

MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 17

9th November, 2023

From the Principal

Is it time to refresh our school name and uniform?

You are invited to a Parent Forum. If you have a child currently enrolled in the Primary School or Education Support Centre, come along to a parent forum to discuss these questions with our Board Members.

Tuesday 14th November, 2023

8.50am: Undercover Area and

6.00pm: Library

We hope to see you there.

Merriwa Primary School and Education Support Centre School Board

Halloween Disco

We had a wonderful time at the Halloween Disco last Friday with so many children and parents participating and dressing up. We are grateful to our P & C who have worked hard organising this event and to our wonderful staff who helped out at the door and with supervision on the night.

St John First Aid Training

Last week St John First Aid trainers presented free workshops to all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. All students received a First Aid Certificate to acknowledge their training at the completion of the lesson.

A big thank you to Mr Fenn for organising this training.



Class Requests for 2024

If you would like special consideration for your child / children regarding class placement for next year, please put your request in writing to the front office addressed to Mrs Waterhouse and marked Confidential. Due to staffing limitations, we cannot guarantee placements, but every effort will be made to address your requests. Also if you are planning to move next year, could you please let the office know.

Public Board Meeting – Staffroom

We are having our last Board Meeting for the year on Thursday 23rd November at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Colour Run

Our amazing P&C has organised a Colour Run for all students on Friday 24th November at 1.30pm. Your child brought home a Fun-Raise with Monty The Monster pamphlet, which has the information on how to donate and win fabulous prizes! Students are encouraged to wear white and spectators are welcome to come along and watch the fun!

Mrs Sue Waterhouse,
Principal

Breakfast Club
Every day from 8am

Dance Lessons

Year 6

Every Monday from
16th October to 11 December

Assembly
17th November
Room 7

Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 12 December
Irene McCormack Catholic
College

Book Awards
Wednesday 12th December
Undercover area
at 8.30am
All welcome

Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December
Undercover area
at 8.30am
All welcome

Last Day School
Thursday 14th
December

Athletics Carnival

Our B division interschool carnival was held in Week Two. Merriwa students performed extremely well against Shorehaven, East Butler and John Butler Primary Schools. The attitude, effort and resilience that our students displayed was fantastic and they should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves. We had three outstanding students that were recognised for their consistency in many individual events, with Pearl Elliot and Carter Brady winning champion Yr 4 girl and Yr 5 boy respectively and Angelia Dilger also runner up champion girl in Yr 4.

The way our students worked together in the team games was impressive and all the practice and hard work the students put in Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4 proved valuable.

Thank you to all the staff that helped make the day run smoothly, especially walking them to Ridgewood Park and back.

Mr Allan, PE Teacher



Student Councillors for 2024

We are asking the Year 5 students to nominate for student councillor this year, and their speeches will be held on Monday 27th November. Good luck to every child who nominates.



Star Gazing Night

Our annual Star Gazing Night was a huge success! Thank you to all our families for attending and sharing in this family event. The students commented on how exciting it was to see the Rings of Saturn and the craters on the moon.

We are extremely grateful to Ms Leonard and our wonderful staff who stayed for the evening.



Newsletter Raffle

Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 17

Where is Cookie hiding _____

Childs Name: _____

Year/Room No: _____

New School: _____

Congratulations to our last newsletter winner – Leah room 6

Attendance 2023

Attendance breakdown by year level as of 9th November, 2023

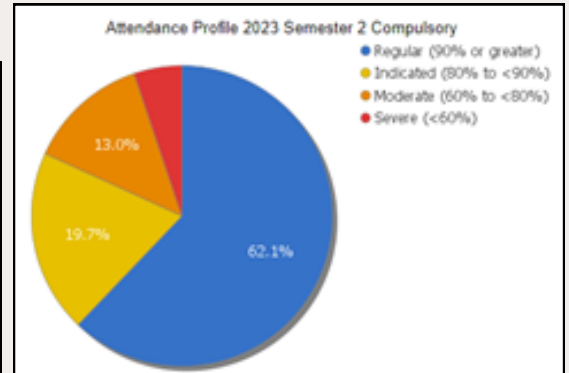
Dear parents and families,

Attendance is a crucial part of our school and due to this is closely monitored. In the next few weeks some families will be receiving letters of notification to let them know we are concerned about their student's attendance. These letters will let you know if your child's attendance for term 3 was under 90%. Please be aware that these letters are generated based on attendance at school. If your child has been sick or been away on holiday and we know about it they still might receive a letter as it is our way of letting you know your student's attendance.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to call me at the school to discuss your child's attendance.

Mr Fenn
Associate Principal

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	83.9%
PPR	92.9%
Y01	87.2%
Y02	87.3%
Y03	88.3%
Y04	86.7%
Y05	86.9%
Y06	91.0%
Compulsory	88.7%



Merriwa Street Games

Come and join Merriwa Street Games!



Merriwa Street Games provides an opportunity to play FREE sports!

Join us every Wednesday from 15th November, 3:30pm - 4:30pm at Dalvik Park.



Everyone is welcome – just show up!

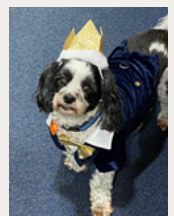


Dalvik Park
20 Dalvik Avenue,
Merriwa, 6030



Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners

Room 1 Alexis & Kaylen
Room 2 Ashlin
Room 6 Ziannah & Mae
Room 9 Evie & Kyran
Room 12 Kingsley & Zeon
Room 13 Adam & Eli
Room 15 Arizona
Room 16 Cayden & Jamain
Room 17 Ellie & Charlotte
Room 18 Kowen
Room 22 Seth & Katelin
Room 26 Ivy
Room 27 Michael & Lily



CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA IN 2024

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: _____

St John First Aid Training



Halloween Disco

