

MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 13

17th August, 2023



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Governor and Mrs Dawson Visit Merriwa

On Monday His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Darrilyn Dawson came to Merriwa Primary School to launch the Governor's Sparks of the Future Program.

We were honoured to be one of two Primary Schools in the state who have been invited to participate in their program. Emily Smith and Zac Icaro, Head Councillors were presented with their badges and Aydan Baxter accepted a tree on behalf of the Senior Aboriginal Student Team.

The Governor and Mrs Dawson met with our student councillors and parents and were warmly welcomed.

We are very grateful for this opportunity and are proud to say that all students represented our school well on the day.



Breakfast Club
Every day from 8am

Cross Country
One Big Voice
Clarkson Challenge
Friday 18th August

Assembly
25th August,
Room 16

Dance Lessons Yr 2-5
Every Friday Term 3

excluding the faction
carnival 1st Sept

MPS Faction Carnival
Jumps & Throws
Wednesday 30th August

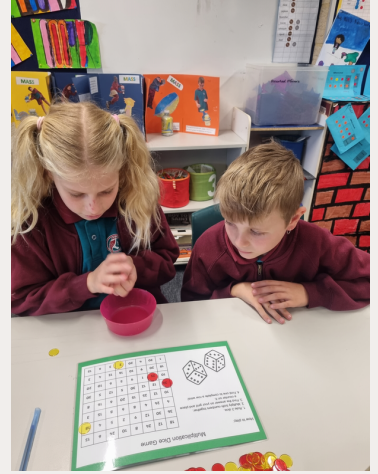
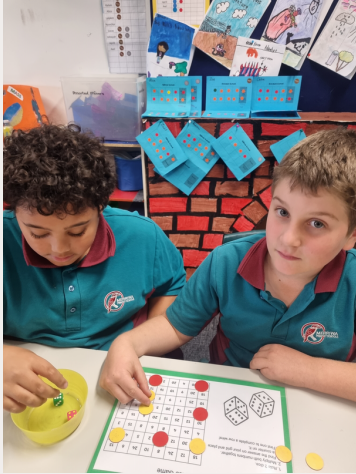
MPS Faction Carnival
Friday 1st September

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
to see our WEBSITE

Mrs Sue Waterhouse

Room 21 News

This term has been off to a very bust start. One highlight has been the beginning of dancing lessons. Our class are having a wonderful time and are learning the steps quickly. In class we have been doing a lot of preparation for our upcoming assembly item as well as enjoying NAIDOC celebrations. We are also working hard to learn our multiplication tables and we are really pleased that our class average score is improving every week. There are a lot of activities we are looking forward to especially the dance concert in week 10 as well as Book Week. It's going to be an amazing term.



NAIDOC 2023



This year's NAIDOC Day celebrations were held on Friday 4th August. Students participated in a language and culture workshop with Aboriginal educational performers Koorlong, made damper and created a sand mural in the junior playground. In class they etched boomerangs, braided bracelets and learned more about Aboriginal culture and traditions.

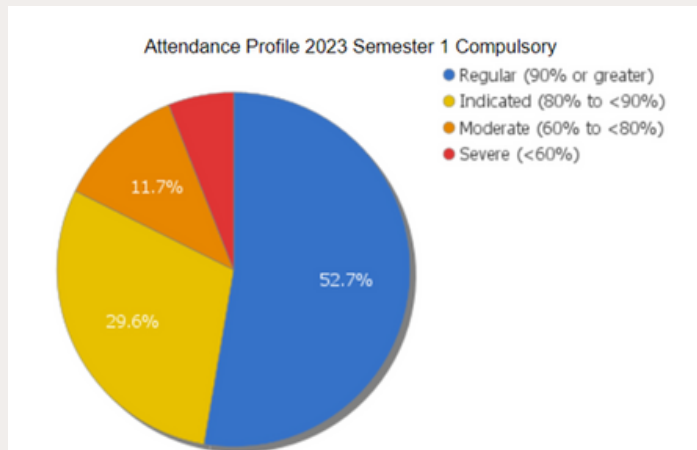
Our Senior Aboriginal Students designed and coordinated the day along with the help of our NAIDOC Committee. Congratulations to our winners of the colouring-in competition, Brooklyn, Noah, Joshua and Reece.

Mrs Duffill, Classroom Teacher

Attendance 2023

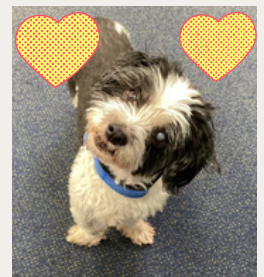
Attendance Breakdown by year level as of 17th August, 2023

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	86.1%
PPR	89.5%
Y01	85.4%
Y02	86.1%
Y03	87.3%
Y04	85.6%
Y05	86.4%
Y06	88.3%
Compulsory	86.9%



Dear families,

Some of you may have noticed that recently you have received letters of notification of attendance. This is a termly letter that are system generated and are required by the Department of Education to inform families of their students attendance. We appreciate the effort of all families to let us know of student absences and the effort to get their students to school.



If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please don't hesitate to contact me on 6206 2340.

Father's Day Stall

Kindy Enrolments Open 2024

MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
P&C FUNDRAISING

FATHER'S DAY STALL



Lots of amazing new
gifts ranging from
\$3 to \$10

Thursday 24th August and Friday 25th August
(Friday is for students who forgot)

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 with copies of
birth certificate and proof of address.

**KINDY ENROLMENTS
ARE NOW DUE!**

From our School Nurse, Sally

Hand Washing

Washing hands is the easiest way to protect ourselves from contagious diseases, like colds, influenza and gastroenteritis. Hands should be washed before and after eating or preparing food, after going to the toilet and after nose blowing.

Alcohol based sanitisers are useful and readily available in every classroom. Use half a teaspoon of the product and encourage your child to rub their hands together until they're dry. If you can see dirt on their hands, it is better to use soap and water.

For more information go to www.healthywa.wa.gov.au



Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners

Room 1	Eliza	Room 16	McKenzie & Kariah
Room 2	Mason & Lola	Room 17	Zak & Elissa
Room 6	Brooklyn & Jayden	Room 21	Aprill & Jai
Room 7	Ailani & Levy	Room 22	Elizabeth
Room 9	Halle & Jaxon	ESC	Jack, Jerrard, Jaxson, Tyler,
Room 12	Sophie & Kenzi	ESC	Talia & Scarlett
Room 13	Ariah & Caleb		
Room 15	Oskar		



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE – Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 13

Where is Cookie hiding? _____

Parent Signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulation to the last Newsletter winner – Justyce Room 11