

# MERRIWA NEWS



Breakfast Club  
Every day from  
8am



Factions Captains  
and Student  
Councillor Elections  
Friday 4th Feb

## 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 !

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Kris Fenn as new Merriwa Associate Principal. We know you will make him welcome.

## 2022 Classes

Year Level	Teachers	Location
Kindergarten	Mrs Liddelow and Ms Nguyen	Room 3
Pre-Primary	Mrs Thompson and Miss Moir	Room 1
Pre-Primary	Miss Stuart-Hill and Mrs Hollie	Room 2
Year 1	Mrs Duffill	Room 6
Year 1	Miss Purcell	Room 7
Year 2	Mrs Dorney	Room 11
Year 2	Mrs Avins and Mrs Morgan	Room 9
Year 3	Mrs Barr and Mr Sanders	Room 12
Year 3	Mrs Rock and Mr Collins	Room 13
Year 4	Mrs Zainudin and Mrs Zoccali	Room 21
Year 4	Mrs Ebert	Room 22
Year 5	Mrs McKenzie	Room 16
Year 5	Mrs Murray	Room 18
Year 6	Mrs Perkins and Miss Antonio	Room 15
Year 6	Mrs Pledge	Room 17
Science	Ms Leonard	Room 14
Music	Mrs Prior-Longmuir	Music Rm
Phys Ed	Mr Allan	
HASS	Mr Collins	Room 19
Italian	Mrs Zoccali	Room 20

Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Year 6  
Swimming  
Week 5 & 6

Bowling  
10th March

Latitude  
11th March

Swan Valley  
14th March

School Photos  
Week 9



Public Holiday  
Labour Day  
Monday 7th  
March

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[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
To see our  
Website

# Merriwa ESC

## Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to our families for your efforts in preparing your child by 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.

It is with a mixture of pride and regret that I announce that Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie has been successfully appointed Principal at an ESC south of the river. We wish her all the very best for her appointment and will miss her dearly at Merriwa. I am grateful that Mrs Beth Reiger has accepted the challenge and will be my Associate Principal for term 1.

Our school has grown with 75 enrolled students occupying 10 classes this year, with additional staff to support their learning needs. A new transportable building will be installed sometime this semester; in the meantime, we have had to collapse our Sensory Room to accommodate a PP/Yr 1 class.

We look forward to a busy and productive year.

Here is an outline of the MESC staff:

**Teachers providing addition support:**

Miss Georgie Cook: Monday to Friday.

Mrs Emma Algie: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Sheridan Reimers: Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Peta Drew: Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Gill Gore: Friday.

Mrs Rae-Ellen Hawker will facilitate the Music and Movement program each Monday.

Mrs Jayde Hahnel will continue to manage our Sensory Program.

Room	Teacher	Education Assistant
Kindy, Rm 31	Miss Amy McInerney	Mrs Katrina Sebastian, Mrs Janice Blignaut, Ms Renee Levy
PrePrimary to Yr 1, Rm 6a	Miss Caitlin Griffiths	Ms Yasmin Saman, Ms Sarah Taylor and Mrs Sheree Volner
PrePrimary to Yr 1, Rm 23	Ms Rosie O'Garr	Miss Elisha Keys, Miss Billie Neilson, Ms Agnes Wozniak and Mrs Bec Young
PrePrimary to Yr 1, Rm 24	Mrs Sharon Hogan	Miss Kelsey Harris, Mrs Karen Tate and Mrs Ash Whittle
Yr 1 to Yr 3, Rm 25	Mrs Nichola Manship	Mrs Erika Hanekom, Ms Roz McAuliffe, Miss Jemma McCullough and Mrs Annette Pezzano
Yr 2 to Yr 3, Rm 27	Ms Hazel Kelly	Mrs Lisa Ashton and Ms Sarah Fox
Yr 3, Rm 28	Miss Holly Jaap	Ms Jess Wood and Kristen Disley
Yr 3 to Yr 4, Rm 30	Ms Caity Hawker	Mrs Tana Burton, Ms Kerrie Harris and Mrs Lucy Malins
Yr 4 to Yr 5, Rm 26	Ms Emily Hall	Mrs Nuria Harris, Mrs Krishna Hubbard and Mrs Janette Rudd
Yr 5 to Yr 6, Rm 29	Ms Jenn Warhurst	Ms Bianca Geddes, Mrs Renee Slywa, Mrs Alison Tilbury and Mrs Donelle Willshire

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. Our STEM (Science, Technology and Engineering, and Maths) and Protective Behaviours programs continue to be an important aspect of our curriculum delivery.

