

Newsletter No 13

Date 18th August 2022

# MERRIWA NEWS



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

### **Merriwa Artists Shine**

Congratulations to Te Aroha and Cayden whose artwork was chosen to illustrate the book, *Being a Big Brother* by Alton Walley. We are proud of all our students who entered this competition.

### **Miyawaki Forest**

Our year 5's were very excited to plant Merriwa Primary's pocket forest. Ours is the first circular Miyawaki forest in Australia, made even more special by the yarning circle in the centre. This yarning circle will be a place where we can gather to learn, to build relationships and to speak from the heart. We are grateful to Dr Grey Coupland from Murdoch University for sponsoring this project and look forward to connecting with other Primary Schools in the USA and Chile who have also planted mini forests.

At Merriwa Primary, we know we can make a difference to our world by caring for our environment.

### **Assemblies**

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to whole school assemblies. Due to the sports carnival, the PD Day and swimming, we are aiming for a whole school assembly in Week 9. We will confirm this closer to the date.

**Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal**

## Breakfast Club

Every day  
from 8am



**School  
Briefings and  
Assemblies**

**Internal  
Online**

**Faction  
Carnival**

**Friday**

**26<sup>th</sup> August**

**PD DAY  
FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST**

**MERRIWA  
PRIMARY ONLY**

**KINDY  
ENROLMENTS  
2023**

*If your child is  
born between  
1st July 2018*

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30th June 2019  
registrations*

*are now open.*

# Merriwa ESC

## Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow! How is it week 5 of Term 3 already? What a busy few weeks we have had. NAIDOC day celebrations, the weekly Community Access Programs (CAP), our School Readiness Program (SRP) every Friday just to name a few.

### NAIDOC Day and Community Access Highlights



### School Readiness Program

Our SRP program has had a great response this term with many families joining us each Friday to participate in the learning activities provided by Gill and her team in Room 31. The children are getting used to the routines of the morning and enjoying music and movement on the mat. When the weather is great, they are seen exploring outside and making the most of the sunshine.



### Community Survey

Families have been sent out links via email and DOJO for our community survey. All responses are due by the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback about our school.

Stay tuned for more information about our Great Veggie Crunch to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the ESC.



**Room 27** have been exploring push/pull forces in their Science learning this term. Students have been applying their learning out in the playground.

Regards, Natalie Campbell, Principal ESC



## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 13 Parent signature\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

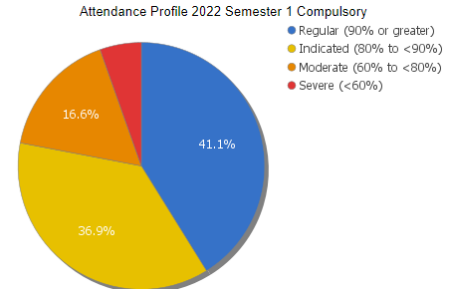
**Congratulations to last newspaper winner – Elissa Room 22**



## Attendance 2022 Week 5

### Attendance breakdown by year level.

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %	Regular	At Risk Indicated	At Risk Moderate	At Risk Severe	Auth. %	Unauth. %
KIN	88.7%	25	9	10		63%	37%
PPR	84.4%	24	12	8	3	73%	27%
Y01	84.9%	19	20	13	2	61%	39%
Y02	84.8%	23	12	5	5	50%	50%
Y03	85.4%	17	24	8	2	68%	32%
Y04	86.9%	25	16	9	1	69%	32%
Y05	84.3%	18	22	4	3	69%	31%
Y06	83.4%	18	23	11	3	48%	52%
Compulsory	84.9%	144	129	58	19	62%	38%



### *Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow*

Mr Fenn

Associate Principal

 <b>Reading Awards</b>	 <b>Maths Awards</b>
<b>Literacy Pro</b> <b>Total Words Read</b> <b>20 298 598</b>	<b>Mental Maths</b> <b>Highest Average</b> <b>Year 4 Room 22</b> <b>49.3</b>
<b>Senior Class Champions</b> <b>Most Words Read</b> <b>Year 5 Room 17</b> <b>31 191 (avg/student)</b>	<b>On the Move</b> <b>Maths Improvement</b> <b>Year 6 Room 15</b> <b>+ 13.1</b>
<b>Rising Stars</b> <b>Reading Improvement</b> <b>Year 4 Room 22</b>	 <b>Junior Class Champions</b> <b>Home Reading</b> <b>Year 2 Room 11</b>

## Library News

Displays are always changing in the library.

Our latest exciting display is ITALY.

Italian is taught to our Year 2 – 6 students

The children enjoy coming into the library to learn from the latest display.

Mrs Titlestad  
Library Officer



## NAIDOC DAY

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Day with a day full of fun activities. Our opening ceremony was a highlight and involved traditional dancing by Clarkson Community High School Aboriginal dancers and some students and teachers were invited to join in! Our closing ceremony featured another amazing parent volunteer Keira, who entertained and educated us about Noongar language through song, along with Kobi from Koorlong.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped on the day. A fun and informative day was had by all.

Mrs Duffill

Classroom Teacher



## Food Sensations Workshop

On Thursday 4 August, Room 21 and Room 22 had a Food Sensations® for Schools incursion. They learnt about healthy eating, did a fun nutrition education activity and cooked up a storm! Both classes cooked a few healthy and delicious recipes together, and at the end they all sat down and had a feast. Students were given recipe books to use at home, and we are looking forward to seeing what they cook next with their awesome cooking skills!

If you want to know more about Foodbank WA and their FREE programs, go to <https://www.foodbank.org.au/WA/healthy-eating-cooking-programs/?state=wa> for more information.

