 2.40 p.m. We are proud to be one of the first schools in the state to be part of the AFLW. Come along and cheer for Merriwa.

Mr Ben Allan



Term Two Parent Planner 2021

	W K	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL	1	19	20	21	22 Newsletter	23 Anzac Ceremony ESC PD DAY ONLY
	2	26 Anzac day Public holiday	27	28 PBS AFL—Girls Footy 1.10 p.m. MPS oval	29	30 Briefing Councillor Training
MAY	3	3	4	5	6 Newsletter	7 Assembly Junior Rm 6
NAPLAN	4	10	11	12	13	14 Briefing
NAPLAN	5	1	18	19	20 Newsletter	21 Assembly Senior Rm 15
	6		25	26 Cross Country	27	28 Briefing
MAY/ JUNE	7	31	1	2	3 Newsletter	4 PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	8	7 WA DAY	8	9	10	11 Assembly Junior Rm 13
	9	14	15	16	17 Newsletter	18 Briefing Winter Carnival
	10	21	22	23	24	25 Assembly Senior Rm 22
JUNE/ JULY	11	28	29	30	1 Newsletter Principal Afternoon Tea	2 Briefing Last Day of School