

MERRIWA NEWS



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. The term planner is on the back of this publication, so you can see events that are coming.

ANZAC Ceremony

We held a beautiful, dignified ceremony on the last Thursday of Term 1, with the whole school in attendance by inhouse Microsoft Teams. We are very grateful to Mrs Prior, Mr Fenn and Mr Engelbrecht for their organisation and support. I am sure you would have been immensely proud of your children as they participated with utmost respect.

COVID—19 UPDATE

You will have seen the changes announced by the Premier. What this means for us:

- ◆ Masks are no longer mandated for staff and students in schools.
- ◆ We can continue to wear them if we choose.
- ◆ Close contact definitions have changed (see handout).
- ◆ Close contacts without symptoms should come to school with a mask and have a daily RAT.
- ◆ Free RAT tests will be provided to you as soon as they are delivered to us.
- ◆ Inform us if your child has COVID, as we still need to report this to the Department of Education.
- ◆ Keep your child home if they are unwell.
- ◆ We are no longer required to inform you of any cases at school.
- ◆ We continue to have our wonderful COVID cleaning team working here very day.

NAPLAN

During weeks three and four our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the NAPLAN 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.

School Uniform

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students consistently wearing their school uniform. As we move into winter, we have noticed that some students are not wearing the school uniform and would like to remind everyone about wearing our school colours. We thank you for your support.

Kind regards, Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



School
Briefings and
Assemblies
Internal
Online

Latest COVID
Health
Department
Advice
wa.gov.au

NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5
during
Weeks 3 & 4

VISIT

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au

To see our
Website

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back for Term 2. I trust the break was restful and that our families were able to share some quality time over the holidays. The children look happy and ready to be back.

I appreciate the community support as we undergo some construction work on the front lawn area. We expect the project will take some time and trust that our new classroom and toilet blocks will be ready for Term 3. Your help in keeping the children away from the fenced area is appreciated.

We have recently received updated information from the Departments of Health and Education and have revised operating guidelines in schools. More details will be provided soon and updates will be provided on Dojo. Please do not hesitate to reach out to classroom teachers or the office if you need clarification on the latest Health Department guidelines.

The key points are:

- Masks will not be needed, but can still be worn if individuals choose to wear them
- Close contacts can come to school if they do not have cold/flu/Covid symptoms but must test daily and wear a mask
- Positive cases must isolate for 7 days
- Parents/Carers are welcome on site

As always, we appreciate that sick children are being kept at home to rest, whether they have Covid or cold/flu symptoms. This assists us all in maintaining healthy classrooms for all students and staff.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have been making regular payments towards school fees and stationery contributions. The fees are \$40 and stationery is \$60 for the year. You can contact Kylie on 6206 2330 to arrange for bank transfer of funds.

Stay well, warm regards

Mrs Karen Macri,
Principal ESC

Board Vacancy

Merriwa Primary School and Merriwa Education Support Centre's next Board Meeting will be held at Merriwa Primary School on Thursday 5th May at 12.30pm.

We have a vacancy for a Primary School parent and if you are interested, please contact Mrs Waterhouse for more information.

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I _____ wish to nominate for Board Membership.

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

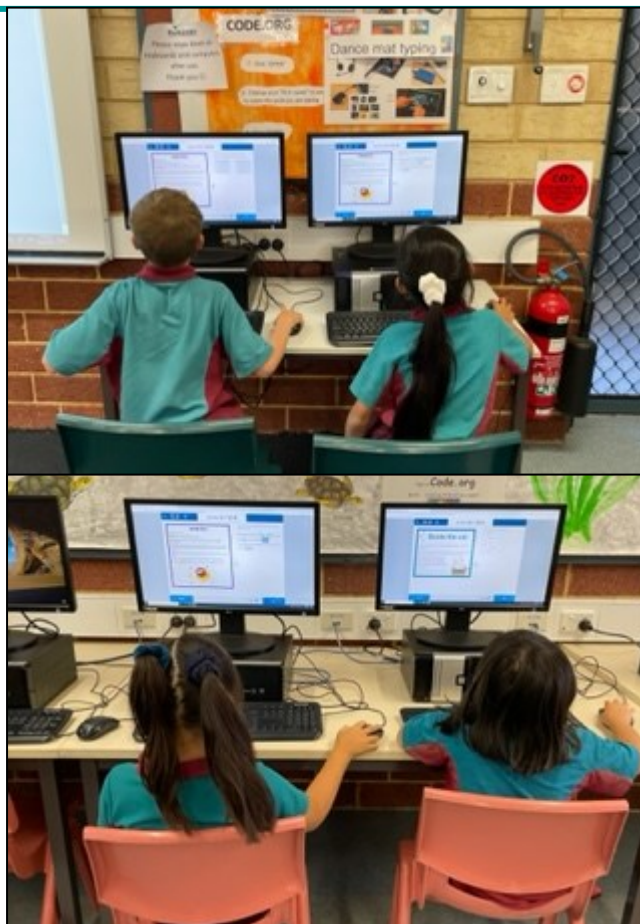
I have read newsletter 6 Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulations to last newsletter winner - Annabelle Room 7

ROOM 13 PREPARING FOR NAPLAN

Room 13 have been excitedly using their computer and typing skills to practise for the upcoming NAPLAN in weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2.



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**
Total Words
Read

9 265 769

**Senior
Champion
Class Award**

**23 869
Year 4 Room 21**

**Rising Stars
Award**

Year 3 Room 12

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office.

Merriwa Primary School
BSB Number—016 246
Account Number—340918248

Kindy—Year 6	\$40
One child	\$40
Two Children	\$80
Three or more children	\$120



Term Two Parent Planner 2022

MTH	W K	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL	1	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27	28 Newsletter NAPLAN Practice Community Walk	29 Briefing
MAY	2	2	3		5 Faction Reward Community Walk Board Meeting 12.30pm	6 Assembly
MAY	3	9 NAPLAN	10	11	12 Newsletter	13 Briefing
	4	16	17	18	19	20 Assembly
	5	23	24	2P	26 Newsletter Community Walk	27 Briefing
MAY/ JUNE	6	30	31	1	2 Community Walk	3 Assembly
MAY/ JUNE	7	6 WA DAY	7	8	9 Newsletter Community Walk	10 Briefing
	8	13	14	15	16 Community Walk	17 Assembly
	9	20	21	22	23 Newsletter Community Walk	24 Briefing
	10	27	28	29 Reports sent home	30 Community Walk	1 Assembly Last Day School