

# MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 15

## Book Week

13th October 2023



### From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. We look forward to another busy term with lots of exciting events. Some dates for your calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Year 6 dance lessons every Monday	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Interschool Athletics B Division	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Faction Reward	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Dockers Cup & Star Gazing Evening	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
P & C Halloween Disco	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Kindy Information Session	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Councillors Breakfast	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6 Graduation	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Book Awards & reports home	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Concert & Students last day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December

### Learning Journey & Book Week

Thank you to all who attended our Learning Journey and Book Week at the end of last term. It was great to see so many families visiting our classrooms and all the children dressed up for the parade. Congratulations to our Book Prize winners for most creative costumes for the 2023 Book Character Parade.

### Annual Public Meeting

Notice is given that Merriwa Primary School and Merriwa Education Support Centre Annual Public Board Meeting (non-board members are welcome) 12.30pm in the staffroom Merriwa Primary School 67 Baltimore Parade Merriwa WA  
On Thursday 26th October 2023

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Breakfast Club  
Every day from 8am

16th October  
Year 6 dance lessons  
every Monday

18th October  
Interschool Athletics  
Carnival

Assembly  
20th October  
Councillors/Choir

25th October  
Star Gazing  
Evening

26th October  
Annual Public  
Board Meeting

27th October  
P & C Halloween  
Disco

[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
to see our WEBSITE

# VACANCIES

Our Board is a valued part of our school and has been operational for 7 years. We sincerely thank the following parents, staff and community members: John Ward, Jodie Teasdale, Miki Saegusa, Erika Hanekom, Sharon Hogan, Allison Ebert, Jo Dorney and our amazing Chair Caroline Bishop for their valued contribution.

We ask you to nominate yourself if you are interested in being part of our Board. The main aim of the Board will always be to make a positive difference for all our students.

The functions of the Board are as follows:

- Take part in establishing and reviewing the schools' objectives, priorities and general policy;
- Take part in planning and financial arrangements necessary to fund this;
- Take part in evaluating the schools' performance;
- Take part in formulating the codes of conduct of students;
- Determine, in consultation with the students, staff and parents, a dress code for students;
- To promote our schools in the community;
- To approve charges and costs for students for stationery, incursions and excursions;
- To approve any advertising or sponsorship agreements;
- To provide advice to the Principals about religious education.

The Board cannot intervene in the control or management of the school, intervene in the educational instruction of the students; exercise authority over any school staff, nor intervene in the management or operations of school finances.

We need 3 parents in total, 2 from the Primary School and 1 from the Education Support Centre to join us. Meetings will be at least once per term, and there will be training provided at the beginning of the year. If there are more than 5 nominations, we will put it to the parent vote.

We are happy to discuss this with you if you would like more information. If you would like to be considered for the Board please fill out the slip below and return to Sue Waterhouse, marked confidential by Thursday 19th October 2023.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME) parent of \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME OF CHILD/ CHILDREN) would like to nominate for the Primary School and Education Support Centre Board.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Library News

Issue 7

Orders Close: Tues 24 Oct 2023

The brochures have not arrived at the school yet, however, the link to Issue 7 is below.

Please also note this is the last Book Club the school will be participating in for this year. Book Club will return in 2024. Thank you for supporting Book Club throughout the year, our school benefits from Reward Points which goes towards purchase of library books for your children to read and enjoy.

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## Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners

Room 6 Shayla Caleb  
Room 7 Ailani & Elana  
Room 9 Jett  
Room 11 Levi & Tinashae  
Room 12 Neyla & Carter  
Room 13 Jasmine

Room 15 Sameah & Lyric  
Room 17 Rosie & Luise  
Room 18 Sahara & Bro  
Room 22 Zahlia & Eugene  
Room 28 Mark  
Room 29 Kai & Adam



# ST JOHN VISIT

An exciting opportunity has presented itself for the students at Merriwa Primary School.

All students from Kindy to Year 6 will be participating in the First Aid Focus program run by St Johns ambulance. The students will learn valuable life saving skills that will carry them through the rest of their lives. Each year level has skills taught that are relevant for their age whetere it be the emergency phone number, how to identify a dangerous situation or how to place someone in the recovery position.

This program is Free and will take place throughout Week 3.

We look forward to welcoming the wonderful presenters from St Johns Ambulance.



## 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.

Families that start saving in October, will have their savings ready to pay for education costs in August 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).

## CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2023

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2024, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2024. If you have a special request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs. Waterhouse, marked confidential. As usual we cannot guarantee placements but will always consider your request.

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

Year/Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

New School: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 15

Where is Cookie hiding? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

# TERM FOUR PARENT TERM PLANNER

MTH	WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCT	1	9 Pupil Free Day MPS	10 Pupil Free Day MPS	11	12 Newsletter	13 Briefing
	2	16 Year 6 Dancing starts – every Monday	17	18 Interschool Athletics B Div Carnival	19 Faction Reward  Guitar students Woodvale SHS	20 Assembly Student Councillors/Choir
	3	23	24 Free St John Ambulance Course for students	25 Star Gazing Night Dockers Cup  Free St John Ambulance Course for students	26 Newsletter  Board Meeting 12.30pm – 2.30pm  Free St John Ambulance Course for students	27 Briefing  P & C Halloween Disco  Free St John Ambulance Course for students
NOV	4	30	31	1	2	3 Assembly Rm 1 & 2
	5	6	7	8	9 Newsletter	10 Briefing
	6	13	14	15	16	17 Assembly Junior ESC  Interschool Cricket Carnival
	7	20 Kindy Info Session 6.00pm – 7.00pm	21	22	23 Newsletter	24 Briefing P & C Colour Run
DEC	8	27 Student Councillor Elections	28	29	30 Councillor's Breakfast	1 Assembly Rm 7
	9	4	5	6	7 Newsletter  Graduation Practice	8 Briefing  Good Standing Event
	10	11	12 Graduation Irene McCormack Catholic College 10am	13 Book Awards Reports Home	14 Christmas Concert Students Finish	15