

# MERRIWA NEWS



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Well Done Merriwa—Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising

The P&C is proud to announce that together we raised \$601.70 for Cystic Fibrosis WA. Your fundraising helps to improve awareness about Cystic Fibrosis WA (CFWA) and will help to provide vital support services and contribute to critical research. We are so grateful to you for supporting our Merriwa student who is living with this condition.

### GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On Monday 30th May, our Student Counsellors attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference which focuses on training students for their role as School Leaders. Our students came away with great ideas for leading our school.

### Student Leaders Address the Board

Our Student Leaders were invited to address Board Members at the Term 2 Board Meeting. This gave the students an opportunity to tell the Board all the things they like about the school, what they'd like to see in the future and what it means to be a Merriwa kid!



### Pop Up Vaccination Clinic—5+ Years

The Department of Health invites you to a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in the Merriwa staffroom on Wednesday 15th June. The clinic is open from 2.00-4.30pm and parents must be present to give permission.

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Last week we had fun participating with the rest of Australia reading the book "Family Tree." The tree in the story starts as a seed, and then grows from a tiny sapling to a towering giant and is then climbed and appreciated by the grandchildren of the original children who planted it.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Breakfast Club  
Every day from  
8am



School  
Briefings and  
Assemblies  
Internal Online

Reports sent  
home via  
Connect  
Wednesday  
29th June

KINDY  
ENROLMENTS 2023  
If your child is born  
between  
1st July 2018 -  
30th June 2019  
registrations are  
now open.

Pop Up VAX  
CLINIC  
15 June  
2.00—4.30 p.m.  
Merriwa PS

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

# Merriwa ESC

## Dear Parents & Carers,

Winter has set in and classes have made adjustments to keep the students warm and dry. Thank you for doing your best to get your child to school on time on the cold, wet mornings. We all know that it can be a real struggle.

Despite the weather our senior class went out for their cross country run this week and our pre-primary/year 1 students from room 24 ventured out on their community access visit to the local park. The P&C organised a 'silly socks' day last Friday and raised money for the school. It was lovely to see so many students and staff taking part in the fun.

We have really appreciated your support in keeping sick children at home to rest, whether they had Covid or cold/flu symptoms. This assisted us in maintaining healthy classrooms for all students and staff. We continue to have confirmed cases of Covid-19 and thank parents for letting us know.

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 and keep warm,

**Karen Macri**  
Principal ESC



This week Room 24 went on their first Community Access. We practised crossing a road safely, using our eyes and ears to listen for traffic. We are learning about how to take care of our planet, so whilst walking to the local park, we were searching for evidence of littering and making suggestions on ways to improve the environment.



## Room 17—Class News!

We are having a fantastic term in Room 17! Last week, we performed our virtual assembly item, reciting a poem the class wrote together, about our positive approach to NAPLAN.

Positive thinking helps us face our challenges with determination, self-belief and resilience. We also make sure we have plenty of core practices, movement and creativity in our day, which helps us put our best effort into everything we do. We have particularly enjoyed our student-driven construction activities, that build our knowledge and understanding of measurement and geometry. The children have approached every task with positivity, supporting and encouraging each other to do their best.

**Mrs Pledge, Class Teacher**

### The Merriwa Way

When you believe, you can achieve,  
When you believe, you can achieve,  
When you believe, you can achieve.  
Always believe in yourself,  
Always try your best,  
Take one step at a time,  
You will overcome your stress,  
Calm down and take a breath,  
Just breathe and re-read,  
Don't be afraid to make mistakes,  
Self-belief is what we need,  
Be your very best self,  
And never feel inferior,  
Tell yourself you can do this,  
Nobody is superior,  
We know we have each other,  
We are grateful for every day,  
We will always help and encourage,  
Because that's the Merriwa way.  
Keep on trying and you'll keep flying,  
Keep on trying and you'll keep flying,  
Keep on trying and you'll keep flying.

## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 9 Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

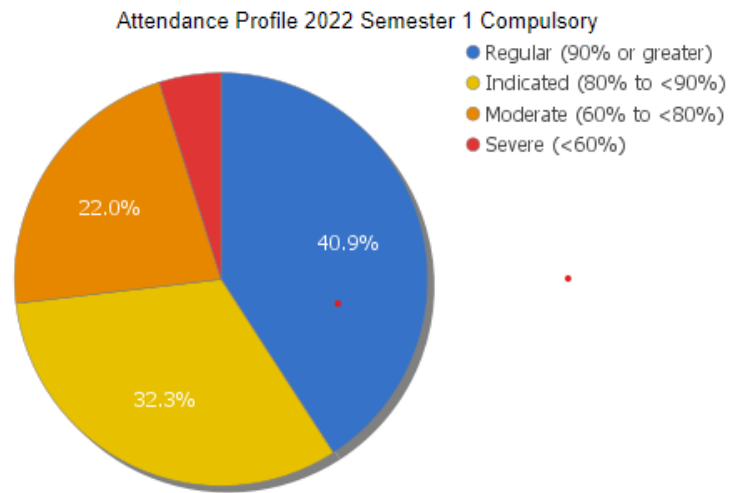
Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations to last newsletter winner - Jamie, Room 16**

## Attendance 2022 Week 6

### Attendance breakdown by year level.

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	87.8%
PPR	83.7%
Y01	84.5%
Y02	83.8%
Y03	85.3%
Y04	87.2%
Y05	83.2%
Y06	83.0%
<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>84.4%</b>



*Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow*

Mr Fenn  
Associate Principal

Home Reading PP – Year 2		Literacy Pro Year 3 - 6	
Junior Champion Class Award	Pre-Primary Room 2	Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read	13 909 211
		Senior Champion Class Award	Year 5 Room 17 19 740 (avg per student)
		Rising Stars Award	Year 3 Room 12

## KINDY ENROLMENTS 2023

*If your child is born between 1st July 2018 - 30th June 2019 kindy registrations are now open.*

*Please follow the link <https://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au/page/172> for application forms and return by post or email to [merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au) along with copies of birth certificate and proof of address.*

*If you are unable to download the form, please call the office on 6206 2340 and we will arrange for forms to be posted.*

# lit+escribe! 2022

## MINI-WRITING fEsTival

As part of an exciting writing extension opportunity, nominated Merriwa Primary School students took part in LIVE on-line workshops with Australian authors for the Littescribe Mini-Writing Festival for 2022.

The students were very excited to hear the authors read out their workshop sentence ideas, show their work live across Australia and do 'shout outs' to Merriwa Primary School.



**LISA NICOL**  
AUTHOR

### Settings

Themes, dreams and scenes.



**KATRINA MCKELVEY**  
AUTHOR

### Characters

Navigating emotions and complications.



**LOUISE PARK**  
AUTHOR

### Tension

How to build and wield it.



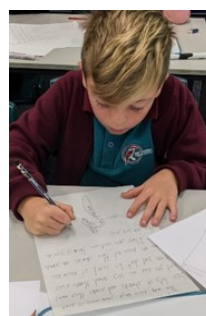
**DEBORAH ABELA**  
AUTHOR

### Edit and Optimize

Fix that sentence!

### Student Workshop Writing Sample – building tension:

*I was sleeping peacefully when I heard a loud noise. "Hello...?" I asked nervously. But no one replied...I crawled out of bed and slipped on my slippers. I tiptoed towards the noise. It was in the kitchen... I peeked around the corner and that's when I saw...a pig with wings? It was eating my bacon! "Hey, you....little pork chop!" I shouted. It jumped up and flew away into the beautiful night sky. What a weird night! Ava – Year 5*



**MERRIWA SHINES**

