

# MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 12

3rd August, 2023



**NAIDOC DAY**  
Friday 4th August

**Reports Afternoon  
Tea**  
Tuesday 8th August  
2.40pm – 4.00pm

**Assembly**  
11th August  
Room 21

**Special Assembly**  
**Governor & Mrs Dawson**  
Monday 14th August  
2.00pm – 2.40pm

**Dance Lessons Yr 2–5**  
Every Friday Term 3

excluding the faction  
carnival 1st Sept

## From the Principal

### Dear Parents and Caregivers, Governor's Sparks of the Future

Merriwa Primary School is honoured to have been chosen to participate in this inaugural leadership program, established by His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Darrilyn Dawson.

We are one of two schools in the state who have been invited, and we are very proud to announce that our Head Councillors, Emily Smith and Zac Icaro, have been selected.

We recently visited the Governor and Mrs Dawson at Government House to meet with the other students and to learn more about the program.

Emily and Zac have been invited back to take part in leadership workshops, events and development programs.

We are proud to be part of this amazing opportunity and proud that Merriwa Primary School is featured as a school of such high regard.

### NAIDOC Day tomorrow

Please come and join us for our Opening Ceremony at 8.45am. Our students will then participate in whole day of classroom activities centred around Aboriginal history and culture and acknowledgement "For Our Elders".

We thank our senior Aboriginal students, committee and families for organising this wonderful day.

Kind Regards

**Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal**

# Parent Pick-Up Information

## Changes to Picking Up Your Children

We appreciate that sometimes you have appointments for your children during school time and may need to pick up them up early.

We know that sometimes you also need to alter your pick up arrangements after school. So that we can plan ahead to meet you at the gate and to save interruptions to the classroom, could you please assist us by sending a note with your child on the day that you wish to change your pickup arrangements.

Thank you!

## Baltimore Faction

Congratulations to Baltimore Faction for winning Term 2 Faction points competition. Last week they were rewarded by participating in making their own ice-cream sundae which is part of our Positive Behaviour Program at Merriwa Primary School.

## Good Standing Event



## Room 17 Disney Quiz



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE – Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 12 ?

Where is Cookie hiding? \_\_\_\_\_

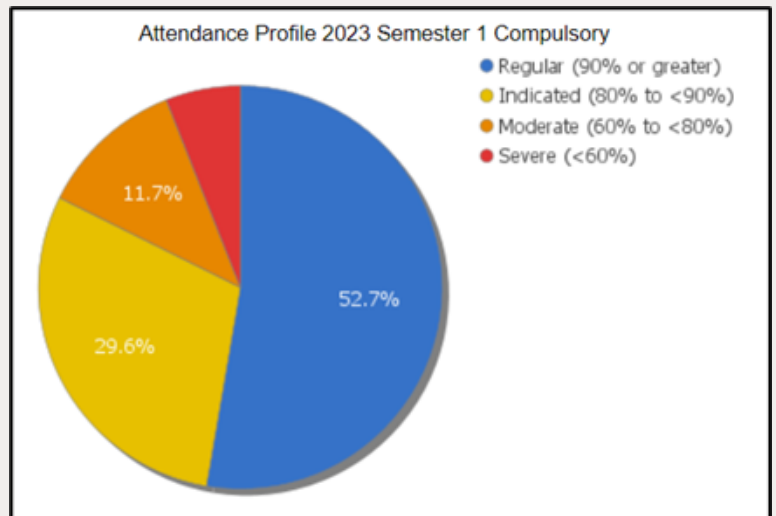
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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Attendance 2023

### Attendance Breakdown by year level as of 3rd August, 2023

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	86.1%
PPR	89.5%
Y01	85.4%
Y02	86.1%
Y03	87.2%
Y04	85.6%
Y05	86.4%
Y06	88.3%
<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>86.9%</b>

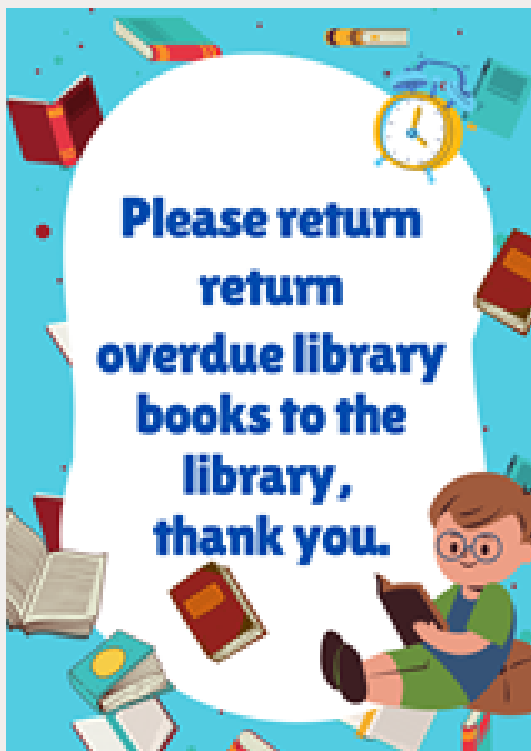


With Semester 1 now officially behind us we are looking forward to seeing attendance rates for Semester 2. This week, letters have been sent to families whose attendance at school is of concern. The Department of Education requires 90% attendance for all students. Please feel free to reach out to the classroom teacher or myself to discuss your child's attendance.

In accordance with Department requirements, if you are planning on going on a holiday during the school term, then please contact the office to make arrangements for an interview with Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal.

Mr Kris Fenn  
Associate Principal

## From the Library



## 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](mailto: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 .....

### Head lice

Head lice are tiny insect parasites that live on your head and feed on your scalp. Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact with another person who has head lice. This kind of contact includes doing group work, playing, or hugging.

#### Tips for preventing head lice –

- Check your child's hair regularly for head lice and eggs ('nits'). Use a metal fine tooth 'nit' comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to the dry hair, to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, iPad apps, offer a head massage.
- Tie long hair back. Braid long hair and/or put it up if possible.
- Consider applying hair gel or mousse. These do not prevent or repel lice but may help to keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.
- Avoid sharing combs or brushes.
- Remind your child to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing, or hugging.
- Access the fact sheet [Head lice – What parents need to know](#) (Healthy WA)
- Visit: [Head lice](#) (Healthy WA)
- Visit [Head lice & nits: children & teens](#) (Raising Children Network)

## From our Dental Therapist, Megan .....

The Dental Clinic will be conducting their annual screening at Merriwa Primary School on Thursday 17th August.

At this screening we will be checking the bite (the way the children's teeth come together) of the children who are enrolled with the School Dental Service.

It is a quick and easy check, but it is not the children's routine dental check-up.



## Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners

Room 1	Zane and Frankii
Room 6	Cairenn and Sonita
Room 9	Shay-Lee Jacobsen and Saiilor-Moon
Room 12	Axel and Alan
Room 13	Neptune and Oliver
Room 15	Jacob Van Zutphen
Room 16	Blake and Cody
Room 17	Millie and Alec
Room 18	Skyi
Room 21	Anahera and Dexter
Room 22	Room 22
ESC	Adam, Aliyah, Lawson and Ace

