

MERRIWA NEWS



Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



**Whole School
Assembly
Room 17
13th August**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers, NAIDOC Day - Healing Country-

We celebrated NAIDOC Day last week with a whole day of activities centred around Aboriginal history and culture. We commenced the day with an opening ceremony led by our year five and six Aboriginal students. They set a great example for the whole school and were proud to be sharing their culture with their peers. Following the opening ceremony, students from the whole school campus joined in by contributing to a handprint mural, which will soon be displayed in the library, and making bracelets using the colours of the Aboriginal flag. At lunch and recess, students were able to get their faces painted, and for the remainder of the day, teachers provided each class with specially selected cultural activities.

A big thank you to Mrs Duffill, Mrs Rock, Ms Saegusa and the Starlight Foundation, Miss Slamar and all staff members for your time organisation and dedication to make this event a great success.

Pre-Primary to Year Five Swimming Lessons

This week the Pre-Primary to Year five students had in-term swimming lessons at Wanneroo Aquamotion. Thank you to parents and carers for having your child ready to swim!

I was proud to see how excited the children were and how they enjoyed this opportunity to develop vital swimming and water safety skills. With a great start to swimming Lessons, our school has been congratulated on our outstanding behaviour.

One Big Voice Concert at Perth Arena

Our wonderful school has been invited to perform again, as part of a massed choir at the One Big Voice Festival at Perth Arena on Friday 20th August. A total of 150 schools will be participating in two events on the day, with 2000 students singing in harmony together at this amazing performance.

Our students are performing in the Mozart section. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek online, a Ticketek agency or at RAC Arena. You can also follow the [Concert Info](#) and [Ticket Info](#) links on the OBV website: onebigvoice.com.au.

Faction Carnival Change Of Date

Due to changes with our Interschool Athletics events and ESC commitments, we have changed our Jumps and Throws to Wednesday 8th September and our Faction Carnival to Friday 10th September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Important Date Changes Term 3

**School Faction
Carnival
Jumps & Throws
Week 8
Wed 8th Sept**

**Main Carnival
Week 8
Fri 10th Sept**

**Interschool Cross
Country
Week 9
Monday 13th Sept**

**Term 4
Interschool
Athletics
Week 2
Monday 18th Oct**

**Colour Run
Term 4**

**Pizza lunch
to be confirmed**

VISIT
www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
To see our
Website

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

Isn't it lovely to see a blue sky this week? We are making the most of the opportunity to be outdoors before the wet weather returns.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are assisting us with the daily organisation for swimming and ensuring the children have warm clothing to change into after their lesson. The staff are doing a great job in getting your kids dressed and warm as soon as possible once they return to school. It is wonderful to see the progress made after several lessons and we look forward to seeing how many pass their levels next week.

I have heard that some of our families are having issues with receiving notifications on the Dojo app. Please speak with your teachers if you need assistance as Dojo is a vital communication tool for our Centre. Your app may require a reset from time to time, particularly after an update. Teachers will keep you informed of upcoming events via Dojo, check in regularly.

There have been changes to our term plan which will affect the athletics carnival dates. At this stage the whole school athletics will be held towards the end of term.

As always, the staff appreciate your consideration in keeping unwell children at home to ensure everyone's health and safety.

Be well and take a moment to enjoy the sunshine.

Warm regards

Karen Macri
Principal



Newsletter Raffle

I have read Newsletter 12

Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

Congratulations to last newsletter winner River from Room 2

ATTENDANCE

	Term 2 Attendance Goals = 93%					
	Week 1	Week 3	Week 5	Week 7	Week 9	
	87.3	90.5				
	Fortnightly Attendance					

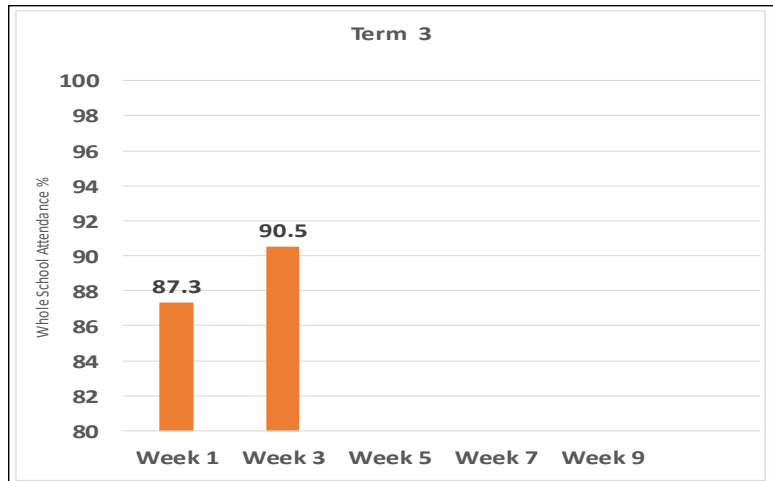
Our average attendance for term 3 is 88.9% which is below our goal of 93%. However it is pleasing to see that attendance has increased from week 1 to week 3.

Well done to the PP's and year 4's who have met the goal of 93%.

Hopefully next fortnight the whole school will also achieve this.

Attendance matters, all day every day!


Mrs Ebert



Millionaire's Club

Congratulations to Kael Room 18, Tyler Room 15 and Keren Room 17 for reading over one million words so far this year.



Year PP-2 HOME READING	Year 3 - 6 LITERACY PRO
Junior Champion Class Award	Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read
	21 519 499
Best participation in HOME READING PROGRAM	Senior Champion Class Award Year 4 Room 21
	20 760
	Rising Stars Class Award Year 3 Room 12

Please complete this online information on your phone, tablet or computer urgently

We are required by the Department of Education to seek your approval for your child to use online services at school.

We encourage you to support this, so that your child can access the technology and teaching programs we provide at Merriwa Primary School.

Please be assured your child's safety and wellbeing is at the forefront of everything we do.

Our school provides access to Department of Education online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum. I am writing to seek approval for your child to be given access to these online services.

The Department's online services currently provide students with access to:

- the internet, with all reasonable care taken by central office and schools to monitor and control students' access to websites while at school;
- online teaching and learning services such as Connect, web-conferencing and digital resources; and
- online file storage and sharing services.

If you agree to your child using these online services, please complete the information on the following pages.

<https://forms.office.com/r/K5FBwpmSvh>

Merriwa Primary School only

