MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

KINDERGARTEN
AND PRE-PRIMARY

PARENT INFORMATION

2019



Proudly Independent Since 2017



WELCOME TO MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

67 Baltimore Parade
Merriwa WA 6030
Phone: 6206 2340
Email: Merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au
Web site: www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au

Principal	Sue Waterhouse
Associate Principals	Jeff Hoskins
	Sandra Long
Manager Corporate Services	Tracey Bell
School Officer	Alison Humble
School Officer	Nevis Evans

Kindergarten

In 2019, 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.

Classes are formed and operate on a fortnightly roster. Our Kindergarten teachers supply you with a timetable specific to your child's Kindergarten group roster.

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 every day.



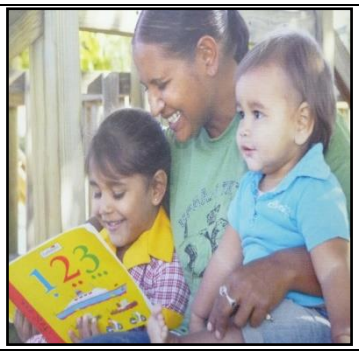
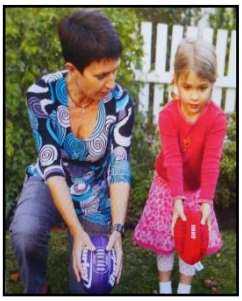
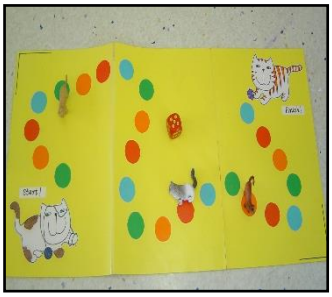


THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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 and we encourage you 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.

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

The booklist items are shared. Please bring them in during the first week.



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.

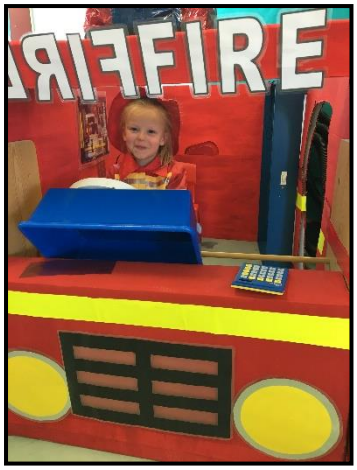


VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary Contributions for 2019 are $40.00 per child. This provides additional resources to enhance your child's learning opportunities. Please pay at the office or via Direct Deposit
BSB Number 016 246
Account Number 340918248

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

Pencil cases and library bags are available from the office.

SCHOOL HAT POLICY

Our school has a **"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 are 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 also teach phonemic awareness phonics explicitly at Merriwa.



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 is 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

Please send a clean set of clothing to every session in case of a toileting accident.

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 wellbeing 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.