

MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 11

20th July, 2023



Breakfast Club
Every day from 8am

Assembly
28th July
Room 17

Dance Lessons Yr 2-5
Every Friday Term 3

excluding the faction
carnival 1st Sept

NAIDOC DAY
Friday 4th August
All welcome

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
to see our WEBSITE

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Three. I hope you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday and the children are ready for the busy term ahead. The staff have been working hard to ensure a smooth start to the term.

NAPLAN

Today the year 3 & 5 students have taken home their NAPLAN Reports and parent information flyers. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has changed the timing, rating scale and standards. This means that we cannot compare 2023 results to previous years, however, initial individual results are looking positive overall.

The new standards are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support

For further information go to the ACARA WEBSITE: www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN

Dance Lessons

The year 2,3,4 and 5 classes started their dance lessons this week with Humphrey's Dance Studio. The cost for is \$40.00 for nine lessons and families are invited to the last lesson on Friday 22nd September, which is free dress. Year 6 lessons will be in Term 4.

Foodbank

The year 4's had an amazing visit from Foodbank last term, with activities relating to healthy eating and sustainability. The students also had the opportunity to cook some delicious recipes that they thoroughly enjoyed.

A big thank you to our parent helpers that made this activity possible and also to our wonderful Foodbank staff.

Have a great term.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Music News



P & C Mismatch Day



Thank you for raising funds for our undercover area.

Room 17 News

Our Miyawaki Forest is Growing !

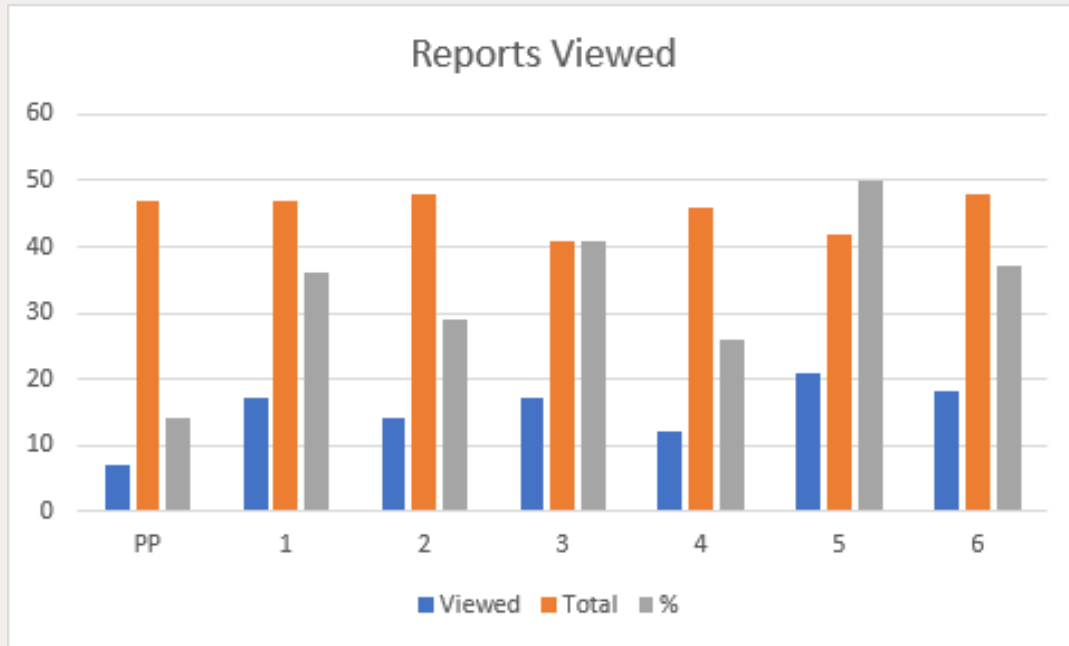
The students in Room 17 have enjoyed working with Dr Grey Coupland, from Murdoch University, to monitor the growth and development of our Miyawaki Forest. We were very excited to discover biodiversity that is not found in any other Western Australian pocket forest. We shared our data with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, as part of Dr Coupland's ongoing research project.

Students used their understanding of forest monitoring, environmental restoration, urban sustainability, and climate change, to produce PowerPoint presentations. These included digital models of their own pocket forest designs, demonstrating their growing knowledge as citizen scientists.

We are the only school in Australia who has designed our forest with a Yarning Circle in the centre. This is an initiative by our Senior Aboriginal Leadership Group.



Reports



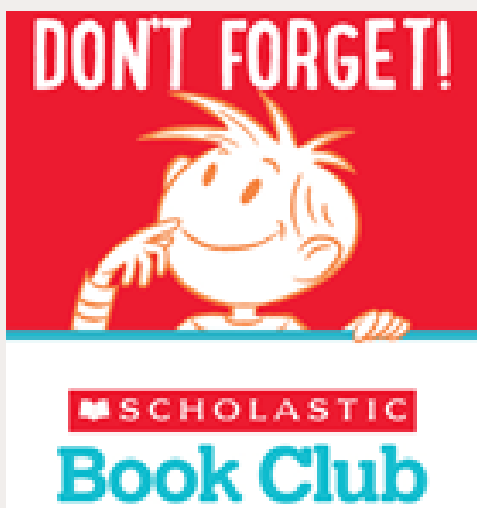
After a successful Term 2 student reports have been generated are now viewable on connect. Simply log in, select your child and then reports should be viewable. If you are having any problems logging in or viewing reports please feel free to ring the school and we can assist you.

A low percentage of student reports have been viewed. We are very excited to share your students learning form Semester 1 with you. If you have any problems accessing this please let us know.

Families who speak another language at home are invited to a special afternoon tea on Tuesday 8th August at 2.40pm. More information to come soon.

We look forward to another amazing semester at our wonderful school.

From the Library



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Orders Close: Wed 2 August 2023

Kindy Enrolments Open 2024

Is your child born between
1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020?

Please follow the link

<https://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au/page172>

for applications forms and return by post or email
to merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au with copies of
birth certificate and proof of address.

KINDY ENROLMENTS
ARE NOW DUE!

From our School Nurse, Sally

Healthy eating - ten tips for parents

1. Give children a variety of different foods
2. Offer nutritious snacks, like fruit, yoghurt, crackers and cheese
3. Encourage your child to eat breakfast
4. Ensure that the family eats together at least once a day
5. Pack your child's lunch at home. Let your child help.
6. If your child refuses a new food, don't make a fuss. Try again several times.
7. Listen when your child tells you they are full
8. When your child is thirsty, encourage them to drink water.
9. Allow your children to help with planning and preparing healthy meals.
10. Plan physical activities for your family



NAIDOC Day Friday 4th August

You are invited to celebrate NAIDOC Day with us. Come along to the opening ceremony and performance in the Undercover Area from 8.30am and stay to share our day of workshops.



Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners

Room 1	Esra & Scovia
Room 2	Caleb & Lucia
Room 6	Olivia & Leah
Room 7	Holly & Levi
Room 9	Emily & Sonny
Room 12	Haniya & Theo
Room 13	Levi & Lucian
Room 15	Tiah, Rose & Bonni
Room 16	Ava & Essy
Room 17	Eliana & Lilian
Room 18	Ellie & Rayan
Room 21	Madit
Room 22	Panitcha & Stacey
ESC	Yusuf, Tama, Sergio & Logan

