MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 17 30th October 2025

BREAKFAST CLUB
EVERY DAY
FROM 8AM

ASSEMBLY ESC IST NOVEMBER

YR 6 DANCE
LESSONS EVERY
WEDNESDAY

KINDY 2026
INFORMATION NIGHT
MONDAY 3RD
NOVEMBER
6-7PM

COMPASS...

MAKE SURE THE

OFFICE HAS YOUR

EMAIL ADDRESS

OUR WEBSITE IS
WWW.MERRIWAPS.WA.EDU.AU

OUR EMAIL IS:
MERRIWA.PS@EDUCATION.WA.EDU.AU

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MERRIWA!

Government House Tour

We are proud to be part of the Governor's sparks of the Future

Program. The support and opportunities we receive extends to our whole school, and we are grateful for the invitation for 15 students to visit the house for a free tour this week.

Italian Festa

At Merriwa we celebrate all cultures. This week Mrs Zoccali organized an Italian Day of Celebration with music, games and gelato!

This free event was brought to you by Merriwa Primary School.

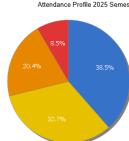
Congratulations to the 15 winners of the Government House Tour, who wrote an essay saying why they should be chosen!

Councillor Elections

You are invited to the undercover area this Friday 31st October to hear the nomination speeches for leadership positions in 2026. Speeches will commence from 8.30am. Good luck to all our students.

MRS SUE WATERHOUSE PRINCIPAL Attendance Week 2

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %	Regular	At Risk Indicated	At Risk Moderate	At Risk Severe	Auth. %	Unauth. %
KIN	85.9%	22	6	4	3	46%	54%
PPR	81.6%	21	16	11	6	52%	48%
Y01	84.4%	19	13	6	4	52%	48%
Y02	88.7%	30	11	11	2	65%	35%
Y03	83.5%	19	14	9	5	59%	41%
Y04	80.0%	14	17	14	6	61%	39%
Y05	79.3%	9	20	9	4	37%	63%
Y06	85.2%	20	21	10	2	59%	41%
Compulsory	83.4%	132	112	70	29	55%	45%







Its great to see attendance going in the right direction, we are still below our 90% target. Please keep letting us know when your children are sick or away.



Library News







Book Club Orders Orders Close: Thursday October 30th 2025

https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/



Help locals doing it tough this Christmas by donating toys, non-perishable food and living essentials to those currently facing hardship.

Until Monday 24th November, you can drop donations in the Red Appeal bin at the front

Please donate if you can and help us make this Christmas a special time for families in need.

MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS P&C

NAME R O O M:

PAYMENT IN CASH ONLY PLEASE GIVE CORRECT CHANGE. THE SCHOOL CANNOT PROVIDE CHANGE.

Cheese (\$5)	
Pepperoni (\$5)	
Ham & Cheese (\$5)	
Juice box (\$2)	

WA Chaplaincy Awards





We are very proud of Antoni and the Governor's Sparks of the Future from Clarkson and Dianella PS's who compared the WA Chaplaincy Awards in Government House during the holidays.

There were over 200 people attending, including about 40 Ministers of Parliament and many chaplains from all over the state.

They made us all very proud!





Social media age restrictions



What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

The age restrictions are likely to apply to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X and YouTube, as well as other platforms. See the latest list.

Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

Information and resources

Visit eSafety's social media age restrictions hub to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare the for the change.



Merit Certificate Winners

Congratulations to our most recent

Merit Certificate winners

- Rm 1 Kaliah and Eli
- Rm 2 Nora and Mattias
- Rm 6 Kasidet and Christopher
- Rm 7 Jaxon and Mustafa
- Rm 9 Lucia and Brodie
- Rm 11 Gabriella and Isabella
- Rm 12 Sarina and Caleb
- Rm 13 Navy-Rose and Sonita
- Rm 15 Ivy and Alan
- Rm 16 Eli and Lucy
- Rm 17 Peace
- Rm 21 Sonny and Steven
- Rm 22- McKenzi and Aidan





Newsletter Raffle - Where is Cookie?

I have read newsletter 17. Parent Signature_____

Child's name______ Room No._____
Cookie is

Week 2 winner was Holly Rm 6



NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA NEXT YEAR

If your child is NOT	returning to Mer	riwa Primary in 20	026, please con	mplete and return	this form to the
O	ffice as soon as	possible. It is very	important for p	olanning 2026.	

Child's Name:		
Year/Room No: _		
New School:		

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The final Merriwa PS school board meeting will be Wednesday 12th November at 1pm.

This meeting is open to members of the school community. If you would like to attend please RSVP by Wednesday 29th October by calling Merriwa Primary School on 6206 2340 or email merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au.



CLASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

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.