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.

Please use the Dojo app for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly. Many of you will have joined Class Dojo and we also have an ESC group for whole school news. Please download the app and join our group if you have not already done so. See your classroom teacher for more information.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or Dojo Message allows us to comply with the Department requirements. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school, particularly during these uncertain times with the pandemic still an issue in our country.

We thank you for your patience, care and consideration at school drop off and pick up each day. It can be quite congested at the gates and we value your support to ensure our kids are safe at these busy times.

**Karen Macri, Principal ESC**

## Keeping Ourselves Safe—COVID –19 Update for 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

I sincerely thank you for all your ongoing support and for sending your children so well prepared for the coming year.

It was fantastic to see all the children taking you to their class on the first day, and you should be so proud of how well they have settled in.

We continue to offer our pick up and drop off service at the gates, as gates are closed between 8.40 am and 2.40 pm every day.

For the safety of our students and staff we are following the latest health advice and I attach a factsheet on our Safe Return to School Plan. This shows how we will work together to keep our students, staff and school community safe.

As you will be aware, public health and social measures are in effect for the Perth and Peel (including Rottnest Island) and South West regions, details at [wa.gov.au](http://wa.gov.au). This includes the requirement for masks to be worn while indoors at school in these regions.

That means teachers and staff in our school will need to wear masks indoors. Primary students are not required to wear a mask, but are encouraged to do so. You might want to let your child know that they will see staff wearing masks, and that teachers may take their mask off when teaching. Our staff will explain to our students the importance of wearing a mask as together we work through this transition. You can choose for your child to wear a mask indoors and that is allowed.

We have also implemented the ventilation guidelines as per the instructions of the Department of Education of WA. Our COVID-19 cleaning team continues to work throughout the day as usual.

I want to assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we will continue to follow the latest WA Health advice at [healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au).

Thank you to all students and parents for your understanding and support during these times.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6206 2340.

<b>GATES</b>	<b>GATES OPEN</b>	<b>GATES CLOSED</b>
<b>Kindy &amp; Pre Primary met by staff at the oval gates.</b>	<b>8.00 a.m.</b>	<b>8.40 a.m.</b>
<b>Parents drop off lunches and forgotten items at oval gates.</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.40 a.m.</b>
<b>Kindy &amp; Pre Primary brought by staff to the oval gates.</b>	<b>2.30 p.m.</b>	<b>3.00 p.m.</b>
<b>All other students can enter and exit through any gate.</b>		

We look forward to a happy and safe year together.  
Mrs Sue Waterhouse

Principal.

### **NEWSLETTER RAFFLE**

I have read newsletter I Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_



# Term One Parent Planner 2022

MTH	W K	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			25	26 AUSTRALIA DAY	27 School Development Day	28 School Development Day
JAN/ FEB	1	31	1	2	3 Newsletter	4 Student Councillor Election's
FEB	2	7	8 P & C Meeting 1.30pm	9	10	11 Assembly- Student Councillors
	3	14	15	16 WA Female Football Academy	17 Newsletter	18 Briefing
	4	2	22	23 WA Female Football Academy	24	25 Assembly Rm 22
Room	5	6 Year 6 Swimming Lessons	1 Year 6 Swimming Lessons	2 Year 6 Swimming Lessons  WA Female Football Academy	3 Year 6 Swimming Lessons  Newsletter GRIP Leadership	4 Briefing  Year 6 Swimming Lessons
MAR	6	7 LABOUR DAY	8 Year 6 Swimming Lessons	9 WA Female Football Academy  Year 6 Swimming Lessons	10 Yr 6 Bowling  Year 6 Swimming Lessons	11 Assembly Yr 6 Latitude Year 6 Swimming Lessons
	7	14 Yr 6 Swan Valley	15 P & C Meeting 1.30pm	16 WA Female Football Academy	17 Newsletter	18
	8	21	22	23 WA Female Football Academy	24	25 Assembly Rm 9
MAR /APR	9	28 MSP Photos	29	30 WA Female Football Academy  MSP Photos	31 Newsletter	1 Briefing
	10	4	5 School Review	6 Early Close 11.30am  Parent/Teacher Interviews	7	8 Assembly Rm 12 Last Day School Term 1