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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY

PARENT INFORMATION

2016



SCHOOL COMMENCES ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2016

Kindergarten

In 2015, all kindergarten students at Merriwa Primary School are offered 30 instructional hours each fortnight.

Sessions begin at 8:30 am and finish at 2:40 pm.

Three classes will be formed operating on a fortnightly roster.

Group A:	Week 1	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
	Week 2	Tuesday, and Thursday
Group B:	Week 1	Wednesday and Friday
	Week 2	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Group C:	Week 1	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
	Week 2	Monday and Tuesday

Pre-Primary

A full five-day programme will operate from day one of the school year at Merriwa Primary School. Parents are reminded that attendance is now compulsory in Pre-Primary.



Your child will need to bring a water bottle, a school hat, spare clothes, recess (snack) and lunch everyday.



The booklist items are shared so please bring them in during the first week and hand them to the classroom teacher.



HAND OVER ARRANGEMENTS

It is expected that you will drop off and collect your child from the classroom each session. For security reasons you must inform the school office or classroom teacher should anyone other than a parent be collecting the child from the class.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary Contributions for 2015 are \$40.00 per child. This provides additional resources to enhance your child's learning opportunities. Please pay at the office.

UNIFORMS

The wearing of a school uniform is strongly encouraged at Merriwa Primary School. Uniforms are available at **LOWES, located at Ocean Keys Shopping Centre at Clarkson**. Please send your child to school in covered shoes as thongs and some sandals can be dangerous in the playground.



THE SCHOOL UNIFORM IS:

Maroon shorts, skirt or skort
teale school polo shirt
maroon tracksuit maroon

broad-brimmed hat.

Dress in school fabric (girls) school bags and library Bags are available from the office.

SCHOOL HAT POLICY

Our school has adopted the **"No Hat - No Play"** policy. This means that for all outdoor activities, sport and physical education periods, our children can only participate when they are wearing a broad brimmed school hat.



COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All parents collecting students from school during school hours are required to visit the school office and sign the children out of school. Parents will then be given a pass so teachers will be aware that the appropriate paperwork has been completed.

DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING

At Merriwa Primary School we use a developmental learning approach in our classrooms. Your child will be exposed to a variety of learning opportunities that will allow them to develop at their own rate, building from what they already know and can do. We teach phonemic awareness and phonics explicitly at Merriwa.



THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES






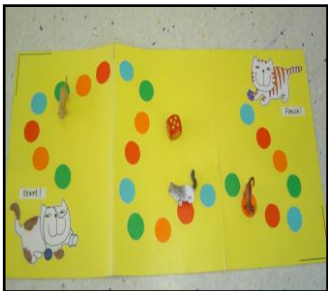


Parents and families are a key element of the educational partnership at Merriwa Primary School and as such have a vital role to play.

You are your child's first teacher. You are encouraged to take an active role in the classroom and in our school.

Parents are welcome to view work samples displayed in classrooms. We will keep you informed of your child's progress and you are encouraged to make contact with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

The early years of your child's life are when the foundations are laid for all future development and learning. Children learn by playing, watching, listening asking, doing and trying new things.

SOME HOME ACTIVITIES

<p>Read to your child every day (reading the same book helps your child to remember the storyline).</p>		<p>Sort things by size colour and shape for example, blocks, food packaging and pegs.</p>	
	<p>Drawing and scribbling helps children to learn to write.</p>		<p>Being active encourages children to be confident and develop social skills such as sharing and taking turns.</p>
<p>Play dough can increase hand strength and gives many opportunities for language development.</p>		<p>Counting games and talking about numbers helps with maths.</p>	
	<p>Painting helps your child learn about colours, textures and shapes – while they have fun!</p>		<p>Singing nursery rhymes and songs with your children helps their language development</p>

PARENT ROSTER

The parent roster enables you be more involved in your child's education and to spend special time with your child.

We do prefer to have one or more parents per session if possible.

Please make alternative arrangements for your younger children so that you will be free to help and spend time with your child at school.

There are a range of ways in which you can help to enrich our programme, with special skills, knowledge or interests you may like to share. Just let us know how you can help!



TOILETING

If a child is not fully toilet trained before starting school, please inform their classroom teacher and send a clean set of clothing to every session.

TOYS

Please keep your child's toys at home, except under special circumstances, such as their turn for "Show and Tell".



WHEN YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Sometimes children come to school when they are unwell or become unwell during the school day. Teachers who are concerned as to the general well being of a student will confer with the school administration then contact the parents to arrange for that child to go home.

Please advise your teacher of any medical conditions such as asthma or severe allergies that may require a health plan.



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