

MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 15

14th September 2023



From the Principal

Dear Parents & Families,

Governor's Sparks of the Future – Merriwa Students at King's Investiture

Emily and Zac, Head Councillors, proudly represented Merriwa at the King's Birthday Honours at Government House last week. They were ushers to the recipients and guests, which was an incredible honour. Government House staff also visited us this week to present workshops to the year 4 and 5 classes on how to deliver a speech.

We are extremely grateful to be part of this amazing leadership program.

Faction Carnival

Our 2023 Faction Carnival was a great success! It was a day of celebration for Merriwa and we were proud of the way that our students all joined in, encouraged each other and did their best.

We had such positive feedback from parents about the day, especially our parent race with so many joining in on the fun.

Thank you to all our staff for your preparation and hard work, to the P & C for your fundraising, to all the families who came along and supported us, and to everyone who set up and packed up. A huge thank you to Mr Allan, our PE teacher, who organised the event and ran it like clockwork. And finally, a huge congratulations to the winning faction, Baltimore.

Lion King Musical

Our Merriwa Primary School students from Year 2 were lucky enough to go on free transport, to Alkimos Baptist College to see a stage production of The Lion King Junior. They were treated to exciting music and amazing costumes while they followed the journey of the young lion, Simba.

Learning Journey from 2.20pm – 5.00pm

You are invited to come to our annual Learning Journey on Wednesday 20th September. You are welcome to join our opening assembly at 2.20pm in the undercover area, where our choir and drumming group will be performing.

Please note, that children must be accompanied by an adult, so they can show their class work to you. We look forward to seeing you there. We close at 5.00pm.

Book Week Character Parade, Wednesday 20th September 8.45am – Oval

Come along and join in the fun!

All students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character on the day.

The theme is Read, Grow Inspire.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Breakfast Club
Every day from 8am

Year 6 Swan Valley
Excursion
Friday 15th September

Book Fair
Monday 18th Sept –
Thursday 21st Sept

Book Character
Parade
Wednesday 20th Sept
@ 8.45am

Learning Journey
Wednesday 20th Sept
from 2.20pm – 5.00pm

Assembly
Room 6
22nd September

Last Day of School
Friday 22nd
September

First Day Back
Wednesday
11th October

What's been happening at Merriwa this term

Faction Carnival



On Friday 1st September we had our annual school faction carnival. All the students looked amazing in their colours and it was great to see a lot of parents get into the spirit of the day by dressing up too. The overall winner was Baltimore again who are now going for 3 in a row. Calabar were second, Palermo third and Akita just behind them in fourth position. Well done to all the students who tried their best in every single event and team game, as well as showing great sportsmanship and having fun along the way. Thank you to all the staff, faction captains and parents who helped to make all the events run smoothly. We were lucky with the weather although the drizzle brought some slight relief for those who were a bit dehydrated and hot! We look forward to another great carnival next year. The Years 4–6 will now participate in the Interschool Athletics carnival in Week 2 of Term 4 on the 18th of October. We have started training for this already and the group is very excited to do well and represent Merriwa proudly.

Below is a list of all the champions and runners up for Year 3–6 from the carnival.

Year 3
Champion Boy – Leo
Runner-up – Jack
Champion Girl – Jasmine
Runner-up – Sophia

Year 4
Champion Boy – Aweng
Runner-up – Madit
Champion Girl – Pearl
Runner-up – Elsie

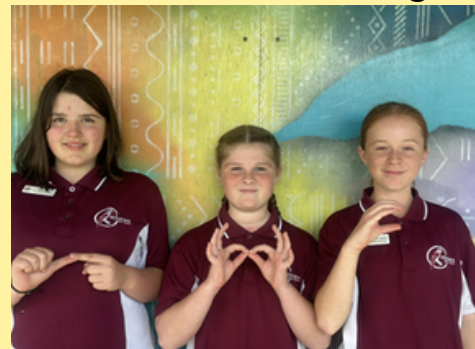
Year 5
Champion Boy – Carter
Runner-up – Regan
Champion Girl – La'keysha
Runner-up – Millie

Year 6
Champion Boy – Hemi-Lee
Runner-up – Blake
Champion Girl – Rose
Runner-up – Tiah

Visit to the Lion King



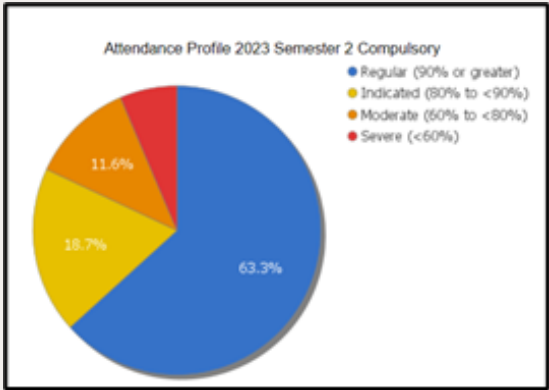
Our Choir Students Signing



Attendance 2023

Attendance Breakdown by year level as of 14th September, 2023

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	83.6%
PPR	92.5%
Y01	85.0%
Y02	88.1%
Y03	86.8%
Y04	85.6%
Y05	86.5%
Y06	91.3%
Compulsory	88.1%



Every day your child learns something new at school. Children who go to school regularly do better at school. This helps them create more opportunities for their future and leads to better health, social and work outcomes.

Mrs Avins, Associate Principal

Grill'd Ocean Keys



Huge thank you to Grill'd at Ocean Keys for giving us a token jar this month. Please support our P & C by having lunch or dinner and use your token to vote for our school.

Library News



WANNEROO SHIRE PARKING FINE ALERT!

We have been asked by the Ranger from the Wanneroo Shire to contact you regarding parent parking in the Kiss 'n 'Drives, both before and after school.

They have issued warnings about parking your car in the Kiss 'n ' Drives, and will be issuing fines next.

We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe.



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE – Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 15

Where is Cookie hiding? _____

Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulations to last week's winner Hannah Room 9

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENT

The Gifted and Talented Secondary Selection Entrance Program extends and enriches learning and allows creative talents to flourish. Hosted by Balcatta Senior High School and presented by the Department of Education, this is a great opportunity to find out about key dates and application processes when applying for 2025 entry. Balcatta SHS is a Gifted & Talented Visual Art Program

Suitable for parents of current Year 5 students. Limited vacancies may also be available for entry into Years 9, 10 and 11 only. The information session will cover all Gifted and Talented programs at all available schools.

Date: Tuesday 28 November
Time: 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Venue: Performing Arts Theatre, Balcatta Senior High School
Address: 56 Amelia Street, Balcatta
Bookings open: 9.00am Monday 11 September 2023
Book online: Eventbrite – <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/704253149127?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information, go to website:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented/parent-information-evenings>

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Saver Plus

Saver Plus encourages parents to save \$50 a month (for 10 months). Their savings is then matched – a free \$500 for education costs, making \$1,000 available for the school Graduation.

Families that start saving in September, will have their savings ready to pay their Graduation fees in July 2024.

Saver Plus will chat with your families about eligibility:

- Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Payment from Centrelink and
- Earning an income (employment, carer's payment, or child support).



Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners

Room 1 Tyzen
Room 2 Scarlett
Room 6 Oliver & Addilynn
Room 7 Jojo & Anamea
Room 9 Jewel Kapree & Hunter
Room 11 Caleb & Reuben
Room 15 Angela & Natalie

Room 17 Johnathon & Tina
Room 18 Marley
Room 21 Lucas
Room 22 Jason
ESC Roman & Jayden,
ESC Jamier & Logan

